SCOPING PHASE SUMMARY

The following information summarizes the preparation and execution of public outreach efforts during the Scoping Phase of the **Upper Price River Watershed Plan-Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).**

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Study Overview

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The study team hosted an online Agency Scoping Meeting and online Public Scoping Meeting to inform agencies and stakeholders about the environmental study and gather feedback.

Agency Scoping Meeting

The following is a summary of the preparation and execution of the agency scoping meeting:

Meeting Overview: An online Agency Scoping Meeting was held to educate and inform key agencies about the EIS process and to gather input regarding the study.

When/Where: The meeting was held online through Zoom on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, from 2-3:30 p.m.

Attendance: Representatives from five agencies attended the meeting. Attendees included representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) (see Appendix A).

Advertisement: Agency Scoping Notices were mailed to agencies and stakeholders on Oct. 7 and Oct. 14, 2020 (see Appendix B).

Information Presented at the Meeting: The meeting boards outlined the following items: Agency Scoping Meeting Purpose, Meeting Agenda, NRCS Watershed Program, Study Overview, Study Area, Purpose and Need, Potential Improvements, One Federal Decision, Schedule and NEPA Process, Public Scoping Meeting, and Next Steps (see Appendix C).

Agency Comments: During the meeting, attendees were invited to provide input regarding the study. A summary of the meeting minutes, as well as the verbal comments/questions received during the meeting are included in this. During the public comment period, the team received two agency scoping letters (see Appendix D).

Public Scoping Meeting

Meeting Overview: An online Public Scoping Meeting was held to educate and inform the public about the EIS process and gather input regarding the study.

When/Where: The meeting was held online through a Zoom webinar on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Attendance: A total of 46 participants attended the meeting (see Appendix E). Twelve participants signed into the meeting on the study website.

Advertisement: A variety of methods were employed to advertise the Public Scoping Meeting and Public Comment Period (see Appendix F).

- A total of 138 radio advertisements were broadcast on KOAL, KARB, 100.1 Jack FM, and 104.9 True Country from Oct. 19 - Oct. 29, 2020.
- Public Scoping Notices were emailed and mailed to key stakeholders and agencies on Oct. 13, 2020.
- An in-person comment location including two boards and Public Scoping Notices were set up in Price City Hall on Oct. 14, 2020.
- Approximately 12 notification letters were delivered to residents in the Garley Canyon neighborhood on Oct. 14, 2020.
- The Legal Notice for the Public Scoping Meeting was advertised in The Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News on Oct. 15, 2020.
- Three notification emails were sent to stakeholders in the stakeholder database on Oct. 15, Oct. 22, and Oct. 28, 2020.
- Key stakeholders including Carbon County, NRCS, Price City, and Wellington City, and Helper City published social media posts between Oct. 15 and Nov. 11, 2020.
- Key stakeholders including Carbon County and Price City posted Public Scoping Meeting advertisement on their websites on Oct. 22 and Oct. 23, 2020.
- ETV News ran two stories to advertise the study on Oct. 23 and Oct. 31, 2020 and published social media posts on Oct. 23 and Oct. 31, 2020.
- Members of the Price River Water Resources Committee (PRWRC) advertised the Public Scoping Meeting via word of mouth and private Facebook groups.
- The Public Scoping Meeting was advertised on the study website.

Information Presented at the Meeting: The meeting boards outlined the following items: Participant Instructions for Q&A Feature, Meeting Purpose, Presenters and Panelists, Study City Sponsor, NRCS Watershed Program, Water Uses, Study Overview, Study Area, Identify Purpose and Need, Environmental Resources, Potential Improvements, Schedule and NEPA Process, Participating in the Process, How to Submit Comments, and How to Stay Informed (see Appendix G).

Public Scoping Comments: Comments were accepted in the following ways from Oct. 15, 2020, until 30 days after the Notice of Intent was published:

- Email: Info@UpperPriceRiverEIS.com
- Study Website: www.UpperPriceRiverEIS.com
- In-person Location:
  Price City Hall
  185 E. Main St.
  Price, UT 84501
- Mail:
  Upper Price River EIS
  c/o Horrocks Engineers
  2162 w. Grove Pkwy., Suite 400
  Pleasant Grove, UT 84062

During the formal comment period (Oct. 15, 2020 – July 3, 2021), the study team received 12 comments from the public.

Informal comments received during the Public Scoping Meeting Q & A section can be found in Appendix H.

Additional Stakeholder Coordination

Stakeholder Meetings: The study team hosted various meetings with key stakeholders throughout the Scoping Phase to inform stakeholders about the study and solicit feedback.

Individual Stakeholder Meetings

Name	Date	Organization
Bob DalPonte	9/10/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Jeff Richens	9/25/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Cheryl Lupo	9/28/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Sam Brown	10/2/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Pete Kilbourne	10/2/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Gary Harwood	10/5/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Bill Butcher	10/5/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Larry Jensen	11/16/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Keith Grogan	11/17/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Jon Richens	11/18/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Gary Taylor	11/20/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Greg Marsing	11/23/20	Price River Water Resources Committee
Jordan Nielson	11/30/20	Price River Water Resources Committee

Garley Canyon Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020 | 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. | Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Dave Child, Resident
Collette Child, Resident
Sherrie Gordon, Resident
Stephanie, Resident
Bob DalPonte, Resident
Michael Kourianos, Price City Mayor
Wayne Urie, NRCS
Stan Jorgensen, Horrocks Engineers Consultant PM,
Ryan Pitts, Horrocks Engineers, Environmental Team
Dave Dillman, Horrocks Engineers, Engineering Lead
Duke Richardson, Horrocks Engineers, Public Involvement Team

A list of additional stakeholder coordination meeting minutes can be found in Appendix I.

Scoping Phase Public Comments

Name	Date	Comment
Tom Ogden	10/15/2020	Will piping of the local canals be considered as part of this project? Will there be a recreation component (boat ramp, camp ground, rest rooms, etc.) to the project evaluation? Will in-stream flows for Lower Fish Creek be evaluated in the EIS? Thanks!
John Winn	10/24/2020	Development around Scofield reservoir seems to be needing more monitoring. The algae blooms of summers were nonexistent 10+ years ago.
Gary Scow	10/29/2020	Attn: Russell Seely I watched the webinar today regarding the EIS study of the Upper Price River drainage and I would like to comment on the Study. First thanks for working on this 2-year study and hopefully it will be beneficial for everyone involved. There is a great need for water storage close by the diversion points of the Carbon and Price / Wellington Canals. You mentioned looking at different dam sites. I have attached an image of a site I thought might work out that would not be upstream of a nearby subdivision like the

		Garley Dam site is. Some of the people at the meeting were concerned about water leaking from the Garley dam that would be just upstream of their homes. This Gordon Creek Dam site is very close by and just to the North of the Garley Wash Dam Site. At this location it would be easy to pipe water to the Carbon Canal and Price / Wellington Canal downstream to the East. This property is owned by Utah State School Trust Lands and they should be good to work with. A downside to this location would be the expense of relocating the road to Geneva Rock on the East side of the water storage. Just an Idea, keep me posted Gary Scow
Gary Scow	10/29/2020	I am mistaken this dam is on consumers road and not on Gordon Creek
Gary Scow	10/30/2020	I revised this Dam site and added more details. Pros: Water released from the dam will naturally flow into the Price River just upstream of the Carbon & Price / Wellington Canals. Road to Geneva Rock could be used as fishing and boating access. Property is owned by Utah State Trust Lands Easy to access from HWY 6 & open area for construction. Dam is not upstream and close to residential area Water will still be enjoyed by residents as it flows through the golf course Cons: Road to Geneva Rock is added expense *Attached two pictures
Gary Scow	10/30/2020	Dam site is located on Utah State Trust Lands property. Tax ID # 2A-1031-035S *Attached one picture
Monty Unsworth	10/31/2020	I'm not sure if this is helpful, but I live just barely south of the study area and while there is water in the Carbon Canal I have to pump thousands of gallons of water a day out of the French drain around my house to keep my basement from flooding please let me know if you would like more info.
Sherrie Gordon	11/4/2020	Thank you for the opportunity to respond. 1. What entity is responsible for this project? 2. When all of the grant money is spent, will the taxpayers of Carbon County have their property taxes raised to finish paying for this project?

		3. How much taxpayer money has been spent so far on this project? 4. What are the locations being considered for this project? 5. When are the citizens of Carbon County going to be notified that if the reservoir is located in the area of their home, your home is located in the flood zone created by the reservoir, the home owner will be required by the home mortgage company to purchase flood insurance? This required flood insurance may cost over $10,000 yearly plus the cost of their regular home insurance. Thank you.
Karl Kraync	11/5/2020	As a longtime resident of Carbon County I am excited to see some interest in the development and conservation of water in our area. I am in support of additional reservoirs and if that is the chosen option I would love to see it designed in a way that allows for water sports and recreation similar to Huntington Reservoir. I am also in support of piping/pressurizing the various open canals in the County as long as it can be done with a gravity pressurization system that does not require electric or engine driven pumps. As a land owner in this the drainage I have been contacted about the “abandoned” mine shafts on my property (Parcel 02-0002-0000). The old Crandall Canyon mine shafts are on that parcel. I’m not sure what the expectation on the “shafts” are but the State forced the mine to revise the original reclamation plan. These are not concrete capped shafts anymore. In the early 2000’s the mine had to go back and pull off the cement caps over the shafts and fully fill the ~1450’ of shaft depth with material. It is a mix of broken concrete and local fill materials with a clay seals between each coal layer. The document confirming the reclamation change is attached. With 20+ years of underground mining experience I feel that the concept of water storage in an underground has dozens of obstacles and risks but with the mine shafts filled it is even less feasible. Even with a newly drilled fill and pump/return wells or boreholes into the mine I would argue that the plan risks compromising the various mine portal seals associated with the underground mine works as well as risking the stability of the filled mine shafts on my parcel. Please give me a call if you would like to discuss further. Thank you for your efforts for our community. Karl F Kraync Jr, PE President/Engineer KEE Engineering & Consulting, LLC
David Horsley	11/6/2020	I would like to submit comments regarding the upper Price River EIS. In full disclosure I am employed by the State of Utah, the opinions expressed in this comment document are mine and not those of the State of Utah. I am a water user in the Carbonville area. I, along with many other individuals around

		me, feel that now is the time to do something to store, or produce natural flow water, in the Carbon County Area. Currently the operation of delivery from Scofield Reservoir is a difficult scenario. There is approximately a 12-hour delivery time from Scofield to the various water users. If there is one thing that is known about Utah weather, if you don't like it wait 10 minutes. Therefore, in a 12-hour period it is amazing to see how fast, and how many times, the weather can change. This is a result of several hundred, if not thousands of acre-feet, used inefficiently. If there was a storage facility that water could be used at a more convenient, and instant accessibility, could allow for greater efficiency both in the river and many of the canals themselves. I would feel comfortable saying that most of your canals, if not all, will take whatever water they have called for, even if they don't need it, and run it out the end of the canal system. Once again making things inefficient. From what I understand the option of underground storage has been explored for the Carbon area. It possibly might be my lack of knowledge; however, this seems like a long-term solution storage option. Underground storage is something that can be looked at after a more convenient storage facility is built and utilized. Please don't waste time and resources at this time to explore underground storage. From what I understand the water that is proposed to be used is a Price City storage right and can only be utilized below the Price City municipal intake system due to topography and feasibility. I don't feel like it is a known fact that the Price City will need to make "exchanges" with other water users, i.e. irrigators, for water that could be called out of Scofield, for the water potentially be used in a new facility. I don't feel like this process is clear to many of the public. It appears to be a Price City project, and it is, however this project cannot be accomplished without other water users who own natural flow and/or Scofield Reservoir water above the intake of Price City Municipal system. So, it should be expressed that this is a county wide issue and not just a Price City issue. Having a storage facility is a first step in increasing delivery efficiency on the canals. It is true that a canal system can be piped without a storage/regulating facility, however, it makes it very difficult to filter and settle water before it enters a pipeline, thus decreasing the life of the pipeline and on farm sprinkling systems. A small regulating reservoir should be made so water can be filtered before it enters a larger storage or regulating facility. The existing North Carbon pipeline currently has pressure issues and therefore they require a "engineering study" to hook on to the existing pipe system. This is a disservice, lack of management, and conservation, to many residences in and around the Helper/Spring Glen/Carbonville areas. Many individuals have a pressurized pipe that run in their yard and they cannot hook up to it because of a pressure limited system. I feel it would be in the best interest of PRWID and Helper City to hook these people up to the secondary system, so they do not have such a "irrigation" demand for treated, expensive water. Sure, the municipal revenue will go down if they don't sell that water by why can't these municipal systems help such a project so they can continue to receive revenue. I hope your study will look at the possibility of increasing the pressure on the North Carbon Group in order to hook more individuals

		up to an existing secondary system to conserve more water. Please do not waste time in trying to find a storage location that is not near the majority of the water usage. Finding a facility greater than 2 hours delivery time will not be helpful to the current irrigators in the area. Please do not waste time and money designing something with geological concerns. There is current data that exists, if a facility is built at Garley Wash and if a dam embankment reaches a certain height, it will hit a sandstone layer with great porosity. Having to seal this sandstone layer drives the cost of a dam dramatically, and once again is probably a long-term solution for the area. This area needs a regulating facility close to the water usage area and capacity at this time is secondary to having a simple regulating reservoir. A concern for the area is development in the Beaver Creek area. This are is behind a big, locked gate and therefore limited access is an issue. From what I can tell many individuals have brought trailers into the subdivision and tied into springs and creeks illegally and therefore decreased the flows that have historically come from the Beaver Creek area. If this area was monitored more closely then perhaps more flows would reach the Price River. Historically there has been great concern about flooding the railroad near the Emma Park area. Historical management has been to guess what Scofield is going to fill and release this water early so lower fish creek and white river do not peak at the same time and flood the railroad. Perhaps a regulating reservoir could be explored near the confluence of the lower Fish Creek and White River areas. The biggest problem in the area is the railroad, the next biggest problem is trying to find a location that will not affect the existing springs of Price and Helper Cities. Another option is to protect the railroad in order to lessen the risk of it flooding and therefore increasing the storage in Scofield. Hopefully all that makes sense? Once the regulating reservoir and pipelines for canals are complete perhaps the EIS could address the potions of increasing the capacity of the CC pond located near the top of the Price River Drainage. This is a great location for a small storage reservoir. Another option is increasing the capacity of Lower Gooseberry Reservoir. Again, not a lot of issues that are easily noticeable could come from increasing these capacities. I hope these thoughts make sense. I apologize they may not be expressed in detail and/or organizational fashion. They are simply some quick thoughts I have, and I hope you explore these options. Thank you for allowing the public to comment.
Rachel Edie	11/13/2020	Hello, While the reservoir and associated benefits for the people of Price as well as irrigators are clear I think there should also be aspects of the project to address actual water conservation. For example, increases in irrigation efficiency benefit the irrigators, but this will not save water for Price, the same amount of water will be diverted either way. The plan should also include ways to reduce water use within the city by changing green areas to be more water smart, incentivize new developments as well as established yards to reduce turfgrass. We should also think about more water-efficient appliances/households. A reservoir will increase our options as droughts and precip become more unpredictable. But we must address this in more dynamic ways.

		Thank you
Michelle Goldsmith	11/13/2020	It is my opinion that not enough has been done to get opinions from stake holders about this important study. My name is Michelle Goldsmith, and I am on the Helper City Council. I was made aware of the meeting Nov. 4 AFTER the public meeting that was held Oct. 29. The public meeting was held two weeks after the public comment time was opened. There was nothing about this on the usual Helper City avenues of information dispensing. Since Helper is in the middle of the study area, more should be done to get opinions of its citizens. During the presentation, the mayor of Price gave a comment. I heard nothing from the mayors of Helper or Wellington. Is the community of Scofield aware of this? It was mentioned that this was for Carbon County, but the study area only includes part of Carbon County. Do the County Commissioners have a part in this? In addition, when I have personally provided input about other environmental projects, This format is different, so I am wondering about what will happen to the comments that I give here? Is this about Garley Wash? I have a few concerns about the project. My understanding was the geology is not good for this project. I have heard that a politician and a businessman bought up acreage there in anticipation of making a profit by selling the land to the government. The GIS shows a businessman owning large tracts of land in the area. How will the proposal affect the citizens of Helper? At this time it is my opinion that nothing be done. There are too many unanswered questions. There is too little input from stakeholders. Until the above questions are answered, and citizens informed of the proposal and its consequences good and bad nothing should be done.

Appendix A: Agency Scoping Meeting Attendance

Name	Agency
Derek Hamilton	NRCS
Norm Evenstad	NRCS
Wayne Urie	NRCS
Mayor Michael Kourianos	Price City
Miles Nelson	Price City
Russell Seeley	
Carolyn Gleason	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Jerrad Goodell	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Karl Ivory	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
Kegen Benson	Bureau of Land Management, Price Field Office (BLM)
TJ Cook	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR)
Ron Torgerson	Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)
Hollis Jencks	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Stan Jorgensen	Horrocks Engineers, Consultant PM
Peter Steele	Horrocks Engineers, Environmental Team
Duke Richardson	Horrocks Engineers, Public Involvement Team
Mendy Magistro	Horrocks Engineers, Public Involvement Team
Molly Betebenner	Horrocks Engineers, Public Involvement Team

Appendix B: Agency Scoping Meeting Advertisement

The following agencies and stakeholders were sent an Agency Scoping Notice via mail on Oct. 7 and Oct. 14, 2020.

Agency Stakeholders

U.S. Forest Service - Manti-La Sal (USFS)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA)
Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC)
Utah Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Utah Department of Natural Resources - Southeastern Region (DNR)
Utah Division of Water Rights (Dam Safety)
Utah Division of Water Resources (DWR)
Utah Geological Survey (UGS)
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR)
Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments (SEUALG)
Seven County Infrastructure Coalition
Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF)
Utah Department of Environmental Quality (EPA)
Utah Department of Transportation, Region 4 (UDOT)
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (OGM)
Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)
Carbon Water Conservancy District
Price River Water Improvement District (Municipal Water) (PRWID)
Price River Watershed Water Conservation District
Price City Mayor

Agency Scoping Notice

AGENCY SCOPING NOTICE

STUDY INFORMATION

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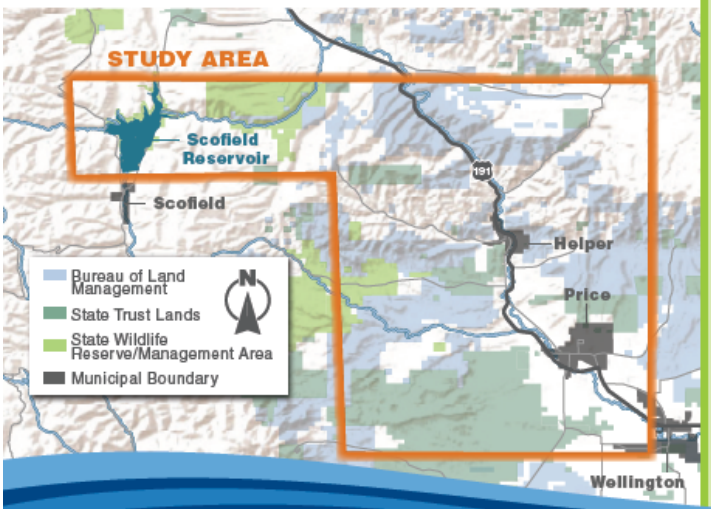
Contáctenos si necesita esta información en Español.



ONLINE AGENCY MEETING

Agencies are invited to participate in an online meeting to learn about the Plan-EIS process, ask questions and submit comments.

DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020

TIME: 2 - 3:30 p.m.

How to Join the Meeting:
If you would like to participate in the online agency meeting, please send an email to Info@UpperPriceRiverEIS.com. You will receive an email response with the Zoom link and instructions on how to join the meeting.

HOW TO PROVIDE OFFICIAL WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments may be submitted starting on Oct. 15, 2020, using the following methods:

Mail comments to:
Upper Price River EIS
c/o Horrocks Engineers
2162 W. Grove Pkwy., Suite 400
Pleasant Grove, UT 84062

Send an email to:
Info@UpperPriceRiverEIS.com

Visit the study website at:
www.UpperPriceRiverEIS.com

In-person location:
Comment forms will be available at Price City Hall at 185 E. Main St.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact a study representative for questions or additional information.

PHONE: 435-922-3882
EMAIL: Info@UpperPriceRiverEIS.com
WEBSITE: www.UpperPriceRiverEIS.com

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Appendix C: Agency Scoping Meeting Materials

WELCOME

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

AGENCY SCOPING MEETING

Upper Price River Watershed Plan-EIS

Oct. 21, 2020

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Present information about the study and NEPA process.
- Invite agencies to participate.
- Review One Federal Decision standards.

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AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Study Overview
3. Purpose and Need
4. Potential Improvements
5. One Federal Decision
6. NEPA Process and Schedule
7. Questions and Comments
8. Public Scoping Meeting
9. Next Steps

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NRCS WATERSHED PROGRAM

- PL-566 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program
- Provides technical and financial assistance to project sponsors (states, local governments and Tribes)
- Assists with planning and implementation of authorized watershed projects

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STUDY OVERVIEW

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with assistance from Price City (project sponsor), is considering needs and potential improvements within the Upper Price River Watershed to:

- **Increase and maintain safe and reliable water supplies for the community**
- **Encourage water conservation**
- **Improve water delivery efficiency**

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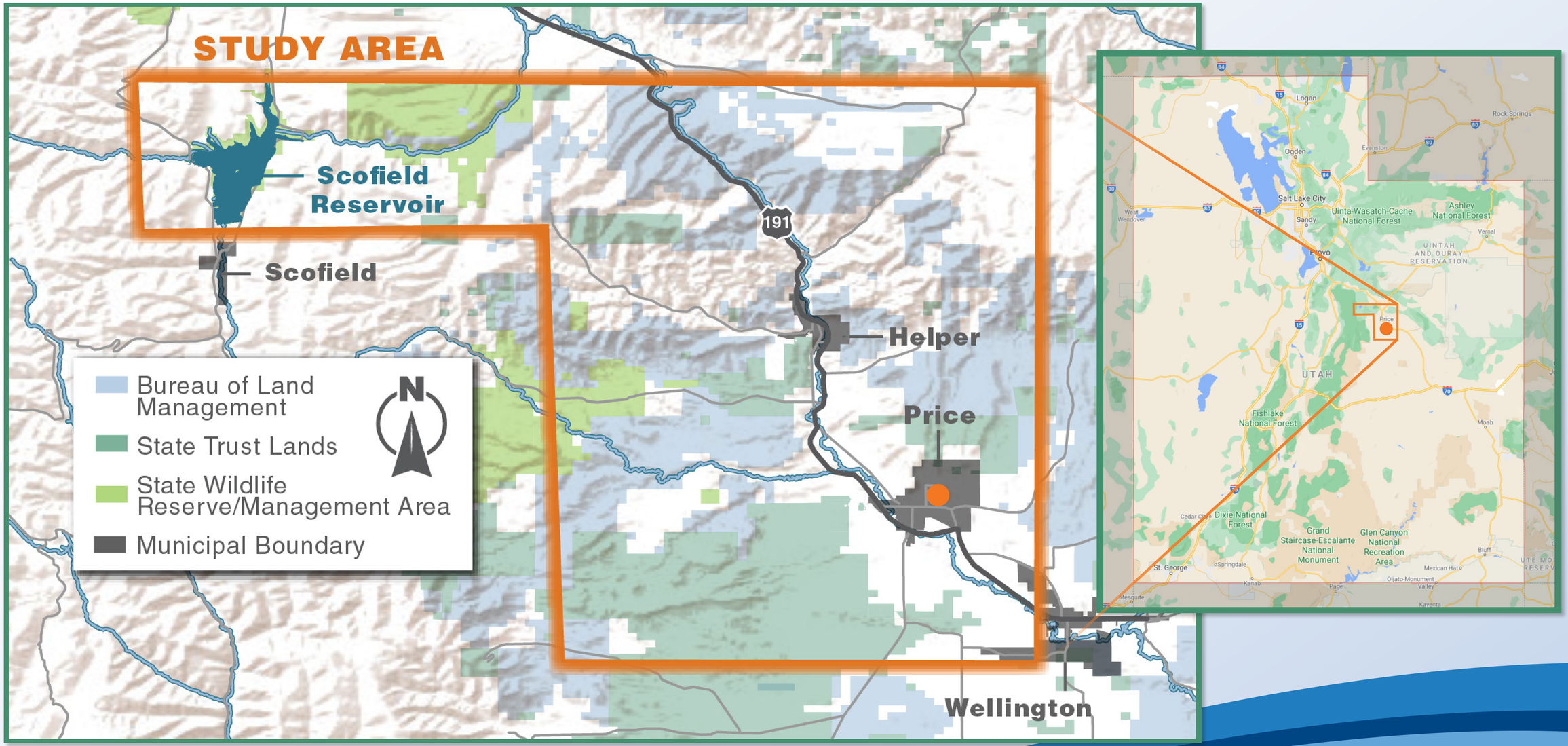
STUDY AREA



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IDENTIFY PURPOSE & NEED

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

A Purpose and Need Statement will be developed and include information gathered during the Scoping Phase.

The following preliminary needs have been identified:

- Limited water resources, especially in the late summer
- Lack of facilities required for water conservation measures
- Future growth in Carbon County

Based on these needs, the following purposes have been identified for the project:

- Provide clean and reliable water sources for current and future needs in Carbon County
- Enable increased water conservation in the watershed

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POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES	STORAGE	CONSERVATION	DELIVERY
Line or pipe canals		*	*
Revise water usage guidelines		*	
Develop water usage education		*	
Repurpose abandoned mine shaft	*		
Increase storage capacity of existing reservoirs	*		
Construct new reservoir	*		
Construct new canal or pipeline			*
Pressurize existing systems			*
No Action			

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ONE FEDERAL DECISION

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

Requirements:

- Develop a single review/permitting timetable or schedule
- Prepare a single EIS
- Sign a single Record of Decision (ROD)

Goal:

- Goal to reduce the average time to complete EIS to not more than two years from publication of the NOI

Three Concurrence Points:

- Purpose and Need
- Alternatives Analysis to be carried forward for detailed analysis
- Identified Preferred Alternative

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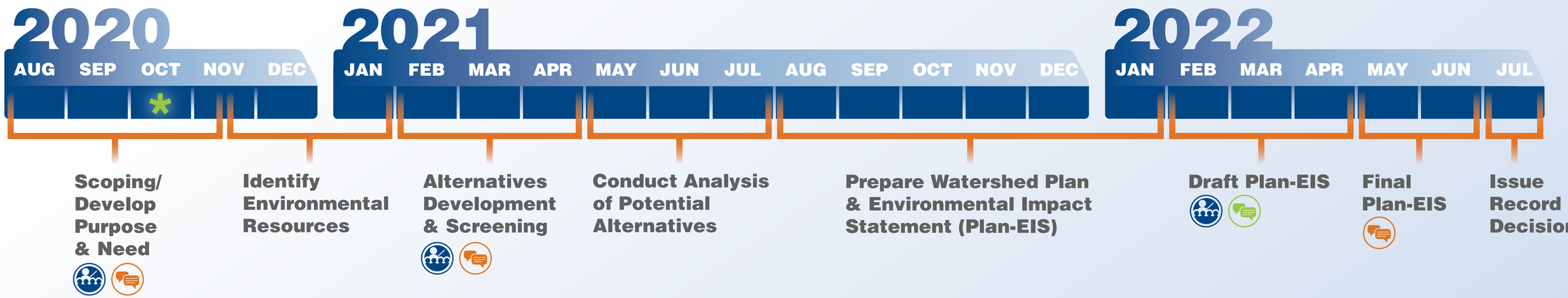
SCHEDULE & NEPA PROCESS

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS



* We Are Here | Public Meeting | 30-Day Comment Period | 45-Day Comment Period

NEPA is process driven meaning this schedule is approximate and subject to change.

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QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

Visit www.UpperPriceRiverEIS.com for info on joining the public meeting.

ONLINE PUBLIC MEETING

The public is invited to participate in an online meeting to learn about the environmental study process, ask questions and learn how to submit comments.

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020

TIME: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

How to Join the Meeting: A link to join the meeting will be available on this website at 5:15 p.m., 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

ZOOM MEETING LINK WILL BE HERE

Note: This meeting will be recorded and posted on the study website to access after the meeting.

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NEXT STEPS

- **Ongoing Coordination**
- **Reach out at any time if you have questions or comments:**

435-922-3882

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Appendix D: Agency Scoping Meeting Stakeholder Comments

Agency Scoping Meeting Minutes

Purpose & Need

- This is what we have identified so far.
- We'll continue to update these as we move through the Scoping process and gather more information.

Potential Improvements

- These are very conceptual at the moment to give an idea of what types of solutions we are looking into.
- Further evaluation will happen as we gather more info during Scoping.

Scoping Phase

- Because Price City has been looking at these needs for a long time, the public tends to jump automatically to alternatives.
- We need to understand the Purpose & Need first before we can develop alternatives.

One Federal Decision

- This program strives to get everyone to come to the table and agree on the decision made.
- Goal is to streamline this process to two years.
    - This is two years from Notice of Intent (NOI) publication.
    - This is an ambitious goal for a project of this scope.

Major Agency Concurrence Points

- We will plan to reach out for a formal update meeting at three major points during the study.
    - Purpose & Need (today's meeting)
    - Alternatives Analysis
    - Identified Preferred Alternative
- We will also set up a monthly meeting with this group to ensure that we are coordinating regularly.
    - Doodle Poll link will be sent to coordinate date and time.

Questions / Comments

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Hollis)
    - Wants to be sure to identify aquatic resources that could be jurisdictional early on in the process.
- Bureau of Land Management (Jerrad)
    - Excited for the potential improvements to:
        - Conservation
        - Water use
        - Water quality
        - Added value to the Price River

        - Stream quantities
        - Benefits to endangered fish
    - Also working on Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Lower Price River:
        - Olsen Reservoir–Lower Price River Small Watershed Project
        - Aims to maintain minimal flow
- Bureau of Land Management, Price Office (Kegen)
    - There are sensitive plants and threatened and endangered species that could potentially be affected for good or bad in the study area.
    - Bureau of Land Management needs the shape file of the study area to start identifying these environmental resources.
    - Peter Steele and Kegen will coordinate on the shape file access.
- Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (TJ)
    - No concerns at this point.
    - Excited to stay in the loop and participate in meetings moving forward.
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Carolyn)
    - Establishing an estimated water budget for the river is important.
    - Need to identify water users.
    - Finding out what the current water usage numbers are versus the available supply and releasing that info to the agencies (in a unified place) and the public would be helpful.
- Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (Ron)
    - Please send any notices and meeting invites to Ron at the Richfield office, rather than the Salt Lake City office.
    - They will support the program however needed.
    - Provided his email and mailing address

<u>Cooperating Agency Status</u>

- Please be aware that the study team will be reaching out to get concurrence from your resource-specific staff.
- We will ensure that everyone is on board so that we are all covered when we get to the end of the process.

<u>Public Scoping Meeting</u>

- Zoom Webinar | Thursday, Oct. 29, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- All info on how to join is available at our study website, www.UpperPriceRiverEIS.com.

<u>Email Update List</u>

- We will send out email blasts at key milestones to everyone on our study email list.
- Everyone from today's meeting will be added to receive updates.

<u>Future Coordination Meetings</u>

- We will send out a Doodle poll to determine the best date and time for monthly meetings.

- We can plan to use Microsoft Teams moving forward to accommodate the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Final Thoughts from NRCS

- We have our eyes and ears open to any and all feedback.
- We want to take all needs into consideration from the public, agencies, governments, etc.

Price River Watershed Conservation District Letter

Price River Watershed Conservation District

1090 N Des Bee Dove Road, Castle Dale, UT 84513 - Phone (435) 381-2300 ex 101
Chairman: Bill Butcher, Vice Chairman: Jake Pressett, Treasurer: Jenifer Stansfield, Supervisors: Scott Thayn, Kale Kotner
Clerk Shelley Barton

November 10, 2020

Upper Price River EIS
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Upper Price River Watershed Plan EIS

The Price River Watershed Conservation District (PRWCD) would like to express its support of the Upper Price River Watershed Plan EIS.

The Price River Watershed Conservation District works to manage, restore and protect our natural resources. This will be a great benefit to the local and surrounding areas. The potential for a reservoir to be constructed and piping of the open canals and ditches will greatly increase water quantity for the local farmers and agriculture producers. It will also provide water that is much needed during times of drought which are becoming more frequent in this area.

The Carbon County Resource Needs Assessment lists additional water storage and installation of pressurized irrigation pipelines as resource concerns that are needed in the area.
The Price River Watershed Coordinated Management Plan identifies, water retention, lack of storage capacity and infrastructure as resource concerns. With the need for a lower reservoir and piping open canals as projects.

Sincerely

William Butcher, Chairman
Price River Watershed Conservation District

Price River Watershed Conservation District is legally classified as a limited purpose local government entity and a political subdivision of the State of Utah (Title 17D – Chapter 03).

The Nature Conservancy Letter

The Nature Conservancy
Protecting nature. Preserving life.

The Nature Conservancy
Moab Project Office
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Moab, UT 84532

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nature.org

November 15, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments during the scoping phase for the Upper Price River Watershed Plan and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS).

The Nature Conservancy (Conservancy) is a non-profit organization with a mission to protect the lands and waters upon which all life depends. The Conservancy is the world's largest conservation organization, with approximately one million members. Working with public and private partners across the country and around the globe, the Conservancy has helped protect more than 119 million acres of land and thousands of miles of rivers worldwide. We have been active in Utah for over 30 years with conservation projects throughout the State, and the completion of 225 conservation projects and the protection of more than one million acres of public and private land. The Conservancy's Utah programs are supported by more than 5,700 members, 800 volunteers and an active board of 25 business and civic leaders.

We have been working in the Price River watershed since 2015 to find innovative solutions that advance water security for our communities, farms, and the environment. In 2017 and 2018 we assisted farmers with applications for the System Conservation Pilot Program to test methods of saving water that could be part of a drought contingency plan in the Upper Basin of the Colorado River. In 2019, we signed a water management agreement with the Carbon Canal Company that will enhance flows for several rare fish species in the Price River and also upgrade water management structures to prevent flooding and allow for more efficient delivery to water users.

Proceeding from this background, our top issue with respect to the EIS is the maintenance of key ecological and biological resources. The most important resources of this type to be maintained or enhanced in the EIS are: (1) special-status plant and animal species (i.e., listed T or E, and Sensitive); (2) freshwater systems such as perennial streams and river segments, including both the quantity and quality of their waters; (3) rare or underrepresented ecological communities such as high-quality

migrants. These resources may be maintained or enhanced through the following methods which should be considered in the EIS.

- Research to understand environmental flow needs followed by setting base flows or fish pools to ensure the Price River remains a productive fisheries.
- Acquisition of conservation easements from willing sellers at fair market value to protect wetlands and agriculture.
- Improving water diversions in the Price River watershed including but not limited to fish passage, measuring devices, etc.
- Additional water transactions (agreements, leases, sales, water banks etc.) that benefit the agricultural community, municipalities and the environment.
- System and irrigation improvements that create more efficient use of water and opportunities to recover water for the environment.

Thank you for considering these scoping comments during your process to complete the Upper Price River Watershed Plan and EIS. The Nature Conservancy looks forward to working constructively with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Horrocks Engineers, the Price River Watershed Council, Price City, and other partners throughout this planning process.

Sincerely,

Susan Bellagamba

Susan Bellagamba
Canyonlands Regional Director

CC: Megan Nelson, TNC, External Affairs Associate

Appendix E: Public Scoping Meeting Attendance

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Alan Atkins
Amy Jepersen
Bill Butcher
Boyd
Brad Price
Brandon Horrocks
Carolyn Gleason
Cianna Wyshnytzky
Dave Child
Collette Child
Dave Dillman
David Verdi
Gary Scow
Gary Bingham
Gordon
Jaylene Mahleres
Jenifer Stansfield
Jenna Jorgensen
Jerrad Goodell
Jonathan Johansen
Layne Miller
Katie Kourianos
Kirt
Larry Jensen
Leslie Warta
Lowell Gardner
Matthew Phillippi
Ricky Anderson
Shaundra Rushton
Ryan S. Jones
Samuel
Sherrie Gordon
Slate Steward
Stephanie
Steven Price
Timothy Kennedy
TJ Cook
Tom Moore
Traci Bishop
Wayne Urie
Brent Butler
Russell Seeley
Beau Hunter
Mendy Magistro
Peter Steele
Stan Jorgensen
Mayor Kourianos
Ryan Pitts
Duke Richardson
Molly Betebenner
Norm Evenstad
Derek Hamilton

Appendix F: Public Scoping Meeting Advertisement

Radio Ad Content | Oct. 19, 2020 – Oct. 29, 2020

Hi, this is Price City Mayor Michael Kourianos. Water is a precious resource here in Price and in Carbon County as a whole.

Price City and the NRCS have teamed up on the Upper Price River Watershed environmental study to ensure we are using our water as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Join us for an online Public Meeting Thursday, October 29, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to learn about the study and how to get involved.

Visit UpperPriceRiverEIS.com for more information.

SCOPING NOTICE

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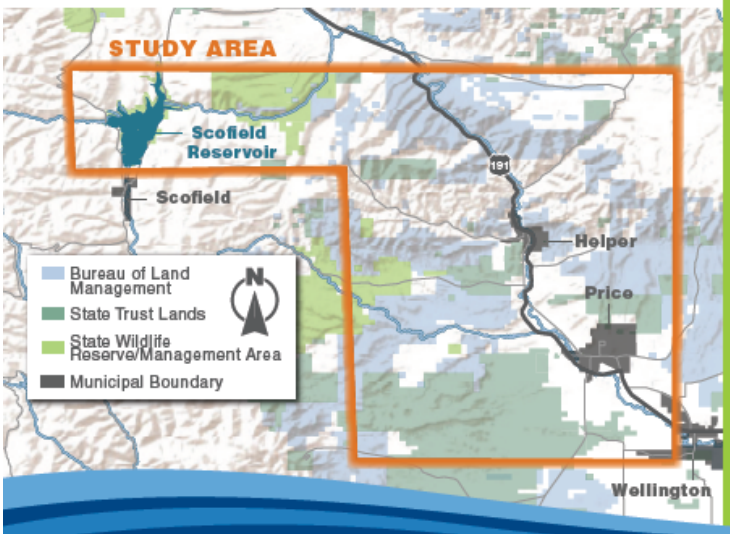

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

The following stakeholders were sent a Public Scoping Notice via mail or email on Oct. 13, 2020.

Name	Organization
Nathan Anderson	Union Pacific
	Carbon Water Conservancy District
	Allred Ditch Company
	Bryner-Hansen Ditch Company
	Bryner-Ploutz Ditch Company
	Carbon Canal Company
	Gay Ditch Company
	O'Berto Ditch
	Pioneer Ditch Co. No. 1
	Pioneer Water Co. No. 2
	Price River Water Improvement District (Municipal Water)
Bill Butcher	Price River Water User's Association
Dale Mathis	Price River Watershed Water Conservation District
	Price Water Company
	Spring Glen Canal Company
	Stowell Mutual Water & Canal Co.
	Wellington Canal Company
	Price-Wellington Canal
Larry Jensen	Carbon County
Curtis Page	Carbon County
Mike Kourianos	Price City
Lenise Peterman	Helper City
Paula Noyes	Wellington
Tracy Howard	Carbon Country Club
Jordan Nielson	Trout Unlimited
Karl F Kraync, Jr.	Crandall Canyon (landowner)
Reed Martineau	Crandall Canyon - C-Canyon LC (landowner)
Dorrell Barker	Carbon County Farm Bureau
	The Nature Conservancy
Greg Marsing	Price River Water Resources Committee
Russell Seeley	Price River Water Resources Committee
Bill Butcher	Price River Water Resources Committee
Bob DalPonte	Price River Water Resources Committee
Cheryl Lupo	Price River Water Resources Committee
Gary Harwood	Price River Water Resources Committee
Gary Taylor	Price River Water Resources Committee
Jeff Richens	Price River Water Resources Committee
Jon Richens	Price River Water Resources Committee

Jordan Nielson	Price River Water Resources Committee
Keith Grogan	Price River Water Resources Committee
Kevin Cotner	Price River Water Resources Committee
Pete Kilborne	Price River Water Resources Committee
Larry Jensen	Price River Water Resources Committee
Sam Brown	Price River Water Resources Committee
Miles Nelson	Price River Water Resources Committee

In-person Comment Location in Price City Hall – Oct. 14, 2020

Garley Canyon Neighborhood Notification Email – Oct. 13, 2020

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Is this neighborhood meeting something you'd be interested in attending?
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Looking forward to speaking with you!
Public Involvement Team

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Plan-EIS Study Team
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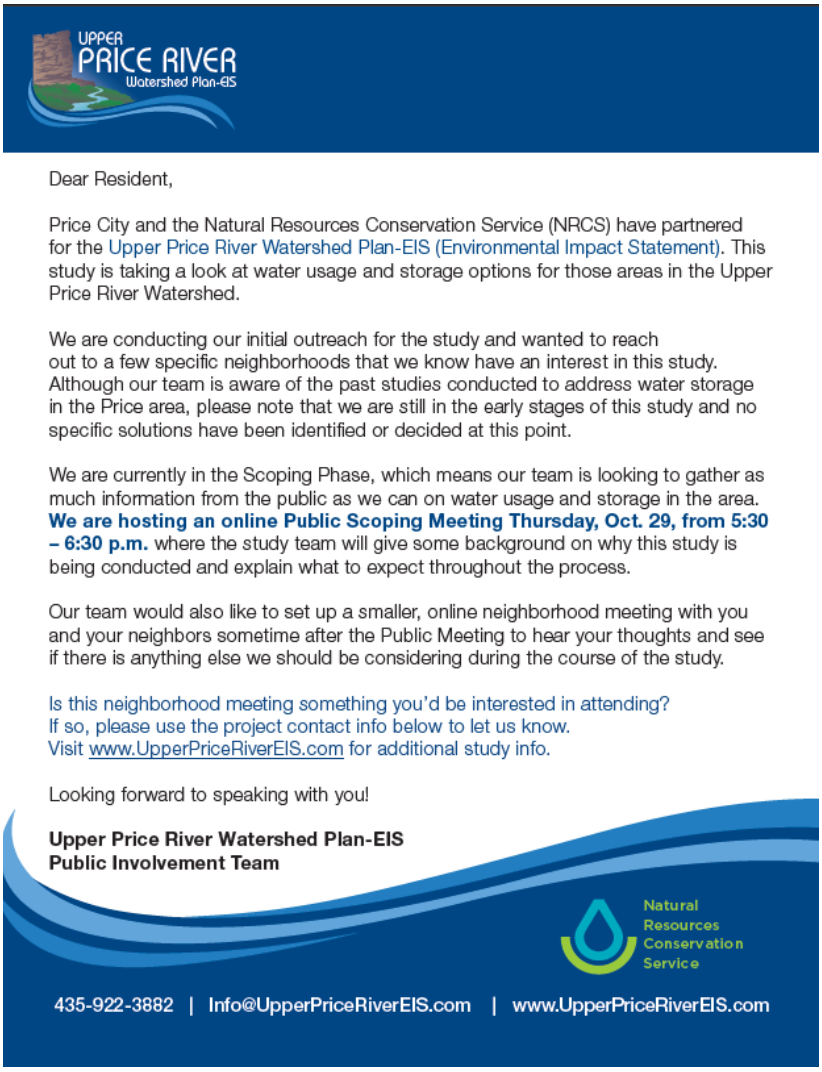

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Legal Notice – Oct. 15, 2020

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD
Upper Price River Watershed Plan-EIS

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If you have questions about the Plan-EIS document or the public scoping meeting, or if you are interested in receiving email updates throughout the Plan-EIS process, please contact a study team representative by calling 435-922-3882, sending an email to Info@UpperPriceRiverEIS.com, or visiting www.UpperPriceRiverEIS.com.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) or language translation services during this meeting should notify the study team at the contact information listed above at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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Stakeholder Database Email Blasts
Oct. 15, 2020

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ONLINE PUBLIC MEETING

The Upper Price River Watershed Plan-Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) study team invites you to participate in an online meeting to learn about the environmental study process, ask questions and learn how to submit comments.

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THE OFFICIAL COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE SCOPING PHASE BEGINS TODAY, OCT. 15, 2020. LEARN HOW TO COMMENT BELOW

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Oct. 22, 2020

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Oct. 28, 2020

ONLINE PUBLIC MEETING TOMORROW

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Social Media

Carbon County Facebook – Oct. 19 and Nov. 9, 2020

Carbon County Utah
October 19 at 8:44 AM ·

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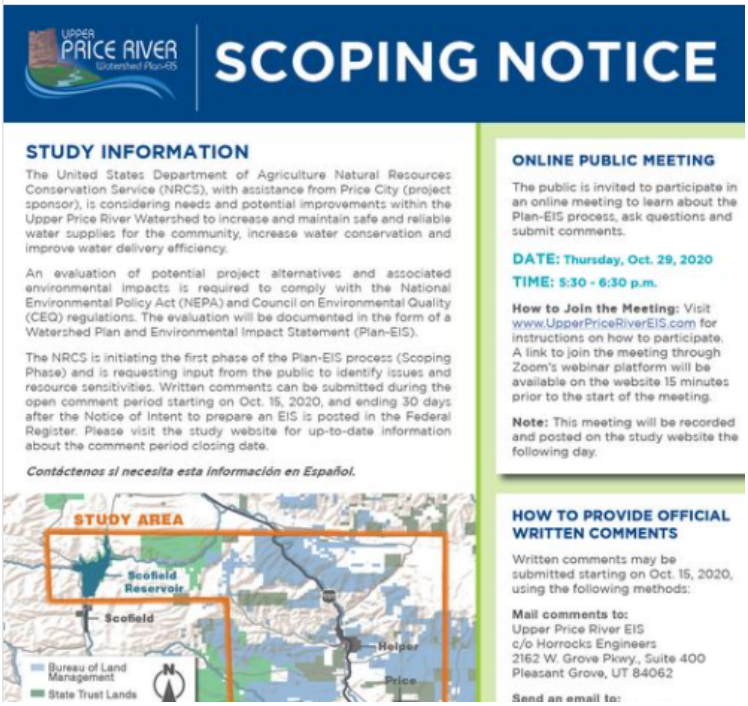

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Rodney Wilde
We need secondary water pipe throughout the county!

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NRCS Twitter – Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Oct. 28, 2020

NRCS Utah
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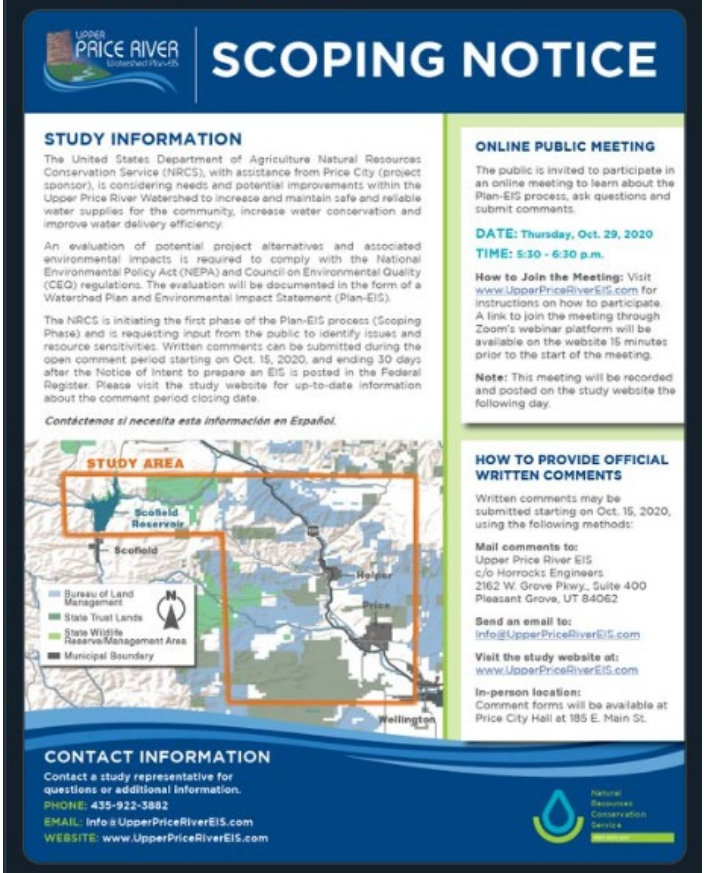

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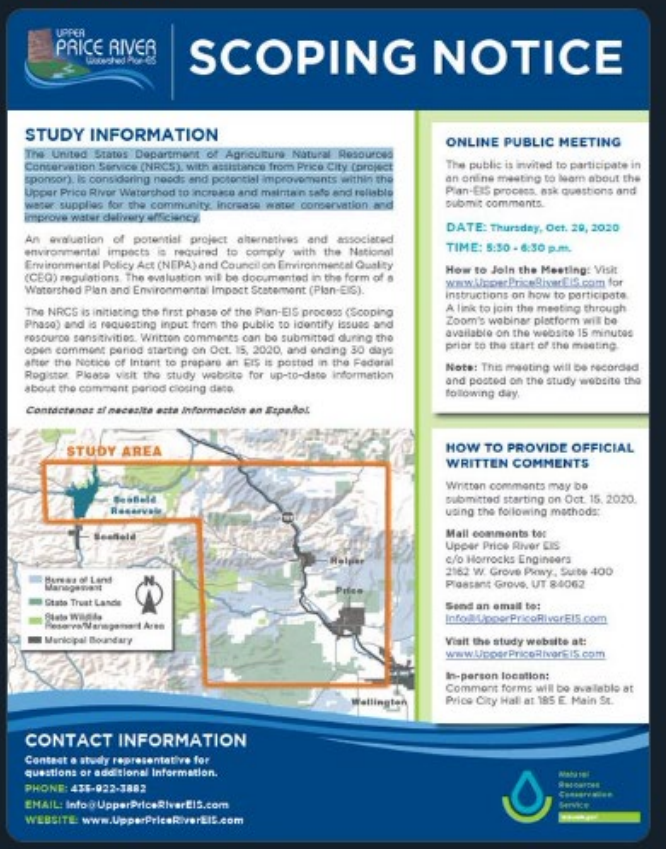

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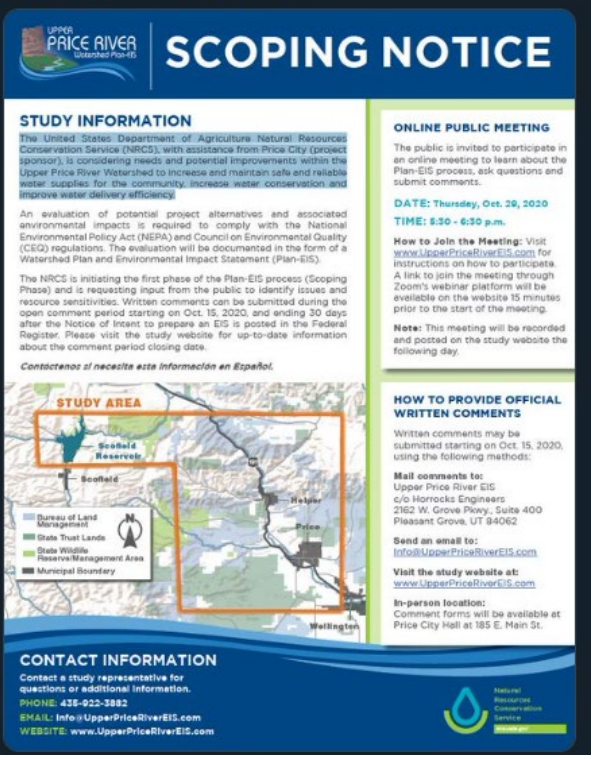

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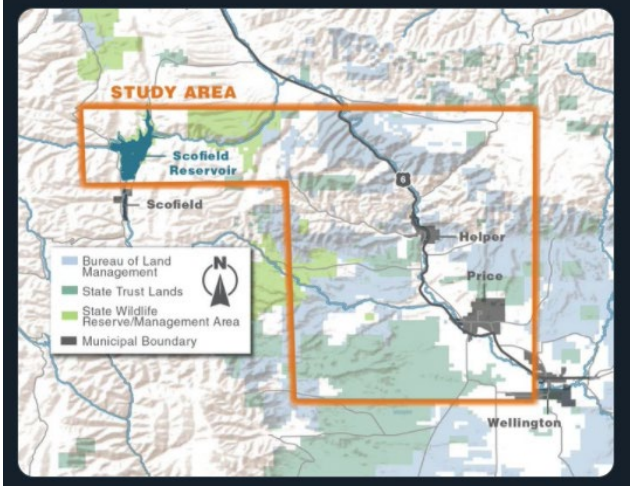

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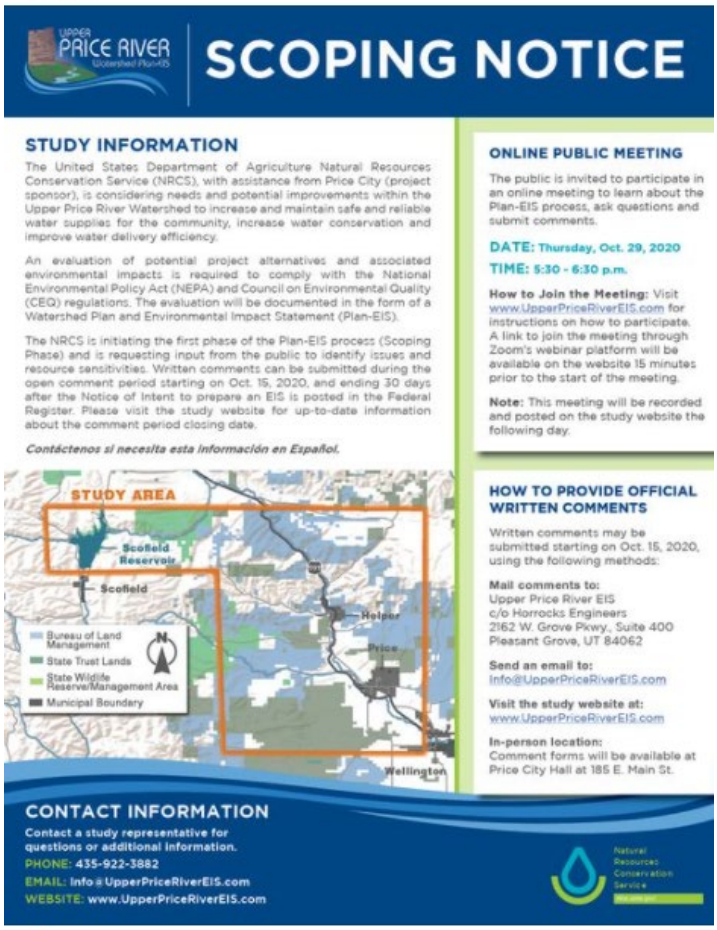

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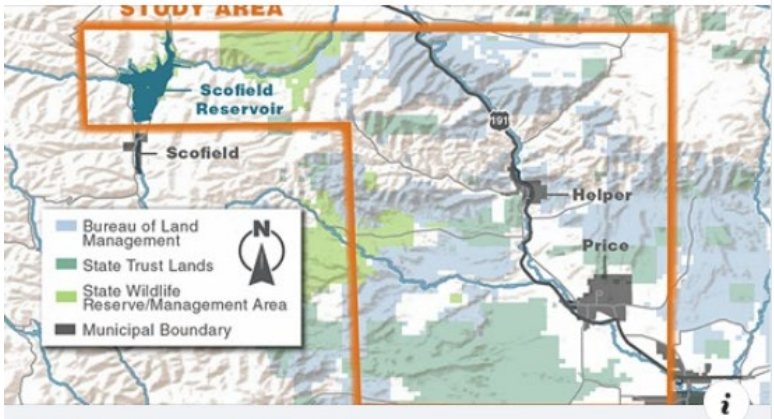

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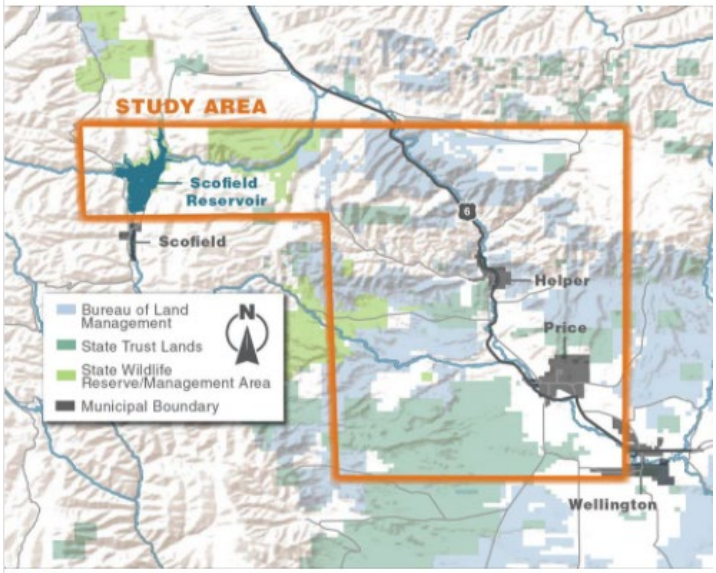

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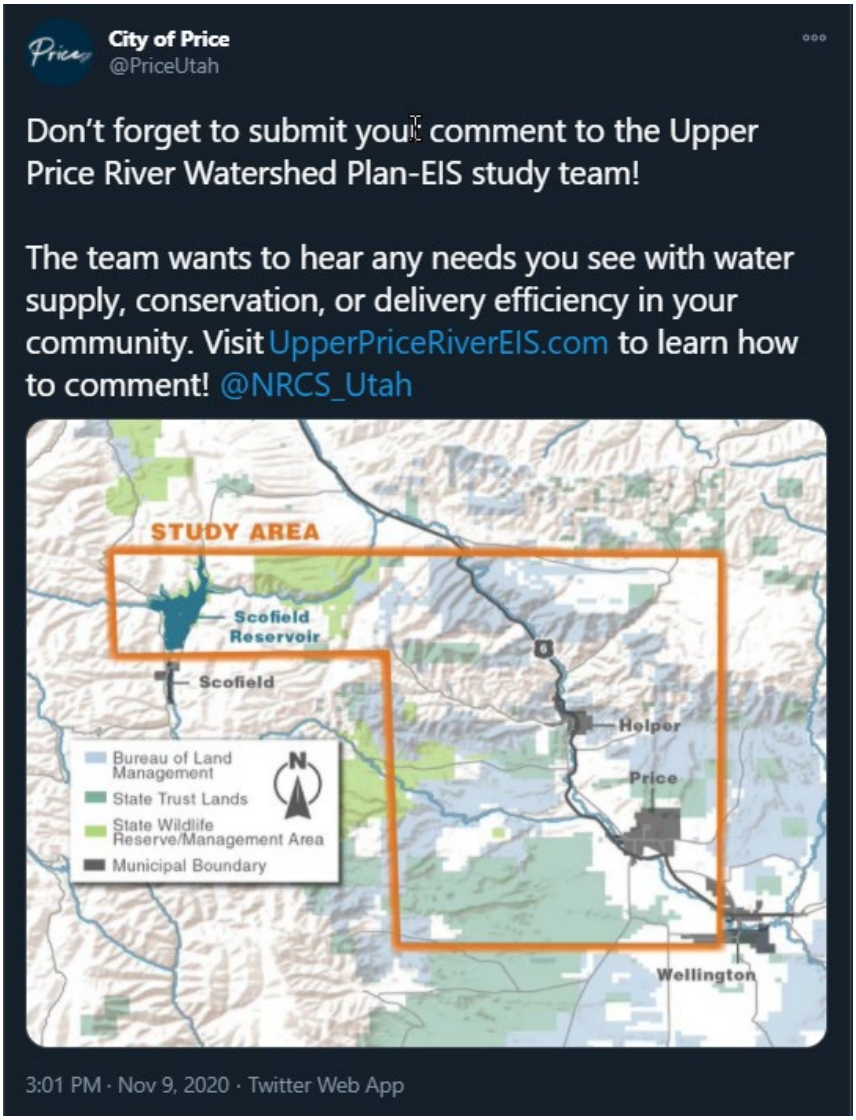

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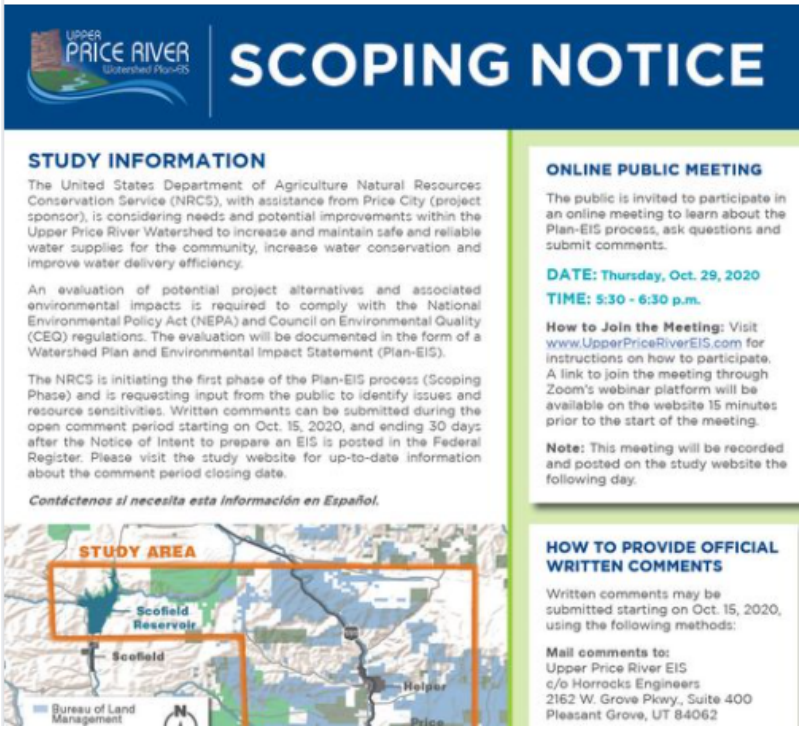

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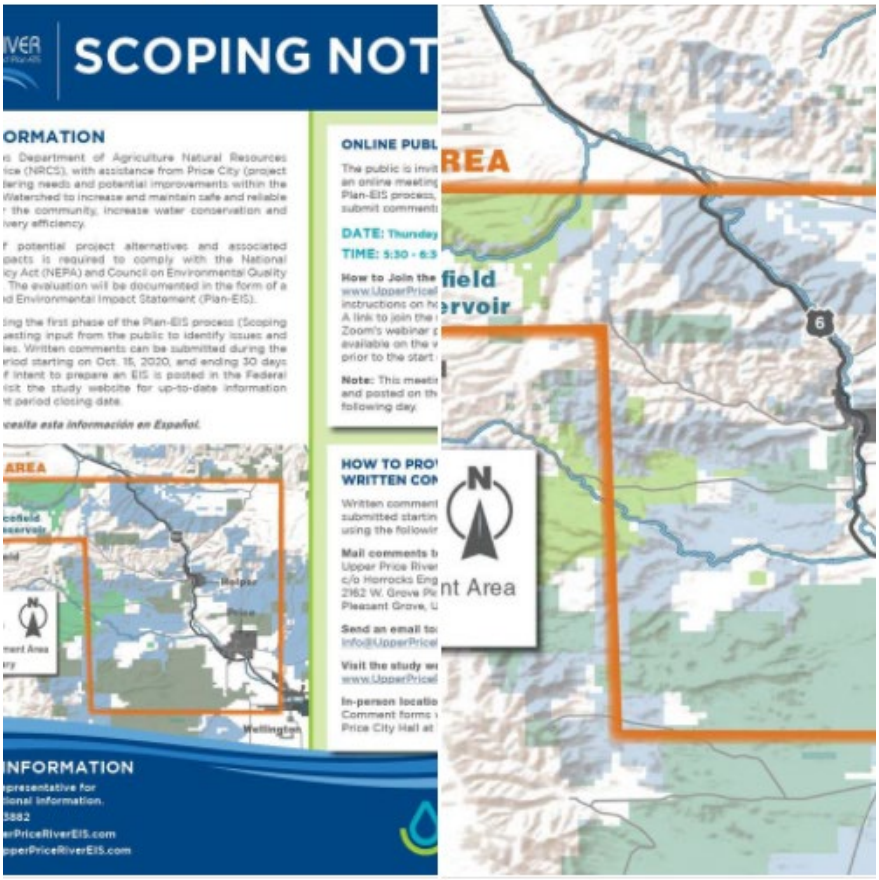

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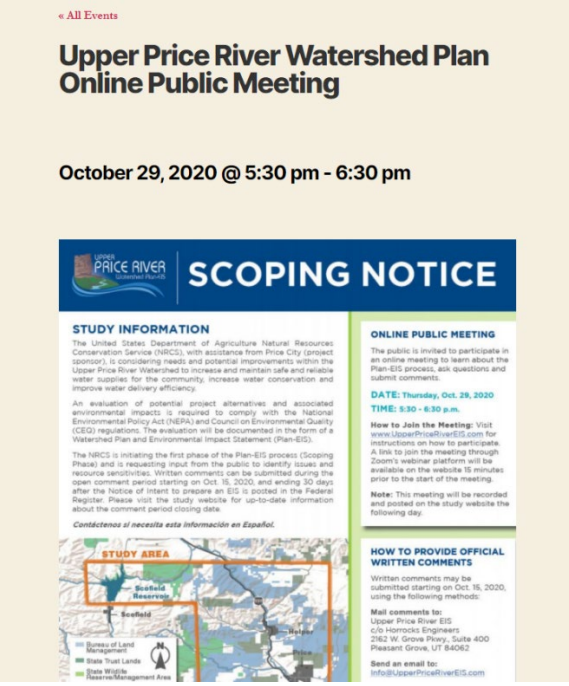

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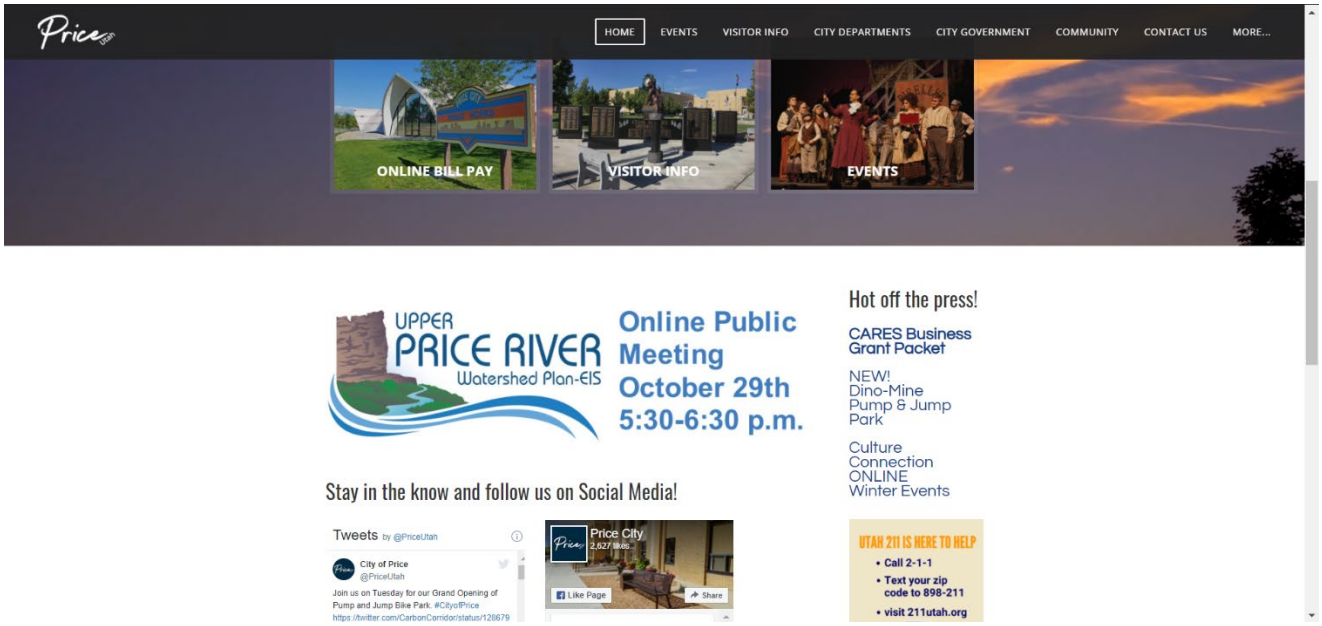

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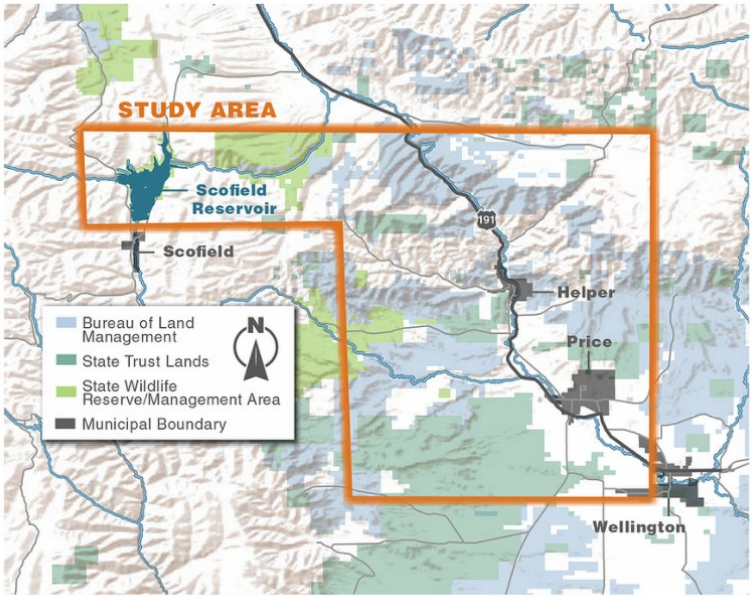
October 23, 2020 · Traci Bishop



Needs and potential improvements within the Upper Price River Watershed are being considered through a partnership of two entities.

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improve water delivery efficiency.

In order to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, an evaluation of potential project alternatives, as well as associated environmental impacts, is required.

NRCS has explained that this evaluation will be documented in the form of a Watershed Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, also known as a Plan-EIS.

The NRCS plans to initiate the first phase of the Plan-EIS process, the Scoping Phase, and is requesting input from the public in order to identify issues and resource sensitivities. Written comments may be submitted during the open comment period, which began on Oct. 15 and will end 30 days after the Notice of Intent.

Written comments may be submitted one of three ways. The first is to mail comments to Upper Price River EIS c/o Horrocks Engineers, 2162 W. Grove Pkwy., Suite 400, Pleasant Grove, Utah, 84062.

The second way to submit a written comment is to email it to either Info@UpperPriceRiverEIS.com or by visiting the study website by clicking here. The website will also provide up-to-date information about the comment period closing date.

Finally, comments may also be submitted in-person. Comment forms will be available at the Price City Hall, which is located at 185 East Main Street.

The public is invited to participate in the online meeting to learn about the Plan-EIS process, ask questions and submit comments. This will take place on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 5:30 p.m. Those interested in joining may visit the aforementioned website for instructions. The link will be provided 15 minutes prior to the meeting beginning.

Those that will not be able to attend the meeting will have another opportunity, as it will be recorded and posted on the study website the following day. Those with further questions may contact a representative of NRCS at (435) 922-3882.

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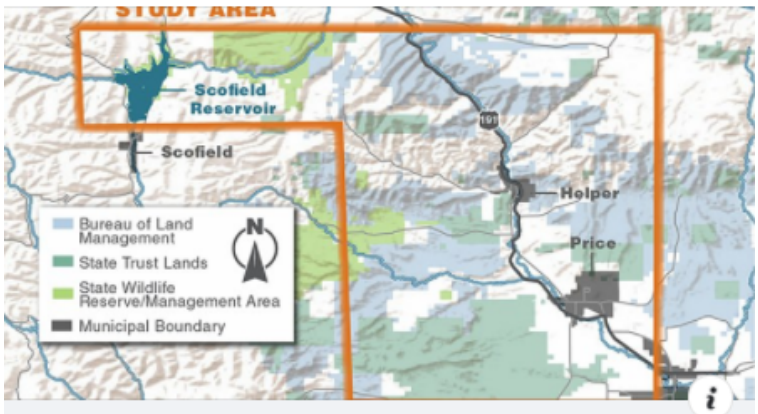

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Roy Lee Wheeler Jr.
settleing ponds at bottom of irrigated fields, instead of discharging strait into river, reduce fertilizer and pesticide contamination, maybe someday trout will survive below helper

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Dean Stacy
Roy Lee Wheeler Jr. things that you mention here are exactly what the Colorado River Salinity Control Act has been addressing for about the last 25 years. Increasing irrigation efficiency by going from flood to sprinklers is one of the main ways to accomplish this. If interested contact the local NRCS office at 637-0041.

Oct. 31, 2020

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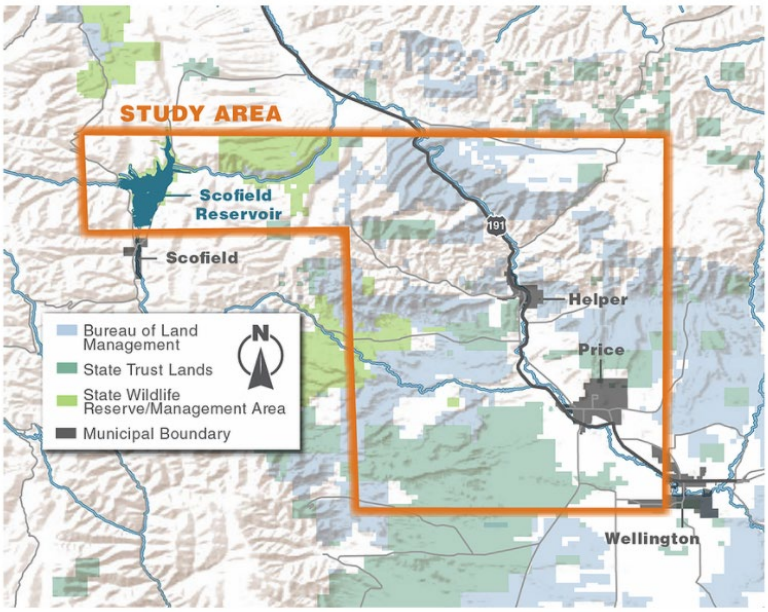

The public scoping meeting for the Upper Price River Watershed Plan-EIS took place virtually on Thursday evening. This meeting served to invite the public to the process and receive comments and questions.

Mendy Magistro with the Public Involvement Team began the evening by welcoming all and thanking them for taking their time to join online and learn about the study. She stated that the meeting would begin with a presentation and then transfer to a question and answer session.

There were representatives from the study team that moderated the Q&A session as well as led the presentation. Furthermore, Miles Nelson with Price City Public Works was in attendance, along with representatives of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Price City Mayor Mike Kourianos, representatives from the Public Involvement and Environmental Team and other Price City faces.

Mayor Mike Kourianos then took time to welcome everyone to the scoping meeting and said that it was with honor to be there representing the council, himself and the citizens of the community in the process.

The mayor continued by stating that he is appreciative of the NRCS in helping with the process and ensuring that the community is coming together, listening and working to voice their concerns. He said that they are attempting to be transparent and everyone's voice is important in the process.

The time was then turned to Stan Jorgensen, who stated that he was happy and excited to be present. He wished to go through a number of slides to give basic background information and stated the NRCS is the lead federal agency for the study. Jorgensen said the NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to various types of project sponsors and assists with the planning and implementation of authorized projects.

Some examples of approved projects are flood prevention, damage reduction, rural water supplies, erosion and sediment control. Others are wildlife enhancement and increasing recreation opportunities.

He stated that this particular project is also known as the PL-566 program. The main goal is to increase and maintain safe and reliable water supplies for the community, encourage water conservation and improve the water delivery efficiency. Jorgensen then showed and explained the study area.

He said that a purpose and needs statement will identify the problem trying to be solved and the goals to be addressed. Jorgensen then spoke on the environmental resources, such as noise and cultural resources. There is a need to identify what resources are present in the study area. Then, potential improvements such as line or pipe canals, water usage education and more were shown.

Finally, topics such as the schedule were discussed and it was stated that the NEPA process is planned to span into 2022. Following this, the question and answer portion was open. Questions posed were ones such as if the study would look at other locations and how many sites would be reviewed.

Those that missed the meeting but would still like to view it may do so by clicking here.

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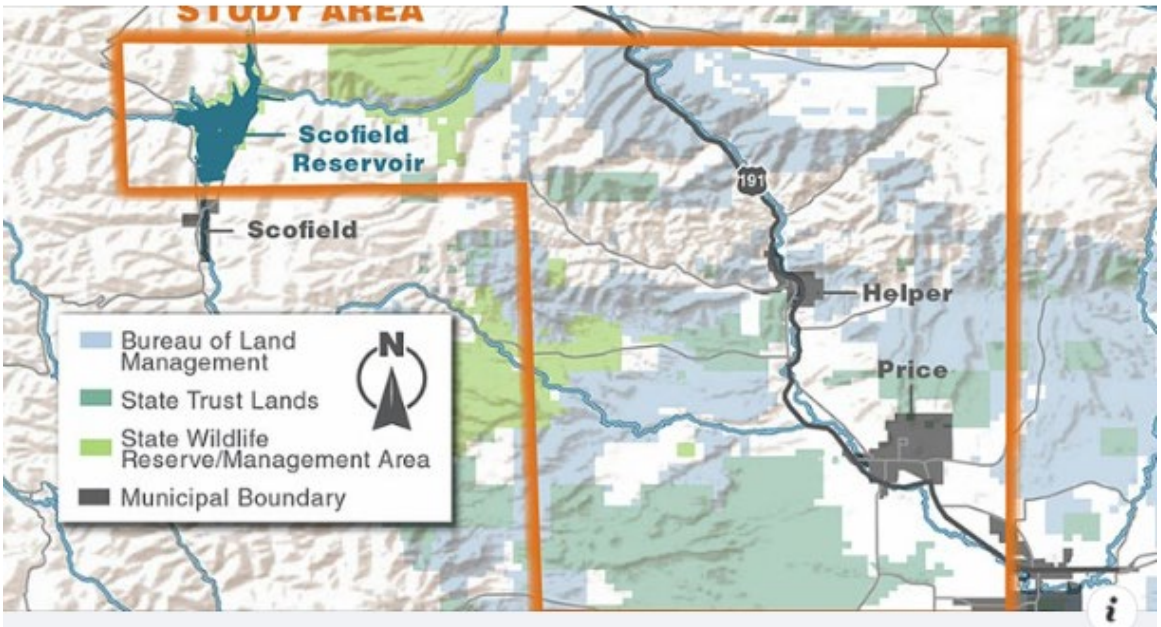

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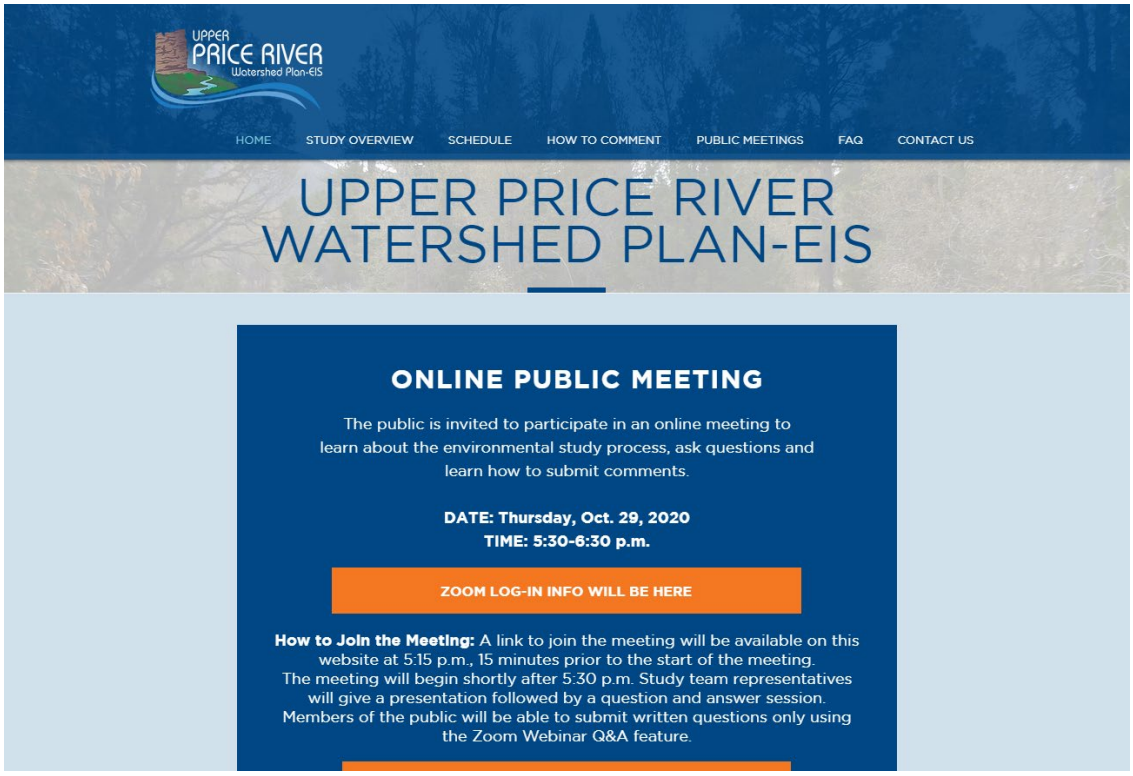

Appendix G: Public Scoping Meeting Materials

WELCOME

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Upper Price River Watershed Plan-EIS

Oct. 29, 2020

The meeting will begin shortly after 5:30 p.m. to allow participants time to join the Zoom webinar. Please visit the study website homepage at www.UpperPriceRiverEIS.com, and sign in with your name, email and phone number, so that we can document attendance and provide future correspondence throughout the study.

To submit questions, click on the Q&A button below. Our study team will be monitoring the questions and will answer as many as possible following the presentation.

Please note, this event is being recorded and will be available for viewing at www.UpperPriceRiverEIS.com.

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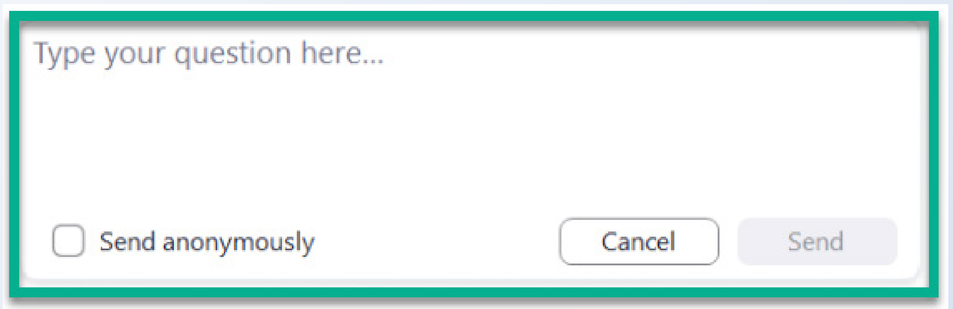
Q&A

1. TO SUBMIT A QUESTION:

Click on the Q&A button at the bottom of the screen

Type questions in the Q&A window



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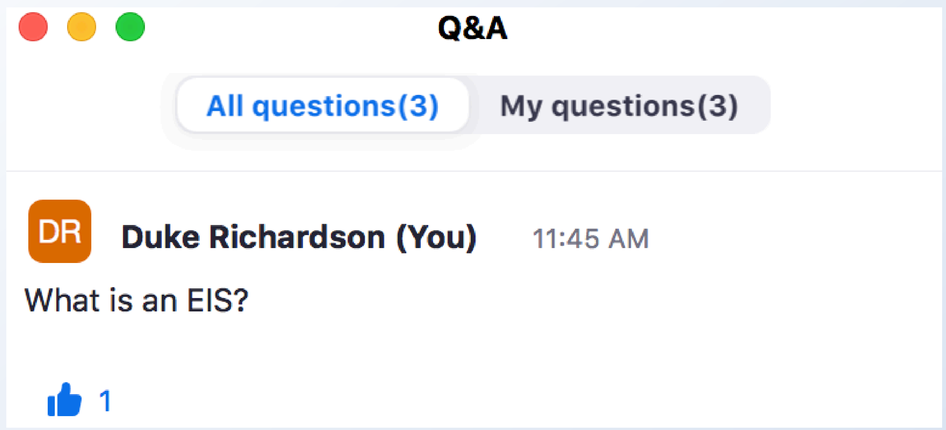

This helps us to know how many people have the same question.

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WELCOME

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

Upper Price River Watershed Plan-EIS

Oct. 29, 2020

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Inform the community about the study and NEPA process.
- Invite the public to participate.
- Encourage feedback related to water resource needs and environmental concerns within the study area.

Please note, this event is being recorded and will be available for viewing at www.UpperPriceRiverEIS.com.

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PRESENTERS & PANELISTS

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

PANELISTS

PRESENTERS

Mayor Michael Kourianos
Price City Mayor

Stan Jorgensen
Consultant Project Manager

Mendy Magistro
Public Involvement Lead

Russell Seeley
DEQ Southeast District Engineer

Miles Nelson
Price City Public Works Director

Ryan Pitts
Environmental Lead

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Mayor Michael Kourianos

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NRCS WATERSHED PROGRAM

- PL-566 Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program
- Provides technical and financial assistance to project sponsors (states, local governments and Tribes)
- Assists with planning and implementation of authorized watershed projects

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WATER USES

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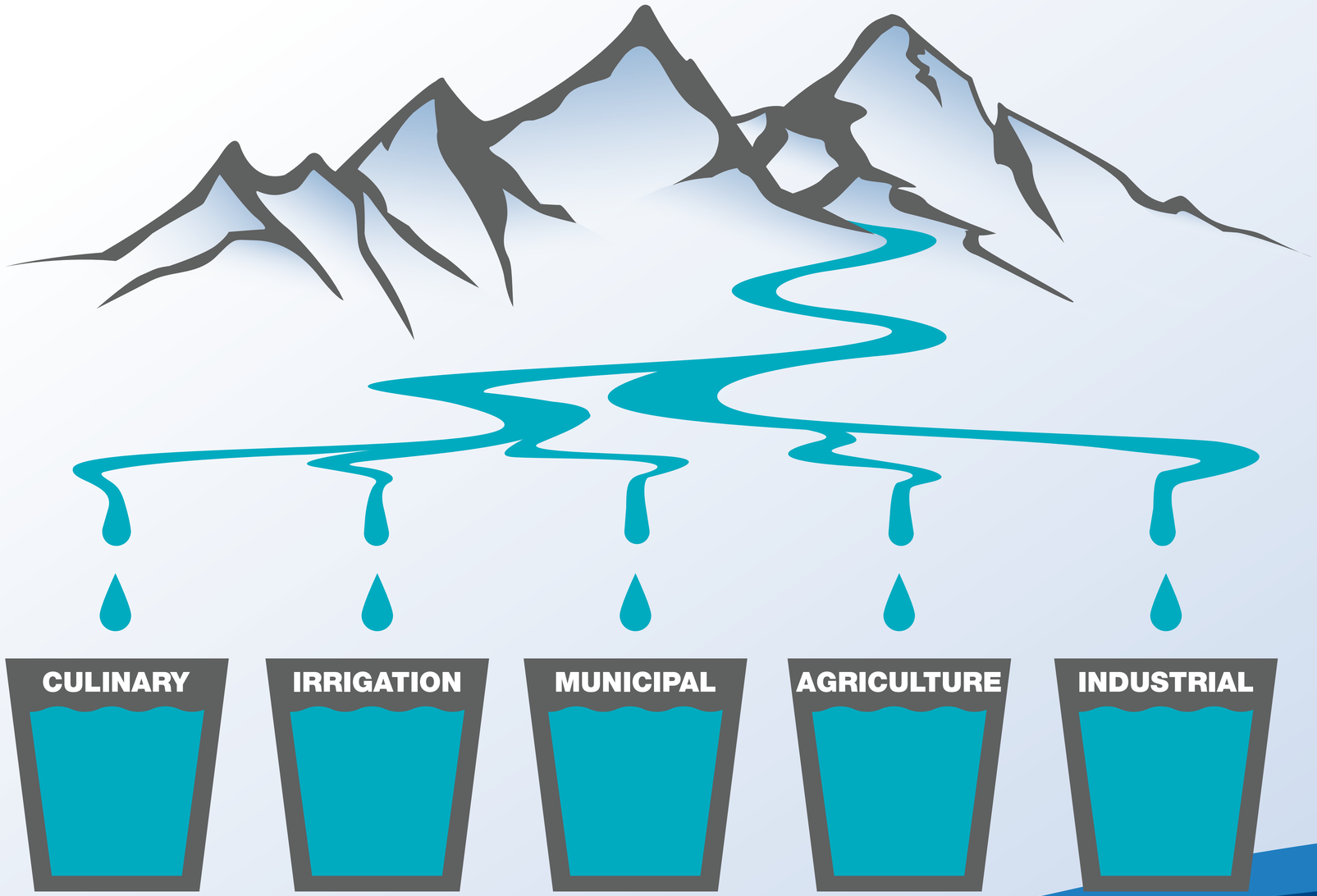

STUDY OVERVIEW

The United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), with assistance from Price City (project sponsor), is considering needs and potential improvements within the Upper Price River Watershed to:

- **Increase and maintain safe and reliable water supplies for the community**
- **Encourage water conservation**
- **Improve water delivery efficiency**

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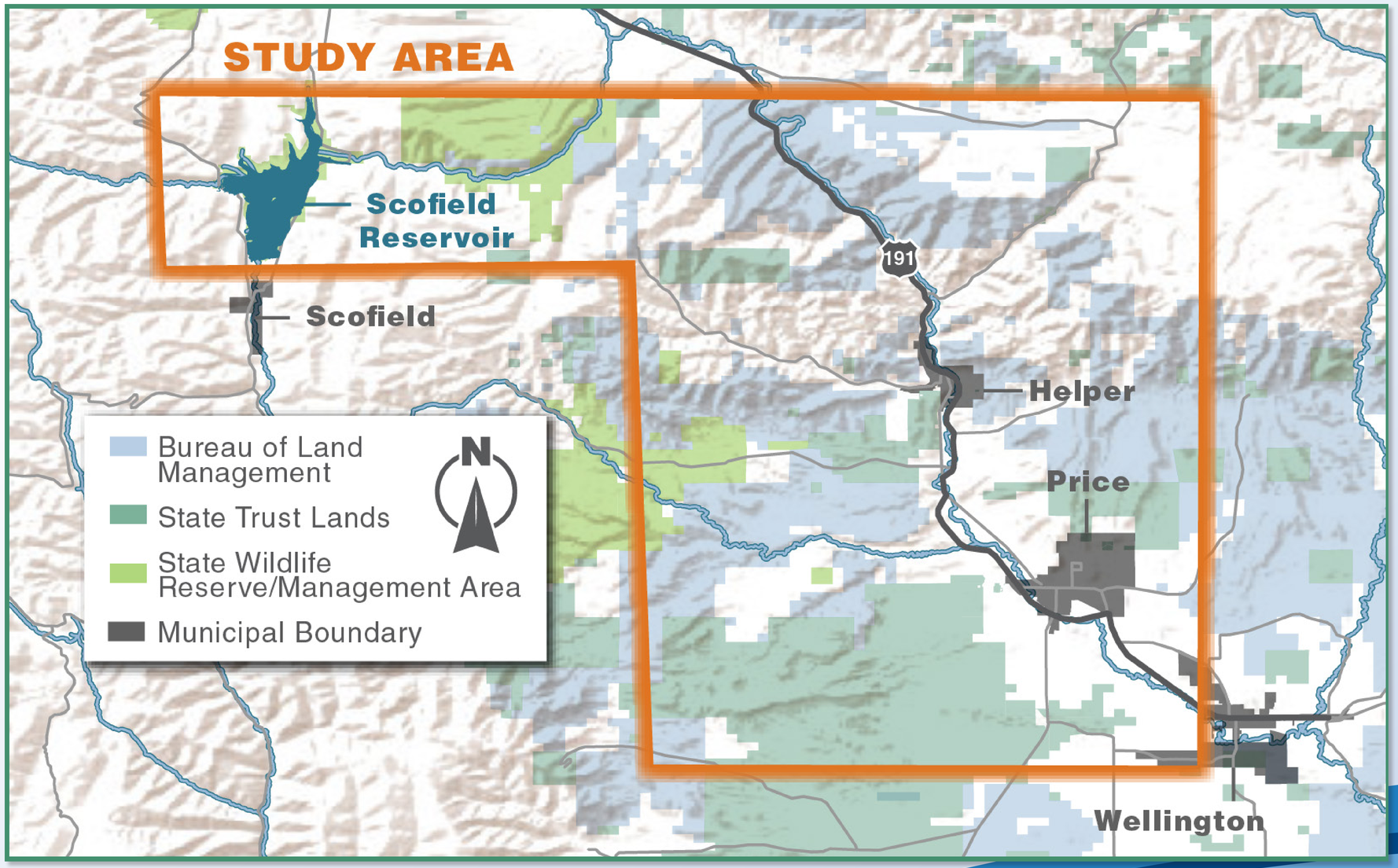
STUDY AREA



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IDENTIFY PURPOSE & NEED

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

A Purpose and Need Statement will be developed and include information gathered during the Scoping Phase.

The following preliminary needs have been identified:

- Limited water resources, especially in the late summer
- Lack of facilities required for water conservation measures
- Future growth in Carbon County

Based on these needs, the following purposes have been identified for the project:

- Provide clean and reliable water sources for current and future needs Carbon County
- Enable increased water conservation in the watershed

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ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

- Water Resources
- Water Quality
- Wetlands and Other Waters of the U.S.
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Wildlife
- Hazardous Waste
- Historic Properties
- Land Use
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Right-of-Way/Property Impacts
- Cultural Resources
- Social
- Environmental Justice
- Economic Conditions
- Cultural Resources
- Visual and Aesthetic
- Potential Construction Impacts
- Parks and Recreation Areas
- Cumulative Effects

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POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES	STORAGE	CONSERVATION	DELIVERY
Line or pipe canals		*	*
Revise water usage guidelines		*	
Develop water usage education		*	
Repurpose abandoned mine shaft	*		
Increase storage capacity of existing reservoirs	*		
Construct new reservoir	*		
Construct new canal or pipeline			*
Pressurize existing systems			*
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SCHEDULE & NEPA PROCESS

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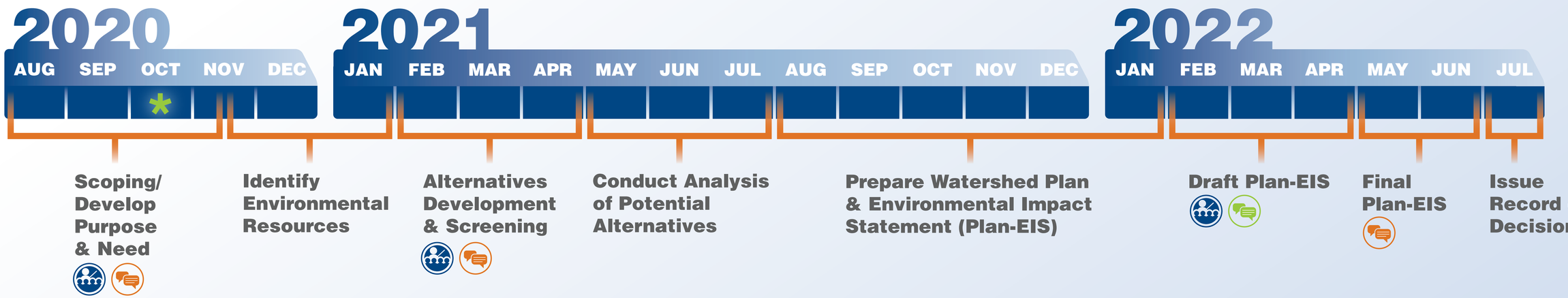

* We Are Here | Public Meeting | 30-Day Comment Period | 45-Day Comment Period

NEPA is process driven meaning this schedule is approximate and subject to change.

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PARTICIPATING IN THE PROCESS

UPPER PRICE RIVER Watershed Plan-EIS

Public participation is an important part of NEPA and will help guide the decision making process.

Other factors that play a key role in determining solutions are:

- **Engineering standards**
- **Water resources data**
- **Environmental resources impacts**
- **Economic Analysis**
- **Coordination with key governmental and environmental agencies**

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HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Upper Price River Watershed Plan-EIS

Submit official written comments using the following methods:

1. MAIL COMMENTS TO:

Upper Price River EIS
c/o Horrocks Engineers
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Pleasant Grove, UT 84062

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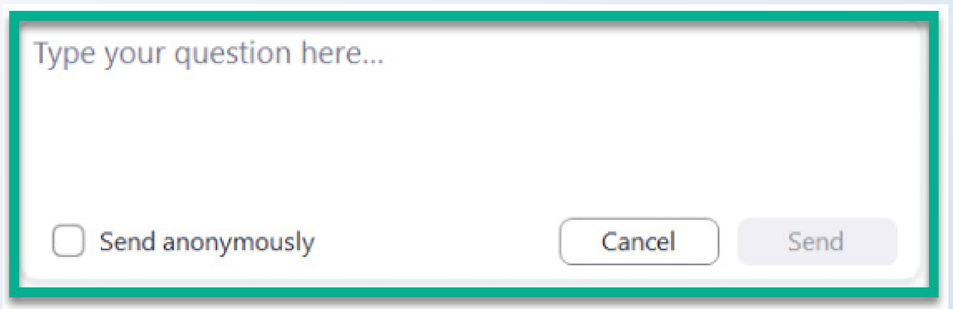

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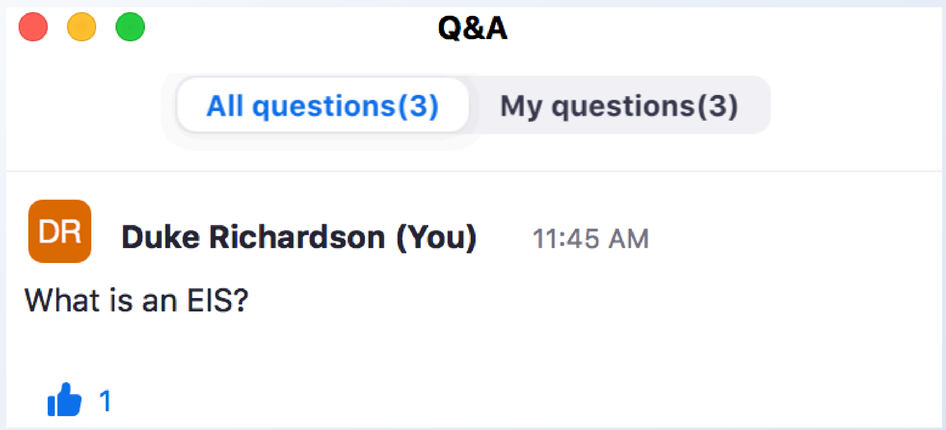

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Appendix H: Public Scoping Meeting Comments and Responses

Public Scoping Meeting Informal Comments

1. Is this study going to look at other areas to put a reservoir other than Garley? (Dave & Collette Child)
    a. Answered live.

2. I signed in fine with only an e-mail address. (Bill Butcher)
    a. Beau: Thanks Bill!

3. Did Stan say the river follows 191? How familiar is he with this area? – David Verdi
    a. Peter: The Study team includes members from Carbon County as well as other parts of Utah. We are working to gather information on local concerns and issues and encourage you to provide us comments on anything you think we should know.

4. What is meant by "revise water usage"? (Samuel)
    a. Answered live.

5. How many sites are being considered? (Sherrie Gordon)
    a. Answered live.

6. Hi Mendy, it looks like there is a problem with the sign in feature on the website. It seems to want only a very specific format for phone numbers and addresses, and it will not let you submit it until you get it into the exact unspecified format. (Carolyn Gleason)
    a. Beau: Thanks for the feedback. You can email us the information and we will add it to our stakeholder database to keep you informed throughout the study.

7. How was this meeting advertised? (Dave & Collette Child)
    a. Duke: Hi Dave & Collette – this meeting was advertised with radio ads on KOAL and AJB Broadcast radio stations, social media on local government accounts (Price City, Helper, etc.), a feature on Price City's website, a story by ETV News, email blasts, and in-person ads at Price City Hall.
    b. Beau: Please call or email us with ideas or suggestions to better advertise future meetings throughout the community.

8. How many people are in attendance today? (Dave & Collette Child)
    a. Duke: There are 40 members of the public in attendance today, in addition to the 12 members of the study team.
    b. Ryan: Right now, we are showing 51 participants.
    c. Beau: Approximately 40 individuals are logged into Zoom, but it looks like some may have multiple participants connected through one computer.

9. How much water does a dam leak? (Sherrie Gordon)
    a. Answered live.

10. How many acre feet of water does the current location and design for the Garley Reservoir contain? (Gary)
    a. Answered live.

11. Is there any consideration taken regarding building a dam two miles from a residential area? (Sherrie Gordon)
    a. Answered live.

12. Has Willow Creek been considered for a reservoir? (Gordon)
    a. Answered live.

13. Due to high silt content of the Price River, how long would it be until the current plan for Garley fills up with silt? Will there be settling basins or other methods to prevent this? (Kirt)
    a. Answered live.

14. It would be less than a mile from homes. (Stephanie)
    a. Answered live.

15. The homes were there first as well. (Stephanie)
    a. Answered live.

16. Where is the funding going to come from if there is a reservoir constructed? Would a property tax increase be an option? (Dave & Collette Child)
    a. Answered live.

17. If this does go forward, will it be useable for recreation…like fishing, boating, etc.? Or will it fluctuate too much for this to be possible? (Kirt)
    a. Answered live.

18. We would appreciate a neighborhood meeting Thank you! (Sherrie G.)
    a. Beau: Let's do it! Let us know what format, date and time works for you and we will get it on the calendar.

19. It is actually ¼ mile from our neighborhood. (Dave & Collette Child)
    a. Answered live.

20. We know that the majority of people who live in Carbon County are not even aware of this project. (Dave & Collette Child)
    a. Beau: What can we do better to get the word out?

21. Price has water rights, but that amount is not being stored elsewhere in the watershed now. Meaning that “allotment” is just going down stream right now, correct? (Steven Price)
    a. Answered live.

22. We can discuss this later (Dave & Collette Child)
    a. Hi Dave & Collette – Please send us an email (info@UpperPriceRiverEIS.com) with your contact information so that we can follow up. Thank you!

23. As of right now, who is the owner and taking responsibility for this project? (Dave & Collette Child)
    a. Answered live.

24. Has Price City ever been close to running out of water? (Amy Jespersen)
    a. Unable to answer during meeting.

Appendix I: Stakeholder Meeting Minutes

Individual PRWRC Stakeholder Meetings

Bob DalPonte (Golf Course Residents) – Sep. 10, 2020

- Neighborhood is opposed to having a dam above their neighborhood, they want to find another solution.
- They feel like we are just going to try and convince them that that is the best solution.
- Potential risk and danger of having a dam so close by.
- They don't feel the studies have been thorough up to this point / they don't agree with the results of the previous studies.
- Who is going to pay for it? Will it come out of their taxes? Will their taxes increase?
- They will provide comment and have meetings, but they fear we won't listen to their comments and concerns.
- Mentioned an abandoned mine in Price Canyon to potentially use those to store more water.
- Mendy offered to set up a neighborhood meeting.
- Bob didn't think it would be received well by the neighborhood.
- Bob is willing to help us with outreach in any way he can.

Jeff Richens (Price River Water Improvement District, PRWID) – Sept. 25, 2020

- Jeff Richens expressed a desire to look at conservation.

Cheryl Lupo (Spring Glen Area) – Sept. 28, 2020

- Concerned about who is going to pay for the alternative selected.
- Wondered if there is truly a water need.

Sam Brown (Wellington Area) & **Pete Kilborne** (Price Area) – Oct. 2, 2020

- Gave a presentation on water storage in a coal mine.
- They want to give this presentation to the group later on during the alternatives phase of the project.

Gary Harwood (Helper City) – Oct. 5, 2020

- Wanted to ensure the alternative selected is in the best location possible.
- Questions:
- How will Helper be benefited?
- Will the potential alternative reduce river flow and impact their budding kayaking business in Helper?

Bill Butcher (Price River Water Users Association) – Oct. 5, 2020

- There are high flows in the springtime that could be stored and used to Price's advantage to avoid running out of irrigation water.
- Questions:
- What is it going to cost for whatever solution? Who is going to pay for it? Will there be a tax increase?
- How will this help our community?
- Bill put together a presentation on Water Rights coordination for this project.

Larry Jensen (Carbon County Commission) – Nov. 16, 2020

- Carbon County has no options to help pay for whatever alternative is selected.
    - Unless there was significant benefit to the county as a whole.
    - Possible payment option: additional tax from the Water Conservancy District.
- A dam seems like the most reasonable option.
    - Garley Residents are concerned as past studies have pointed to that location.
- Mine Storage
    - Mine in the Price Canyon area that claims to have the equivalent of Scofield Reservoir in stored water but that it potentially has arsenic problems.
    - Willow Creek Mine – shut down for hydrocarbon problems.
    - Cost of electricity for pumping out of underground storage needs to be considered.
- Larry was involved in the drilling of wells in Emma Park area.
    - Wasn't enough water to do anything with those wells.
    - Might have the capacity to hold some aquifers.
- The shale underneath the valley floor will give us salty water if we try and store water underneath for storage.
- Larry agrees there is a need for storage.
    - Increasing our water supply strengthens our position moving forward as a county to encourage businesses / industries to choose Carbon County.

Keith Grogan (Price/Wellington Canal) – Nov. 17, 2020

- Need to work toward saving water and piping canals.
    - We are using a lot more water than necessary in the canals.
    - Wellington Canals are already piped.
- Main issue is that agriculture is using too much water.
    - With a complete system (control reservoir, piping of both big canals), we could do with 40% less water.
- Keith has heard that money is the issue.
    - If we are able to save water, we could use that to sell and pay for part of the project.
    - Wants to look bigger than government money and explore other options.
- We have to go bigger to satisfy agricultural needs. Anything smaller than 10,000-acre feet would mean the Canals would not want any part in the project.
    - Price City can't do this on their own, without the support of the canals.
    - 7,500-acre feet could also potentially work.
- Perception at the Public Scoping Meeting was that this is a Price City project, and the canals may be invited to cooperate.
    - The board members watching were not happy.
- Once we finalize the EIS, we are locked in, so we need to be thinking about the long-term bigger picture.
    - This is a one-shot project, and we need to be sure we are benefiting as many people as possible.
- Both Keith and Bill Butcher feel that the study team has already made significant progress with the water users and they are excited to see what happens moving forward.

Jon Richens (Carbon Water Conservancy District) – Nov. 18, 2020

- Questions/concerns from the people in his networks:
    - Has Garley Wash already been identified as the choice location?
    - Where would the diversion from Price River come from?
    - Price City has water rights that come from the White River
        - How will the exchange work? We can't create water.
    - How will evaporation be handled in this new solution?
        - Right now, when irrigators call for water it takes 28 hours to get there.
        - That equates to a ~10% loss.
    - How is this going to be funded in the long term?
        - Increases in property tax have been a big fight in the area.
    - Is there really a need?
        - Some people say we have plenty of water.
        - Need to explain the situation of the water in the area so the public understands.
    - How will long term maintenance / operation be handled?
        - Weed abatement?
    - How would the recreation aspects work if that is an option?
        - Would this area become a state park?
        - Who is in charge of the boat ramps? How are those maintained?
    - Does a recreation component increase the potential funding for this project?
- Additional Outreach
    - Couldn't hurt to do a presentation at a County Commissioners meeting or have one of the commissioners give a plug.

Gary Taylor (Price Area) – Nov. 20, 2020

- Goal is to fully utilize and more efficiently utilize our water and come up with new water sources that don't rely on snowpack in the winter.
- The area is looking to increase economic development and all conversations come back to if we have enough water to handle the associated growth.
- There are a number of gas wells in Carbon and Emory County that pump out water so the gas can flow freely.
    - This water is put into ponds and evaporated or pumped into aquifers that are worse quality water than where the water came from.
    - Could we build something over those ponds that would evaporate the water using solar energy and pull water vapor off so that the water becomes potable?
    - Not sure about the cost / feasibility but would like to look into this idea.
    - Would also like to analyze the salts dissolved in the water itself and potentially sell whatever minerals we could precipitate out.
    - Could potentially offer additional funding from the EPA for "water re-use".
- Local coal mine storage
    - Concerned that once we put water underground, it could pick up things that would taint the quality to the point of no longer meeting state requirements.
- Above ground reservoir
    - Based on the Jones & Demille report, Garley seems like a good location to avoid excess pumping costs.
    - What is the potential for catastrophe at Garley?

- Looking forward to increasing the water availability in Carbon County to encourage economic growth.

Greg Marsing (PRWRC Vice-Chair, from Carbonville Area) – Nov. 23, 2020

- Hoping this project addresses all of the needs and maximizes the beneficial use of the resources we have available.
- A reservoir would be very beneficial for irrigation, recreation, etc.
    - Would also be nice to pipe the canals.
- There is a need. Every few years there have been situations where we've had to go to water rations because the supply was diminished substantially, and the reservoir hasn't been re-filled.
    - Would be good to find a solution that could break this pattern.
    - Want to offer a buffer during those times when water is running low and finding another way to store and distribute water is the best way to do that.
- When the power plants shut down, they had 2,300-acre feet of water.
    - Are we going to lose that resource? Will that be re-allocated?
- We currently have 30,000-60,000-acre feet in the reservoir.
    - When he sat on the PRWID board, the county only utilized 3,400-acre feet per year, meaning agricultural is using a substantial portion of the resource.
- Benefits to providing a pressurized system:
    - Better utilize the resources we have.
    - Make that resource available for other users.
- This project is one piece of the puzzle, there will need to be additional work done in the future to create a functional system.
- We need to be able to meet the needs that come with the growth in the county.
- Flooding
    - Anything we can do to reduce potential flooding in early spring.
    - This has been detrimental to some residential and agricultural areas.
    - It's not every year but it is very impactful when it happens.
- Need to look at the overall benefit to the whole region, rather than specific interests.

Jordan Nielson (Recreation/Environment, works for Trout Unlimited) – Nov. 30, 2020

- Trout Ult. Is a conservation group with a focus on sportsmen
    - Make sure that we have water in streams.
    - Find a solution that works for all involved.
    - Although diverting water is not ideal for their mission, it can work if it is done right.
    - Want to ensure we implement a full system that makes sense for the long-term.
- Jordan and his organization have worked with the agriculture community for the last five years, providing incentives that keep them farming while maintaining flow.
    - Putting in a reservoir could threaten this work or enhance it so we need to be sure to both support the agriculture community and keep water in the streams.
- Filling a reservoir in winter would be damaging, as the flow is already reduced that time of year.
    - An additional reservoir should be filled in the spring when water is released from Scofield.
    - Lower Fish Creek has been a blue-ribbon fishery in the past and is damaged by the lack of water when Scofield is shutdown in the winter.

- An off-channel reservoir presents the opportunity to pipe canals and put in a pressurized irrigation system.
- Jordan and his organization have been working heavily on water-banking in the valley.
- Above ground storage gives more options for recreation while below ground storage reduces losses from evaporation and reduces the overall impact on the landscape.
    - This coal mine storage option needs to be fleshed out; there are concerns about water quality.
- Want to be sure we are addressing the concerns of the community and any neighbors nearby to a potential above ground reservoir.
    - Jordan grew up in Idaho and they are still dealing with the effects of the Teton Dam Flood, so we need to be sure the geotechnical concerns are looked at closely.
- Previous studies have identified 10-12 sites that should be looked into further during this study.
    - The cost estimates for Garley were extremely high and may not be a realistic amount of money to try and raise.
    - Would it make sense to diversify and build some smaller ponds/reservoirs instead of one large one?

Garley Canyon Neighborhood Meeting

Upper Price River Watershed Plan-EIS
Garley Canyon Neighborhood Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2020 | 5:30 p.m.

1. **Introductions**
   Dave Child, Resident
   Collette Child, Resident
   Sherrie Gordon, Resident
   Bob Dalponte, Resident
   Stephanie, Resident
   Michael Kourianos, Price City Mayor
   Wayne Urie, NRCS
   Stan Jorgensen, Consultant PM, Horrocks Engineers
   Ryan Pitts, Environmental Lead, Horrocks Engineers
   Dave Dillman, Engineering Lead, Horrocks Engineers
   Duke Richardson, Public Involvement Lead, Horrocks Engineers

2. **Purpose of the call/study overview**
    a. Study overview
        i. Environmental process explanation
    b. Scoping Phase Initial Outreach
        i. We are in the early stages of this environmental process.
        ii. Working to learn what the needs are in the watershed.
    c. NEPA
        i. The NEPA process requires public participation throughout.
        ii. Besides the designated comment periods, our team is always willing to accept any feedback from the public.

3. **Resident Questions/Concerns**
   - Residents in this neighborhood feel that previous studies to look at potential water resource solutions have been mishandled.
   - The former Mayor and his team did not provide the transparency that these residents would like to see.
   - Residents want to ensure that multiple alternatives are being investigated, and that no decision has been made / no preference has been given to any particular possible alternative.
   - Residents have concerns about the funding for whatever alternative is selected and are very wary of any potential tax increase.
   - Residents are concerned about any new potential above-ground reservoir adjacent to their homes that may put them in a flood zone or require them to purchase additional flood insurance.
   - Residents want to ensure they are kept up to date throughout the process and are aware of all the possible alternatives that are being investigated as we move forward.

4. **Who else do you think we should reach out to and notify of the study?**
   - Residents feel that the public is not able to draw a connection from the study name "Upper Price River Watershed Plan-EIS" and the actual goals of the study.
   - Study team is open and willing for any suggestions for advertisement, in addition to the extensive efforts taken so far.

5. **Future Coordination**
   a. All members of the Garley neighborhood have been added to our email updates list to receive study updates at major milestones.
   b. We can arrange additional phone calls and meetings as needed when we have progressed into the alternatives phase.

6. **Contact Info**
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