

**UTAH
MOTORBOAT ACCESS
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

GRANT APPLICATION

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1. PROJECT TITLE AND LOCATION:

**Bear Lake State Park Rendezvous Beach Vehicle with Boat Trailer Parking Lot
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 Dreesbeke – 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 north of the Rendezvous Beach exit road and the existing Day Use parking lot, leaving a row of willow trees in between.
- 2) The excavation of approximately 70800 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 desired location for this project is comprised of natural, disturbed soils and rocks. The area has very little vegetation. The purpose of this project is create a 30 stall, asphalt parking lot specifically for tow vehicles and their associated boat trailers. This project would provide actual parking spaces for the toe vehicles and trailers – which the existing parking lot does not have. This project will subsequently provide better public access and safety, enhance the boater and angler experience, thus meeting the needs of the visitors to Bear Lake State Park.

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: \$ 285,324.00
- B. Amount of fiscal assistance requested: \$ 285,324.00

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). \$ 213,993.00
- B. Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, General Fund (may not be more than 25% of the funds requested under 5B). \$ 71,331.00
- 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: October 31, 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 of the parking lot.

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:

Providing parking spaces for tow vehicles and their boat trailers will reduce the congestion and conflicts between park visitors as there is not designed parking for tow vehicles and their boat trailers in the current parking lot. The new parking lot would improve access to the Rendezvous Beach launch ramp, thus allowing 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." There were several weekend days when the entire Day Use parking lot was completely filled with vehicles. The park had to start parking vehicles in the gravel area between the entrance and exit roads. It is anticipated that levels of future use will mirror the levels currently observed, particularly as the lake's elevation remains within its top five to six feet.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The proposed project area has previously been disturbed upon constructing the park's entrance and exit roads along with the current Day Use parking lot. It is above the lake's "high water mark." The area has 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.

Signature of Authorized Agent

Title

Date

RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
Habitat Council Chair

Yes _____ No _____

APPROVED
Director

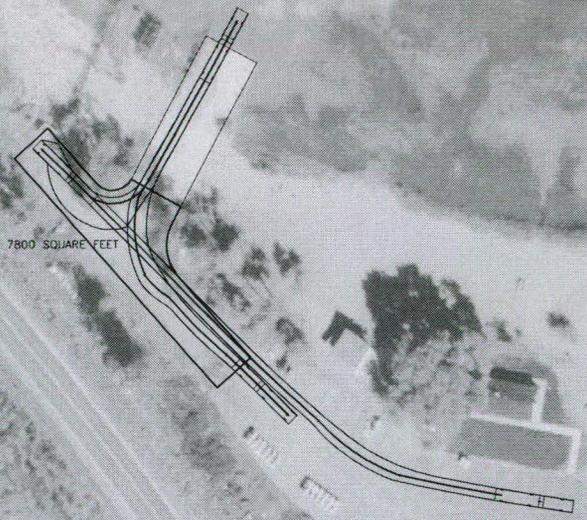
Utah Division of Parks and Recreation
Boating Advisory Council Chair

Yes _____ No _____

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**BEAR LAKE STATE PARK
RENDEZVOUS BEACH VEHIHCE WITH
BOAT TRAILER PARKING LOT
PROJECT COST ESTIMATES**

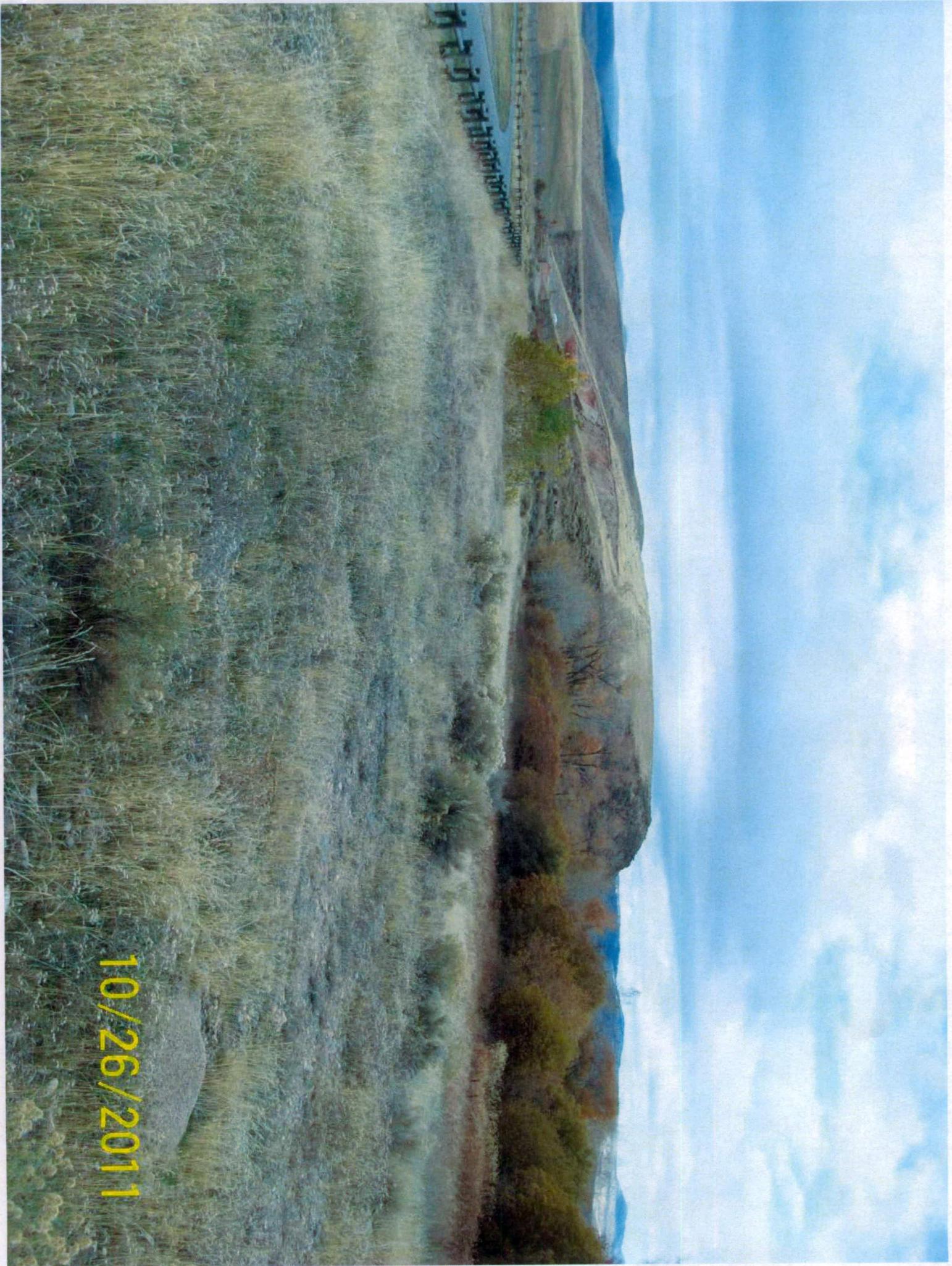
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REGRADE TO DRAIN, FURNISH, PLACE, AND COMPACT 3" OF ASPHALT	
10% CONTINGENCY	\$21,948.00
ENGINEERING	\$21,948.00
DFCM PROJECT MANAGEMENT COSTS	\$21,948.00
TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATE	\$285,324.00



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 RENDEZVOUS BEACH**
 PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS CONCEPT
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