

28 Resource Management Planning, which built upon H.B. 323 and required that:

29 • the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) create a statewide resource  
30 management plan that coordinates and is consistent with the county resource management  
31 plans;

32 • PLPCO submit a copy of the statewide resource management plan for review to the  
33 Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands; and

34 • the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands prepare a concurrent resolution  
35 approving the statewide resource management plan for consideration during the 2018 General  
36 Session;

37 WHEREAS, many individuals and entities collaborated and made significant  
38 contributions to the county and state resource management plans, including the Public Lands  
39 Policy Coordinating Office's staff, the Utah Association of Counties, each of Utah's  
40 Associations of Governments, the Office of Tourism, the Division of Air Quality, the Utah  
41 Geological Survey, the Division of Water Rights, the Division of Water Quality, the Division  
42 of Water Resources, the Office of Outdoor Recreation, the Division of Wildlife Resources, the  
43 Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the  
44 Department of Agriculture and Food, the Governor's Office of Energy Development, and the  
45 Governor's Office of Economic Development;

46 WHEREAS, the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board provided grants to Utah's  
47 Associations of Governments to conduct critical research and create databases that the counties  
48 used to develop their plans;

49 WHEREAS, each of the state's 29 counties completed and adopted their respective  
50 county resource management plan, and presented their plan to the Commission for the  
51 Stewardship of Public Lands;

51a **Ĥ→ WHEREAS, federal laws including the National Environmental Policy Act and the**  
51b **Federal Land Policy and Management Act require that federal agencies, to the extent allowed**  
51c **by law, follow state and local resource management plans;**

51d **WHEREAS, federal regulations provide that, when state and local government**  
51e **policies, plans, and programs differ, those of higher authority within the state will normally be**  
51f **followed; ←Ĥ**

52 WHEREAS, PLPCO completed and submitted the "State of Utah Resource  
53 Management Plan" to the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands; and

54 WHEREAS, after review, the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands  
55 recommends that the Legislature approve the "State of Utah Resource Management Plan" as  
56 the statewide resource management plan in accordance with Utah Code Subsection  
57 63J-4-607(6):

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the