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Red Cliffs Recreation Area Deferred Maintenance and Capital Improvement Projects Red Cliffs National Conservation Area, Washington County, Utah

Agency: St. George Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

This serves as the Notice of Availability for an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared to disclose and analyze the environmental consequences of new construction projects being proposed, in concert with other maintenance actions, in the Red Cliffs Recreation Area within the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area, in Washington County, Utah, as proposed by the St. George Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management. You can request that a copy of the EA be mailed to you or review a copy at the St. George Field Office, at the address shown below. Public comments will be accepted during the 30 day review period for this EA. Comments on the EA must be in writing, submitted to the address below, and received by BLM by the close of business on March 31, 2014.

To request a copy of the EA, please contact:

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Information: The BLM proposes to complete deferred maintenance on existing facilities and construction of new facilities designed to improve public safety and visitor experiences in the Recreation Area, a developed fee site with a small campground, day use areas, trails, and other visitor amenities. The Recreation Area is located west of Interstate 15 (I-15), approximately 3 miles south of the Town of Leeds and approximately 15 miles north of the City of St. George, Utah.

The in-kind replacement of shade shelters and concrete pads, parking bollards, fire rings, and stairways in the campground are deferred maintenance of existing facilities and are not addressed in this analysis, as they would not result in new surface disturbances or environmental impacts. The proposed action for this EA evaluates the environmental consequences of the construction of new facilities that have been designed to enhance visitor safety, improve the quality of visitor experiences, and protect public land resource values. These include the following

- 1 - 75' x 16' vehicle bridge at crossing #1 over Quail Creek;
- 1 - 25' x 16' vehicle bridge at crossing #2 over Quail Creek;
- a paved parking area with 2 accessible spaces, to accommodate approximately 20 vehicles;
- expanded parking at two existing parking areas, to accommodate approximately 11 vehicles;
- an accessible picnic site and associated accessible route; and
- a small visitor contact station, to be located on the Red Cliffs Road (main access road).

The timeline for the proposed new construction would be during the summer and early fall months of 2014, with work to be completed by one or more contractors.



Privacy Information for Those Who Submit Written Comments:

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documented circumstances, this information will be released. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.