

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
And the
United States of Department of Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Vernal Field Office
For the Management and Maintenance of the McCoy Flats Trail System

Predesignation No. 775

I. Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defines the relationships and duties of the Bureau of Land Management Vernal Field Office (VFO) and The State of Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) as the cooperating agencies in the management and maintenance of the McCoy Flats Trail System. This MOU is pertinent to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation preparation and continued management of the McCoy Flats Trail System, near Vernal, Utah, on lands managed by VFO and SITLA.

II. Background

The McCoy Flats Trail System is a series of mountain biking trails located on BLM and SITLA lands within:

T5S, R21E Sections: 20, 21*, 22*, 27*, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32*, 33, and 34

T5S, R20E Sections: 25 and 36*

T6S, R21E Sections: 5 and 6

*Indicates Sections that are all or partially SITLA lands.

The McCoy Flats Trail System consists of approximately 47 miles of single-track mountain biking trails that loop from the McCoy Flats corrals. Approximately 38 miles of roads and primitive roads are also ridden as part of this system, but are not included in this MOU because they are managed as multiple-use (motorized and non-motorized) routes and not as single-track mountain biking trails. Therefore, any reference in this MOU to the McCoy Flats Trail System shall only include those single-track mountain biking trails included in this MOU.

The trails covered by this MOU are those single-track trails that occur on both BLM and SITLA lands including: Fire Sale, Jackalope, More Tools, Retail Sale, Slippery When Wet, and

Serpendipity. A total of approximately 10.24 miles of these trails exist on SITLA lands, the remaining miles are contained completely within BLM managed lands. See attached map for details.

Approximate miles of trail on SITLA lands by section:

T5S, R21E, Section: 21 = 0.32 miles on Jackalope
22 = 2.37 miles total (1.63 on Jackalope, 0.74 on Serpendipity)
27 = 0.69 miles total (0.29 on Jackalope, 0.40 on Serpendipity)
32 = 5.75 miles total (0.63 on Fire Sale, 3.04 on Retail Sale, 2.08 on
Slippery When Wet)
T5S, R20E, Section: 36 = 1.11 miles on More Tools

While the McCoy Flats Trail System is a user created trail system, it has, over the years, proven to be an enjoyable and sustainable system of trails for non-motorized uses. The VFO plans to complete the NEPA process to formally designate the McCoy Flats Trail System so that the trails can be managed for continued enjoyment and sustainability while aiding the VFO in attaining its recreation and trail goals as set forth in the BLM VFO Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan of 2008. While this MOU is in effect, SITLA agrees to keep those portions of the McCoy Flats Trail System located on trust lands, open for non-motorized public use.

III. Agency Designee

The VFO and SITLA will designate individuals that will act as the points-of-contact for this action and continued management of the McCoy Flats Trail System. Currently the agreed-upon individuals/titles of the points of contact are Jason West/VFO Outdoor Recreation Planner and Chris Fausett/SITLA Resource Specialist. The VFO and SITLA may designate replacement points of contact at any time by providing notice to the other party.

IV. Responsibilities

The VFO will take all responsibility for completing the NEPA process, as well as continued management and maintenance of the McCoy Flats Trail System, including those trails on SITLA property. VFO will consult with SITLA if major projects related to the trail are required on SITLA lands and will not proceed with such projects until a documented agreement is attained from SITLA. BLM and SITLA logos will be used on signage related to the trail (simple directional signage may be exempted). SITLA may opt to purchase supplies or provide labor/expertise for signage and maintenance of the trail as agreed upon on a case-by-case basis.

V. Rights

Participating in this MOU in no way effects or prejudices future actions or development authorized by the BLM or SITLA on their respective lands.

VI. Implementation, Amendment and Termination

This MOU will become effective on the date of the final signature by the authorized officials, and shall remain in effect in perpetuity, unless terminated by either party. Amendment of this MOU, including adding or removing trails or Sections, will require written documentation and agreement by both parties. Either party may terminate this MOU at any time by providing 30-days' prior written notice to the other party.



Michael G. Stiewig, VFO Field Manager



Date

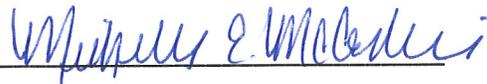


Kevin S. Carter, Director
School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration



Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 

Special Assistant Attorney General

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Trail Management MOU**

Uintah County, Utah
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Non-Motorized Mountain Biking Trails

- Fire Sale Trail - SITLA
- Fire Sale Trail - BLM
- Jackalope Trail - SITLA
- Jackalope Trail - BLM
- More Tools Trail - SITLA
- More Tools Trail - BLM
- Retail Sale Trail - SITLA
- Retail Sale Trail - BLM
- Serpentina Trail - SITLA
- Serpentina Trail - BLM
- Slippery When Wet Trail - SITLA
- Slippery When Wet Trail - BLM

Land Ownership and Administration

- Bureau of Land Management
- State Trust Lands



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