

**JORDAN RIVER RECREATION AREA AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to the Jordan River recreation area.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ modifies definitions;
- ▶ amends powers of Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**65A-2-8**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 378

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

Section 1. Section **65A-2-8** is amended to read:

**65A-2-8. Jordan River improvement projects.**

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Commission" means the Jordan River Commission created by interlocal



28 agreement.

29 (b) "Zone" means the Jordan River Recreation Area, the area 250 yards on each side of  
30 the Jordan River from the edge of the river between SR-201 and [~~4430~~] 4800 South.

31 (2) The division, subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws and ordinances and  
32 Subsections (3) and (4), may:

33 (a) expend money for the following purposes:

34 (i) enhancing safety, recreation, and conservation in the zone;

35 (ii) capital improvements within the zone, including:

36 (A) lighting along the Jordan River and within the zone;

37 (B) completing construction of a paved pathway on both sides of the Jordan River  
38 within the zone;

39 (C) building a boat launch, picnic pavilion, bench, restroom, or other amenity within  
40 the zone; and

41 (D) supporting [~~an aviary,~~] Tracy Aviary, a nature area, bike or boat rental  
42 concessionaire, or other partnerships to enhance recreation in the zone;

43 (iii) funding programs to clean the zone, remove invasive species, and restore riparian  
44 habitat;

45 (iv) hiring or contracting for personnel to perform tasks as directed by the commission;

46 (v) partnering or contracting with urban ranger or similar service-oriented  
47 organizations or programs:

48 (A) to provide trail maintenance, invasive species removal, emergency care, and  
49 environmental education for the area 250 yards on each side of the Jordan River from the edge  
50 of the river for the entire length of the river; and

51 (B) to report to the appropriate public official all health, safety, or law enforcement  
52 concerns that the organization encounters, as directed by the commission; and

53 (vi) partnering or contracting with local law enforcement or a certified peace officer to  
54 provide patrol, security, and law enforcement for the area 250 yards on each side of the Jordan  
55 River from the edge of the river for the entire length of the river; and

56 (b) purchase, lease, sell, or dispose of property or an easement within the zone to  
57 achieve the goals in Subsection (2)(a).

58 (3) (a) Before engaging in any activity described in Subsections (2)(a)(i) through

59 (2)(a)(iii) or Subsection (2)(b), the division shall receive the approval of:

60 (i) the commission;

61 (ii) any relevant governmental entity that owns or is responsible for the maintenance of  
62 real property within the zone, including Salt Lake County Flood Control; and

63 (iii) the relevant municipality within the zone.

64 (b) Before engaging in any activity described in Subsections (2)(a)(iv) through

65 (2)(a)(vi), the division shall:

66 (i) receive the approval of the commission; and

67 (ii) consult with:

68 (A) any relevant governmental entity that owns or is responsible for the maintenance of  
69 real property within the zone; and

70 (B) the relevant municipality within the zone.

71 (4) The programs described in this section may only be implemented as appropriations  
72 from the Legislature allow.