

Appendix C

Dock Flat and Dry Bread Concentrated Use Areas

Introduction - Dock Flat and Dry Bread Concentrated Use Areas

For many years these two sites on the Ogden RD have had concentrated dispersed camping and related activities. Dock Flat is located at the northern edge of the Willard analysis area, and Dry Bread is located at the western edge of the Monte Cristo analysis area.

In the past, both areas have been received improvements to reduce the impacts caused by the excessive recreation uses that occur within these areas. In 1994, the Dry Bread Dispersed area was improved with a graveled road, campfire rings, signs, and trail maintenance. In 2002 through 2004, the Dock Flat area was changed to block off unauthorized ATV routes, rehabilitate compacted soils, re-establish a stream crossing a road, and improved drainage.

Both of these areas require additional work to repair the current impacts and improve the recreation infrastructure to accommodate current use levels and types of use. This appendix will describe the proposed actions for these two areas.

Dock Flat Concentrated Use Area

Background:

Dock Flat is located in Section 3, T8N, R1W, SLM. This area can be found on the Willard & Public Grove analysis area map in reference grid point C2. The entire project area is located within close proximity of Box Elder Creek (Hydrologic Unit Code = 160102040502) that is a municipal watershed for Brigham City.

The Willard Mountain area is the backdrop of several communities along the northern Wasatch Front. Outdoor recreational demands are increasing along with population increases in this area while access to nearby National Forest land is very limited. The Willard Mountain road (FS road 20084) is the only public access road to the backside of Willard Mountain. The road was created many years ago, as a CCC project to facilitate critically needed watershed improvements to prevent debris flows from the canyons above the cities of Willard and Perry and protect municipal watersheds. The road is now designated as a State "Scenic Backway" between Mantua and Willard Peak.

Resource damage is of significant concern in this area due to the poor condition of the existing road, increased use of road by OHV's, proliferation of OHV user trails, hill climbing, and cutting of switchbacks. This activity has resulted in risk to life from the condition of the road, user conflicts, and significant resource damage. The current road condition cannot accommodate the level of mixed use that is occurring. In addition, there is a high risk of groundwater contamination at one well site permitted to Brigham City. There is currently a sanitation problem at Dock Flat that also needs immediate attention.

Project Description:

To resolve these resource conflicts and address resource damage, the following projects are proposed:

- Complete road rehabilitation and drainage work on Dock Flat Complex road (26010) west of the Willard Mountain road (20084). Restore Box Elder Creek tributary to its original channel and out of the road.
- Decommission and rehabilitate the current network of unauthorized ATV trails, unauthorized and unclassified roads, and steep hill climbs.
- Roadway and drainage improvement along a 1-mile segment of the Willard Mountain Road (20084) between upper Dock Flat and the Forest Boundary.
- Minor restoration, installation of drainage structures, hardening, and repair of gullies and headcuts that are currently occurring in lower Dock Flat camping area.
- Alignment improvement, installation of barrier rock and gravel surfacing along approximately 0.5 miles of system road servicing the lower Dock Flat concentrated use area.
- Alignment improvement, installation of barrier rock and gravel surfacing along approximately 0.5 miles of system road servicing the upper Dock Flat concentrated use area.

- Construction of 0.15 mile of standard motorized ATV trail interconnecting the lower and upper Dock Flat concentrated use areas.
- Construction of 1.65 miles of standard motorized ATV trail from upper Dock Flat to the Mantua Church Camp road (xx31). This will be the Devils Hole Canyon ATV trail (xx30).
- Reconstruct 2.27 miles of the Dock Flat Complex road (26010) which is a low standard road and manage as an ATV trail.
- Construction of 1.24 mile of standard motorized ATV trail interconnecting the Dock Flat Complex road to near Perry Reservoir.
- Designate and construct a 27,600 square feet gravel parking area on the west side of lower Dock Flat.
- Install a single vault toilet located near the parking area and the lower Dock Flat campsites.
- Harden 7 to 9 campsites in the lower Dock Flat camping area. Gravel the parking area, install a metal fire ring, and locate rocks to barrier parking in unacceptable sites.
- Gravel and improve 0.28 miles of road in lower Dock Flat. Close and obliterate any remaining travelways to restore properly functioning condition to the general area.
- Harden thirteen campsites in the upper Dock Flat camping area.
- Install a single vault toilet at the upper Dock Flat campsites.
- Install buck and pole fence or rock barriers to restrict vehicle traffic to approved roads and campsites.
- Build information and regulation bulletin board kiosks at three locations: the parking area, upper Dock Flat camping area, and lower Dock Flat camping area.
- Identify and sign the trail system. Relocate existing trails to correct resource damage, and decommission and rehabilitate unauthorized trails.

Dry Bread Concentrated Use Area

Background:

Dry Bread is located in Section 19, T8N, R4E, SLM. This project area is located adjacent to State Road 39 in the Monte Cristo & Wheat Grass analysis area at grid reference B2.

The Dry Bread pond and Dry Bread Hollow is an existing concentrated use area for dispersed camping. The general area has a history of multiple uses that have resulted in a network of unauthorized routes illegally used by ATVs. In the late 1980's, the Dry Bread Hollow area was a designated fuelwood cutting area and numerous routes through the aspen stand still exist. A high voltage power line crosses the National Forest south of the State Highway that has an administrative road under the line. The original alignment of the State Highway is still evident along SR 39. All of these items contribute to a management challenge to control recreation uses in the Dry Bread area.

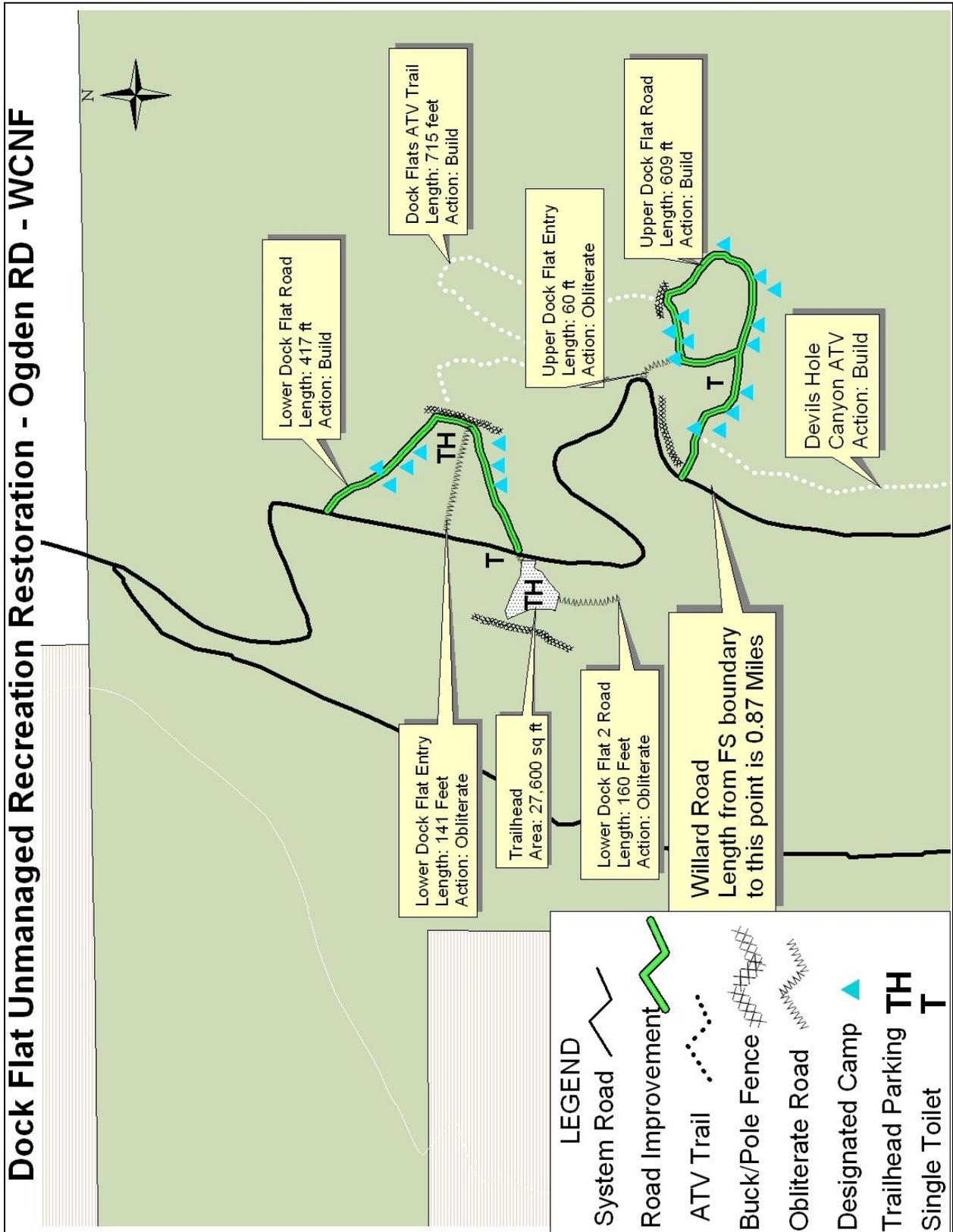
In 1993, a Utah Motorized Trail grant was awarded to add improvements to this area. The Forest Road Crew graveled the main road (20116) through Dry Bread dispersed camping. Campground barrier logs were used to control motor vehicle use in certain areas. Fire rings replaced some of the existing rock fire pits. Trails adjacent to the dispersed campsites had heavy maintenance and new signing.

Project Description:

To resolve these resource conflicts and address resource damage, the following projects are proposed:

- Complete road rehabilitation and drainage work on the Dry Bread dispersed (20116), Dry Bread private (20088) and, Dry Bread hollow (20077) roads. These roads are all open to motor vehicles on the Travel Map.
- Heavy maintenance on Dry Bread hollow ATV (6324) and Mitchell Hollow (6619) trails to improve drainage and restrict travel to the approved trails. New user-created trails to extend or leave these ATV trails will be closed and rehabilitated.
- Decommission and rehabilitate the current network of unauthorized ATV trails, unauthorized and unclassified roads, and steep hill climbs. This includes original alignments of State Road 39.
- Harden twenty-two separate campsites in the Dry Bread camping area. Gravel the parking area, install a metal fire ring, and locate wooden posts or rocks to barrier parking in unacceptable sites.
- Close and restore seven dispersed campsites in the Dry Bread camping area.

- Construct 1.86 miles of new ATV trail to connect the end of Mitchell Hollow ATV (6619) to Dry Bread Hollow ATV (6324) trail.
- Open Dry Bread upper road (20107) to motorized ATV traffic.
- Open the administrative road under the power line to motorized ATV traffic. Manage this route as Dry Bread loop (xx11). Connect Dry Bread Hollow road (20073) under the power line to near SR 39. Then build a new trail to cross SR 39 at the Mitchell Hollow road (20199). With permission from UDOT, mark and sign a trail crossing at this point and where the Dry Bread Hollow (20073) road crosses SR 39.
- Install two additional information and regulatory bulletin boards in the Dry Bread dispersed camping area.
- Install new signs where appropriate marking ATV trails as open to motorized vehicles.
- Sign and fence the Dry Bread Sink Hole. Allow ATV play inside the sink hole and immediately adjacent to it, but clearly limit use of the area beyond this.



DRY BREAD CONCENTRATED USE AREA AND ATV TRAILS

LEGEND

- Road with NO Change
- Current Motorized Trail
- New Motorized Trail
- Improve Camps
- Close Dispersed Sites
- National Forest
- Private Land

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