

STATE PARK DESIGNATION AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses the creation of Monte Cristo State Park.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ authorizes the Division of State Parks to accept donations of land or facilities, engage in land transfers, and purchase land and facilities for the creation of Monte Cristo State Park;

▶ provides that Monte Cristo State Park shall be included in the state parks system;

▶ provides that Monte Cristo State Park may not be opened to the public until the division receives sufficient funds for capital improvements;

▶ provides that any land acquisitions or capital improvements shall be done in a way that will make the park self-sustaining; and

▶ provides for on-going operational funding for the park from the division's restricted fees account.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2023:

▶ to the Division of Parks, as a one-time appropriation:

• from the General Fund, One-time, \$20,000,000; and

▶ to the Division of Parks, as an on-going appropriation:

• from the General Fund, On-going, \$450,000.



28 **Other Special Clauses:**

29 None

30 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

31 ENACTS:

32 **79-4-609**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



34 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

35 Section 1. Section **79-4-609** is enacted to read:

36 **79-4-609. Monte Cristo State Park.**

37 (1) As used in this section, "Monte Cristo" means the land located in the area known as
38 Monte Cristo and more fully described by the map and legal description on file with the
39 division.

40 (2) The division may:

41 (a) accept donations of land or facilities in the Monte Cristo area for the creation of,
42 and inclusion within, Monte Cristo State Park;

43 (b) engage in land transfers for land in the Monte Cristo area for inclusion in Monte
44 Cristo State Park; and

45 (c) purchase land or facilities in the Monte Cristo area for inclusion in Monte Cristo
46 State Park.

47 (3) Monte Cristo State Park shall be included within the state park system.

48 (4) The division may not open Monte Cristo State Park to the public for use as a state
49 park until the division receives sufficient funding from the state building board or from
50 appropriations by the Legislature to make capital improvements and necessary land
51 acquisitions for the park.

52 (5) The division shall make land acquisitions and capital investments for Monte Cristo
53 State Park in a way that will allow Monte Cristo State Park to be financially self-sustaining.

54 (6) Ongoing operations at Monte Cristo State Park shall be funded through the
55 division's restricted fees account.

56 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

57 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
58 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. These are additions to the amounts previously appropriated

59 for fiscal year 2023. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary
60 Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or
61 accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

62 ITEM 1

63 To Department of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks Capital
64 From General Fund, One-time \$20,000,000

65 To Department of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks Operations
66 From General Fund Restricted - State Park Fees, On-going \$450,000

67 Schedule of Programs:

68 Renovation and Development \$20,000,000

69 Operations \$450,000

70 (1) Under Section 63J-1-603, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided
71 under this item not lapse at the close of fiscal year 2023.

72 (2) The use of any non-lapsing funds is limited to the development of Monte Cristo
73 State Park.

74 (3) The Legislature intends that the Division of State Parks use funds appropriated
75 from the State Park Fees Restricted Account to purchase up to two vehicles for operations at
76 Monte Cristo State Park.