

## **House Bill 39 – 2023**

### ***State Resource Management Plan Amendments***

Representative Stratton and Senator Winterton

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The Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) is tasked with recommending amendments to the State Resource Management Plan for legislative consideration as outlined in Utah Code § 63L-10-103.

This is the first time that the entire State Resource Management Plan has been updated since it was initially adopted in 2017 — the legislature adopted partial plan amendments 2022. The proposed amendments to the State Resource Management Plan will further enable our office to fulfill the mission, “to coordinate, promote, and implement Utah’s public land priorities.”

The current version of the State Resource Management Plan and all 29 County Resource Management Plans can be viewed online at [rmp.utah.gov](http://rmp.utah.gov).



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## Amendments to the State Resource Management Plan (HB39)

Every section of the SRMP has been updated to improve document **formatting** (Introduction; Findings; Economic Considerations; Goals, Objectives, and Policies; and, State Code), the **writing style** (increased active voice—especially for policy statements), and enhanced **consistencies** across all sections.

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### **SRMP sections with general updates include:**

Introduction, Air, Ditches and Canals, Economic Consideration, Fisheries, Flooding and River Terraces, Geological and Paleontological, Land Access, Law Enforcement, Mining and Mineral Resources, Noxious Weeds, Pipelines and Infrastructure, Predator Management, Riparian Areas, Threatened and Endangered Species, Utility Corridors, Water Rights, and Wildlife.

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### **SRMP sections with more extensive updates include the following:**

**Agriculture:** Referenced Utah's Coordinated Action Plan for Water.

**Cultural and Historical:** Improved document consistencies to reflect the efforts of multiple agencies.

**Energy Resources:** Referenced the new Utah Energy and Innovation Plan.

**Fire Management and Forestry Management:** Incorporated the newest version of FFSL's Strategic Plan and the Forestry Action Plan. Added content related to Shared Stewardship and the Watershed Restoration Initiative.

**Irrigation:** Referenced Utah's Coordinated Action Plan for Water.

**Land Use:** Expanded the number and types of land use designations referenced in the SRMP.

**Livestock and Grazing:** Amended the goals, objectives, and policies so they are consistent with State Code § 63L-11-303 (13). PLPCO coordinated with several counties, UDWR, and UDAF.

**Outdoor Recreation and Tourism:** Added content related to the Utah Office of Tourism, Utah Film Commission, and the newly formed Division of Outdoor Recreation.

**Water Quality and Hydrology:** The original version of the SRMP did not include hydrology.

**Wetlands:** Revised to showcase the connection between all the different agencies, their planning documents, coordination efforts, and resources generated over the past five years.

**Wild and Scenic Rivers:** Revised to be consistent with CRMPs and State Code § 63L-11-303.

**Wilderness:** Updated content as a result of multiple land trades.

**Wild Horses and Burros:** Extensive updates to reflect the coordination efforts, federal funding increases, and population management efforts achievable only by actively managing these populations through extensive coordination with the BLM and other stakeholders.