

Perry Flood Control District
Proposed Evans and Mathias Canyons Debris Basins Project
OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

The Perry Flood Control District is proposing to construct new debris basins in Evans and Mathias canyons in the northeast foothill areas of Perry, Utah. The locations are approximately 1900 South (Evans) and 1550 South (Mathias) 400 East, respectively. The basins are needed to increase the safety of current and future residential development and public infrastructure below these canyons in the event of a large, potentially catastrophic debris flow / flood occurrence, for instance following wildfire or major storm event.

The debris basins would be located at the mouth of the canyons within the Brigham Face Wildlife Management Area, which is owned by the State of Utah and managed by the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR). The land was purchased with support from a federal grant through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). In order to approve construction of the debris basins, the DWR will need to amend its federal aid grant. The USFWS must agree to the amendment and, before making the decision, requires that an Environmental Assessment (EA) be prepared.

The public now has the opportunity to comment on the proposal and to identify potentially relevant issues to be evaluated in the EA. Information, maps, and illustrations will be provided at a public open house following the next meeting of the Box Elder County/Perry Flood Control Special District. The public open house is scheduled for:

Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Perry City Offices, City Council Room
3005 South 1200 West, Perry, UT 84302

Written comments will be accepted until February 15, 2019 and may be sent using email to billjames@utah.gov or conveyed by postal mail addressed to:

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Please indicate "Perry Flood Control" somewhere in the message so that your input is properly handled.

When complete, the draft EA will be made available for a 30-day public comment period prior to the USFWS's decision.