

INTRODUCTION

The issue identification section of Chapter 1 identifies those issues analyzed in detail in Chapter 4. The issues were identified through the public and agency involvement process described below.

PERSONS, GROUPS, AND AGENCIES CONSULTED

Table 5-1 lists the persons, groups, and agencies that were coordinated with or consulted during the preparation of this project. The table also summarizes the conclusions of those processes.

| TABLE 5-1: COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION | | |
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| Name | Purpose & Authorities for Consultation or Coordination | Findings & Conclusions |
| Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) | Consultation for undertakings, as required by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 USC 470) 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1). | A letter and cultural literature review of the proposed land exchange will be sent to the Utah SHPO describing the area surveyed and historic properties within the land exchange boundary. |
| Native American Tribes | Government to Government Consultation | There are no known Prehistoric or Native American historic sites within the project area. The following Native American tribes were notified of the proposed undertaking via certified letter: Northwest Band of Shoshone Nation, Goshute Tribe, White Mesa Ute Tribe, Laguna Pueblo Tribe, Santa Clara Pueblo Tribe, Navajo Nation, Ute Tribe, Hopi Tribe, Southern Ute Tribe, Ute Mountain Tribe, Zia Pueblo Tribe, and the Eastern Shoshone Tribe. They were asked to identify traditional cultural places or any other areas of traditional cultural importance that need to be considered within the parcel. None of the tribes provided information about known sites or specific religious concerns. However, the Hopi Tribe responded to our inquiry and considers an “exchange of federal lands containing National Register eligible historic properties constitutes an adverse effect” and requests continuing consultation. They would also like to see a cultural survey and report for the proposed area. The Santa Clara Pueblo also responded and would like to be notified if cultural resources will be impacted due to the land exchange. The Ute Tribe responded in a letter dated 8/2/2016 that they did not support the land exchange because the land is within the exterior boundaries of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation and assert ownership of those lands. The exchange was also brought up to the Ute Business Committee on 4/24/2017 and they opposed the idea. Per conversation with SITLA and Utah SHPO, cultural inventories and additional consultation related to any proposed development after the |

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| | | exchange are required, pursuant to Utah Code (9-8-404). The State must afford historic properties the same level of protection as would the BLM under Federal law. However, The State of Utah is not required to conduct Tribal Consultation for State managed lands. A literature review of cultural resources within a one mile buffer of the project undertaking will be sent to the Hopi Tribe, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Ute Tribe. |
| Fish and Wildlife Service | Endangered Species Act | BLM/FWS conferencing regarding impacts to the two beardtongue species will be completed prior to issuance of a decision record. |

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public was notified of this project by its being posted on the BLM's NEPA Register. A public comment period is pending. Issues were identified by the BLM Interdisciplinary Team as documented in the Interdisciplinary Team Checklist, which is attached to this document as an Appendix. Issues to be analyzed in detail are summarized in chapter 1 and carried forward for detailed description and analysis in Chapters 3 and 4.

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