

**GRAND COUNTY, UTAH  
RESOLUTION NO. 3259 (2021)**

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION AND FUNDING OF  
UTAHRAPTOR STATE PARK LOCATED IN THE DALTON WELLS AREA OF  
GRAND COUNTY, UTAH**

**WHEREAS**, Grand County wishes to enhance the management and public's responsible enjoyment of the Dalton Wells Area (the Area); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Area is heavily utilized for its recreational, scientific, cultural, and historical assets; and,

**WHEREAS**, management resources in the area are inadequate to ensure the sustained enjoyment of the Area's assets in perpetuity; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Area is an historic site and the prior location of a Conservation Corps Camp, and a relocation center for incarcerated Japanese Americans during the second World War; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Paleontologist has expressed that the Area is the most important dinosaur site in the United State because of its massive deposits of dinosaur bones from at least ten species found nowhere else in North America; and,

**WHEREAS**, Former State Parks Director Fred Hayes prioritized the Area for future and expanded State Parks; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Area is entirely on State owned land and does not necessitate land swaps with Federal Agencies; and,

**WHEREAS**, current management agencies are desirous of enhanced management resources and designations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Area is a host to over 50 miles of multi-use trails including the Fallen Peace Officer Trail, and the Sovereign Motorized Single Track trail system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Utah State Dinosaur, Utahraptor, was discovered in this Area; and,

**WHEREAS**, parks and other fee based recreation areas within Grand County have shown a demonstrable ability to be financially self-sustaining over time;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Grand County Commission adopts a formal position in support of the creation and funding of Utahraptor State Park located in Dalton Wells Area of Grand County, Utah.

**APPROVED** this 19th day of January, 2021 by the following vote of the Grand County Commission:

AYE: Clapper, McGann, Hedin, Hadler, Stock, Walker, Woytek

NAY: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**



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Quinn Hall  
Grand County Clerk/Auditor

**APPROVE:**








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Mary McGann  
Grand County Commission Chair

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