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Subject: **Streeper Creek South Range Improvement Project**
RDCC Project No. 86072

Dear Supervisor Whittekiend:

The state of Utah ("State"), through the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO), has reviewed the Streeper Creek South Range Improvement Project Environmental Assessment ("EA"). The State submits the following comments for your consideration.

The State appreciates the U.S. Forest Service's ("USFS") efforts to improve the Streeper Creek South Allotment, not only for the livestock producer but also for wildlife and the public at large. The changes being made in this EA would benefit livestock and wildlife by moving water sources away from high-speed travel routes, thus preventing the risk of the loss of animal life. In addition, because the animals were so close to the road it has become a growing safety hazard for drivers. This project will help promote public safety. Lastly, the new water systems would constitute a range improvement which also benefits the livestock, landscape, and wildlife. For these reasons, the State supports the proposed action to improve the Streeper Creek South Allotment.

The State appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Redge B. Johnson
Director