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Comments Due: April 1, 2001

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

APPLICANT: Riverdale City
Mr. John Geilmann
4600 South Weber River Drive
Riverdale, UT 84405

LOCATION: This project is located approximately 2 1/2 miles southeast of Riverdale Exit on the east side of I-84 in Section 18, Township 5 North, Range 1 West in Weber County.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the project is to minimize erosion and scour adjacent to and underneath an existing waterline to keep the area safe for recreation. Additionally, there is speculation that if erosion occurs in the future at this scour hole, the waterline may be in jeopardy.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to place 533 cubic yards of riprap (5 to 6 foot angular rock with smaller rock in voids) adjacent/downstream of the waterline crossing the Weber River. The area filled will be approximately 3500 square feet. Rock will be buried approximately 3-4' deep below normal river flowline. Rock will be tapered to meet the existing riverbed.

AREA DESCRIPTION: The Weber River in this location is channelized with little riparian habitat due to leveed banks consisting of riprap. However, adjacent river reaches both upstream and downstream exhibit high sinuosity and developing meander bars. These bars are filling in with riparian willow and cottonwood. I-84 is adjacent to the river at this point, however the river moves away from the freeway downstream.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Sheetpile dam with riprap downstream of pipe, and rock dam upstream to slow velocity and prevent scour.
2. Bore under river and place pipe in steel casing, remove current pipeline that is causing scour hole.

3. Conventional trench and coffer dam to bury line.
4. Fence area to prevent access from recreational users.
5. Fence and sign area to prevent access from recreational users.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and its monthly supplements have been reviewed and there are no places either listed or recommended as eligible which would be affected.

This activity would not affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. The District Engineer has made this determination based on information provided by the applicant and on the Corps' preliminary investigation.

Certification for this project according to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act has been requested from the Utah Division of Water Quality. The Utah Division of Water Quality intends to issue certification, provided that the proposed work will not violate applicable water quality standards. Projects are usually certified where the project may create diffuse sources (nonpoint sources) of wastes which will occur only during the actual construction activity, and where best management practices will be employed to minimize pollution effects. Written comments on water quality certification should be submitted to Mr. William O. Moellmer, PH.D., Utah Division of Water Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114, on or before April 14, 2001.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **April 15, 2001**. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

If additional information is required, please contact Mr. John Geilmann at (801) 394-5541 x210 or Ms. Amy Defreese at the Utah Regulatory Office (801) 295-8380.

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Enclosures