

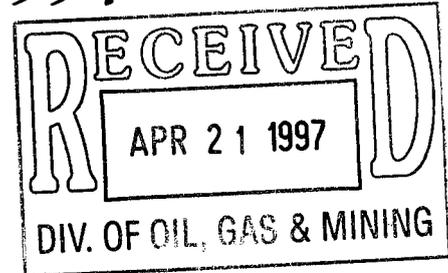
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# CARBON COUNTY

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April 14, 1997

Lowell P. Braxton  
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RE: Dugout Canyon County Road

Dear Mr. Braxton:

Please find enclosed information regarding the Dugout Canyon County road.

- The date the Dugout Canyon road became a Carbon County road is a little unclear. However, we know from U.D.O.T. records the Dugout Canyon road has been on the Utah State Class "B" county road system since 1958. U.D.O.T. did not keep records on these types of roads until 1958. However, we do know that the Dugout Canyon road was a public road long before it became a Class "B" Carbon County road.
- The official name for the Dugout Canyon County road is "Dugout Canyon Road" in all county documents. A numerical number will be assigned to the road upon completion of the upgrade.
- The surface land ownership for the Dugout Canyon County road is the Bureau of Land Management, (B.L.M.) and Canyon Fuel Company. The Dugout Canyon County road is 7.95 miles long and contains 140.48 acres. B.L.M. owns 5.76 miles or 113.94 acres and the remaining 2.19 miles or 26.54 acres is owned by Canyon Fuel Company. Carbon County owns the right-of-way for the county road from both B.L.M. and Canyon Fuel Company.
- The legal description for the Dugout Canyon County road is: The Dugout Canyon County

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road is located in Carbon County, approximately six miles northeast of Wellington, Utah (See PLATE I and PLATE II). The proposed road development and expansion by Carbon County would include a new 0.8 mile section entering the Nine Mile Canyon road in S.L.B.&M., T.14 S., R. 11 E., Section 13, NE ½ SW 1/4 and intersecting the existing Dugout Road in Section 13, SE 1/4 SE 1/4. From this intersection, the proposed road alignment would follow the existing road to the end of the county road. In T. 14 S., R 12 E., Section 4, NE 1/4 NE 1/4, the proposed right-of -way (ROW) would expand from 100 feet to 200 feet. This ROW width would be maintained to the end of the proposed road expansion in T. 13 S., R. 12 E., Section 23, NW 1/4 SW 1/4.

- The Dugout Canyon road is a part of Carbon County's road system. This makes Carbon County responsible for the alignment, construction, maintenance and liability for the road.
- Carbon County is responsible for all environmental issues relating to the alignment and construction of the Dugout Canyon County road.
- The Dugout Canyon County road is currently a gravel road. The road will be upgraded to meet AASHTO and Utah Department of Transportation, 1992 Standards Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Carbon County will oversee the road upgrade.
- The maintenance for the Dugout Canyon road has been performed by Carbon County in prior years. Carbon County will continue to maintain the Dugout Canyon road after it is upgraded and blacktopped on as needed basis.
- The source for the funds for the Dugout Canyon road upgrade will be from a low interest loan from the Utah Community Impact Board (CIB). The maintenance for the Dugout Canyon road will be funded from the Utah Class "B" road funds and Carbon County's general fund.
- Carbon County controls numerous Class "B" county roads within Carbon County. These roads are all multiple use, open access public roads. Several of these roads were constructed by Carbon County through funding from the CIB in the form of grants or low interest loans. Some businesses pay a toll fee to Carbon County to help repay the loans in exchange for use of the roads. Some examples of these types of roads would be Carbon County Airport Road, Wattis Road, and Nine Mile Canyon Road.
- With the Dugout Canyon road being a county public road, Canyon Fuel Company will not have the ability to deny use of the road to anyone. There are several property owners who use the Dugout Canyon road to gain access to their grazing properties. The multiple purpose road has and is currently being used by stockmen, sight seers, picnickers, hunters, and loggers for over a half century.

I hope the above information will assist the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in making a finding that the Dugout Canyon County road has over a half century of multiple purpose public use, received Class "B" status in 1958, and will continue to be open to the public for multiple use after the upgrade.

If additional information is needed, please call me at 636-3226.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William D. Krompel".

William D. Krompel  
Commissioner

cc: Ken Payne