


Managing Meandering Boundaries

Biography

Barry Tripp is the Wasatch Front Area Lands Administrator for the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands and has been involved in the management of State Lands for more than thirteen years. He holds a B. S. Degree from the University of Utah, College of Business and was involved in banking, finance and real estate activities prior to accepting a position with the State. In his current position, he is responsible for issuing leases and permits for sovereign land activities on Utah Lake, the Jordan River and portions of the Great Salt Lake. Most recent projects include the issuance of Great Salt Lake boat harbor leases to members of the brine shrimp industry and negotiating boundary agreements with land owners adjacent to Utah Lake.

Abstract



Population growth can make sovereign lands boundary management challenging for land managers. The Jordan River that connects Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake has, over the past 150 years, experienced the pressures associated with urbanization. As a division, we are working with the various municipalities adjacent to the river corridor to preserve a multi-use concept. We are gathering data that will enable us to make sound management decisions and plan to make this available on our website. Much has been done with the river to make it attractive to the community while preserving habitat for abundant wildlife.

