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0070001 White Oak project update

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Hello Darin,

I heard from you in July when you mentioned that you had participated in the Skyline Cooperative Weed Management Area's weed control project by hiring a contractor to spray your property. That is great! The annual spray day was organized to foster just that sort of landowner participation! So thank you!

I'd like to update you on the construction projects scheduled for this fall on your property. I have two stream alteration permits under review by the Division of Water Rights. The first is for the project to remove the fill and culvert in Eccles Creek (DWRi application [15-91-0005](#)). The project will go out for bid in the next week and will run the month of October. This will be during low flow and meets the Division of Wildlife requirements that we avoid the fish spawning time. The Division plans to collect willow cuttings and sedge and rush plugs from the stream banks in the immediate vicinity to plant along the reconstructed channel. We will be doing that in late September. You told me the combination for the locked gate at this location, so we have access. Once the project is complete, the gate will be gone and there will be no access across the creek.

The second stream alteration permit is to construct a swale across the jeep trail in Whiskey Creek. This work will be completed at the same time as the Eccles Creek work (DWRi application [15-91-0006](#)). This work is being funded by the Watershed Restoration Initiative through the Utah Division of Wildlife, with the expectation that you (the landowner) participate with in-kind work. At the time of project planning we thought you might purchase the seed. However, I noticed that you arranged for the erosion gullies along the trail to be graded and that you removed the plugged culvert. That work will apply towards the in-kind work. We will remove the culvert from the location, place water bars along the trail, and place a rip-rapped swale in the trail to contain the ephemeral flows of Whiskey creek in the established channel. We will roughen and seed the site as well. The work will also remove the log jam at the bend in the road. We will need access through the locked gate across the bridge for this work. Can you tell me the combination for this gate?

The work is described in the stream alteration applications. You can click on the application number above to view the documents.

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