

AGENDA

**Duchesne County
Public Lands Committee Meeting
Duchesne County Administration Bldg.
Commission Chambers
May 27, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

Welcome and Introductions.....Chairperson Irene Hansen

New Business:

Consider amending the recommendation to the County Commissioners regarding Duchesne County's potential participation in Congressman Rob Bishop's Public Land Initiative and amended Resolution #15-09.

Adjourn

May 15, 2015

To: Public Lands Committee
From: Mike Hyde, Community Development Director
RE: Amended Resolution #15-09

As you prepare for the May 27, 2015 public meeting please read the amended Resolution #15-09 and exhibit maps. The amendments proposed are the result of a meeting we had with staff from Congressman Bishop's office, who recommended that the County make additional efforts to identify some additional conservation lands.

The following amendments are proposed:

- The Desolation Canyon wilderness (see Exhibit A) has been expanded to the west (almost to Frank's Canyon). The acreage has increased from 2,940 to 4,821 acres, all of which is below the rim of the canyons extending northward from Nine Mile Canyon). This area would be managed like the abutting lands in Uintah County. This expanded wilderness area does not affect access along the Wrinkles Road and does not affect natural gas well pads envisioned in the GASCO Final EIS.
- The areas north of Chapeta Lake, above 11,000 foot elevation, have been included in a Special Management Area (see Exhibit B-2), to match a similar area to the east in Uintah County. This area, which is 4,742 acres in size, will be managed as wilderness, as in Uintah County, but allow snowmobile use when adequate snow cover is present.
- Section 5 H of the Resolution has been amended to request administrative access to **all** remaining irrigation water impoundments in the High Uintas Wilderness (not just Atwood Lake).

If you would like to discuss the contents of the proposed Resolution or the attached maps prior to the public meeting, please contact me at 435-738-1151 or at mhyde@duchesne.utah.gov.

Thank you for your service. I look forward to seeing you on May 27th.