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Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
Ogden Ranger District

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File Code: 1580

Date: May 2, 2014

Division of Water Quality
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Dear DWQ:

Enclosed for your approval is a package of project proposals for the Willard Bay Settlement. These proposals will improve the natural and social setting at Pineview Reservoir, located five miles from Ogden, Utah in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

During the 2013 season, Pineview Reservoir had its highest number of visitors in history. One likely reason is that our nearby sister reservoir, Willard Bay, was not open to the public and their visitors were directed to Pineview. This large increase in visitors prompted our proposal for improving Efficient use of the existing parking and access points at Pineview Reservoir.

Since Pineview Reservoir is the heaviest used lake for its size in the State of Utah, the USDA Forest Service has invested large amounts of funding to expand and improve the developed sites. It is this significant increase of use where nearly every weekend, the beaches and marina would fill to capacity but the cars full of beach users would park anywhere they could and access the lake. The proposal to Improve operational management of the existing developed sites at Pineview is intended to increase the parking where possible to accommodate those visitors in hardened, managed sites with adequate sanitation and trash management.

The proposal to Improve Reservoir surface management at Pineview is a high priority for this office. We have been trying for years to upgrade the types of buoy markers we use and the boat used to move them. It has so far proved impossible to get appropriated Forest Service funding for this investment. I am hoping this settlement can help with this issue.

Please consider all of the proposals submitted for this funding. Contact us with any questions. Rick Vallejos will be your contact. He is available at the address and phone number in the heading.

Sincerely,

ROBERT SANCHEZ
Ogden District Ranger

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Willard Bay Project Proposal Form

NOTE: Proposal must be no longer than 6 pages. Supplemental documents such as letters of support, information to demonstrate previous project implementation and other relative supportive documents may be submitted in addition to this form.

Applicant Name: USDA Forest Service

Co-Applicant Name(s) (if applicable): _____

Project Title: Causey Reservoir Parking area

Agency or Business Name (if applicable): Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Mailing Address: 507 25th Street, Suite 103 City: Ogden State: Utah Zip: 84401

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Individual Non-Profit Govt. Agency Academic Commercial Other

1. Estimated Project Costs:

Labor	\$ <u>14,000</u>
Materials	\$ <u>54,000</u>
Equipment	\$ <u>5,000</u>
Administration	\$ <u>0</u>
Miscellaneous	\$ <u>9,500</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>82,500</u>

Other sources of project funding:

<u>US Forest Service</u>	\$ <u>7,150</u>	_____	\$ _____
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
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Total project cost including other sources of funding: \$89,650
(please include bids for labor, equipment, rentals, etc.)

2. Describe the purpose and need of the project:

Causey Reservoir is a small deep reservoir on the South Fork of the Ogden River drainage. It is also an incredibly busy destination recreation site on summer weekends. But, the developed infrastructure is very minimal. Only a parking lot managed as a trailhead for the Skull Crack Trail.

This proposal is to build another similar parking area with a CXT toilet and trash facilities along the south shoreline. This is literally the only location of the reservoir which has sufficient space to build a parking area.

The purpose and need is to accommodate the sizes of the crowds at this reservoir on peak days. The recreation capacity of the reservoir could easily handle this additional number of visitors but, the reality is that those visitors are there already. The trend is to park along the south County road and access the water. On those busy days, there are lines of cars on the road. A couple of years ago, at the request of the Weber County Sheriff, the Forest Service installed “no parking” signs along one side the County Road. When both sides of the road were being used for parking, it was impossible to get any larger vehicle down the road let alone an emergency services vehicle like a fire truck or ambulance. Unfortunately, Causey Reservoir claims at least one victim each season from drowning.

3. Estimated time frame of the project with significant milestones (Note: Project must be completed with final reports filed by January 1, 2018):

2014: Complete Planning and NEPA approval for the developments. 2015 or 2016: Begin construction of the parking area, purchase and install the toilets, signing, and trash receptacles.

4. Describe the location of the project with attached location map, including details on the total area that will be directly enhanced by the project:

Causey Reservoir is located approximately 12 miles east of Huntsville, Utah. It is an impoundment along the South Fork of the Ogden River. See the area maps attached to the proposal.

5. Describe how the project will specifically enhance and protect waterways affected by the Willard Bay diesel release and improve the conditions of one or more of the following: wildlife, habitat, natural vegetation, water quality or emergency response:

There is a great concern by land managers of the impacts being caused at Causey by human impacts. The sanitation, trash, erosion, and other forms of pollution caused by this great number of users with little infrastructure to accommodate the crowds is an obvious concern.

The concerns for emergency response are identified above. When the reservoir is a peak visits, there isn't enough room to turn around let alone serious emergency rescue.

6. Describe project's connectivity to other natural areas or projects that further enhance wildlife, habitat, natural vegetation, water quality or emergency response:

The US Forest Service and Weber County know the importance of Causey in almost all aspects. The irrigation water is extremely valuable for the Ogden Front. The scenic beauty found at Causey is worth the drive from the City. The small lake is great for non-motorized boating since there is no competition with loud noisy boats like at Pineview. And, the swimming and diving is known by many to be a great opportunity.

Unfortunately, all this recreation draw can cause serious concerns with human pollution.

7. Describe any additional social benefits of implementing this project:

We believe that the visitors to Causey Reservoir, many of which are young kids, just want to find a place to park and go play. When we worked on and improved the Skull Crack Trailhead approximately seven years ago, with a Weber County Ramp Grant, we felt like the next thing needed was expanded parking. This proposal will be the next logical expansion for all types of recreation at Causey Reservoir.

8. Project plans and details, including rights to work on specified piece of land:

Attached is a Google Earth picture of Causey Reservoir showing the existing Skull Crack Trailhead and the location of this proposed parking lot. The immediate plan is to construct another parking area of similar size and configuration to the existing parking at the Trailhead.

9. **Describe your experience in implementing projects of similar scope and magnitude:**
 The US Forest Service has years of experience with this kind of development. The plan will be to keep it simple and easier to build. We have on staff in our Salt Lake office teams of engineers, landscape architects, recreation planners, road maintenance crews, and the purchasing and contracting staff.
10. **Describe how ongoing maintenance of the project will be funded and carried out:**
 Maintenance and operations which will involve cleaning the restrooms and picking up trash will be sole responsibility of the US Forest Service, Ogden Ranger District. We will involve any volunteer group offering to help and the Weber County Jail work crew that we currently use weekly.
11. **List consultants or agency partners that have participated in project development (below):**

<u>Weber County</u>	<u>2380 Washington Blvd, #360 Ogden UT 84401</u>	<u>(801)399-8405</u>
Name/Company	Address	Phone

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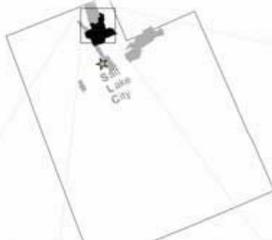
Signature /s/ Robert Sanchez, District Ranger Date May 2, 2014
 Applicant

Signature _____ Date _____
 Co-Applicant (if applicable)





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Ogden Ranger District Location Map

