

Lower Bear River Watershed Draft Plan-Environmental Impact Statement Public Comment Meeting



PROJECT UPDATE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with the Bear River Water Conservancy District and Bear River Canal Company as the project sponsors, has prepared a Draft Plan-Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lower Bear River Watershed in Box Elder County, Utah. The Draft Plan-EIS is funded through the NRCS Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (Public Law 83-566).

The authorized purposes for watershed planning and preparation of the Draft Plan-EIS are agricultural water management and watershed protection. The alternatives presented in the Draft Plan-EIS propose: to improve irrigation efficiency and water conservation and to maintain and enhance environmental conditions and beneficial water use in the form of instream flows for the shareholders in the Bear River Canal Company service area, and the larger Lower Bear River Watershed and to improve water quality, maintain and enhance wetlands and wildlife habitat, and reduce erosion and sedimentation.

The NRCS and project sponsors will hold a Public Comment Meeting to provide information and solicit comments on the Draft Plan-EIS during the 45-day comment period. Comments are requested on the Draft Plan-EIS alternatives and the potential effects on cultural or natural resources. Interested parties may voice their comments, ideas and concerns to NRCS and the project sponsors during this meeting.

PROPOSED ACTIVITY BY PURPOSE

Agricultural Water Management

Bear River Canal Company (BRCC) Irrigation Delivery System Improvements

- 1a BRCC Hammond and West Main Improvements
- 1b BRCC Red Siphon
- 1c Bear River City Pressure Irrigation
- 1d Highland Ditch Piping
- 1e Central Canal Company Piping

2a Tremonton PI Improvements

- 2b Tremonton Irrigation Storage

Watershed Protection

- 3 Bear River Club Levee Improvements
- 4 Chesapeake Duck Club Levee Improvements
- 5 Salt Creek WMA Levee Improvements and Sediment Removal

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE - HAMMOND & WEST MAIN CANALS IMPROVEMENTS (ALTERNATIVE 2)



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the Lower Bear River Watershed Study Team at (435) 239-3467 or by emailing lowerbear@utwatershed.com



PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026
Time: 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Formal presentation at 6 p.m.
Location: Box Elder County Fairgrounds
Museum Building
(420 N. 1000 W., Tremonton)

Following the meeting, materials will be available online:
www.bit.ly/LowerBearRiverWatershed

SUBMIT A COMMENT

Written comments on the Draft Plan-EIS will be accepted now through April 20, 2026. Please submit comments to:

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Kaysville, UT 84037
Email: lowerbear@utwatershed.com

Mail or In-Person:
Bear River Water Conservancy District
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Brigham City, UT 84302



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