

**Representative John Knotwell** proposes the following substitute bill:

**SENTINEL LANDSCAPE DESIGNATION**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: John Knotwell**

Senate Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill establishes the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ creates the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Coordinating Committee;
- ▶ provides for membership of the committee;
- ▶ describes the purpose of the committee as facilitating a buffer zone around Camp Williams in order to maintain the mission of the base;
- ▶ requires an annual report to the governor and Legislature; and
- ▶ creates the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Fund.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**39-10-101**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**39-10-102**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



26 [39-10-103](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953  
27 [39-10-104](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953  
28 [39-10-105](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

31 Section 1. Section [39-10-101](#) is enacted to read:

32 **CHAPTER 10. WEST TRAVERSE SENTINEL LANDSCAPE ACT**

33 **39-10-101. Title -- West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Act -- Purpose.**

34 (1) This chapter is known as "West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Act."

35 (2) The purpose of this act is to:

36 (a) identify lands adjacent to Camp Williams that are important to the nation's defense  
37 mission;

38 (b) preserve and enhance the relationship between adjacent landowners and Camp  
39 Williams; and

40 (c) create incentives to encourage adjacent landowners to adopt land management  
41 practices consistent with Camp Williams's military mission.

42 Section 2. Section [39-10-102](#) is enacted to read:

43 **39-10-102. Area designation -- West Traverse Sentinel Landscape.**

44 (1) The compatible use buffer area surrounding Camp Williams shall be known as the  
45 West Traverse Sentinel Landscape.

46 (2) Lands designated by the committee established in Section [39-10-103](#) and lands  
47 acquired or encumbered through the Camp Williams Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB)  
48 Program shall be added to the buffer area.

49 Section 3. Section [39-10-103](#) is enacted to read:

50 **39-10-103. West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Coordinating Committee.**

51 (1) There is created the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Coordinating Committee.

52 (2) The committee shall be composed of the following members:

53 (a) the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard or another general officer appointed  
54 by the adjutant general;

55 (b) the executive director of the Department of Veterans and Military Affairs or the  
56 director's designee;

57 (c) a landowner, selected by the chair, who owns property within the sentinel landscape  
58 area;

59 (d) a representative from a land conservation organization in Utah recognized as  
60 accredited under the standards and practices of the Land Trust Accreditation Commission;

61 (e) a representative from each municipality adjacent to Camp Williams, at the  
62 discretion of the municipality;

63 (f) one representative each from Salt Lake, Utah, and Tooele counties, at the discretion  
64 of the county governing body;

65 (g) a representative from a nongovernmental land management organization; and

66 (h) one member selected from a state agency that participates in land management  
67 activities.

68 (3) Committee members shall be selected and serve in accordance with this Subsection  
69 (3).

70 (a) The committee member representing Subsection (2)(c) shall be selected by the chair  
71 from a list of nominees presented by local officials.

72 (b) The committee members representing Subsections (2)(d) and (g) shall be invited to  
73 participate by the chair with the approval of a majority of the committee.

74 (c) Each incorporated municipality bordering Camp Williams shall, at its discretion no  
75 later than July 1 of each year, provide the chair with the name of the individual who will  
76 represent the municipality on the committee, as provided in Subsection (2)(e). If the  
77 municipality declines to be represented on the committee, it shall send a letter to the chair on  
78 the municipality's letterhead stating that no individual will be appointed.

79 (d) If a county, as provided in Subsection (2)(f), declines to be represented on the  
80 committee, it shall send a letter to the chair on the county's letterhead not later than July 1 of  
81 each year stating that no individual will be appointed.

82 (e) The committee chair shall request the appointment of members representing  
83 Subsection (2)(h) from:

84 (i) the governor if the request is for a member from a state agency; or

85 (ii) the mayor or governing body of a local government entity if the request is for a  
86 member from a local government agency.

87 (4) The committee shall meet at the call of the chair, but not less than twice each

88 calendar year.

89 (5) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service but  
90 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

91 (a) Section [63A-3-106](#);

92 (b) Section [63A-3-107](#); and

93 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and  
94 [63A-3-107](#).

95 (6) The Utah National Guard shall provide staff support for the committee.

96 Section 4. Section **39-10-104** is enacted to read:

97 **39-10-104. Committee responsibilities.**

98 (1) The committee shall:

99 (a) identify lands to be included in the designated sentinel landscape;

100 (b) develop strategies and recommendations to encourage landowners within the  
101 sentinel landscape to voluntarily participate in and begin or continue land uses compatible with  
102 Camp Williams's military mission; and

103 (c) publish any policies and procedures as administrative rules in accordance with Title  
104 [63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.](#)

105 (2) In designating sentinel lands, the coordinating committee shall include all working  
106 or natural lands that the coordinating committee believes contribute to the long-term  
107 sustainability of the military missions conducted at Camp Williams.

108 (3) The committee shall determine the appropriate level of state resources required to  
109 adequately protect Camp Williams's military mission and may apply for grants from the LeRay  
110 McAllister Critical Lands Conservation Fund to aid in securing those resources.

111 (4) In determining lands to designate, the coordinating committee shall seek input  
112 from:

113 (a) the director of the Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection  
114 Integration Program; and

115 (b) the director of the National Guard Bureau Army Compatible Use Buffer Program,  
116 as authorized under 10 U.S.C. Sec. 2684(a).

117 (5) The committee shall provide a written report of its activities if state funds are  
118 expended during the previous calendar year no later than July 31 annually to:

- 119           (a) the governor;
- 120           (b) the Government Operations Interim Committee; and
- 121           (c) the Executive Appropriations Committee.

122           Section 5. Section **39-10-105** is enacted to read:

123           **39-10-105. West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Fund.**

124           (1) As used in this section:

125           (a) "Committee" means the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Coordinating  
126 Committee created in Section [39-10-103](#).

127           (b) "Fund" means the West Traverse Sentinel Landscape Fund.

128           (2) There is created a restricted account within the General Fund known as the West  
129 Traverse Sentinel Landscape Fund.

130           (3) The fund shall consist of:

131           (a) appropriations from the Legislature; and

132           (b) grants or donations from other public or private sources.

133           (4) The fund shall be administered by the Utah National Guard and the committee.

134           (5) The purpose of the fund shall be to provide:

135           (a) matching funds for established federal funding programs concerning sentinel  
136 landscapes;

137           (b) matching funds for local and private funding programs that assist with sentinel  
138 landscape designations; and

139           (c) incentives for landowners who voluntarily participate in land management practices  
140 that are consistent with Camp Williams's military missions.

141           (6) The committee may make an appropriation request through the Utah National  
142 Guard to the Legislature for necessary funds to carry out the committee's purpose.

143           (7) Funds may only be used for landscapes that qualify under:

144           (a) the Army Compatible Use Buffer Program guidelines or similar regulations as a  
145 federal program whose purpose is to secure landscapes that serve to buffer military  
146 installations;

147           (b) Internal Revenue Code guidelines in 26 U.S.C. Sec. 170(h); or

148           (c) local municipal or county guidelines established through the committee and  
149 consistent with Camp Williams's military mission.

150            (8) Funds used for projects with matching federal funding may not exceed a 25%  
151 match with federal funds.