

East Hobble Creek Restoration Project Draft Environmental Assessment
Released for Public Comments through February 15, 2013

A draft Environmental Assessment (draft EA) of a proposed East Hobble Creek restoration project in Springville, Utah is available for public review and comment. The draft EA analyzes potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives for meeting its purpose. The project is needed to help recovery of the June sucker.

June sucker is a lake sucker fish endemic to Utah Lake. It was federally listed as an endangered species with critical habitat under the Endangered Species Action in 1986. A June Sucker Recovery Plan completed in 1999 states that to reduce chances for “catastrophic losses of June sucker spawners, a spawning run should be developed in at least one additional tributary of Utah Lake, the most likely candidates being Hobble Creek or the Spanish Fork River”. A spawning tributary feasibility study identifies Hobble Creek as having the potential to be restored to provide habitat for spawning June sucker. Habitat improvement concepts subsequently developed indicate that additional stream flows would greatly improve the survivability of June sucker in Hobble Creek.

The action proposed in the draft EA includes: Hobble Creek habitat restoration and stream channel enhancements within Hobble Creek between I-15 and 400 West in Springville; modification or removal of diversion structures between I-15 and the Mapleton-Springville Lateral (MSL) pipeline (while maintaining legal diversions); provision of additional stream flows to be released into Hobble Creek; adoption of a flow regime that would benefit June sucker, existing fish and wildlife habitat and overall riverine ecosystem improvement along Hobble Creek; and, use of the Hobble Creek Valve Station for release of supplemental stream flows.

The project area extends approximately 5.6 miles along Hobble Creek from I-15 east to the discharge location of the MSL pipeline into Hobble Creek. The area consists of the existing Hobble Creek channel and areas adjacent to five diversion structures.

You may download the draft EA by clicking [here](#). Copies may also be obtained by contacting Sarah Sutherland (contact information below). The document may also be reviewed at the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, located at 355 W. University Parkway, Orem, UT 84058 or at the U.S. Department of the Interior CUPCA Office, located at 302 E. 1860 S., Provo, UT 84606. It may also be accessed on the CUWCD website at www.cuwcd.com and the Department of the Interior website at www.cupcao.gov.

All comments regarding the draft EA need to be submitted no later than Friday February 15, 2013 to:

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All comments received will be carefully reviewed and considered in preparing a final EA. Questions regarding the project may be directed to Sarah Sutherland.