

ADDENDUM

In May of 2007, Emery County finds itself in the midst of a land use planning process. The Price Field Office (PFO) of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has recently added a fifth alternative (Alternative E) to its Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP). Alternative E is an extreme conservation/minimum development alternative.

Alternative E has been included as a result of two processes which in essence proffer the concept that there are a number of geographic areas within the PFO, and within Emery County that either have or are likely to have, wilderness characteristics. While Emery County refuses to recognize that these characteristics exist to the extent they are represented in Alternative E, we are placed in an unenviable position of disproving these proposals.

Emery County has been deeply involved in the development of the Draft RMP as a cooperating agency and will continue to be active in the process until the Final RMP is implemented. For this reason, this addendum to the Emery County General Plan has been developed with the specific intent to eliminate as much as possible, the inclusion of any portion of Alternative E in the Proposed Plan. What follows in this document is first of all the social and economic realities which are of major significance to Emery County and the State of Utah and secondarily, a list of very definite positions which Emery County holds concerning each of the regions represented in Alternative E.