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**63N-9-104 Creation of outdoor recreation office and appointment of director -- Responsibilities of outdoor recreation office.**

- (1) There is created within the Governor's Office of Economic Development the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation.
- (2)
  - (a) The executive director shall appoint a director of the outdoor recreation office.
  - (b) The director shall report to the executive director and may appoint staff.
- (3) The outdoor recreation office shall:
  - (a) coordinate outdoor recreation policy, management, and promotion:
    - (i) among state and federal agencies and local government entities in the state; and
    - (ii) with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office created in Section 63J-4-602, if public land is involved;
  - (b) promote economic development in the state by:
    - (i) coordinating with outdoor recreation stakeholders;
    - (ii) improving recreational opportunities; and
    - (iii) recruiting outdoor recreation business;
  - (c) recommend to the governor and Legislature policies and initiatives to enhance recreational amenities and experiences in the state and help implement those policies and initiatives;
  - (d) develop data regarding the impacts of outdoor recreation in the state; and
  - (e) promote the health and social benefits of outdoor recreation, especially to young people.
- (4) By following the procedures and requirements of Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal Funds Procedures Act, the outdoor recreation office may:
  - (a) seek federal grants or loans;
  - (b) seek to participate in federal programs; and
  - (c) in accordance with applicable federal program guidelines, administer federally funded outdoor recreation programs.
- (5) For purposes of administering this part, the outdoor recreation office may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

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