

Threatened & Endangered vs. Land Management

Biography

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Abstract

Whether restoring wetland values or developing a piece of land for public use, compliance with the Endangered Species Act can be a land manager's biggest hurdle. Working closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal agencies in developing specific programs to address all parties concerns can lead to reasonable certainty that projects can go forward while protecting listed species. Several Utah programs will be highlighted and funding mechanisms to accomplish management goals will be presented.

Use of Sec 7 in ESA
 years protection to States: local too
 Sec. 9 prohibits take
 Fish rarely lose ESA cases
 USFWS lost cases involve and when not
 really doing what needs
 ES. mit fund - Balance ECO. devel w/ know. protect
 recovery prog. habitat conservat plans
 tax funding: royalties w/ Brine shrimp
 Sec 7: ? or
 Still requires offset of impacts
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 program to deal w
 Still requires offset of impacts
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 term mitigation is program
 - Project go
 - Cont. Comp. done
 - do projects