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Motorboat Access Enhancement Program

Dear Mr. Walker

Enclosed is a Utah Motorboat Access Enhancement Program funding application for a project located within Utah Lake State Park on the east side of Utah Lake. This project includes the development and expansion of our main parking lot for truck and trailers. This project represents an important improvement that will greatly benefit boaters and anglers using the park especially during high use times.

The current main parking lot for truck and trailers (boat parking) has a capacity of 84 units. This boat parking lot is full during high use times forcing parking into an unpaved area of the park. This unpaved area does not contain lined parking stalls and our recreating visitors do not utilize its space efficiently unless it is staffed by park personnel. During times of high use park staff are at a minimum and are not always available to assist visitors in parking efficiently. Without efficient use of the unpaved area the park staff at the entrance has to restrict the amount of boaters and anglers accessing the park sometimes turning them away. The expansion of the main boat parking lot will reduce one of our major limiting factors on Utah Lake that is space for parking. With an additional 90 units of parking at the park we would be able to accommodate more boaters and anglers that use Utah Lake.

The Utah Division of State Parks would very much like to work on continuing to improve safe boating access and recreational opportunities for the public on Utah Lake. The project contact for this project proposal is Ty Hunter, Park Manager at Utah Lake State Park (801) 420-1227 or tyhunter@utah.gov.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Ty Hunter
Park Manager

Cc: Dave Harris, Jeff Rasmussen



1. PROJECT TITLE AND LOCATION

Utah Lake State Park, Boat trailer Parking Expansion
Township 7 North, Range 2 East, Section 5
Utah County, Utah
UTMs: 12N X437557 Y4454434

2. PROJECT SPONSOR

Utah Division of Parks and Recreation
4400 West Center Street
Provo City, UT 84601
Contact Person: Ty Hunter, Park Manager (801) 420-1227

3. LAND OWNERSHIP

The project area is located in the boundaries of the Utah Lake State Park (State of Utah) lease of Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands. No private property is involved. Public access will continue.

4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project includes the implementation of the expansion and paving the main boat parking lot at Utah Lake State Park. This expansion of approximately 90 units would increase the truck and trailer (boat parking) by 60 percent, thus allowing more boaters and anglers to access Utah Lake during high use times.

Background

Utah Lake State Park provides year round access to Utah Lake for boating related activities, camping, fishing, wildlife watching, and is the largest and most developed facility on Utah Lake, offering boating related activities, fishing and camping to our visitors.

Utah Lake State Park offers a variety of outdoor activities. The majority of the activities are based around water sports, water skiing, wake boarding, traditional boating, sailing, fishing, picnicking, camping, and sightseeing.

Utah Lake State Park, is 150 acres in size, and we offer 4 improved boat ramps and 1 unimproved boat ramp on the Provo River, 7 courtesy docks, 2 rental docks, 1 sanitary pump out dock, a 53 site campground open from April through October, paved parking for 180 vehicle and trailers, 150 single vehicles, overflow dirt/gravel parking for up to an additional 200 vehicles, a visitor contact center, and large grassy areas with picnic tables, shelters, and grills. Utah Lake's predominate users are boaters and fishers that come from the locals of Utah and Salt Lake Counties.

Purpose and Need for Action

Presently, Utah Lake State Park is the largest and most developed launching site on Utah Lake. The park is very popular with anglers and boaters and receives high use in excess of 300,000 visitors per year. The purpose of this project is to provide better access and ease to all who

access Utah Lake State Park, which will enhance the angler and boater experience, and meet the needs of visitors to Utah Lake State Park. Utah Lake is just 96,000 surface acres in size and can accommodate a large amount of boating recreation. One of the major access issues found around the lake is space to park truck and trailers for boats. With this expansion we could allow 90 more boats to access Utah Lake at any given time.

5. PROJECT COST:

Is the proposed project intended to be a cooperative project (partnership, cost share, etc.)? Yes X
No __. 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 (see attached estimate): \$ 621,510.00

B. Amount of fiscal assistance requested: \$ 621,510.00

6. SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Motorboat Access funds (may not be more than 75% of the funds requested). \$466,132.00

Utah Division of Parks and Recreation (25% of funds requested). \$155,378.00

Utah Division of Parks and Recreation

In-Kind match:

State Parks Northwest Region Crew labor & equipment \$21,360.00; Other State Park Funding \$134,018.00

Matching funds from non-federal source (identify). _____ \$0.00

In-Kind match from non-federal source (identify and estimate the amount of labor, equipment, and/or material costs). _____ \$0.00

7. What are the time requirements for the projects?

After engineering plans are made and funds are received, it will take approximately 7 days for removal of trailers, fill material, woody material (slash piles) and standing trees be removed. It will take another 120 days for a contract to be awarded and site prep and paving to take place. Paving could take place as early as the spring of 2012 or as late as fall 2012. Striping (painting) of the parking to be done 30 days after paving is completed. Storm Water runoff catch basin 8 days to dig and perform finish work.

8. If routine operation and maintenance of the proposed project is to be done by someone other than the sponsor, please identify who will have this responsibility:

The Utah State Park has been and will be responsible for operation and maintenance of the parking lot

9. Has the proposed project been identified in some type of needs assessment or management plan? If so please describe:

The Utah Lake State Park Resource Management Plan that was completed in 2001 named six issues to be addressed. The first issue, facilities developments addressed the need of expanding existing parking areas and pave the expansions.

10. What is the present estimated, annual use of the project area? (ie: number of boats, angler hours, recreational days):

Utah Lake State Park receives approximately 300,000 visitors annually. With year round access to the lake, the high use times are April to September with our parking lots reaching maximum nearly every weekend.

The majority of the activities at Utah Lake State Park are based around water sports, water skiing, wake boarding, traditional boating, sailing, fishing, picnicking, camping, and sightseeing.

11. What are the benefits and/or predicted increase in annual use of the area should the project be completed?

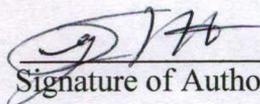
The expansion of the main boat parking lot provides several benefits to the boating and angling visitors to the lake as well as the state park. These benefits expanded parking with defined spaces for boaters and anglers to use. Designated spaces (units) promote a regulated traffic flow and reduce traffic accidents within the park dealing with parking. Decrease in operational costs to the park dealing with mowing; weed control and parking assistance by staff.

12. Has an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement been prepared for the proposed project?

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. State History Cultural Resources clearance will be needed to perform this project.

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.

 Park Manager, 10-31-11
Signature of Authorized Agent, Title, Date

RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

Yes ___ No ___

Utah Division of Parks and Recreation

Yes ___ No ___

**Utah Lake State Park Boat trailer Parking Expansion
Cost Estimate**

Item	QTY	COST	TOTAL COST
Removal of trailers, fill material, woody material (slash piles) and standing trees be removed and storm water runoff basin	320 labor hours, 8 days backhoe use, 8 days Bobcat use, and 8 days dump truck use.	Labor \$14,400.00, 2 - backhoe \$3120.00, Bobcat \$720.00, 2 -dump truck \$3120.00	\$21,360.00
Asphalt work – includes excavation, saw work, road base placement, and 4" asphalt placement	119,230 Sq. Ft.	\$5.00/Sq. Ft. Includes excavation, saw work, road base to grade/compaction, and 2 – 2" lifts with compaction of asphalt.	\$596,150.00
Striping of parking lot (painting)	1 day contractor	\$4000.00	\$4000.00
		Project Total	\$621,510.00



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Storm Water Catch Basin

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40°14'16.86" N 111°43'01.20" W, elev. 4488 ft

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