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# UTAH MOTORBOAT ACCESS ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

## GRANT APPLICATION

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1. PROJECT TITLE AND LOCATION:

Bear Lake State Park Rendezvous Beach Launch Ramp Asphalt Enhancement  
Bear Lake, Rich County, Utah  
Rendezvous Beach:  
Township 13N, Range 5E, Section 23  
North 41 51' 0.623" West 111 21' 24.876"

2. PROJECT SPONSOR:

Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation - Bear Lake State Park  
1030 North Bear Lake Boulevard (US Highway 89)  
Garden City, Utah 84028

Richard Droesbeke - Park Manager  
435-946-3343

3. LAND OWNERSHIP:

Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation - Bear Lake State Park  
The project areas are located within the boundaries of the Bear Lake State Park. No private property is involved. Public access will continue.

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project includes:

- 1) The area immediately above the Rendezvous Beach launch ramp, in the shape of a "T," connecting to the existing asphalt parking lot.
- 2) The excavation of approximately 6800 square feet of existing material (soils), furnish road base gravel, re-grade to drain, furnish, place, and compact 3" of asphalt.

#### Background:

Bear Lake is considered one of the premier boating and fishing destinations within the State of Utah. It is recognized for its boating opportunities, scenic beauty, along with its trophy cutthroat trout and lake trout fishing. The lake offers visitors a "one-of-a-kind" experience as they are surrounded by the beautiful Bear Lake Valley and the azure blue waters of Bear Lake.

Bear Lake State Park currently provides boaters with a two lane, concrete launch ramp at Rendezvous Beach. The launch ramp is most used by boaters when the lake level is within the elevation of 5918' and 5923.65'. From this launch ramp, boaters can access all areas of the 20 mile long and 8 mile wide lake that covers nearly 112 square miles of surface area. By utilizing this launch ramp, boaters accessing Rendezvous Beach will not need to launch boats at other locations. This launch ramp provides a valuable public access point on the south end of Bear Lake.

#### Purpose and Need for Action:

The area immediately above the current concrete launch ramp is natural, disturbed soils and rocks. The area is bumpy and dusty. The purpose of this project is to place asphalt in this area to connect to the existing asphalt parking lot, making for better public access, safety, stability, along with lower maintenance costs. This project will enhance the boater and angler experience, thus meeting the needs of the visitors to Bear Lake State Park.

The newly asphalted "T" will provide better, easier, and more convenient access for boaters, especially as they prepare to launch their boat. They will be able to pull forward into the right side of the "T" and then back down the launch ramp. Then they will be able to pull straight out and have a small/short wipe down/tie down lane before they reach the existing parking lot.

#### 5. PROJECT COST:

Is the proposed project intended to be a cooperative project (partnership, cost share,

etc.)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No XXX

If yes, what is the total estimated cost of the entire project and what portion of the total cost is being requested:

- A. Total estimated cost of entire project: \$ 25,488.00
- B. Amount of fiscal assistance requested: \$ 25,488.00

6. SOURCES OF FUNDING:

- A. Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Sport Fish Restoration Act, Motorboat Access funds (may not be more than 75% of the funds requested under 5B). \$ 19,116.00
- B. Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, General Fund (may not be more than 25% of the funds requested under 5B). \$ 6,372.00
- C. Matching funds from non-federal source (identify).  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 0
- D. In-kind match from non-federal source (identify and estimate the amount of labor, equipment, and/or material costs:  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 0

Total amount of funding from B, C, and/or D must be at least 25% of the total funds requested in paragraph 5B above.

7. TIME CONSTRAINTS:

After funds are awarded received, it is anticipated it will take a minimum of it will take a minimum of 90 days for a contract to be awarded. Installation of the asphalt could take place as early as the fall of 2012.

- A. Estimated starting date: September 1, 2012
- B. Estimated completion date: September 30, 2012

8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:

The Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation – Bear Lake State Park has been and will be responsible for the continued operation and maintenance launch ramp access.

9. MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The 2006 Bear Lake State Park Resource Management Plan identified this type of project as a needed improvement to existing boating facilities.

10. LEVELS OF CURRENT USE:

In recent years, Bear Lake State Park has received approximately 215,000 visitors annually. Nearly 35% or approximately 75,000 of those visitors utilize the Rendezvous Beach facilities for their activities. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources estimates that in 2005, anglers fished approximately 66,000 hours on Bear Lake and the Bear Lake Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates that in 2008, over 384,849 people visited either or both of the Bear Lake State Parks either in Utah and Idaho.

The primary activity visitors participate in while visiting Bear Lake State Park is both boating and fishing, followed by camping and viewing scenery. Overall visitation and recreation at Bear Lake has not declined with the current economic conditions. The trend in recreation is continued growth with recreation users and anglers desiring more services and opportunities.

11. PREDICTED LEVELS OF FUTURE USE:

The improved access to the Rendezvous Beach launch ramp would allow boats and anglers improved access throughout the entire year, except when the lake freezes over. In the summer of 2011, the day use area of Rendezvous Beach saw increased visitation and use attributed to the lake's elevation returning to a level within approximately two feet of "full pool." It is anticipated that levels of future use will mirror the levels currently observed.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed project area has previously been disturbed upon constructing the launch ramp. It is above the lake's "high water mark." The area has also been surveyed and cleared for significant cultural, historical, and heritage resources/findings.

Decisions may be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment when no significant issues or extraordinary circumstances exist, and they are within one of the categories identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 7 CFR part 1 b.3 or one of the categories identified by the Chief of the Forest Service in the Forest Service Handbook.

No significant issues or extraordinary circumstances within the scope of this proposal were identified. Therefore, this action falls within Chapter 30 Categorical Exclusion from Documentation Category 5 [Repair and Maintenance of Recreation Sites and Facilities (FSH 1909.15, Section 31.1 b)] and is categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that I am authorized to sign this application and that the information herein provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. I further certify that the applicant has the necessary financial resources to fulfill all obligations relative to this project including the cost of operation and maintenance.

*Reed D. Smith*  
Signature of Authorized Agent

10-26-2011  
Title

Pub-Manager  
Date

RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING

Director

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources  
Habitat Council Chair

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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APPROVED  
Director

Utah Division of Parks and Recreation  
Boating Advisory Council Chair

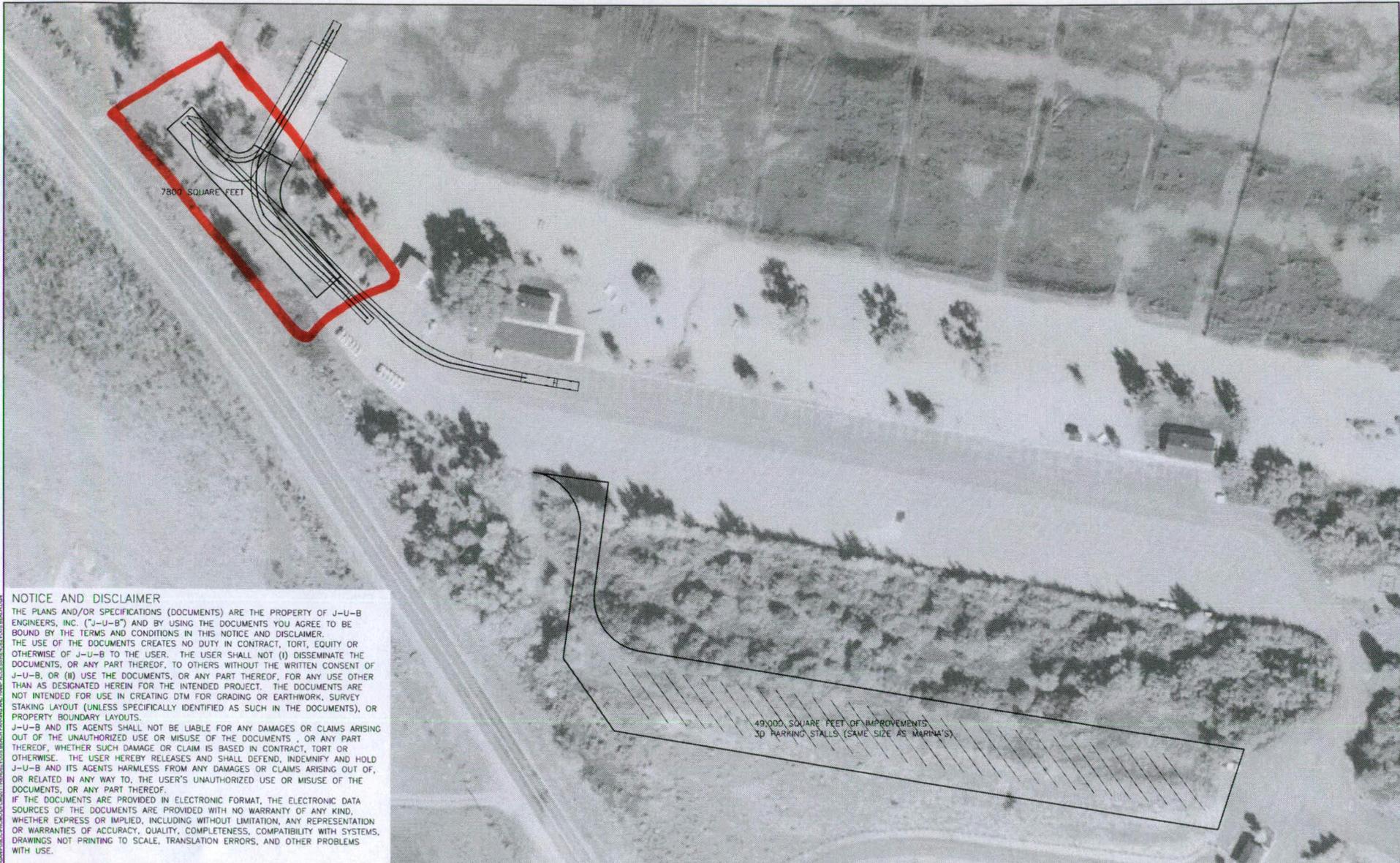
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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APPROVED

**BEAR LAKE STATE PARK**

**RENDEZVOUS BEACH LAUNCH RAMP  
APPROACH ASPHALT ENHANCEMENT  
PROJECT COST ESTIMATES**

EXCAVATE 6800 SQ FT OF EXISTING MATERIAL	\$21,240.00
REGRADE TO DRAIN, FURNISH, PLACE, AND COMPACT 3" OF ASPHALT	
10% CONTINGENCY	\$2,124.00
ENGINEERING	\$2,124.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATE</b>	<b>\$25,488.00</b>



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49,000 SQUARE FEET OF IMPROVEMENTS  
30 PARKING STALLS (SAME SIZE AS MARINA'S)

Print Date: 11/10/11  
Project: BEAR LAKE STATE PARK  
Location: BEAR LAKE STATE PARK  
Scale: AS SHOWN  
Author: JUB  
Checked: JUB  
Date: 11/10/11



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**BEAR LAKE STATE PARK  
RENDEZVOUS BEACH**  
PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS CONCEPT  
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