



DAGGETT COUNTY

STATE OF UTAH

95 North 1st West
P.O. BOX 219
Manila, UT 84046

March 3, 2015

Congressman Rob Bishop
Utah's First Congressional District
123 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Daggett County "Public Lands Initiative" Update

Dear Congressman Bishop,

This letter is to respectfully inform you of the Daggett County Board of Commissioner's (Commission) progress regarding the recent conclusion of its evaluation of the "Daggett County Public Lands Initiative" (DCPLI). As you are likely aware, the previous board of Commissioners reinstated the Daggett County Public Lands Committee (DCPLC), and tasked this committee to evaluate the DCPLI as to whether or not the proposal was acceptable and whether or not the Commission should continue supporting its furtherance within the larger "Public Lands Initiative."

On January 27, 2015, during the regularly scheduled Commission meeting, the DCPLC presented its recommendation regarding the "Daggett County Public Lands Initiative" as proposed to Congressman Bishop's office on August 12, 2014 and later refined and presented October 22, 2014 to the media. This recommendation stated the DCPLI was not acceptable in its current form for numerous reasons. The current Commission concurred with the DCPLC findings and accepted this recommendation.

The DCPLC discernment process undertaken at the behest of the Commission has created consternation among many of the stakeholders. This anxiety has been displayed in varying forms and not without passion. Much of which is related to the apparent dismissal of Daggett County's General Plan as it relates to public land designations, as well as the unapprised notions carried forward by well meaning yet uninformed negotiators; in particular, in its effects to the health of the lands, to the flora, as well as to the health of the fauna (domestic and wild) inhabiting those lands.

Thus, the Commission further requested DCPLC to develop a proposal, if possible, that the committee, and ultimately Daggett County, could support going forward within the larger "Public Lands Initiative." The DCPLC is in the perspicacious efforts of creating a proposal that we can all, not only live with, but be proud to carry forward in an effort to diminish public land management disputes while enhancing economic opportunity.

The Daggett County Board of Commissioners deferentially recognizes, and duly notes, that a great deal of energy has been expended by the authors of the previous proposal. The Commission is respectfully requesting Representative Rob Bishop to maintain a placeholder for a Daggett County Public Lands Proposal with map. This request is also intended to inform you that any previous maps and proposals submitted in the name of Daggett County are to be rescinded from your consideration within the larger "Public Lands Initiative." The Commission is grateful for your patience and wisdom in persevering with Daggett County while we make every effort to right a mournfully ill fitted and floundering craft.

Respectfully,


Karen Perry, Commissioner, Chair


Clyde Slaugh, Commissioner


Jack Lytle, Commissioner

Commissioners:

Jack Lytle
jlytle@daggettcountry.org
Karen Perry, Chair
kperry@daggettcountry.org
Clyde Slaugh
cslaugh@daggettcountry.org
(435) 784-3218

Clerk/Treasurer:

Sue Olorenshaw
(435) 784-3154
solorenshaw@daggettcountry.org

Auditor/Recorder:

Keri Pallesen
(435) 784-3210
kpallesen@daggettcountry.org

Assessor:

Lesa Asay
(435) 784-3222
lasay@daggettcountry.org

Sheriff:

Jerry Jorgensen
(435) 784-3255
jjorgensen@daggettcountry.org

Attorney:

Niel Lund
nlund@daggettcountry.org
(435) 784-3218 x 140

Fax Number is (435) 784-3335