

OUTDOOR RECREATION AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill requires the Division of Outdoor Recreation to prepare a recreation management plan for Provo Canyon.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires the Division of Outdoor Recreation to prepare a recreation management plan for Provo Canyon;
- describes what the recreation management plan must include;
- allows the division to seek assistance from state entities or officials to prepare the plan;
- requires a state entity or official to provide reasonable assistance to the division, upon the division's request;
- allows the division to coordinate with stakeholders, including public and private landowners and land managers in Provo Canyon; and
- requires the division to report progress on the plan and the final plan to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

79-7-207, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **79-7-207** is enacted to read:

79-7-207. Provo Canyon recreation management plan.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Committee" means the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee.

(b) "Plan" means the recreation management plan for Provo Canyon described in Subsection (2).

(c) "Political subdivision" means a county, city, town, local district, or special district.

(2) In accordance with this section, the division shall prepare a recreation management plan for Provo Canyon.

(3) The plan shall:

(a) inventory the recreation assets, resources, and opportunities in Provo Canyon;

(b) identify and prioritize the present and future recreational needs of Provo Canyon;
and

(c) for each need identified under Subsection (3)(b):

(i) establish defined objectives; and

(ii) outline general policies and guidelines for how the objectives described in Subsection (3)(c)(i) may be accomplished, which may include policies to incentivize stakeholders' participation in accomplishing the objectives.

(4) The division shall prepare the plan in such a way that the plan may be used as a template for the creation of other regional canyon recreation management plans.

(5) To prepare the plan the division may:

(a) utilize data and information prepared for the comprehensive plan for the outdoor recreation resources of the state described in Section 79-7-302;

(b) request the reasonable assistance of any agency, department, division, institution, or official of the state, including the Division of State Parks; or

(c) coordinate with Provo Canyon stakeholders, including:

(i) political subdivisions whose geographic boundaries include or abut Provo Canyon;

(ii) owners of private property in Provo Canyon;

(iii) federal agencies who manage property in Provo Canyon; and

(iv) any state agency, department, division, or institution that owns or manages land in Provo Canyon.

64 (6) An agency, department, division, institution, or official of the state shall provide
65 reasonable assistance to the division upon the division's request under Subsection (5)(b).

66 (7) The division shall:

67 (a) by no later than the committee's November 2023 interim meeting, provide the
68 committee with an update on the status of the plan; and

69 (b) by no later than the committee's November 2024 interim meeting, present to the
70 committee:

71 (i) the final plan; and

72 (ii) recommendations for legislative changes that may be necessary or helpful to
73 implement the plan, if any.