Moab Tailings Project Steering Committee

In their November 2013 approval of the Site Futures Committee’s Initial Community Vision, Grand County Resolution 3015 and Moab City Resolution 11-2014 recognized that Grand County established the Steering Committee “as a forum and mechanism for open communication and monitoring of the UMTRA Project during its operation, to advise the County Council on matters pertaining to the Project and to seek appropriate future uses of the Moab Site…upon completion of the Project”.

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In December 2012, the Steering Committee approved a resolution to create a Site Futures sub-committee to:

Advise and assist the Steering Committee by developing recommendations regarding future uses of the tailings site through a public planning process.

Work with partners to develop inter-governmental agreements or working procedures that may be necessary to coordinate planning for future uses of the tailings site subject to approval by the Grand County Council.

Provide other technical or advisory requested by the Steering Committee relevant to potential future uses of the tailings site.

Formulate a community vision with recommendations that are in accordance the DOE’s legal guidance pertaining to site ownership and allowable uses and that are technically sound, promote public safety, and are consistent with the attainment of the DOE’s site remediation goals and Legacy Management requirements.

Develop recommendations that consider the physical and public safety limitations of the Moab Project Site such as flood potential, ground water, slope, utility easement, and areas with residual radiation concerns.

The Steering Committee additionally determined that the Site Futures Committee may also utilize the assistance of non-voting additional individuals with technical or other special expertise.

Site Futures Committee Initial Community Vision
In their approval resolutions for the Initial Community Vision, Grand County and Moab City requested future transfer of the Moab UMTRA project site to Grand County upon completion of the remediation project. The approval resolutions also expressed that it was the intent of the County and City that future uses provide substantial social and economic benefits to residents of and visitors to Grand County and Moab.

The resolutions also empowered the Steering Committee to review and update the Initial Community at least every five years during the site remediation process using a public and agency input process and to coordinate these reviews and updates with other planning processes. The resolutions further directed the Steering Committee to notify the Grand County and Moab City councils when substantive updates are made and reserved the right to endorse or reject any substantive future revisions to the Community Vision.

The Initial Community Vision approval resolutions that Grand County, the City of Moab, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and Utah’s Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands foresee beneficial purposes for some portions of the Moab Site and have collaborated with Grand County’s Site Futures Committee and citizens to develop a shared vision (the “Initial Community Vision”) for these beneficial uses…

The resolutions approving the Initial Community Vision also note that it could be used by the DOE during the remediation to accommodate community preferences where allowed within the UMTRA scope, and by local government leaders in support of appeals for adequate federal funding for the UMTRA Project…

**Grand County Specially Planned Area**

Grand County has designated the UMTRA Project site as a Specially Planned Area. Consequently, the County requires site-specific land use planning following completion of remediation work. This planning would only follow a decision by the Department of Energy to transfer all or a portion of the remediated site to another governmental entity. The community vision process conducted by the Moab Tailing Project Steering Committee through its Site Futures Sub-Committee provides preliminary concepts for the Specially Planned Area.