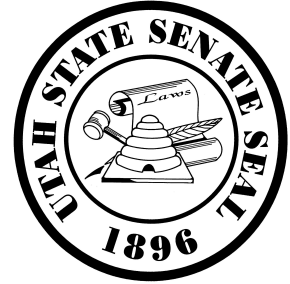




Performance Note
HB0233 - Natural Resources
Legacy Funding Amendments
Sponsor: Rep. Snider, Casey



Performance Note Report

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Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Funding For:

New Services or Benefit

Public Benefit:

Purpose: The purposes and duties of the new program are to: 1) conduct research, monitoring, and management actions that benefit non-game species or otherwise reduce the likelihood of future listings under the Endangered Species Act; 2) preserve open spaces, wildlife habitat, and critical agricultural land; 3) acquire perpetual public access for hunting, fishing, or trapping; 4) address and mitigate detrimental impacts to wildlife habitat, the environment, and multiple uses of natural resources attributable to development; 5) acquire land and water to benefit wildlife; 6) promote, preserve, and enhance wildlife habitat; and 7) preserve a viable agricultural industry.

Services: The services provided by the funding increase include the new Utah Natural Resources Legacy Fund (Fund) and the new Utah Natural Resources Legacy Fund Board (Board). The Board will make recommendations to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources on how to expend money from the Fund. The money in the Fund must be used for the purposes described above, which primarily benefit wildlife, public access for wildlife-related recreation, and the agricultural industry.

Expected Outcome: The expected outcomes of the new program include: 1) better management of Utah's non-game and sensitive species, with a focus on reducing the likelihood of future species listings under the Federal Endangered Species Act; 2) preservation and improved management of open space, wildlife habitat, and critical agricultural lands for the benefit of Utah's citizens; and 3) additional public access for the benefit of hunters and anglers. Ultimately, long-term desired outcomes include healthier wildlife populations, increased public access for recreation, a vibrant agricultural industry, strengthening of Utah's outdoor hunting and fishing heritage, and strong rural economies.

Implementations and Resources: The bill will be implemented by utilizing the new funding provided to the Utah Natural Resources Legacy Fund (Fund). The Utah Natural Resources Legacy Fund Board will create an annual budget and make recommendations to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources on how the money in the Fund should be expended.

How: The proposed activities will help to create healthier wildlife populations due to increased efforts on species management actions, habitat preservation, and habitat enhancement. Hunting and fishing will benefit through increased public access. The agricultural industry will benefit through the preservation of critical agricultural lands. Rural economies will benefit through a continued

focus on improving hunting/fishing, a stronger agricultural industry, and a reduction in negative impacts that can occur when a species is listed under the Federal Endangered Species Act.

Performance Measures

Goal

Title: The efforts included in this new program will complement three of our currently reported performance measures.

Description: 1) Total number of people participating in hunting and fishing in Utah. 2) Total number of new species listed under the Federal Endangered Species Act. 3) Total number of habitat acres restored each fiscal year.

Collection Method: Unknown

	2020	2021	2022
Target	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baseline	0.00	0.00	0.00

By rule, performance notes are provided by the governmental entity that will supervise the new agency or administer the new program. Performance notes are not written by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst.