

Bear Lake Regional Commission  
Goals for 2010

Mission statement: The Bear Lake Regional Commission will protect the air, water, and land in the Bear Lake Region while providing responsible planning and coordination as needed across State, County, and municipal boundaries:

**Five of the major goals of the Regional Commission are:**

- To acknowledge the Bear Lake Valley as a resource of regional significance, and provide for its continued utilization and preservation.
- To provide for the maximum public benefit of valley resources at a minimum public cost along with preservation of natural resources for current and future generations, specifically Bear Lake and surrounding watersheds.
- To coordinate public and private interests, including the local, regional, state and federal governments in the long-term management of the Bear Lake Valley environment.
- To maintain technical staff competent to advise or assist local government.
- To develop and assist in the implementation of a total planning program based on the natural environmental constraints of the air, land, and water.
- Preventing the establishment of invasive species of plants and animals

**These five goals set the frame work for five major functions which encompass the Bear Lake Regional Commission's activities. These functions are:**

- [Bear Lake protection and development](#)
- [Natural resource planning](#)
- [Coordination and cooperation](#)
- [Local planning and grantsmanship assistance](#)
- [Public involvement and education](#)

**Short-Term Goals:**

Goal 1.

Restore fiscal solvency

Action item 1: Work with federal, state, and local elected officials and agency personnel to insure funding for future efforts supporting the mission of the regional commission.

Action item 2: continued work with granting organizations to leverage funds

Goal 2.

Restore and protect watershed health

Action item 1: Execute existing contracts for on the ground implementation of Best Management Practices in the watersheds affecting Bear Lake.

Action item 2: Prevent Quagga Mussel contamination of Bear Lake through outreach and boat inspections.

Action item 3: Coordinate development of a water quality plan for Bear Lake

Goal 3.

Plan for the growth of the Bear Lake Valley

Action item 1: Provide staff time to local planning commissions for technical support, application review and coordination

Action item 2: Arrange meetings of local mayors

Action item 3: provide staff time to planning subcommittees

Action item 4: continue working with legislators and Attorneys General from the two states to complete and sign an interlocal emergency services agreement.

### **Long-Term Goals:**

Goal 1.

Maintain fiscal solvency

Action item 1: Work with federal, state, and local elected officials and agency personnel to insure funding for future efforts supporting the mission of the regional commission.

Action item 2: continued work with granting organizations to leverage funds

Goal 2.

Long-term regional planning oversight for the Bear Lake Region including:

- Recreation
- Transportation
- Surface Water and Groundwater Quality
- Land Development and Re-Development
- Economic Development
- Agricultural Lands
- Sensitive Wildlife Habitat
- Visual Quality
- Air Quality

Action item 1: Establish a regional planning committee consisting of local Mayors, County Commissioners, residents, State and Federal agencies, special interest groups, and others to discuss land use development and planning issues.

Action item 2: Develop funding opportunities to provide ongoing staff and technical regional planning assistance.

Goal 3.

Working with Federal, State, and local governments to address various cross-state and cross jurisdictional issues including emergency response, Quagga Mussel prevention, etc.

Other Action items.....