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Executive Order Establishing Rules and Regulations on the Ashley Gorge Property

WHEREAS, This Executive Order provides for the establishment of rules and regulations for the Ashley Springs Property, with associated requirements, standards, and other provisions for the guidance, management, and regulation of the land given to Uintah County through the S.47 - John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, 116th Congress (2019-2020). This property shall be known hereafter as the "Ashley Gorge Property". This Executive Order is declared to be consistent with the provisions outlined in S.47 and in the land patent recorded on August 10, 2020, Entry Number 2020005515, Book 1665, Pages 941-942; and

WHEREAS, This Executive Order is meant for the general public utilizing this property and to implement the rules and regulations herein outlined for the Ashley Gorge Property. This Executive Order contains standards, provisions and requirements intended to protect the Ashley Spring along with the associated infrastructure and the natural beauty of the area while also allowing for nonmotorized public recreation. It is the purpose of this Executive Order to provide a means of ensuring predictability and consistency in the use of the property and to ensure that the drinking water infrastructure is properly protected and that there is area for needed changes or expansion of water infrastructure in the future, while allowing for public nonmotorized recreation. Uintah County reserves the right to amend or update the rules and regulations outlined in this Executive Order as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, This Executive Order shall not nullify any laws, ordinances, or requirements that are more restrictive, but shall prevail notwithstanding such laws, ordinances, or requirements that are less restrictive; and

WHEREAS, An omission to specify or enumerate in this Executive Order those provisions of general law applicable to all Utah counties shall not be construed to be a waiver of any such laws.

NOW THEREFORE, Be it ordered by the Uintah County Commission, as follows:

Section 1. General Rules (Applicable to the entire Ashley Gorge Property)

- A. Any activity, conduct, or behavior which interferes with Ashley Spring or the water infrastructure is prohibited.
- B. All signed areas are restricted from access by the general public.
- C. Tampering with, damaging, or destroying fences, water infrastructure, cameras, utilities, or other infrastructure on the property is strictly prohibited.
- D. All human and/or animal feces must be disposed of in designated restroom facilities or packed out.
- E. Discharging of weapons, including firearms, is not allowed on the property.
- F. Paintball, airsoft and other air guns are not allowed on the property.
- G. No open fires are allowed on the property.
- H. Fireworks are not allowed on the property.

- I. Littering on the property will be enforced per current laws.
- J. No trespassing onto neighboring private property. Trespassing on private property will be enforced per current laws.
- K. Uintah County will continue to work with water districts that have infrastructure on the property, to ensure that the drinking water and infrastructure are being adequately protected.
- L. Any installation or construction of any kind must be permitted by the Board of County Commissioners prior to any work being done.
- M. Disorderly conduct of any kind that disturbs the quiet use and enjoyment of the property by others is prohibited.
- N. It is unlawful for any person to possess or consume any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs on the property.
- O. No smoking or use of tobacco products or vape devices is allowed.
- P. No person shall conduct, carry-on or participate in any commercial or competitive event on the property unless they have received a permit for such from Uintah County.
- Q. No person shall cut, break, injure, deface or disturb any tree, shrub, plant, rock, monument, fence, or mark or write upon any path or structure or item on the property without approval from Uintah County.
- R. No person shall use or possess any can or device that propels or discharges paint or glue or any other substance.
- S. Camping is not allowed on the property.
- T. Dogs must be on a leash at all times while on the property.

Section 2. Penalty

Violation of any portion of this Executive Order shall be a class B misdemeanor.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take effect on the day it is enacted.

Enacted on this, the twenty-fifth (25th) day of March, 2025.

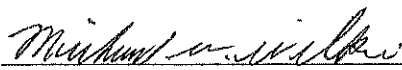
In Witness Whereof:



 John Laursen, Chair

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ATTEST:



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