

GRAZING ZONES AMENDMENTS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes and modifies Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ establishes Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones in Washington County;
- ▶ authorizes counties to pursue certain grazing-related options to mitigate wildfire risk on grazing zones located on federal land; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63J-8-105.8, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 321

63J-8-105.9, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 321

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

Section 1. Section **63J-8-105.8** is amended to read:

63J-8-105.8. Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones established --



28 **Findings -- Management and land use priorities.**

29 (1) There are established Utah Grazing Agricultural Commodity Zones in the counties
30 of Beaver, Emery, Garfield, Kane, Piute, Iron, Sanpete, San Juan, Sevier, Washington, and
31 Wayne for the purpose of:

32 (a) preserving and protecting the agricultural livestock industry from ongoing threats;

33 (b) preserving and protecting the history, culture, custom, and economic value of the
34 agricultural livestock industry from ongoing threats; and

35 (c) maximizing efficient and responsible restoration, reclamation, preservation,
36 enhancement, and development of forage and watering resources for grazing and wildlife[;]
37 practices[;] and affected natural, historical, and cultural activities [~~from ongoing threats~~].

38 (2) The titles, land area, and boundaries of the zones are as follows:

39 (a) "Escalante Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service
40 [~~land~~] lands in the following townships in Garfield and Kane counties, as more fully illustrated
41 in the map jointly prepared by the Garfield County and Kane County Geographic Information
42 Systems departments entitled "Escalante Region Grazing Zone":

43 (i) in Garfield County, Township 32S Range 6E, Township 32S Range 7E, Township
44 33S Range 4E, Township 33S Range 5E, Township 33S Range 6E, Township 33S Range 7E,
45 Township 33S Range 8E, Township 34S Range 2E, Township 34S Range 3E, Township 34S
46 Range 4E, Township 34S Range 5E, Township 34S Range 6E, Township 34S Range 7E,
47 Township 34S Range 8E, Township 35S Range 1E, Township 35S Range 2E, Township 35S
48 Range 3E, Township 35S Range 4E, Township 35S Range 5E, Township 35S Range 6E,
49 Township 35S Range 7E, Township 35S Range 8E, Township 36S Range 1W, Township 36S
50 Range 2W, Township 36S Range 3W, Township 36S Range 1E, Township 36S Range 2E,
51 Township 36S Range 3E, Township 36S Range 4E, Township 36S Range 5E, Township 36S
52 Range 6E, Township 36S Range 7E, Township 36S Range 8E, Township 36S Range 9E,
53 Township 37S Range 1W, Township 37S Range 2W, Township 37S Range 3W, Township 37S
54 Range 4W, Township 37S Range 1E, Township 37S Range 2E, Township 37S Range 3E,
55 Township 37S Range 4E, Township 37S Range 5E, Township 37S Range 6E, Township 37S
56 Range 7E, Township 37S Range 8E, and Township 37S Range 9E; and

57 (ii) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 1W, Township 38S Range 2W, Township
58 38S Range 3W, Township 38S Range 4W, Township 38S Range 1E, Township 38S Range 2E,

59 Township 38S Range 3E, Township 38S Range 4E, Township 38S Range 5E, Township 38S
60 Range 6E, Township 38S Range 7E, Township 38S Range 8E, Township 38S Range 9E,
61 Township 39S Range 1W, Township 39S Range 2W, Township 39S Range 3W, Township 39S
62 Range 4W, Township 39S Range 4.5W, Township 39S Range 1E, Township 39S Range 2E,
63 Township 39S Range 3E, Township 39S Range 4E, Township 39S Range 5E, Township 39S
64 Range 6E, Township 39S Range 7E, Township 39S Range 8E, Township 39S Range 9E,
65 Township 40S Range 1W, Township 40S Range 2W, Township 40S Range 3W, Township 40S
66 Range 4W, Township 40S Range 4.5W, Township 40S Range 5W, Township 40S Range 1E,
67 Township 40S Range 2E, Township 40S Range 3E, Township 40S Range 4E, Township 40S
68 Range 5E, Township 40S Range 6E, Township 40S Range 7E, Township 40S Range 8E,
69 Township 40S Range 9E, Township 40.5S Range 9E, Township 41S Range 1W, Township
70 41S Range 2W, Township 41S Range 3W, Township 41S Range 4W, Township 41S Range
71 4.5W, Township 41S Range 5W, Township 41S Range 1E, Township 41S Range 2E,
72 Township 41S Range 3E, Township 41S Range 4E, Township 41S Range 5E, Township 41S
73 Range 6E, Township 41S Range 7E, Township 41S Range 8E, Township 41S Range 9E,
74 Township 42S Range 1W, Township 42S Range 2W, Township 42S Range 3W, Township 42S
75 Range 4W, Township 42S Range 4.5W, Township 42S Range 5W, Township 42S Range 1E,
76 Township 42S Range 2E, Township 42S Range 3E, Township 42S Range 4E, Township 42S
77 Range 5E, Township 42S Range 6E, Township 42S Range 7E, Township 42S Range 8E,
78 Township 42S Range 9E, Township 42.5S Range 6.5E, Township 42.5S Range 7E, Township
79 43S Range 1W, Township 43S Range 2W, Township 43S Range 3W, Township 43S Range
80 4W, Township 43S Range 4.5W, Township 43S Range 5W, Township 43S Range 1E,
81 Township 43S Range 2E, Township 43S Range 3E, Township 43S Range 4E, Township 43S
82 Range 5E, Township 43S Range 6E, Township 44S Range 1W, Township 44S Range 2W,
83 Township 44S Range 3W, Township 44S Range 4W, Township 44S Range 4.5W, Township
84 44S Range 5W, Township 44S Range 1E, Township 44S Range 2E, Township 44S Range 3E,
85 Township 44S Range 4E, and Township 44S Range 5E;

86 (b) "Beaver County Southwest Desert Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain
87 BLM lands in the following townships in Beaver County, as more fully illustrated in the map
88 prepared by the Beaver County Geographic Information Systems Departments entitled "Beaver
89 County Southeast Desert Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 11W, Township 27S Range

90 11W, Township 28S Range 11W, Township 29S Range 11W, Township 30S Range 11W,
91 Township 26S Range 12W, Township 27S Range 12W, Township 28S Range 12W, Township
92 29S Range 12W, Township 30S Range 12W, Township 26S Range 13W, Township 27S
93 Range 13W, Township 28S Range 13W, Township 29S Range 13W, Township 30S Range
94 13W, Township 26S Range 14W, Township 27S Range 14W, Township 28S Range 14W,
95 Township 29S Range 14W, Township 30S Range 14W, Township 26S Range 15W, Township
96 27S Range 15W, Township 28S Range 15W, Township 29S Range 15W, Township 30S
97 Range 15W, Township 26S Range 16W, Township 27S Range 16W, Township 28S Range
98 16W, Township 29S Range 16W, Township 30S Range 16W, Township 26S Range 17W,
99 Township 27S Range 17W, Township 28S Range 17W, Township 29S Range 17W, Township
100 30S Range 17W, Township 26S Range 18W, Township 27S Range 18W, Township 28S
101 Range 18W, Township 29S Range 18W, Township 30S Range 18W, Township 26S Range
102 19W, Township 27S Range 19W, Township 28S Range 19W, Township 29S Range 19W,
103 Township 30S Range 19W, Township 26S Range 20W, Township 27S Range 20W, Township
104 28S Range 20W, Township 29S Range 20W, and Township 30S Range 20W;

105 (c) "Tushar Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest
106 Service lands in the following townships in Beaver, Garfield, and Piute counties, as more fully
107 illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Beaver, Garfield, and Piute counties GIS
108 departments in February 2014, entitled "Tushar Mountain Region Grazing Zone":

109 (i) in Beaver County, Township 28S Range 4W, Township 29S Range 4W, Township
110 27S Range 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range 5W, Township 30S Range
111 5W, Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W, Township 28S Range 6W,
112 Township 29S Range 6W, and Township 30S Range 6W;

113 (ii) in Piute County, Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W, Township
114 26S Range 5W, Township 27S Range 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range
115 5W, Township 30S Range 5W, Township 26S Range 4.5W, Township 26S Range 4W,
116 Township 27S Range 4W, Township 28S Range 4W, Township 29S Range 4W, and Township
117 30S Range 4W; and

118 (iii) in Garfield County, Township 32S Range 5 1/2 W, Township 31S Range 5W,
119 Township 32S Range 5W, Township 33S Range 5W, Township 32S Range 4 1/2W, Township
120 33S Range 4 1/2W, Township 31S Range 4W, and Township 31S Range 3W;

121 (d) "Last Chance Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service
122 lands in the following townships in Sevier County, as more fully illustrated in the map
123 prepared by the Sevier County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Last Chance Region
124 Grazing Zone": Township 23S Range 5E, Township 24S Range 4E, Township 24S Range 5E,
125 Township 25S Range 5E, and Township 26S Range 5E;

126 (e) "Muddy Creek Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
127 following townships [~~of~~] in Emery County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the
128 Emery County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Muddy Creek Region Grazing
129 Zone": Township 22S Range 7E, Township 23S Range 7E, Township 24S Range 7E,
130 Township 25S Range 7E, Township 22S Range 8E, Township 23S Range 8E, Township 24S
131 Range 8E, Township 25S Range 8E, Township 23S Range 9E, and Township 24S Range 9E;

132 (f) "McKay Flat Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
133 following townships [~~of~~] in Emery County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the
134 Emery County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "McKay Flat Region Grazing Zone":
135 Township 25S Range 9E, Township 26S Range 9E, Township 23S Range 10E, Township 24S
136 Range 10E, Township 25S Range 10E, Township 24S Range 11E, and Township 25S Range
137 11E;

138 (g) "Sinbad Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following
139 townships [~~of~~] in Emery County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Emery
140 County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Sinbad Region Grazing Zone": Township
141 20S Range 11E, Township 21S Range 11E, Township 21S Range 12E, Township 22S Range
142 12E, Township 23S Range 12E, Township 21S Range 13E, Township 22S Range 13E, and
143 Township 23S Range 13E;

144 (h) "Robbers Roost Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
145 following townships [~~of~~] in Emery County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the
146 Emery County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Robbers Roost Region Grazing
147 Zone": Township 25S Range 13E, Township 26S Range 13E, Township 25S Range 14E,
148 Township 26S Range 14E, Township 25S Range 15E, and Township 26S Range 15E;

149 (i) "Western Iron County Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest
150 Service lands in the following townships in Iron County, as more fully illustrated in the map
151 [~~jointly~~] prepared by the Iron County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Western Iron

152 County Region Grazing Zone": Township 31S Range 7W, Township 31S Range 8W,
153 Township 31S Range 9W, Township 31S Range 10W, Township 31S Range 11W, Township
154 31S Range 12W, Township 31S Range 13W, Township 31S Range 14W, Township 31S
155 Range 15W, Township 31S Range 16W, Township 31S Range 17W, Township 31S Range
156 18W, Township 31S Range 19W, Township 31S Range 20W, Township 32S Range 8W,
157 Township 32S Range 9W, Township 32S Range 10W, Township 32S Range 11W, Township
158 32S Range 12W, Township 32S Range 13W, Township 32S Range 14W, Township 32S
159 Range 15W, Township 32S Range 16W, Township 32S Range 17W, Township 32S Range
160 18W, Township 32S Range 19W, Township 32S Range 20W, Township 33S Range 8W,
161 Township 33S Range 9W, Township 33S Range 10W, Township 33S Range 11W, Township
162 33S Range 12W, Township 33S Range 13W, Township 33S Range 14W, Township 33S
163 Range 15W, Township 33S Range 16W, Township 33S Range 17W, Township 33S Range
164 18W, Township 33S Range 19W, Township 33S Range 20W, Township 34S Range 9W,
165 Township 34S Range 10W, Township 34S Range 11W, Township 34S Range 12W, Township
166 34S Range 13W, Township 34S Range 14W, Township 34S Range 15W, Township 34S
167 Range 17W, Township 34S Range 18W, Township 34S Range 19W, Township 34S Range
168 20W, Township 35S Range 10W, Township 35S Range 12W, Township 35S Range 13W,
169 Township 35S Range 14W, Township 35S Range 15W, Township 35S Range 17W, Township
170 35S Range 18W, Township 35S Range 19W, Township 35S Range 20W, Township 36S
171 Range 11W, Township 36S Range 12W, Township 36S Range 13W, Township 36S Range
172 14W, Township 36S Range 15W, Township 36S Range 17W, Township 36S Range 18W,
173 Township 36S Range 19W, Township 36S Range 20W, Township 37S Range 12W, Township
174 37S Range 13W, Township 37S Range 14W, and Township 38S Range 12W;

175 (j) "Eastern Iron County Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest
176 Service lands in the following townships in Iron County, as more fully illustrated in the map
177 [jointly] prepared by the Iron County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Eastern Iron
178 County Region Grazing Zone": Township 31S Range 6W, Township 31S Range 7W,
179 Township 32S Range 6W, Township 32S Range 7W, Township 33S Range 6W, Township 33S
180 Range 7W, Township 33S Range 8W, Township 34S Range 7W, Township 34S Range 8W,
181 Township 34S Range 9W, Township 35S Range 8W, Township 35S Range 9W, Township 35S
182 Range 10W, Township 36S Range 8W, Township 36S Range 9W, Township 36S Range 10W,

183 Township 36S Range 11W, Township 37S Range 8W, Township 37S Range 9W, Township
184 37S Range 11W, Township 37S Range 12W, Township 38S Range 11W, Township 38S
185 Range 12W, Township 38S Range 10W, Township 38S Range 11W, and Township 38S Range
186 12W, excluding Zion National Park;

187 (k) "Panguitch Lake Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest
188 Service lands in the following townships in Kane and Garfield counties, as more fully
189 illustrated in the map prepared by the Kane County GIS department in February 2014, entitled
190 "Panguitch Lake Region Grazing Zone":

191 (i) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 9W, Township 38S Range 8W, Township
192 38S Range 7W, Township 38S Range 6W, Township 39S Range 8W, and Township 39S
193 Range 7W; and

194 (ii) in Garfield County, Township 35S Range 7W, Township 36S Range 7W,
195 Township 34S Range 6W, Township 35S Range 6W, Township 36S Range 6W, Township 37S
196 Range 6W, Township 34S Range 5W, Township 35S Range 5W, Township 36S Range 5W,
197 and Township 37S Range 5W;

198 (l) "East Fork Region Grazing Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~] consisting of
199 certain BLM and Forest Service lands [~~situated~~] in the following townships in Kane and
200 Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Kane and
201 Garfield counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "East Fork Region Grazing
202 Zone":

203 (i) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 5W, Township 38S Range 4.5W, Township
204 39S Range 5W, and Township 39S Range 4.5W; and

205 (ii) in Garfield County, Township 34S Range 4 1/2W, Township 35S Range 4 1/2W,
206 Township 36S Range 4 1/2W, Township 37S Range 4 1/2W, Township 33S Range 4W,
207 Township 34S Range 4W, Township 35S Range 4W, Township 36S Range 4W, Township 37S
208 Range 4W, Township 33S Range 3W, Township 34S Range 3W, Township 35S Range 3W,
209 Township 36S Range 3W, Township 33S Range 2W, Township 34S Range 2W, and Township
210 35S Range 2W;

211 (m) "Sevier River Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest
212 Service lands in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map
213 prepared by the Piute GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Sevier River Region Grazing

214 Zone": Township 27S Range 3W, Township 28S Range 3W, and Township 29S Range 3W;

215 (n) "Kingston Canyon Region Grazing Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~]
216 consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service lands [~~situated~~] in the following townships in
217 Piute and Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Piute
218 and Garfield counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Kingston Canyon Region
219 Grazing Zone":

220 (i) in Piute County, Township 30S Range 3W, Township 30S Range 2.5W, and
221 Township 30S Range 2W; and

222 (ii) in Garfield County, Township 32S Range 4W, Township 31S Range 3W,
223 Township 32S Range 3W, Township 31S Range 2 1/2W, Township 31S Range 2W, Township
224 32S Range 2W, Township 31S Range 1W, and Township 32S Range 1W;

225 (o) "Monroe Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest
226 Service lands in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map
227 prepared by the Piute County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Monroe Mountain
228 Region Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 3W, Township 27S Range 2.5W, Township 28S
229 Range 2.5W, Township 29S Range 2.5W, Township 26S Range 2W, Township 27S Range
230 2W, Township 28S Range 2W, Township 29S Range 2W, Township 26S Range 1W, and
231 Township 27S Range 1W;

232 (p) "Parker Mountain Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest
233 Service lands in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map
234 [~~jointly~~] prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Parker
235 Mountain Region Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 2E, Township 27S Range 2E,
236 Township 28S Range 2E, Township 29S Range 2E, and Township 30S Range 2E;

237 (q) "Boulder Mountain Region Grazing Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~]
238 consisting of certain Forest Service lands [~~situated~~] in the following townships in Wayne and
239 Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne and
240 Garfield counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Boulder Mountain Region
241 Grazing Zone":

242 (i) in Wayne County, Township 30S Range 3E, Township 30S Range 4E, and
243 Township 30S Range 5E; and

244 (ii) in Garfield County, Township 35S Range 3W, Township 33S Range 2W,

245 Township 34S Range 2W, Township 35S Range 2W, Township 31S Range 1W, Township 32S
246 Range 1W, Township 33S Range 1W, Township 34S Range 1W, Township 35S Range 1W,
247 Township 31S Range 1E, Township 32S Range 1E, Township 33S Range 1E, Township 34S
248 Range 1E, Township 31S Range 2E, Township 32S Range 2E, Township 33S Range 2E,
249 Township 34S Range 2E, Township 31S Range 3E, Township 32S Range 3E, Township 33S
250 Range 3E, Township 31S Range 4E, Township 32S Range 4E, Township 33S Range 4E,
251 Township 30 1/2S Range 5E, Township 31S Range 5E, Township 32S Range 5E, and
252 Township 31S Range 6E;

253 (r) "Thousand Lake Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands
254 in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map [jointly]
255 prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Thousand Lake
256 Region Grazing Zone": Township 26S Range 4E, Township 27S Range 4E, and Township 28S
257 Range 4E;

258 (s) "Hartnet-Middle Desert Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in
259 the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map [jointly]
260 prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Hartnet-Middle
261 Desert Region Grazing Zone": Township 28S Range 7E, Township 27S Range 8E, and
262 Township 28S Range 8E;

263 (t) "Sandy No. 1 Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands [situated] in
264 the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map [jointly]
265 prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Sandy No. 1
266 Region Grazing Zone": Township 29S Range 8E[;] and Township 30S Range 8E;

267 (u) "Blue Benches Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
268 following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map [jointly] prepared
269 by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Blue Benches Region
270 Grazing Zone": Township 29S Range 9E, Township 29S Range 10E, and Township 30S Range
271 10E;

272 (v) "Wild Horse Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
273 following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map [jointly] prepared
274 by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Wild Horse Region Grazing
275 Zone": Township 27S Range 10E[;] and Township 27S Range 11E;

276 (w) "Hanksville Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
277 following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map [jointly] prepared
278 by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Hanksville Region Grazing
279 Zone": Township 29S Range 11E, Township 30S Range 11E, Township 28S Range 12E,
280 Township 29S Range 12E, Township 30S Range 12E, and Township 30S Range 13E;

281 (x) "Jeffery Wells Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
282 following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map [jointly] prepared
283 by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Jeffery Wells Region
284 Grazing Zone": Township 27S Range 14E and Township 27S Range 15E;

285 (y) "Robbers Roost Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands [situated]
286 in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map [jointly]
287 prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Robbers Roost
288 Region Grazing Zone": Township 29S Range 14E;

289 (z) "French Springs Region Grazing Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~] consisting
290 of certain BLM lands [situated] in the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully
291 illustrated in the map [jointly] prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February
292 2014, entitled "French Springs Region Grazing Zone": Township 30S Range 16E;

293 (aa) "12 Mile C&H Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands
294 in the following townships [of] in Sanpete County, as more fully illustrated in the map
295 prepared by the Sanpete County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "12 Mile C&H
296 Region Grazing Zone": Township 19S Range 3E and Township 20S Range 3E;

297 (bb) "Horseshoe Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands in
298 the following townships [of] in Sanpete County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared
299 by the Sanpete County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Horseshoe Region Grazing
300 Zone": Township 14S Range 5E, Township 14S Range 6E, Township 15S Range 5E, and
301 Township 15S Range 6E;

302 (cc) "Nokai Dome Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National
303 Park Service lands in the following townships [of] in San Juan County, as more fully illustrated
304 in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Nokai
305 Dome Region Grazing Zone": Township 38S Range 11E, Township 38S Range 12E, Township
306 39S Range 11E, Township 39S Range 12E, Township 39S Range 13E, Township 39S Range

307 14E, Township 39S Range 15E, Township 40S Range 10E, Township 40S Range 11E,
308 Township 40S Range 12E, Township 40S Range 13E, Township 40S Range 14E, Township
309 41S Range 9E, Township 41S Range 10E, Township 41S Range 11E, and Township 41S
310 Range 12E;

311 (dd) "Grand Gulch Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National
312 Park Service lands in the following townships [of] in San Juan County, as more fully illustrated
313 in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Grand
314 Gulch Region Grazing Zone": Township 37S Range 17E, Township 37S Range 18E, Township
315 38S Range 16E, Township 38S Range 17E, Township 38S Range 18E, Township 39S Range
316 14E, Township 39S Range 15E, Township 39S Range 16E, Township 39S Range 17E,
317 Township 39S Range 18E, Township 40S Range 14E, Township 40S Range 15E, Township
318 40S Range 16E, Township 40S Range 17E, and Township 40S Range 18E;

319 (ee) "Cedar Mesa East Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National
320 Park Service lands in the following townships [of] in San Juan County, as more fully illustrated
321 in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Cedar
322 Mesa East Region Grazing Zone": Township 36S Range 20E, Township 37S Range 18E,
323 Township 37S Range 19E, Township 37S Range 20E, Township 37S Range 21E, Township
324 38S Range 18E, Township 38S Range 19E, Township 38S Range 20E, Township 38S Range
325 21E, Township 39S Range 18E, Township 39S Range 19E, Township 39S Range 20E,
326 Township 39S Range 21E, Township 40S Range 18E, Township 40S Range 19E, Township
327 40S Range 20E, Township 40S Range 21E, Township 41S Range 18E, Township 41S Range
328 19E, Township 41S Range 20E, and Township 41S Range 21E;

329 (ff) "Mancos Mesa Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National
330 Park Service lands in the following townships [of] in San Juan County, as more fully illustrated
331 in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled
332 "Mancos Mesa Region Grazing Zone": Township 35S Range 13E, Township 36S Range 12E,
333 Township 36S Range 13E, Township 36S Range 14E, Township 37S Range 12E, Township
334 37S Range 13E, Township 37S Range 14E, Township 37S Range 15E, Township 38S Range
335 11E, Township 38S Range 12E, Township 38S Range 13E, Township 38S Range 14E,
336 Township 38S Range 15E, Township 38S Range 18E, Township 39S Range 13E, Township
337 39S Range 14E, and Township 39S Range 15E;

338 (gg) "Red Canyon Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National Park
339 Service lands in the following townships [øf] in San Juan County, as more fully illustrated in
340 the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Red
341 Canyon Region Grazing Zone": Township 33S Range 14E, Township 34S Range 13E,
342 Township 34S Range 14E, Township 34S Range 15E, Township 35S Range 13E, Township
343 35S Range 14E, Township 35S Range 15E, Township 36S Range 14E, Township 36S Range
344 15E, Township 36S Range 16E, Township 36S Range 17E, Township 37S Range 14E,
345 Township 37S Range 15E, Township 37S Range 16E, Township 37S Range 17E, Township
346 38S Range 15E, and Township 38S Range 16E;

347 (hh) "White Canyon Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and National
348 Park Service lands in the following townships [øf] in San Juan County, as more fully illustrated
349 in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "White
350 Canyon Region Grazing Zone": Township 33S Range 14E, Township 33S Range 15E,
351 Township 33S Range 16E, Township 34S Range 14E, Township 34S Range 15E, Township
352 34S Range 16E, Township 34S Range 17E, Township 35S Range 15E, Township 35S Range
353 16E, Township 35S Range 17E, Township 35S Range 18E, Township 36S Range 15E,
354 Township 36S Range 16E, Township 36S Range 17E, Township 36S Range 18E, Township
355 37S Range 17E, and Township 37S Range 18E;

356 (ii) "Dark Canyon/Hammond Canyon Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain
357 Forest Service lands in the following townships [øf] in San Juan County, as more fully
358 illustrated in the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014,
359 entitled "Dark Canyon/Hammond Canyon Region Grazing Zone": Township 34S Range 17E,
360 Township 34S Range 18E, Township 34S Range 19E, Township 34S Range 20E, Township
361 35S Range 17E, Township 35S Range 18E, Township 35S Range 19E, Township 35S Range
362 20E, Township 36S Range 18E, Township 36S Range 19E, Township 36S Range 20E, and
363 Township 37S Range 19E;

364 (jj) "Chippean/Indian Creek Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain Forest
365 Service lands in the following townships [øf] in San Juan County, as more fully illustrated in
366 the map prepared by the San Juan County GIS department in February 2014, entitled
367 "Chippean/Indian Creek Region Grazing Zone": Township 32S Range 21E, Township 32S
368 Range 22E, Township 33S Range 21E, Township 33S Range 22E, Township 34S Range 20E,

369 Township 34S Range 21E, Township 34S Range 22E, Township 35S Range 20E, Township
370 35S Range 21E, and Township 35S Range 22E;

371 (kk) "Henry Mountain Region Grazing Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~]
372 consisting of certain BLM lands [~~situated~~] in the following townships in Garfield County, as
373 more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Garfield County GIS department in February
374 2014, entitled "Henry Mountain Region Grazing Zone": Township 31S Range 7E, Township
375 31S Range 8E, Township 32S Range 8E, Township 33S Range 8E, Township 34S Range 8E,
376 Township 31S Range 9E, Township 32S Range 9E, Township 33S Range 9E, Township 34S
377 Range 9E, Township 35S Range 9E, Township 31S Range 10E, Township 32S Range 10E,
378 Township 33S Range 10E, Township 34S Range 10E, Township 35S Range 10E, Township
379 31S Range 11E, Township 32S Range 11E, Township 33S Range 11E, Township 34S Range
380 11E, Township 32S Range 12E, Township 33S Range 12E, and Township 34S Range 12E;

381 (ll) "Glen Canyon Region Grazing Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~] consisting
382 of certain BLM and [~~Natural~~] National Park Service lands [~~situated~~] in the following townships
383 in Garfield County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Garfield County GIS
384 department in February 2014, entitled "Glen Canyon Region Grazing Zone": Township 36S
385 Range 9E, Township 36S Range 10E, Township 37S Range 10E, Township 35S Range 11E,
386 Township 36S Range 11E, Township 37S Range 11E, Township 31S Range 12E, Township
387 32S Range 12E, Township 33S Range 12E, Township 34S Range 12E, Township 35S Range
388 12E, Township 35 1/2S Range 12E, Township 36S Range 12E, Township 37S Range 12E,
389 Township 31S Range 13E, Township 32S Range 13E, Township 33S Range 13E, Township
390 34S Range 13E, Township 35S Range 13E, Township 35 1/2S Range 13E, Township 36S
391 Range 13E, Township 31S Range 14E, Township 32S Range 14E, Township 32 1/2S Range
392 14E, Township 33S Range 14E, Township 31S Range 15E, Township 32S Range 15E,
393 Township 32 1/2S Range 15E, Township 33S Range 15E, Township 30 1/2S Range 16E,
394 Township 31S Range 16E, Township 32S Range 16E, Township 30 1/2S Range 17E,
395 Township 31S Range 17E, Township 32S Range 17E, Township 30 1/2S Range 18E, and
396 Township 31S Range 18E;

397 (mm) "Glendale Bench Region Grazing Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~]
398 consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service lands [~~situated~~] in the following townships in
399 Kane County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Kane County GIS

400 department in February 2014, entitled "Glendale Bench Region Grazing Zone": Township 39S
401 Range 6W, Township 39S Range 5W, Township 39S Range 4.5W, Township 40S Range 7W,
402 Township 40S Range 6W, Township 41S Range 7W, and Township 41S Range 6W; [and]

403 (nn) "John R. Region Grazing Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~] consisting of
404 certain BLM and Forest Service lands [~~situated~~] in the following townships in Kane County, as
405 more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the Kane County GIS department in February
406 2014, entitled "John R. Region Grazing Zone": Township 41S Range 7W, Township 41S
407 Range 6W, Township 42S Range 7W, Township 42S Range 6W, Township 43S Range 6W,
408 and Township 44S Range 6W[-];

409 (oo) "Beaver Dam Scope Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in
410 the following townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared
411 by the Washington County GIS department: Township 42 South Range 17 West, Township 43
412 South Range 18 West, Township 43 South Range 19 West, Township 43 South Range 20
413 West, Township 42 South Range 18 West, Township 42 South Range 19 West, Township 42
414 South Range 20 West, Township 41 South Range 17 West, Township 41 South Range 18
415 West, Township 41 South Range 19 West, Township 41 South Range 20 West, Township 40
416 South Range 18 West, Township 40 South Range 19 West, and Township 40 South Range 20
417 West;

418 (pp) "Square Top Daggett Flat Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands
419 in the following townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared
420 by the Washington County GIS department: Township 40 South Range 17 West, Township 40
421 South Range 18 West, Township 40 South Range 19 West, Township 40 South Range 20
422 West, Township 39 South Range 16 West, Township 39 South Range 17 West, Township 39
423 South Range 18 West, Township 39 South Range 19 West, Township 39 South Range 20
424 West, Township 38 South Range 18 West, Township 38 South Range 19 West, and Township
425 38 South Range 20 West;

426 (qq) "Enterprise Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM and Forest Service
427 lands in the following townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map
428 prepared by the Washington County GIS department: Township 37 South Range 17 West and
429 Township 37 South Range 18 West;

430 (rr) "Apex Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following

431 townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the
432 Washington County GIS department: Township 42 South Range 16 West, Township 42 South
433 Range 17 West, Township 43 South Range 16 West, and Township 43 South Range 17 West;
434 (ss) "Veyo/Gunlock Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
435 following townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by
436 the Washington County GIS department: Township 39 South Range 16 West, Township 39
437 South Range 17 West, Township 40 South Range 16 West, Township 40 South Range 17
438 West, Township 41 South Range 16 West, Township 41 South Range 17 West, and Township
439 41 South Range 18 West;

440 (tt) "Pine Valley Dixie National Forest Grazing Zone," consisting of certain Forest
441 Service lands in the following townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the
442 map prepared by the Washington County GIS department: Township 37 South Range 15 West,
443 Township 37 South Range 16 West, Township 37 South Range 17 West, Township 37 South
444 Range 18 West, Township 37 South Range 19 West, Township 37 South Range 20 West,
445 Township 38 South Range 13 West, Township 38 South Range 14 West, Township 38 South
446 Range 15 West, Township 38 South Range 16 West, Township 38 South Range 17 West,
447 Township 38 South Range 18 West, Township 38 South Range 19 West, Township 39 South
448 Range 13 West, Township 39 South Range 14 West, Township 39 South Range 15 West,
449 Township 39 South Range 16 West, Township 39 South Range 17 West, and Township 39
450 South Range 18 West;

451 (uu) "New Harmony Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
452 following township in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the
453 Washington County GIS department: Township 38 South Range 13 West;

454 (vv) "Kanarra Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following
455 township in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the
456 Washington County GIS department: Township 38 South Range 11 West;

457 (ww) "Kolob Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following
458 townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by the
459 Washington County GIS department: Township 38 South Range 10 West and Township 39
460 South Range 10 West;

461 (xx) "La Verkin Creek/ Dry Creek Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM

462 lands in the following townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map
463 prepared by the Washington County GIS department: Township 39 South Range 11 West,
464 Township 39 South Range 12 West, Township 39 South Range 13 West, Township 40 South
465 Range 11 West, Township 40 South Range 12 West, Township 40 South Range 13 West,
466 Township 41 South Range 11 West, Township 41 South Range 12 West, Township 41 South
467 Range 12 West, and Township 41 South Range 13 West;

468 (yy) "Grafton Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the following
469 townships in Washington County: Township 41 South Range 11 West, Township 41 South
470 Range 12 West, Township 41 South Range 13 West, Township 42 South Range 11 West,
471 Township 42 South Range 12 West, and Township 42 South Range 13 West;

472 (zz) "Hurricane Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
473 following townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by
474 the Washington County GIS department: Township 42 South Range 13 West, Township 42
475 South Range 14 West, Township 42 South Range 15 West, Township 43 South Range 13
476 West, Township 43 South Range 14 West, and Township 43 South Range 15 West;

477 (aaa) "Little Creek Region Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
478 following townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by
479 the Washington County GIS department: Township 42 South Range 11 West, Township 42
480 South Range 12 West, Township 42 South Range 13 West, Township 43 South Range 11
481 West, Township 43 South Range 12 West, and Township 43 South Range 13 West; and

482 (bbb) "Canaan Mountain Grazing Zone," consisting of certain BLM lands in the
483 following townships in Washington County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared by
484 the Washington County GIS department: Township 42 South Range 9.5 West, Township 42
485 South Range 10 West, Township 42 South Range 11 West, Township 43 South Range 9.5
486 West, Township 43 South Range 10 West, and Township 43 South Range 11 West.

487 (3) Printed copies of the maps referenced in Subsection (2) shall be available for
488 inspection by the public at the offices of the Utah Association of Counties.

489 (4) The state finds with respect to the grazing zones described in Subsection (2) that:

490 (a) agricultural livestock industry on the lands comprising these zones has provided a
491 significant contribution to the history, customs, culture, economy, welfare, and other values of
492 each area for more than 100 years;

493 (b) the potential for abundant natural and vegetative resources exists within these zones
494 if managed properly, that will support and expand continued, responsible agricultural livestock
495 activities and wildlife habitat;

496 (c) agricultural livestock activities in these zones and the associated historic resources,
497 human history, shaping of human endeavors, variety of cultural resources, landmarks,
498 structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest are worthy of recognition,
499 preservation, and protection;

500 (d) (i) the highest management priority for lands within these zones is the preservation,
501 restoration, and enhancement of watershed and rangeland health to sustain and expand forage
502 production for both livestock grazing and wildlife habitat, and the restoration and development
503 of historic, existing, and future livestock grazing and wildlife habitat resources in order to
504 provide protection for the resources, objects, customs, culture, and values identified above; and

505 (ii) notwithstanding Subsection (4)(d)(i), if part or all of any zone lies within a sage
506 grouse management area, then the management priorities for such part shall be consistent with
507 the management priorities set forth in Subsection (4)(d)(i) to the maximum extent consistent
508 with the management priorities of the sage grouse management area;

509 (e) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any deposits of energy
510 and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, coal, phosphate, gold,
511 uranium, and copper, as well as areas with wind and solar energy potential, that may exist in
512 these zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these
513 zones; and

514 (f) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any recreation
515 resources, including roads, campgrounds, water resources, trails, OHV use, sightseeing,
516 canyoneering, hunting, fishing, trapping, and hiking resources that may exist in these grazing
517 zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these grazing
518 zones.

519 (5) The state finds with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2) that the
520 historic levels of livestock grazing activity and other values identified in Subsection (4) in each
521 zone have greatly diminished, or are under other serious threat, due to:

522 (a) unreasonable, arbitrary, and unlawfully restrictive federal management policies,
523 including:

- 524 (i) de facto managing for wilderness in nonwilderness areas and non-WSAs;
- 525 (ii) ignoring the chiefly valuable for grazing designation of the Secretary of the Interior
- 526 applicable to each of these zones; and
- 527 (iii) the arbitrary administrative reductions in animal unit months of permitted forage;
- 528 (b) inflexible federal grazing practices that disallow grazing at different times each year
- 529 proven to be most effective for maintaining and enhancing rangeland conditions;
- 530 (c) mismanagement of wild horses and burros resulting in competition for forage by
- 531 excess and mismanaged populations of wild horses and burros in Beaver and Emery counties;
- 532 (d) improper management of vegetation resulting in the overgrowth of pinion, invasive
- 533 species, and juniper, and other woody vegetation that:
 - 534 (i) compromise watershed and rangeland health;
 - 535 (ii) crowd out grazing forage;
 - 536 (iii) degrade habitat and limit wildlife populations;
 - 537 (iv) reduce water yield; and
 - 538 (v) heighten the risk of catastrophic wildfire; and
 - 539 (e) other practices that degrade overall rangeland health.
- 540 (6) To protect and preserve against the threats described in Subsection (5), the state
- 541 supports the following with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2):
 - 542 (a) efficient and sustained policies, programs, and practices directed at preserving,
 - 543 restoring, and enhancing watershed and rangeland health to maximize:
 - 544 (i) all permitted forage production for livestock grazing and other compatible uses,
 - 545 including flexible grazing on and off dates adaptive to yearly climate and range conditions; and
 - 546 (ii) forage for fish and wildlife;
 - 547 (b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state, and local
 - 548 government agencies to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development
 - 549 of:
 - 550 (i) forage resources for grazing livestock and wildlife; and
 - 551 (ii) other uses compatible with livestock grazing and wildlife utilization;
 - 552 (c) effective and responsible management of wild horses and burros to eliminate excess
 - 553 populations; and
 - 554 (d) effective and responsible management of wildlife habitat.

555 (7) The state requests that the federal agencies that administer lands within each
556 grazing zone:

557 (a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and the respective counties within
558 which each grazing zone is situated to develop, amend, and implement land and resource
559 management plans, and implement management decisions that are consistent with the
560 purposes, goals, and policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under
561 federal law;

562 (b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of grazing permits, range
563 improvements, and applications to enhance and otherwise develop all existing and permitted
564 grazing resources located within each grazing zone, including renewable vegetative resources;

565 (c) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines,
566 pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies
567 described in this section and consistent with multiple use and sustained yield principles;

568 (d) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine,
569 restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for each grazing zone as stated in this
570 section;

571 (e) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary
572 to the goals and purposes described within this section; and

573 (f) refrain from implementing utilization standards less than 50%, unless:

574 (i) implementing a standard of less than 50% utilization on a temporary basis is
575 necessary to resolve site-specific concerns; and

576 (ii) the federal agency consults, coordinates, and cooperates fully with local
577 governments.

578 (8) (a) If a grazing zone described in Subsection (2) is managed or neglected in such a
579 way as to increase the risk of catastrophic wildfire, and if the chief executive officer of a
580 county or a county sheriff finds that the catastrophic wildfire risk adversely affects the health,
581 safety, and welfare of the people of the political subdivision and that increased livestock
582 grazing in part or all of the grazing zone would substantially reduce that adverse effect:

583 (i) Subsections 11-51-103(1)(a) and (b) shall govern and apply to the chief executive
584 officer and the county sheriff with respect to making increased livestock grazing available in
585 the grazing zone; and

586 (ii) Subsection 11-51-103(1)(b) shall govern and apply to the attorney general with
587 respect to making increased livestock grazing available in the grazing zone.

588 (b) If a grazing zone described in Subsection (2) is managed or neglected in such a way
589 as to increase the risk of catastrophic wildfire, and if the chief executive officer of a county or a
590 county sheriff finds that the catastrophic wildfire risk constitutes an imminent threat to the
591 health, safety and welfare of the people of the political subdivision and that increased livestock
592 grazing in part or all of the grazing zone would substantially reduce that imminent threat:

593 (i) Subsections 11-51-103(2) and ~~H~~→ ~~(4)~~ (3) ←~~H~~ shall govern and apply to the
593a chief executive
594 officer and the county sheriff with respect to making increased livestock grazing available in
595 the grazing zone; and

596 (ii) Subsection 11-51-103(3) and Section 11-51-104 shall govern and apply to the
597 attorney general with respect to making increased livestock grazing available in the grazing
598 zone.

599 ~~(8)~~ (9) (a) The state recognizes the importance of all grazing districts on Utah BLM
600 and Forest Service lands but establishes the grazing zones described in Subsection (2) to
601 provide special protection and preservation against the identified threats found in Subsection
602 (5) to exist in these zones.

603 (b) It is the intent of the state to designate additional grazing agricultural commodity
604 zones in future years, if circumstances warrant special protection and preservation for new
605 zones.

606 ~~(9)~~ (10) The state calls upon applicable federal, state, and local agencies to coordinate
607 with each other and establish applicable intergovernmental standing commissions, with
608 membership consisting of representatives from the United States government, the state, and
609 local governments to coordinate and achieve consistency in planning decisions and
610 management actions in zones described in Subsection (2) in order to achieve the goals,
611 purposes, and policies described in this section.

612 ~~(10)~~ (11) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, and subject to Subsection
613 (4)(d)(ii), the state's mineral, oil, gas, and energy policies and plans on land within the zones
614 described in Subsection (2) shall be governed by Sections 63J-4-401 and 63J-8-104.

615 Section 2. Section 63J-8-105.9 is amended to read:

616 **63J-8-105.9. Utah Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones established -- Findings**

617 -- **Management and land use priorities.**

618 (1) There are established and designated Utah Timber Agricultural Commodity Zones
619 for the purpose of:

620 (a) preserving and protecting the agricultural timber, logging, and forest products
621 industry within these zones from ongoing threats;

622 (b) preserving and protecting the significant history, culture, customs, and economic
623 value of the agricultural timber, logging, and forest products industry within these zones from
624 ongoing threats; and

625 (c) maximizing efficient and responsible restoration, reclamation, preservation,
626 enhancement, and development of timber, logging, and forest products and affected natural,
627 historical, and cultural activities within these zones, in order to protect and preserve these
628 zones from ongoing threats.

629 (2) The titles, land area, and boundaries of these zones are described as follows:

630 (a) "Tushar Mountain Region Timber Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~]
631 consisting of certain Forest Service lands in the following townships in Beaver County and
632 Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Beaver and Piute
633 counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Tushar Mountain Region Timber Zone":

634 (i) in Beaver County, Township 28S Range 4W, Township 29S Range 4W, Township
635 27S Range 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range 5W, Township 30S Range
636 5W, Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W, Township 28S Range 6W,
637 Township 29S Range 6W, and Township 30S Range 6W; and

638 (ii) in Piute County, Township 26S Range 6W, Township 27S Range 6W, Township
639 26S Range 5W, Township 27S Range 5W, Township 28S Range 5W, Township 29S Range
640 5W, Township 30S Range 5W, Township 26S Range 4.5W, Township 26S Range 4W,
641 Township 28S Range 4W, Township 29S Range 4W, and Township 30S Range 4W;

642 (b) "Panguitch Lake Region Timber Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~] consisting
643 of certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Iron, Kane, and Garfield
644 counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Iron, Kane, and Garfield
645 counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Panguitch Lake Region Timber Zone":

646 (i) in Iron County, Township 34S Range 7W, Township 35S Range 8W, Township 36S
647 Range 8W, Township 36S Range 9W (excluding Cedar Breaks National Monument and

648 Ashdown Wilderness Area), Township 37S Range 8W, and Township 37S Range 9W;

649 (ii) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 9W, Township 38S Range 8W, Township
650 38S Range 7W, Township 38S Range 6W, Township 39S Range 8W, Township 39S Range
651 7W, and Township 39S Range 6W; and

652 (iii) in Garfield County, Township 35S Range 7W, Township 35S Range 6W,
653 Township 36S Range 7W, Township 36S Range 6W, Township 37S Range 7W, and Township
654 37S Range 6W;

655 (c) "Monroe Mountain Region Timber Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service
656 lands in the following townships in Piute County, as more fully illustrated in the map prepared
657 by the Piute County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Monroe Mountain Region
658 Timber Zone": Township 26S Range 3W, Township 27S Range 2.5W, Township 28S Range
659 2.5W, Township 29S Range 2.5W, Township 26S Range 2W, Township 27S Range 2W,
660 Township 28S Range 2W, Township 29S Range 2W, Township 26S Range 1W, and Township
661 7S Range 1W;

662 (d) "Boulder Mountain Region Timber Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~]
663 consisting of certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Wayne and
664 Garfield counties, as more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Wayne and
665 Garfield counties GIS departments in February 2014, entitled "Boulder Mountain Region
666 Timber Zone":

667 (i) in Wayne County, Township 30S Range 3E, Township 30S Range 4E, and
668 Township 30S Range 5E; and

669 (ii) in Garfield County, Township 31S Range 1E, Township 31S Range 2E, Township
670 31S Range 3E, Township 32S Range 2E, Township 32S Range 3E, Township 32S Range 4E,
671 Township 33S Range 3E, Township 33S Range 4E, Township 30 1/2S Range 5E, Township
672 31S Range 5E, Township 31S Range 6E, Township 32S Range 5E, and Township 32S Range
673 6E;

674 (e) "Thousand Lake Region Timber Zone," consisting of certain Forest Service lands in
675 the following townships in Wayne County, as more fully illustrated in the map [~~jointly~~]
676 prepared by the Wayne County GIS department in February 2014, entitled "Thousand Lake
677 Region Timber Zone": Township 26S Range 4E, Township 27S Range 4E, and Township 28S
678 Range 4E;

679 (f) "Millers Flat Region Timber Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~] consisting of
680 certain Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Sanpete County, as more
681 fully illustrated in the map [~~jointly~~] prepared by the Sanpete County GIS department in
682 February 2014, entitled "Millers Flat Region Timber Zone": Township 16S Range 5E,
683 Township 17S Range 5E, Township 17S Range 4E, and Township 17S Range 6E;

684 (g) "East Fork Timber Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~] consisting of certain
685 Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Garfield and Kane counties, as
686 more fully illustrated in the map jointly prepared by the Garfield and Kane counties GIS
687 departments in February 2014, entitled "East Fork Region Timber Zone":

688 (i) in Garfield County, Township 36S Range 4 1/2W, Township 36S Range 4W,
689 Township 37S Range 5W, Township 37S Range 4 1/2W, and Township 37S Range 4W; and

690 (ii) in Kane County, Township 38S Range 5W, Township 38S Range 4.5W, Township
691 39S Range 5W, and Township 39S Range 4.5W;

692 (h) "Upper Valley Timber Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~] consisting of certain
693 Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Garfield County, as more fully
694 illustrated in the map [~~jointly~~] prepared by the Garfield County GIS department in February
695 2014, entitled "Upper Valley Region Timber Zone": Township 34S Range 1W, Township 35S
696 Range 1W, Township 35S Range 1E, Township 36S Range 1W, Township 36S Range 1E, and
697 Township 37S Range 1E;

698 (i) "Iron Springs Timber Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~] consisting of certain
699 Forest Service lands situated in the following townships in Garfield County, as more fully
700 illustrated in the map [~~jointly~~] prepared by the Garfield County GIS department in February
701 2014, entitled "Iron Springs Region Timber Zone": Township 32S Range 1E, Township 33S
702 Range 1W, Township 33S Range 1E, and Township 34S Range 1W; and

703 (j) "Dutton Timber Zone," [~~the land area of which consists~~] consisting of certain Forest
704 Service lands situated in the following townships in Garfield County, as more fully illustrated
705 in the map [~~jointly~~] prepared by the Garfield County GIS department in February 2014, entitled
706 "Dutton Region Timber Zone": Township 32S Range 3W, Township 32S Range 2W,
707 Township 33S Range 3W, and Township 33S Range 2W.

708 (3) Printed copies of the maps referenced in Subsection (2) shall be available for
709 inspection by the public at the offices of the Utah Association of Counties.

710 (4) The state finds with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2) that:
711 (a) agricultural timber, logging, and forest product industries on the lands comprising
712 these timber zones have provided a significant contribution to the history, customs, culture,
713 economy, welfare, and other values of each area for many decades;
714 (b) abundant natural and vegetative resources exist within these zones to support and
715 expand continued, responsible timber, logging, and other forest product activities;
716 (c) agricultural timber, logging, and forest product activities in these zones, and the
717 associated historic resources, human history, shaping of human endeavors, variety of cultural
718 resources, landmarks, structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest are worthy of
719 recognition, preservation, and protection;
720 (d) (i) the highest management priority for lands within these zones is maintenance and
721 promotion of forest and vegetation ecosystem health achieved by responsible active
722 management in development of historic, existing, and future timber, logging, and forest
723 product resources in order to provide protection for the resources, objects, customs, culture,
724 and values identified above; and
725 (ii) notwithstanding Subsection (4)(d)(i), if part or all of any zone lies within a sage
726 grouse management area, then the management priorities for such part shall be consistent with
727 the management priorities set forth in Subsection (4)(d)(i) to the maximum extent consistent
728 with the management priorities of the sage grouse management area;
729 (e) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any deposits of energy
730 and mineral resources, including oil, natural gas, oil shale, oil sands, coal, phosphate, gold,
731 uranium, and copper, as well as areas with wind and solar energy potential, that may exist in
732 these zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in these
733 zones; and
734 (f) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), responsible development of any recreation
735 resources, including wildlife, roads, campgrounds, water resources, trails, OHV use,
736 sightseeing, canyoneering, hunting, fishing, trapping, and hiking resources that may exist in
737 these timber zones is compatible with the management priorities of Subsection (4)(d)(i) in
738 these timber zones.
739 (5) The state finds that the historic levels of timber, logging, and forest products
740 activities in the zones described in Subsection (2) have greatly diminished, or are under serious

741 threat, due to:

742 (a) unreasonable, arbitrary, and unlawfully restrictive federal management policies,
743 including:

744 (i) de facto managing for wilderness in nonwilderness areas;

745 (ii) ignoring the multiple use sustained yield mission of the Forest Service;

746 (iii) ignoring the fact that the Forest Service's parent agency is the United States
747 Department of Agriculture whose mission includes providing timber as an important
748 agriculture resource; and

749 (iv) the arbitrary administrative reductions in timber, logging, and forest products
750 activities;

751 (b) improper management of forest vegetation resulting in the overcrowding of old
752 growth alpine species and the crowding out of aspen diversity, all of which results in:

753 (i) devastation of entire mountainsides due to insect infestation and disease;

754 (ii) reduced water yield;

755 (iii) increased catastrophic wildfire;

756 (iv) increased soil erosion;

757 (v) degradation of wildlife habitat; and

758 (vi) suppression and threatened extinction of important rural economic activities; and

759 (c) other practices that degrade overall forest health.

760 (6) To protect and preserve against the threats described in Subsection (5), the state
761 supports the following with respect to the zones described in Subsection (2):

762 (a) efficient and responsible development, within each timber zone, of:

763 (i) robust timber thinning and harvesting programs and activities; and

764 (ii) other uses compatible with increased timber, logging, and forest product activities,
765 including a return to historic levels of timber, logging, and forest product activity in each of
766 these zones;

767 (b) a cooperative management approach by federal agencies, the state, and local
768 governments to achieve broadly supported management plans for the full development, within
769 each timber zone, of:

770 (i) forest product resources; and

771 (ii) other uses compatible with timber activities; and

772 (c) effective and responsible management of wildlife habitat.
773 (7) The state requests that the federal agencies that administer lands within each timber
774 zone:
775 (a) fully cooperate and coordinate with the state and the respective counties within
776 which each timber zone is situated to develop, amend, and implement land and resource
777 management plans and implement management decisions that are consistent with the purposes,
778 goals, and policies described in this section to the maximum extent allowed under federal law;
779 (b) expedite the processing, granting, and streamlining of logging and forest product
780 harvesting permits, range improvements, and applications to enhance and otherwise develop
781 existing and permitted timber resources located within each timber zone, including renewable
782 vegetative resources;
783 (c) expedite stewardship programs to allow private enterprise to carry out the timber,
784 logging, and forest activities described in this section;
785 (d) allow continued maintenance and increased development of roads, power lines,
786 pipeline infrastructure, and other utilities necessary to achieve the goals, purposes, and policies
787 described in this section and consistent with multiple use and sustained yield principles;
788 (e) refrain from any planning decisions and management actions that will undermine,
789 restrict, or diminish the goals, purposes, and policies for each timber zone as stated in this
790 section; and
791 (f) subject to Subsection (4)(d)(ii), refrain from implementing a policy that is contrary
792 to the goals and purposes described within this section.
793 (8) (a) The state recognizes the importance of all areas on BLM and Forest Service
794 lands high value lumber and forest product resources but establishes the special Timber
795 Agricultural Commodity Zones to provide special protection and preservation against the
796 identified threats found in Subsection (5) to exist in these zones.
797 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to designate additional Timber Agricultural
798 Commodity Zones in future years, if circumstances warrant special protection and preservation
799 for new zones.
800 (9) The state calls upon applicable federal, state, and local agencies to coordinate with
801 each other and establish applicable intergovernmental standing commissions, with membership
802 consisting of representatives from the United States government, the state, and local

803 governments to coordinate and achieve consistency in planning decisions and management
804 actions in the zones described in Subsection (2).

805 (10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, and subject to Subsection
806 (4)(d)(ii), the state's mineral, oil, gas, and energy policies, as well as its grazing policies, on
807 land within zones described in Subsection (2), shall continue to be governed by Sections
808 [63J-4-401](#) and [63J-8-104](#).

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