

LITTLE SAHARA STATE PARK DESIGNATION

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor: Ralph Okerlund

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill deals with the creation of the Little Sahara State Park.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ authorizes the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into an agreement with the United States Bureau of Land Management to use the Little Sahara Recreation Area as a state park; and

▶ states that the Little Sahara Recreation Area shall be included within the state park system upon the division entering into the agreement described above.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

79-4-605, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

Section 1. Section **79-4-605** is enacted to read:

79-4-605. Little Sahara included within state park system.



28 (1) As used in this section, "Little Sahara Recreation Area" means the area of land in
29 the Sevier Desert, approximately 55,905 acres, fully described by the map and legal description
30 on file with the division.

31 (2) The division may:

32 (a) enter into an agreement for the use of the Little Sahara Recreation Area as a state
33 park with the United States Bureau of Land Management; and

34 (b) receive donations of land or facilities at the Little Sahara Recreation Area for
35 inclusion within the state park.

36 (3) In entering the agreement described in Subsection (2)(a), the division shall:

37 (a) pursue a land transfer with the United States Bureau of Land Management; and

38 (b) if a land transfer is not possible, seek to purchase or lease the land from the United
39 States Bureau of Land Management through the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, 43 U.S.C.
40 869 et seq.

41 (4) The Little Sahara Recreation Area shall be included within the state park system
42 upon the division entering into the agreement described in Subsection (2)(a).

43 (5) (a) Upon the division entering into the agreement described in Subsection (2)(a),
44 the division shall rename the approximately 9,000-acre area known as the Rockwell
45 Outstanding Natural Area to the "Bill Orton State Wilderness Area."

46 (b) The director shall recommend the Bill Orton State Wilderness Area to the governor
47 for designation as a protected wilderness area, as described in Section [63L-7-105](#).

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