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To Whom It May Concern:

I am against your Bonneville cutthroat reintroduction project. I am a sport fisherman and to be honest the Bonneville cutthroat is not what I consider to be a fish worth reintroducing into streams in Utah. The idea of killing rainbows and browns in these streams to plant only Bonneville cutthroats is wrong.

I love this state and would like to see the fisheries continue to improve not decline. I am pleased to see lakes like Broughs, Calders, and Strawberry with fishing regulations, and worthwhile fish planted in them like the Bear lake cutthroat, Brown trout, and rainbow.

Thank you, Cory Martinsen

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Re: DEA for Native Trout Restoration and Enhancement Projects in Southwest Utah

Gentlemen:

I have reviewed the subject DEA and am generally in concurrence with the projects to be completed during the next 5-6 years. However, the projects deal solely with the introduction of Bonneville Cutthroat Trout into these stream systems and the construction of fish barriers to exclude the migration of fish upstream into them once treated. The DEA makes note of several streams that contain other native species besides trout as resident within these streams. I believe the focus on restoration and enhancement should include all native species, rather be than limited to Bonneville Cutthroat Trout. Since fish barriers will be constructed in these streams, other native species will be precluded from migrating into and repopulating these stream systems. I recommend that a seed population of other native fish, such as the dace, suckers and minnows native to these streams, be captured by trap or electro-fishing, and restocked after treatment. If other native species have been eliminated from these streams due to the introduction of nonnative trout, then they should be reintroduced at the same time as the Bonneville Cutthroat Trout. The Utah Division of Wildlife resources Native Aquatic Species Program should be consulted for appropriate species to introduce into these treated streams. The objectives of the effort should be refocused on restoring a "native" fish population that includes the Bonneville Cutthroat Trout and eliminates introduced non-native species.

I also think the introduction of sterile trout for recreation enhancement should be limited to the North Fork of North Creek and to Pine Creek. These are the only water bodies receiving moderate recreational use and that have easy public access. The other streams should not be considered for recreational enhancement of fish stocks.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Project.

Sincerely,



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