November 12, 2024

To: Planning Commission Public Lands Committee

From: Mike Hyde, Community Development Dept.

RE: Recommendation to the County Commissioners Resolution #24-10

The Bureau of Land Management has been conducting travel management planning throughout Utah in response to a settlement agreement with NGOs. As a result of these TMPs, hundreds of miles of roads in Utah have been closed to motorized vehicles or limited in use. Travel management will be considered in the near future for the Dino North area north of Vernal, the Book Cliffs and the West Tavaputs-Nine Mile area (which includes southeastern Duchesne County).

The Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office has suggested that counties amend their Resource Management Plans to include additional policy language to push back against such closures.

The Community Development Department gave notice to affected entities and the public of its intent to amend its general plan on November 12, 2024. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission and Public Lands Committee recommend to the County Commissioners the approval of Resolution #24-10.