

Table S1: Technical advisory committee members

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Table S3: GIS dataset source and name list

Source	Description	Data Layer Name
AGRC	2009 NAIP orthophotography	Aerial
AGRC	Agricultural conservation easements	Agricultural Cons. Easements
AGRC	Aquifer recharge area	Aquifer Recharge/Discharge Area
AGRC	Artificial canals for water management distribution (irrigation, flood controls, etc.)	Canals
AGRC	All cemeteries (point)	Cemeteries
AGRC	Important community locations (polygon)	Community Areas
AGRC	Frontrunner transit line	Commuter Rail (Routes)
AGRC	Frontrunner stops (point)	Commuter Rail (Stops)
AGRC	County boundaries	County Boundaries
AGRC	All cultivated land	Cultivated Land (All)
AGRC	Dams and Reservoirs	Dams
AGRC	Includes high, medium, & low intensity development & developed open space	Developed Land
AGRC	All elderly care facilities (point)	Elderly Care Facility
AGRC	Geohazard fault lines	Fault Lines
AGRC	Geohazard fault lines	Fault Lines
AGRC	FEMA floodplain	Floodplain - Davis County
AGRC	100 year floodplain	Floodplain - Great Salt Lake
AGRC		Game Species Habitat
AGRC	Vegetation communities	Gap Data
AGRC	Golf courses (Polygon)	Golf Courses
AGRC	Great Salt Lake boundary	Great Salt Lake
AGRC	Geologic hazard areas	High Liquifaction Potential
AGRC	HAFB	Hill Air Force Base
AGRC	Various districts of historical value	Historic Districts
AGRC	Various historic trails, incl. Pony Express, Mormon Pioneer, Donner/Clymen/Mormon	Historic Trails
AGRC	All hospitals (point)	Hospitals
AGRC	Impaired Water Bodies	Impaired Waters
AGRC	Types of land use that are irrigated or subirrigated (farming lands)	Irrigated Land Use
AGRC	Lakes and Ponds	Lakes
AGRC	Designated areas of critical concern on Public Lands managed by the BLM.	Land Ownership
AGRC	Geologic hazard areas	Landslide Areas
AGRC	All libraries (point)	Libraries
AGRC	Major cities (self-defined)	Major Cities
AGRC	All marinas (point)	Marinas
AGRC	Mining Lease Lands	Mining Areas
AGRC	Noxious weed locations	Noxious Weeds
AGRC	Locations of local parks, excluding state & federally owned parks	Parks - Local
AGRC	Location of all state parks	Parks - State

AGRC	Pasture and Rangelands	Pasture and Hay Landscape
AGRC	Areas (from land ownership) that are strictly public - excludes private, tribal & DOD	Public Lands
AGRC	Railroads (active and inactive)	Railroads
AGRC	Manmade lakes for drinking water and irrigation uses (different from lakes)	Reservoirs
AGRC	Major rivers	Rivers
AGRC	Interstate highways	Roads - Major
AGRC	Interstate and state highways	Roads - Major & Secondary
AGRC	FEMA Floodplain	Salt Lake County Floodplain
AGRC	All schools (point)	Schools
AGRC	0 foot depth to groundwater	Shallow Groundwater
AGRC	Ski areas and lifts	Ski Lifts
AGRC	Major streams only	Streams (Major)
AGRC	All streams major & minor	Streams (Major & Minor)
AGRC	Sub-watershed (level 5)	Sub-watershed Areas
AGRC	Tribal Territories	Tribal Lands
AGRC	All universities (point)	Universities
AGRC	Watershed (basins - level 4)	Watershed Areas
AGRC	Priority areas that are protected to assist in Utah's watershed restoration initiative	Watershed Restoration Initiative Areas
AGRC	Areas that prohibit development & resource extraction to protect native wildlife and areas under higher management practices	Wildlife Reserves & Management Areas
AGRC, BLM, & USFS	Areas under the wilderness designation - typically do not allow resource extraction or development	Wildland Urban Interface Areas
AGRC & UDWR	Various types of land protected from development	Conservation Easements (All)
AGRC & UDWR	Historic conservation easements only	Historic Conservation Easements
AGRC & UDWR	Conservation easements (water-related only)	Water Related Cons. Easements
AGRC, UDWR, &	Action areas meant to inform the decision-making process associated with the Wildlife	Wildlife Action Plan Conservation Areas
AGRC, WFRC,	Parkways and hiking trails	Regional Trails
Audubon Society	Sites that provide essential habitat for one or more species of bird	Important Bird Areas
BLM	Designated areas of critical concern on Public Lands managed by the BLM.	BLM Areas of Critical Concern
BLM	BLM Designated grazing allotment & pastures	Grazing Allotments - BLM
BLM - Nevada	Nevada grazing allotment boundaries	Grazing Allotments - Nevada
CGID	Points of interest for contextual reasons	Interest Points

FEMA	FEMA floodplain	Floodplain - Davis County
NRCS	Actual land cover (9 built, forest, etc.	Land Cover
NRCS	Areas with soil that has high value for farming use	Prime Farmland Soil
NRCS	Farmland of statewide importance	Soils of Statewide Importance
SITLA	SITLA designated grazing leases	Grazing Leases - SITLA
SL County Flood Control & Water	Ecosystem restoration sites on the Jordan River in Salt Lake County	Restoration Salt Lake County (Completed)
Tooele	Per Utah's Agricultural Protection Act	Agricultural Protection Areas - Tooele County
UDFFSL	Priority watersheds for forest health objectives	Forest Priority Areas
UDFFSL	Hazard areas based on fuel type and proximity	Wildland Urban Interface Areas
UDWR	CWMUs as referred to in the 2010 Utah Big Game Guidebook	Cooperative Wildlife Management Units
UWDR	Various zones (determined by amount of time it takes water & pollutants to reach aquifers) for protection priorities	Drinking Water Source Protection Zones
UDWR	Sagegrouse brooding use areas	Greater Sagegrouse Brooding Habitat
UDWR	Sagegrouse winter use areas	Greater Sagegrouse Winter Habitat
UDWR	Point localities masked to within one square mile	Greater Sagegrouse Masked Locations
USFWS	Wetlands perUSFWS National Wetlands	Wetlands
Weber	Per Utah's Agricultural Protection Act	Agricultural Protection Areas - Ogden Valley
Weber	Per Utah's Agricultural Protection Act	Agricultural Protection Areas - Western Weber
WFRC	Areas of a certain fire hazard risk	Fire Hazard
WFRC	Areas where soil expands when mixed with water (geologic hazard areas)	Problem Soils (Expansive Soils)
WFRC	All trailheads	Regional Trailheads

Table S4: Green infrastructure network criteria and GIS modeling

ECOLOGICAL NETWORK CRITERIA

CORES	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Protected lands or public lands with ecological assets within them	Protected lands have a higher likelihood of providing permanent GI services. Inclusion of protect lands is well-documented ¹ .
2. High quality wetlands – min. size of 50 m in diameter and not "too" isolated	Based off the American white pelican and black-necked stilt habitats. Based on literature and conversations with UDWR staff. Working with UDWR staff to identify a freshwater wetlands species.
3. High quality uplands – lands indicated by UDWR as crucial for the mule deer and potential habitat for the northern goshawk	These species are listed as indicator species by UDWR (mule deer) and USFW (northern goshawk in the Uinta-Cache National Forest). See end of document for specific criteria.
4. High quality riparian areas – all streams with documented occurrences of the Bonneville Cutthroat Trout (with a 50 foot buffer), and potential beaver habitat (open water, permanent streams adjacent to woody vegetation).	Recommended by UDWR and used by the Uinta-Cache National Forest as an indicator species. Based on discussions with UDWR and USFS.
5. High quality scrub/shrub areas – lands indicated as critical or substantial for the Greater Sage Grouse	Based off the greater sage grouse habitat layer provided by UDWR.
6. Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	A BLM designation – includes the Bonneville Salt Flats and Horseshoe Springs within this study area.
Exclusion Factors:	
1. For priority saline wetlands – remove areas of high human disturbance	Includes marinas, recreational trails, fishing areas, etc. Conversation with John Neill, UDWR – 9/13/2010
2. Remove areas affected by development	Buffer recommendations – 180 m (Odell and Knight 2001), Bock 1999 – 200 m (see Lenth 2006 paper for reference)
3. Remove areas affected by invasive species	Based on data downloaded from AGRC, including invasive species and dominant vegetation shapefiles.

4. Remove riparian areas with diversions, dams, culverts and de-watered reaches; For beavers remove recreational areas and mineral developments.	These areas serve as barriers to BCT migration (pers. comm. with UDWR 2010). As per the USFS Suitability analysis, beavers will not establish colonies where significant human disturbance is located.
5. Exclude major roads.	Species will be negatively affected by roads, through mortality or avoidance.
HUBS	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Reservoirs	American white pelican utilizes these areas.
2. High priority forest lands	DFFSL completed a planning process in 2010 that identified priority forest lands.
3. For upland habitats – lands indicated as substantial habitat for mule deer and areas with aspen as dominant vegetation cover for goshawks.	Substantial mule deer habitat based on data from UDWR. Based on breeding and foraging requirements (from USFS), aspen is important for the northern goshawk (USFS).
4. Wildlife Action Areas within the study area & important wildlife areas	As per the Wildlife Action Plan developed by UDWR and Ogden Valley important wildlife areas
5. For scrub/shrub habitat for sagegrouse – all areas of sagebrush within 1 mile of masked species locations	Habitat data provided by UDWR was masked up to 1 mile, as per confidentiality reasons, these hub areas would encompass all possible habitats. As this species is a sagebrush-obligate species, hubs should include areas with sagebrush as the dominant vegetation species.
6. Riparian areas – all permanent streams that have surrounding forest land cover.	Beaver criteria reviewed by USFS.
7. Important Bird Areas	Areas identified as important for a suite of bird species throughout the region (UDWR, pers. comm. 2010)
Exclusion Factors:	
1. Exclude roads that create barriers for species travel, e.g. major highways	Species will be negatively affected by roads, through deaths in crossing or avoidance.
2. Remove areas affected by development	Buffer recommendations – 180 m (Odell and Knight 2001), Bock 1999 – 200 m (see Lenth 2006 paper for reference)
CORRIDORS	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION

1. For riparian areas –Least-cost path analysis between the core areas, using acceptable habitat types, e.g. the streams in the cores/hubs listed above, with preferred connections between higher quality streams and streams with woody riparian vegetation.	Based off the Bonneville cutthroat trout and Beaver, based on discussions with UDWR and USFS.
2. For shrub/scrub and mule deer habitat areas, prioritize connections between summer and winter ranges (e.g., for mule deer and Greater Sage Grouse) and connections via preferred habitat	Based on conversations with UDWR staff, species need connections between winter and summer ranges first, then other connections.
3. Least-cost path analyses between the core and hub areas, using acceptable habitat types.	See least cost path analysis process below.
4. For wetlands, utilize discharge areas, hydric soils and shallow aquifer areas for connections.	Emphasize hydrological connections to support wetland connectivity.

ECOLOGICAL NETWORK GIS MODELLING PROCESS

Ecological Cores

1. Create a new toolbox in ArcCatalog for Ecological modeling - ~EcologicalAssets
 - A. #1 Core Criteria – protected and public lands with ecological assets
 - i. Select all lands with protection designation – BLM Wilderness, US Forest Service Wilderness, National Conservation Association parcels, Division of Natural Resources wildlife reserves, and ecological easements. Merge into one layer→**ecolands_protected2**
 - ii. Convert to raster→**prot_ecoland1**
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis→**rc_ecoprot1**
 - B. #2 Core Criteria – high priority wetlands
 - i. Select those wetlands (from USFWS National Wetland Inventory) greater or equal to .6 acres (as per species habitat information and conversations with UDWR staff)→ **NWI_wetlands_over6ac**
 - ii. Remove tailings ponds south of the Great Salt Lake (as per conversations with water quality experts)
 - iii. Convert to raster→**all_wetlands1**
 - iv. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis→**rc_wetlands4**
 - C. #3 Core Criteria – high quality uplands
 - i. Select crucial mule deer habitat from data received from UDWR → **MuleDeerHabitat_Crucial**, convert to raster → **mdeer_crucial**, reclassify → **rc_mdeer_cruc**

- ii. Extract vegetation used by the northern goshawk from the SWreGAP data → Goshawk_GAP_veg2, convert to raster → goshawk1, reclassify → rc_goshawk1
 - iii. Use single output map algebra to add the above two layers → uplandhab2
 - iv. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rc_uplandhab1**
- D. #4 Core Criteria – high quality riparian
 - i. Buffer by 50 feet streams where Bonneville Cutthroat Trout occur and streams with permanent woody riparian vegetation and merge together → riparianforcore_50ftbuff, convert to raster → riparian50ft, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → rc_ripar50ft
 - ii. Extract from SWreGAP data all riparian vegetation types, open water and wet meadow → beaver_water; merge with streams_perm2_pgon → beaver_water2; extract from SWreGAP data all vegetation types useable by the beaver → beaver_usable_veg; select by location all features within beaver_water2 that are within 600 feet of beaver_usable_veg (per USFS beaver habitat criteria) → beaver_habitat; merge this layer with beaver_water2 → beaver_habitat2; convert to raster → beaver_hab1; reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → rc_beverhab1
 - iii. Buffer rivers by 50 ft → rivers_50ft_buff, convert to raster → rivers_50ft, reclassify → rc_rivers50ft
 - iv. Use single output map algebra to add the above three layers → ripcore, reclassify to 0 and 1 → **rc_ripcore3**
- E. #5 Core Criteria – high quality scrub/ shrub areas
 - i. Merge together sagegrouse brooding and winter habitat from AGRC → sagegrouse_habitat
 - ii. Convert to raster → sagegrse_hab
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rc_sagehab**
- F. #6 Core Criteria – areas of environmental concern
 - i. Select BLM Areas of Critical Environmental Concern → BLM_areasenvtalconcernt
 - ii. Convert to raster → BLM_AEC
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rc_blm_aec2**
- 2. Merge together the core criteria 1 – 6
 - A. Use single output map algebra to add the above final, reclassified rasters together → eco_cores5
 - B. Use the reclassify tool to change any value above 1 to a 1, and then all nodata values to 0 → **rc_ecocores5**
- 3. Create exclusion layers
 - A. Create exclusion factor #1 – areas of high human disturbance – marinas (note: marinas to be included with recreational areas, see exclusion factor #4), trails
 - i. Buffer trails and regional trails by 50 meters and merge → all_trails_50ftbuff, convert to raster → trails_50m, reclassify for analysis → **rc_trails50m**
 - B. Create exclusion factor #2 – areas affected by development
 - i. Select developed lands from AGRC land cover → developed_land_all
 - ii. Buffer by 200 m → dev_land_all_200mbuff
 - iii. Convert to raster → urbanareas2
 - iv. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rc_urban6**
 - C. Create exclusion factor #3 – areas affected by invasive spp.
 - i. Clip noxious weeds layer from AGRC to project boundary → noxiousweeds_AGRC
 - ii. Select noxious weeds from dominant vegetation shapefile (from AGRC, include cheatgrass, which is not on the noxious weed list but has significant ecological and productivity ramifications) → noxiousweeds_cheatgrass
 - iii. Merge the noxious weeds layer → noxiousweeds_all
 - iv. Convert the noxiousweeds_all layer to raster (noxiousweeds) and reclassify for analysis → **rcnoxweeds1**

- D. Create exclusion factor #4 – riparian barriers and human disturbance
 - i. Buffer dams by 50 feet → *dams_50ftbuffer*, merge buffered dam layer with mining lands → *dams_mines*, and convert to raster → *dams_mines*
 - ii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_mine_dam1*
 - iii. Use reclassified recreation area file from Recreational Core Criteria #5 (includes ski areas, marinas and golf courses) → *Rc_recareas1*
 - iv. Conduct single output map algebra to add these two areas → *Rc_recmindam1*
- E. Create exclusion factor #5 – road creating barriers for species travel
 - i. Select major roads from AGRC Roads shapefile → *Roads_Major*
 - ii. Buffer by 40 m (Forman 1995) → *MajorRoads_40mbuff*
 - iii. Convert to raster → *roads_40mbuff*
 - iv. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_roads40m1*
- F. Use single output map algebra to multiply the 5 exclusion layers together → *ecocoreexfac2*
- 4. Remove exclusion layers
 - A. Use single output map algebra to multiply the final cores layer with the exclusion layer → *eco_cores6* – vector file is *ecocores7*

Ecological Hubs

- 1. Develop hub criteria
 - A. #1 Hub Criteria – reservoirs
 - i. Select the reservoirs layer → *reservoirs_clip*
 - ii. Convert to raster → *reservoirs*
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_reservoir*
 - B. #2 Hub Criteria – high priority forest lands
 - i. Select all Tier 1 lands from DFFSL priority areas layer → *priority_areas*
 - ii. Convert to raster → *fs_priority*
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_fs_prior1*
 - C. #3 Hub Criteria – substantial mule deer habitat and areas dominated by aspen
 - i. Select areas dominated by aspen → *aspen_dominant*, convert to raster → *aspen*, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_aspen*
 - ii. Extract substantial mule deer habitat from data received from UDWR → *MuleDeerHabitat_Substantial*, convert to raster → *mdeer_subst*, reclassify → *rc_mdeer_subs*
 - iii. Use single output map algebra to add the above two layers → *upland_hub*, reclassify → *rc_uplandhub*
 - B. #4 Hub Criteria – Wildlife Action Areas and Important Wildlife Areas
 - i. Merge the Wildlife Action Areas as designated by the Wildlife Action Plan with Ogden Valley's Important Wildlife Habitat → *wildact_impwild*
 - ii. Convert to raster → *wildact_imp1*
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_wild_imp3*
 - D. #5 Hub Criteria – shrub habitat
 - i. Select all shrub lands (from GAP data) within 1 mile of masked species locations → *sagebrush_adjtomaskedlocations*
 - ii. Convert to raster → *shrub_hub1*
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_shrb_hub2*
 - E. #6 Hub Criteria – riparian areas
 - iv. Select all permanent streams adjacent to forest lands → *perm_streams_adjacenttoforests*
 - v. Convert to raster → *stream_forest*

- vi. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_stm_fores2*
- F. #7 Hub Criteria – Important Bird Areas
 - i. Convert the ImportantBirdAreas shapefile to raster → IBAs1
 - ii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_IBAs2*
- 2. Merge together the hub criteria 1 – 7
 - A. Use single output map algebra to add the above final, reclassified rasters together → *eco_hubs3*
 - B. Use the reclassify tool to change any value above 1 to a 1, and then all nodata values to 0 → *rc_eco_hubs2*
- 3. Create exclusion layers
 - A. Use single output map algebra to multiply the hub exclusion factors together (*rc_urban4* and *rc_roads40m1*) → *ecohubexfact1*
- 4. Remove exclusion layers from hubs
 - A. Use single output map algebra to multiply the final hubs with the hub exclusion layer → *ecohubs_excl4*

Ecological Corridors – Least Cost Path Analysis

1. Create the cost surface raster
 - a. Convert the *ecocores_exc4* raster to vector → *ecocores5*
 - i. Dissolve by value field → *eco_cores_dissolve*
 - ii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Cores” to the one attribute field under “label”
 - b. Convert the *ecocores_exc4* raster to vector → *ecohubs1*
 - i. Erase the cores from the hubs (erase tool only available with ArcInfo license) → *ecohubs_erase*
 - ii. Dissolve by value field → *eco_hubs_erase_dissolve*
 - iii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Hubs” to attribute field under label
 - c. Merge together hydric soils (*hydric70pct*), shallow groundwater areas (*grndh20_0ft*) and aquifer recharge zones (*aquifer_10km_boundary*) → *hydric_shallow_recharge*
 - i. Dissolve by value field → *hydshallowrecharge_dissolve*
 - ii. Add label field; start editing session – add “Hydric soils, shallow groundh2o, aquifer recharge” to attribute field
 - d. Buffer all streams by 15 m → *streams_15mbuff*
 - i. Dissolve by buffer distance → *streams_15mbuff_dissolve*
 - ii. Add label field; start editing session – add “All Streams” to attribute field
 - e. Select all developed land from land cover layer → *developed_land_all*
 - i. Dissolve by buffer value field → *developed_land_dissolve*
 - ii. Add label field; start editing session – add “Developed Land” to attribute field
 - f. Select appropriate habitat land cover types from NLCD layer – all forest, shrub, grassland and wetland types → *forest_shrub_grass_wetland*
 - i. Dissolve by value field → *all_habitat_dissolve*
 - ii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Habitat Landcover” to the one attribute field under “label”
 - g. Select permanent streams adjacent to woody vegetation (from Hydrological criteria) → *permstreams_adjtoforest_50ftbuff*
 - i. Dissolve by value field → *streams_forestadj_dissolve*
 - ii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Permanent Streams adjacent to Forests” to attribute field
 - h. Select parks from Community Criteria → *all_parks*
 - i. Dissolve by value field → *all_parks_dissolve*
 - ii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Parks” to attribute field

- i. Select major roads → major roads
 - i. Dissolve by value field → major_roads_dissolve
 - ii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Roads” to attribute field
- j. Select impaired water bodies
 - i. Dissolve by value field → impaired_waters_dissolve
 - ii. Add label field; start editing session – add “Impaired Waters” to attribute field
- k. Merge eco_cores_dissolve, eco_hubs_erase_dissolve, hydshallowrecharge_dissolve, streams_15mbuff_dissolve, developed_land_dissolve, all_habitat_dissolve, streams_forestadj_dissolve, all_parks_dissolve, major_roads_dissolve, and impaired_waters_dissolve together → eco_corridor_perm (note, this should be the cost surface file – to be renamed in raster classification)
 - i. Under value field, insert the following values (values assigned to dictate which layers will override other layers):

Value	Label
1	Habitat Landcover
2	Hydric soils, shallow groundh20, aquifer recharge
3	Cores
4	Hubs
5	Developed Land
6	Parks
7	Roads
8	Streams
9	Permanent Streams adjacent to Forests
10	Impaired Waters

- ii. Convert file to raster → *eco_costsurf*
- iii. Add PermValue field with the following values:

OBJECTID	Value	Label	PERMVALUE
0	1	Habitat Landcover	0.6
1	2	Hydric soils, shallow groundh2o, aquifer recharge	0.7
2	3	Cores	1.0
3	4	Hubs	0.9
4	5	Developed Land	0.1
5	6	Parks	0.5
6	7	Roads	0.1
7	8	Streams	0.7
8	9	Permanent Streams adjacent to Forests	0.8

9	10	Impaired Waters	0.0005
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Ecological Corridors – Design Process

1. Create study map with cores, hubs, least cost paths and linear ecological features that could serve as corridors
 - a. Add cores → ecocores5 and hubs → ecohubs_erase
 - b. Add least cost paths to map → movement_prob
 - i. In Symbology, select “Classified”; compute histogram; exclude data between 0 – 0.5686 (retains highest value paths)
 - c. Add waterways → streams_rivers
2. Create new shapefile → Eco_Corridors_Existing
 - a. Trace waterways that serve as connecting corridors between core and hub areas
3. Create new shapefile → Eco_Corridors_Proposed
 - a. Assess areas where connectivity is lacking and draw in corridors using the following criteria
 - i. Trace existing waterways first, even if they do not completely connect two core patches – such partial corridors are included in the existing corridor shapefile – draw in proposed corridors to complete these connections
 - ii. Secondly, use least cost paths to draw in corridors where connectivity is still lacking

Final Shapefiles for Agencies & Organizations

Merged Cores	Ecological_Cores
Merged Hubs	Ecological_Hubs
Existing Corridors	Ecological_Corridors_Existing
Proposed Corridors	Ecological_Corridors_Proposed

Note – merged files have been dissolved by layer – data is extremely simplified.

Core #1 – Protected lands with ecological assets	Protected_Ecological_Lands
Core #2 – High quality wetlands	Wetlands_Over_6Ac
Core #3 – High quality uplands	Upland_Core
Core #4 – High quality riparian areas	Riparian_Core
Core #5 – High quality scrub/shrub areas	ShrubSteppe_Core
Core #6 – Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	BLM_AreasofEnvironmentalConcern

Core Exclusion #1 – Disturbed saline wetland areas (<i>marinas included in core exclusion #5</i>)	Trails_50ftbuffer
Core Exclusion #2 – Areas affected by development	Developed_Land_200mbuffer
Core Exclusion #3 – Invasive species	Noxious_Weeds
Core Exclusion #4 – Disturbed riparian areas	Disturbed_Areas
Core Exclusion #5 – Major roads	MajorRoads_40mbuffer

Hub #1 – Reservoirs	Reservoirs
Hub #2 – DFFSL high priority forest lands	DFFSL_Priority_Forest_Lands
Hub #3 – Substantial mule deer habitat & aspen-dominated areas	Upland_Hub
Hub #4 – Wildlife Action Plan areas and Ogden Valley important wildlife areas	WAP_Important_Wildlife_Areas

Hub #5 – Sagebrush areas with 1mile of masked
sage grouse locations

ShrubSteppe_Hub

Hub #6 – Permanent streams with surrounding
forest landcover

Riparian_Hub

Hub #7 – Important Bird Areas (IBAs)

Important_Bird_Areas

Hub Exclusion #1 – Major roads

MajorRoads_40mbuffer

Hub Exclusion #2 – Areas affected by development

Developed_Land_200mbuffer

HYDROLOGICAL NETWORK CRITERIA

CORES	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Protected lands with hydrological assets within them	Permanently protected lands have a higher likelihood of providing permanent GI services. Inclusion of protect lands is well-documented ¹ .
2. High quality water bodies –includes reservoirs, streams, lakes, rivers	See exclusion factors below, e.g., impaired waters (303d) are removed from core areas; Buffers are incorporated as hubs (see below).
3. Important wetlands within the Wasatch Front	As wetlands within Utah only consist of 0.2% of the entire state, all of the wetlands are critical to water quality and quantity.
4. Floodplains, where available	Incorporated in multiple green infrastructure planning efforts, including, but not limited to, the Maryland GI Plan (2003), the Travis County Greenprint for Growth Plan (2006), Cecil County, MD GI Plan (2007)
5. Restored landscapes within the Wasatch Front	Areas where counties and municipalities have actively restored hydrological assets; polylines were buffered by 50 ft as per discussion with SL County staff.
Exclusion Factors:	
A. Remove 303(d) listed waters	303(d) listed waters are considered impaired by federal standards, and thus, would not provide a high level of services to the region's GI network.
B. Impervious areas greater than 10% (would include roads, highways, and heavily urbanized areas)	Arnold and Gibbons 1996; Schueler 1994; Schueler, Fraley-McNeal and Capiella 2009 all list impervious areas greater than 10% as being impacted
HUBS	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Watershed Restoration Areas	These areas could be considered core areas when restoration is complete.

2. Groundwater discharge areas, aquifers, & drinking water source protection zones	Incorporated in multiple green infrastructure planning efforts, including, but not limited to, the Maryland GI Plan (2003), the Travis County Greenprint for Growth Plan (2006)
3. Buffers around streams a. in urban areas – min. buffer of 50' on either side; expand width to include adjacent wetlands, land covers, etc. b. In nonurban areas – recommendation of 100–300' for species biodiversity; c. Cutthroat trout streams 30.5 m buffers d. Major Rivers – 150'	a. Brown (2000) suggests this minimum width, see also Heraty (1993); b. ELI (2003); c. Hickman and Raleigh (1982), see Castelle et al. (1994) d. Morgan County standards for Weber River
4. Buffers around wetlands: a. In urban areas – min. buffer of 50' for water quality; b. In nonurban areas – min. of 100–300' for species diversity	a. Standards within Morgan & Salt Lake County (for planned developments) require 50' buffers around wetlands. According to the ELI (2008), a min. of 30' is needed for water quality (phosphorous and sediments). For nitrogen, a min. of 100' is needed. b. ELI (2008)
5. Hydric soils or areas with shallow groundwater (0')	Hydric soils (a component of wetlands) & shallow groundwater areas support groundwater/surface water interactions and could support the region's hydro assets.
6. Appropriate land covers that can serve as riparian vegetation for the high priority riparian areas	Appropriate land covers would include non-urbanized land covers (e.g., forests, grasslands, shrub/scrub, etc.) within 300 m of the surrounding core areas to reduce edge effects (ELI 2003).
Exclusion Factors:	
B. Impervious areas greater than 25%	Schueler, Fraley-McNeal and Cappiella (2009) list impervious areas greater than 25% as being nonsupporting or urban drainage
CORRIDORS	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. High quality streams and rivers – from core analysis above	The hydrology system identified in the core and hub areas will be used as corridors, given the linear nature of the systems.
2. Canals	Serve as conduits for hydrological systems within the Wasatch Front

Suitability Factors	Significance/explanation
1. Impaired water bodies would be rated less than higher quality water bodies	303(d) listed waters are considered impaired by federal standards, and thus, would not provide a high level of services to the region's GI network.

Hydrological Asset Network Criteria – Design Process

Hydrological Cores

1. Create a new toolbox in ArcCatalog for Hydrology modeling - HydroAssets
2. Create Cores
 - A. #1 Core Criteria – protected lands with hydrological assets within them
 - i. Merge vector files H20ConvEasementst, Easements_hydrology and SaltLakeprotectedarea together → hydro_protected_lands
 - ii. Convert to raster → hyd_protland
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rc_hydprotect**
 - B. #2 Core Criteria – high quality water bodies, including reservoirs, lakes, streams and rivers
 - i. Add lakes from National Hydrological Dataset (includes reservoirs), manually remove tailings ponds sound of the Great Salt Lake (lakes), convert to raster → lakes2, reclassify → rc_lakes1
 - ii. Add major rivers (majorrivers), convert to raster → majorriver3, reclassify → reclass_majorriv2
 - iii. Add permanent and intermittent streams, convert to raster → streams_perm1, streams_int1, reclassify → reclass_stre1, reclass_stre_int
 - iv. Using single output map algebra, add the above 4 reclassified rasters together → all_hydro5
 - v. Reclassify all values greater than 1 as 1 → **rc_allhydro1**
 - C. #3 Core Criteria – important wetlands
 - i. Add wetlands as defined by the USFWS in the National Wetlands Inventory, clip to 10km project boundary → NWI_wetlands_clip
 - ii. Convert to raster → NWI_wetlands
 - iii. Reclassify → **rc_NWIwetland**
 - D. #4 Core Criteria – floodplains
 - i. Merge together floodplains for counties with accessible data (Floodplains_SaltLakeCty, Floodplains_Weber, Davis_Floodplains, Floodplains_GSLclip) → Floodplains_All1
 - ii. Convert to raster → floodplains1
 - iii. Reclassify → **rcfloodplain1**
 - E. #5 Core Criteria – restored hydrological landscapes
 - i. Add Restoration_SL Cty_completed to map
 - ii. Convert to raster and reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rcslrestor**
3. Merge cores together
 - A. Using single output map algebra, add together the above 6 reclassified rasters → hydro_cores35
 - B. Reclassify all values above 1 as 1 and NoData as 0 → rhydrocores4
4. Merge core exclusion factors
 - A. Merge exclusion layers – impervious surfaces (imp_grt10pct) & 303(d) impaired waters (impair_h20) → **hydro_excl**
 - B. Reclassify **hydro_excl** where 1 values are now no data and nodata values are now 1 → **rc_hydroexcl**
5. Complete core analysis
 - A. Using single output map algebra, multiply the hydro_cores35 layer with the rc_hydroexcl layer → **hydro_cores36** – vector file is **hydrocores5**

Hydrological Hubs

1. Create hubs
 - A. #1 Hub Criteria – Watershed Restoration Areas

- i. Clip Watershed Restoration Focus Areas (UDWR Watershed Restoration Initiative) to project boundary → watershed_restoration_areas
 - ii. Convert to raster → h20_restor
 - iii. Reclassify → **rc_h20restor**
- B. #2 Hub Criteria – groundwater discharge areas, aquifers and drinking water source protection zones
 - i. Clip USGS aquifer file (includes recharge and discharge areas of principle aquifers) to new boundary → aquifer_10km_boundary
 - ii. Add drinking water source protection zones (DWSPzones), select protection zones 1 through 3 (1=100-foot radius from margin of collection area, 2=area within 250-day ground water time of travel to margin of collection area, 3=area within a 3-year ground water time of travel to margin of collection area) → DWSP_Zones1-3
 - iii. Merge together the aquifer_10kmboundary layer and the DWSP_Zones1-3 layer → DWSPzones_aquifer, convert to raster → DWSP_aquifer, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rc_DWSP_aquif**
- B. #3 Hub Criteria – buffered streams
 - i. Transform the streams (permanent and intermittent) into urban and non-urban areas to perform buffer analyses
 - ii. Buffer according to criteria → majorrivers_buffer150ft, streams_perm_urban_Buffer50ft, streams_perm_nonurban2_Buffer100ft, streams_intermittent_nonurban_buffer100ft, streams_intermittent_urban_Buffer_50ft, BCT_streams_100ftbuff
 - iii. Merge the above 6 shapefiles together → all_streams_buffered
 - iv. Convert to raster → allstreamsbuf
 - v. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rc_buffstream**
- C. #4 Hub Criteria – buffered wetlands
 - i. Transform wetlands into urban and non-urban areas to perform buffer analyses (using select by location – those wetlands that intersect with developed_land_all1) → NWI_wetlands_UrbanIntersect; NWI_wetlands_nonurban_ByIntersectSwitch
 - ii. Buffer according to criteria → NWI_wetlands_urban_50ftbuff; NWI_wetlands_nonurban_100ftbuff
 - iii. Merge the above 2 shapefiles together → NWI_wetlands_buffered
 - iv. Convert to raster → wetlandsbuff1
 - v. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rc_wetlanbuff1**
- D. #5 Hub Criteria – shallow ground water and hydric soils
 - i. Hydric soils with percentage greater than 70% hydric components (as per conversation with NRCS State Soil Scientist) → hydric70pct
 - ii. Use single output map algebra to merge together the hydric70pct layer with the rchydrodist300 layer to select all hydric soils within 300 m of core areas → hydric70pt300
 - iii. Reclassify → rc_hydric300
 - iv. Select ground water at a depth of 0 feet → grndh20_0ft
 - v. Convert to raster → shal_grndh20
 - vi. Reclassify → rc_shalgrh20
 - vii. Use single output map algebra to add the rc_hydric300 layer and the rc_shalgrh20 layer → hyd_shallow
 - viii. Reclassify all values above 1 as 1 → **rc_hydshallow**
- E. #6 Hub Criteria – supporting riparian land covers
 - i. Select appropriate land covers, including forested (mixed, evergreen, and deciduous), grassland, wetland (herbaceous and woody), and shrub/scrub cover → hydro_landcover

- ii. Use the single part to multipart tool to “undissolve” all of the land cover areas in individual parts (polygons)
 - iii. Buffer the hydro_cores layer by 30 m → hydro_cores_30mbuffer
 - iv. Select by location all of those areas in the hydrolandcover_multipart that intersect the hydro_cores_30mbuffer (captures all polygons in the adjacent cells) → hydro_landcover_adjacenttocores
 - v. Buffer the hydro_cores7 layer by 300 m (total of 300 m) → hydro_cores_300mbuffer;
 - vi. Intersect the hydro_landcover_adjacenttocores with the hydro_cores_300mbuffer → hydrocoveradj
 - vii. Convert each of the above layers to raster (output = hydrocoveradj and rhydrodist300); perform a single map output algebra to merge together those areas that are overlapping → hydrocovadj300
 - viii. Reclassify hydrocovadj300 to include “nodata” values in the analysis (change from NoData to 0) → **rccovadj300**
2. Merge hubs together
 - A. Using single output map algebra, add the six reclassified raster riles together → hydro_hubs14
 - B. Reclassify all values greater than 1 as 1 → **rc_hydrohubs2**
 3. Create hub exclusion factors
 - A. Select impervious surfaces greater than 25% → ImperviousSurfacegrtthan25pct
 - B. Convert to raster → imp_grt25pct
 - C. Reclassify so all 1 values are 0 and NoData is 1 → **rc_imperv25_1**
 4. Complete hub analysis
 - A. Using single output map algebra, multiply the rc_hydrohubs2 layer with the rc_imperv25_1 layer → **hydro_hubs15**

Hydrological Corridors

Hydrological corridors (streams and canals) are inherent in the core areas and required no additional mapping or design process.

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Merged Cores

Hydrological_Cores

Merged Hubs

Hydrological_Hubs

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Core #1 – Protected lands with hydrological assets

Protected_Hydro_Lands

Core #2 – High quality streams, rivers, lakes & reservoirs

Streams_Rivers_Lakes

Core #3 – Important wetlands

Wetlands

Core #4 – Floodplains

Floodplains

Core #5 – Restored landscapes

SaltLakeCounty_Restoration

Core Exclusion #1 – 303(d) listed waters

Impaired_Water

Core Exclusion #2 – Impervious areas greater than 10%

Impervious_Surfaces_Over10Percent

Hub #1 – Watershed restoration areas

Watershed_Restoration_Areas

Hub #2 – Aquifers & drinking water source protection zones

DWSP_Zones_Aquifer_Recharge

Hub #3 – Stream buffers	Buffered_Streams
Hub #4 – Wetland buffers	Buffered_Wetlands
Hub #5 (1) – Hydric soils	Hydric_Soils_AdjacentToCores
Hub #5 (2) – Shallow groundwater areas (0')	Shallow_Groundwater_0ft
Hub #6 – Riparian vegetation buffering core areas	Supporting_Landcover
Hub Exclusion #1 – Impervious areas greater than 25%	Impervious_Surfaces_Over25Percent

WORKING LANDS NETWORK CRITERIA

CORES	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Protected lands with working land assets within them	Protected lands have a higher likelihood of providing permanent GI services. Inclusion of protected lands is well-documented ¹ . Includes county-based Agricultural Protection Areas (Tooele, Davis, and Weber County), and agricultural-related conservation easements.
2. Working lands (agricultural production) on prime farmland soil	Working lands in the US are rapidly disappearing ² ; thus, agricultural lands on prime farmland soil, as determined by NRCS, should be prioritized
3. Ranching and grazing lands	Includes state trust grazing leases, those lands identified as pasture/hay lands under the National Land Cover dataset, and BLM grazing allotments.
Exclusion Factors:	
1. Future and existing roads that cut through – remove with buffer	Roads affect water quality and cause erosion, affecting the quality of working lands (conversation with NRCS, 10.18.10). Most studies focus on ecological effects, but sedimentation and pollution issues have been documented at 40 m (Forman 1995).
2. Unmanaged/unused working lands	Existing agricultural lands left fallow should not be included in core areas (but should be listed as hubs)
3. Working lands next to noxious weeds	Noxious weeds have a detrimental effect on high quality farmlands.
4. Saline soils	Exclude saline soils due to hindrance on productivity (NRCS 10.18.10).
5. T&E Species areas	Remove areas with T&E species within them to protect their habitat.
6. Remove working lands in proximity to core hydrology areas, esp. streams (for water quality protection).	Remove based on hydrology core areas; similar buffers used in the hydrology criteria
HUBS	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. All soils of statewide importance – prime, prime if irrigated, soils of statewide and local importance	Prime farmland soils should be protected for working lands purposes, even though they may not have working lands on them at present

2. Other working lands	Other working lands not identified in the core areas, i.e. working lands not on prime farmland soil, non-irrigated agricultural lands.
3. Related land–covers adjacent to working lands, e.g. grasslands, forests, and other land covers that support ecological services provided by the working lands systems, i.e. pollination, biodiversity, etc.	Grasslands and other land covers support ecosystem services, e.g. water quality, pollination, biodiversity that assist working lands in functioning. Forests provide soil stability and agro-forestry related services (see DFFSL 2010).
Exclusion Factors:	
1. Aquifer discharge areas	Working lands adjacent to an aquifer discharge area can have a negative impact on water quality (NRCS 10.18.10).
2. Those forest lands within the Wildland Urban Interface	Higher fire frequency, due to urban encroachment, will lower the eventual value of these forests to providing ecosystem services to working lands.
CORRIDORS	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Irrigation canals	Canals support working land productivity within the Wasatch Front.
2. Major roads	Roads support transportation of products.

Working Land Asset Network Criteria – Design Process

Working Land Cores

1. Create a new toolbox in ArcCatalog for Working Lands modeling – WorkingLandsAssets
2. Create cores
 - A. #1 Core Criteria – protected lands with working lands assets within them
 - i. Merge together county-based Agricultural Protection Areas and ag-related conservation easements → workinglands_protectedareas
 - ii. Convert to raster → wkingprotect
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *RcWkingprot*
 - B. #2 Core Criteria – Agricultural lands on prime farmland soil
 - i. Merge cultivated land from AGRC dominant vegetation layer (AGRC_cultivatedland_Multipart), cultivated land from the National Land Cover Dataset (landcover_cultivated_land), and agricultural land from SWreGAP data (GAP_agriculture) → all_cultivated_land

- ii. Intersect all_cultivated_land with NRCS Prime_and_Unique_Farmland → cultivatedland_on_primefarmland
 - iii. Convert to raster → aglandprime1
 - iv. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rc_ag_prime1**
- C. #3 Core Criteria – Ranching and grazing lands
 - i. Select pasture and hay lands from National Land Cover Dataset → NLCD_PastureHayLands_multipart
 - ii. Merge above layer with SITLA_Graze_Leases, Grazingallotments_BLM_activestatus, and Nevada_allotments → grazing_ranching_landsl
 - iii. Convert to raster → grazingranch4
 - iv. Reclassify → **rc_ranchland1**
- 3. Merge cores together
 - A. Using single map algebra output, add each of the above 3 reclassified rasters together → wkngcores4
 - B. Reclassify so that only 0 or 1 value are present → **rcwkngcores3**
- 4. Create core exclusion layers
 - A. #1 Core Exclusion Factor – future and existing roads with 40 meter buffer
 - i. Clip major road data to project boundary (MajorRoads_buffer10km), merge with proposed road areas (Highway_newconstruction) → merged_roads
 - ii. Buffer merged_roads by 40 meters → MergedRoads_40mbuffl
 - iii. Convert to raster → roads_40mbuffl
 - iv. Reclassify 1 values to 0 and NoData to 1 → **rc_roads40m**
 - B. #3 Core Exclusion Factor – working lands next to noxious weeds
 - i. Clip noxious weeds layer from AGRC to project boundary → noxiousweeds_AGRC
 - ii. Select noxious weeds from dominant vegetation shapefile (from AGRC, include cheatgrass, which is not on the noxious weed list but has significant ecological and productivity ramifications) → noxiousweeds_cheatgrass
 - iii. Merge the above two noxious weeds layers → noxiousweeds_all
 - iv. Convert the noxiousweeds_all layer to raster → noxiousweeds1
 - v. Reclassify 1 values to 0 and NoData to 1 → **rc_noxweeds1**
 - C. #4 Core Exclusion Factor – saline soils
 - i. Dissolve all soils layer by name → allsoils_dissolve
 - ii. Select those soil layers that are saline (MUKEY= 482121,482149, 482166, 482167, 482169, 482181, 482186, 482881, 482888, 482889, 483285, 482899, 483308, 483310, 483322, 483335, 482549, 503899, 483395) → soils_saline
 - iii. Convert saline soils to raster for analysis → salinesoils1
 - iv. Reclassify 1 values to 0 and NoData to 1 → **rcsalinesoil1**
 - D. #5 Core Exclusion Factor – working lands adjacent to hydrological cores
 - i. Add core hydrology areas (hydro_cores24) to the map
 - ii. Reclassify 1 values to 0 and 0 values to 1 → **rc_hydrocores**
 - E. Using single output map algebra, multiply all of the exclusion layers together → **wkcoreexfact**
- 5. Complete core analysis
 - A. Using single output map algebra, multiply the rcwkngcores2 layer with the wkcoreexfact layer → **wkingcores5**

Working Land Hubs

- 1. Create hubs
 - A. #1 Hub Criteria – all soils of statewide importance

- i. Clip all important soils layer to the project boundary → Soils_allimportant
 - ii. Convert to raster → importantsoils
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → **rc_importsoil**
- B. #2 Hub Criteria – other working lands
 - i. Convert all_cultivated_land feature to raster → all_cult_land
 - ii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 → rc_allagland
 - iii. Using single output map algebra, add together rc_allagland and rc_ranchland2 reclassified rasters → allwkngland3
 - iv. Reclassify to 0 and 1 → **rcallwkngland2**
- C. #3 Hub Criteria – related land covers
 - i. Merge related land covers together into a single layer (same land cover types as in hydrology) → hydro_landcover
 - ii. Use the single part to multipart tool to “undissolve” all of the land cover areas into individual parts (polygons) → hydro_landcover_multipart
 - iii. Use the Euclidean distance tool to calculate distance from the working land cores layer (wkngcores1) → tmpwkngcordis
 - iv. Reclassify the Distance layer to have 0-30 values as 1, and all other values to NoData → wkngcor30mbuf
 - v. Export this layer to .gdb file → wkngcores_30mbuf
 - vi. Select by location all of those polygons within the hydro_landcover_multipart that intersect the wkngcores_30mbuf → wkng_landcover_adj30m
 - vii. Buffer the working cores layer by 300 m → wkngcores_300mbuf
 - viii. Intersect the wkng_landcover_adj30m with the wkngcores_300mbuf to select all land cover areas adjacent to the cores → wkngcover_adjacenttocores2
 - ix. Convert each the above layers to raster (output = wkngcoveradj); reclassify for analysis: rcwkngcoveradj;
 - x. Remove WUI areas from this layer (as per hub exclusion factor #3)
 1. Clip WUI areas to project boundary → WUI_areas
 2. Convert to raster and reclassify to only include areas that should be included within the analysis → wui_areas and rcwui_incl;
 3. Conduct single output map algebra multiplying rc_wui_incl to rcwkngcoveradj to only select those land cover areas not in the WUI → **rcwkngcovadj1**
2. Merge hubs together
 - A. Using single output map algebra, merge the rcimportsoils, rc_allwkngland, and rcwkngcovadj1 → wkng_hubs2
 - B. Reclassify so that only 0 or 1 values are present → **rc_wkng_hubs2**
3. Create exclusion layers
 - A. #1 Hub Exclusion Factor – aquifer discharge areas
 - i. Clip aquifer discharge areas to project boundary → dischargeareas_projectboundary
 - ii. Convert to raster → dischargearea
 - iii. Reclassify for analysis → rcdischargearea
 - iv. Reclassify 1 values to 0 and 0 to 1 (to exclude these areas in the final analysis) → discharge_incl
 - B. #2 Hub Exclusion Factor – wildland urban interface
 - i. Convert Wildland Urban Interface file to raster → WUI_area
 - ii. Reclassify 1 values to 0 and NoData to 1 → rc_wui_incl
 - C. Using single output map algebra, multiply the discharge_incl layer and the rc_wui_incl layer together → **wkhubexfact**

4. Complete hub analysis

- A. Using single output map algebra, multiply the final hubs layer (rc_wkng_hubs2) with the hub exclusion factor layer (wkhubexfact) → *wkng_hubs3*

Working Land Corridors

Irrigation canals serve as corridors supporting the working lands within the Wasatch Front. Least cost paths analysis was deemed an unsuitable process for working lands corridor design, as plant pollination and particle movement corridors cannot be defined by least cost paths.

Final Shapefiles for Agencies & Organizations

Merged Cores	Working_Lands_Cores
Merged Hubs	Working_Lands_Hubs
Merged Corridors	Working_Lands_Corridors

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Core #1 – Protected lands with working lands assets	Protected_Working_Lands
Core #2 – Working lands on prime farmland soil	CultivatedLands_PrimeFarmlandSoil
Core #3 – Grazing and ranchlands	Grazing_Ranching_Lands

Core Exclusion #1 – Future & exiting roads	Roads_40mbuffer
Core Exclusion #2 – Unused/unmanaged working lands	Not mapped
Core Exclusion #3 – Noxious weeds	Noxious_Weeds
Core Exclusion #4 – Saline soils	Saline_Soils
Core Exclusion #5 – Threatened & endangered species areas	Not mapped
Core Exclusion #6 – Working lands in proximity to hydrology cores	Hydro_Cores

Hub #1 – Soils of statewide importance	Soils_Statewide_Importance
Hub #2 – Other working lands	All_Cultivated_Land
Hub #3 – Related landcovers adjacent to working lands	Adjacent_Supporting_Landcover

Hub Exclusion #1 – Aquifer discharge areas	Aquifer_Discharge_Areas
Hub Exclusion #2 – Forests within the Wildland-Urban Interface	Wildland_Urban_Interface

Corridor #1 – Irrigation canals	Irrigation_Canals
Corridor #2 – Major roads	Major_Roads

RECREATIONAL NETWORK CRITERIA

CORES	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Protected lands or public lands with recreational assets within them (includes the public lands that allow recreation, e.g., hunting, skiing, hiking etc. within them).	Protected lands have a higher likelihood of providing permanent GI recreational services. Inclusion of protected lands is well-documented ¹ . Includes public lands that allow recreational-related access, including US Forest Service, BLM, State-owned lands that allow recreation, etc.
2. Regional trail Assets and Priorities	Regionally significant trails provide the backbone for the region's recreational GI network ² Includes national historic trails, national recreation trails, and the respective trailheads.
3. Regional Park Assets and Priorities	Regionally significant parks provide the backbone for the region's recreational GI network ³ ; If regionally significant parks were not available, minimum park sizes were incorporated. Community parks classification (over 20 acres) were employed within this study. Also includes all state parks.
4. Regional Natural Lands Assets and Priorities	Regionally significant open spaces provide the backbone for the region's recreational GI network ⁴ Also includes the Great Salt Lake, Jordan River, Ogden River, Antelope Island as per discussions with county planners and others for open space priorities.
5. Other regional amenities that provide significant value, e.g., golf courses, marinas, and ski hills.	
6. Major waterways, permanent streams, and lakes	Serve as wildlife viewing areas, fishing, boating, etc. opportunities.
7. Scenically-rich areas of the Wasatch Front, e.g., ridgelines, scenic byways and backways, etc.	The Wasatch Front represents one of the most scenically-rich areas in the country.
Exclusion Factors:	
1. T&E Species areas	Remove areas with T&E species within them to protect their habitat.

HUBS	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Suitable land surrounding the core areas that allow recreational uses	Developed, open space areas and public lands that allow recreation.
2. Other trails, parks, and open space, not identified as core areas, that connect into the core areas	Connectivity into the core system strengthens the overall recreational opportunities for the region.
3. Intermittent streams, washes, canyons, etc.	Washes and intermittent streams are used for recreational access.
4. Crucial or substantial habitat areas for popular game species (more than 1 species).	Includes all habitat data for areas within the Wasatch Front that is available, based on UDWR publications.
5. Cooperative wildlife management units within the Wasatch Front	UDWR works with private landowners to maintain private lands for wildlife habitat. While these areas are not permanently protected, they do offer significant indirect value to the area's recreational opportunities.
Exclusion Factors:	
1. T&E Species areas	Remove areas with T&E species within them to protect their habitat.
CORRIDORS	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Regional trails	Prioritize regional trail connections first.
2. Other trails, public lands, open spaces, and parks	Second, connect recreational areas through other trails, public lands, etc.
3. Waterways	Third, connect recreational opportunities via waterways (water-based recreational activities; drainages often used as links for hiking, etc.).
4. Major Roads	Fourth, connect recreational opportunities via major roadways for driving and biking.
5. Least cost path analyses between the core areas, using acceptable land cover types.	See least cost path analysis process below.
Suitability Factors	
1. Habitat corridors – rank these less than other potential corridors	Many species are sensitive to recreation and thus, habitat corridors should be designed around when possible.

Recreational Asset Network Criteria – Design Process

Recreational Cores

1. Create a new toolbox in ArcCatalog for Recreational modeling - ~RecreationalAssets
 - A. #1 Core Criteria – protected and public lands with recreational assets
 - i. Select all public lands that allow recreation – BLM, US Forest Service, State Parks, etc. Merge into one layer→recreationallandowners_all
 - ii. Merge the recreationallandowners_all with the easements_recreational layer→recreationallands_protected
 - iii. Convert to raster→prot_reclands
 - iv. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis→*rc_protreclan*
 - B. #2 Core Criteria – regional trails
 - i. Merge together the historic trails, urban trails, cross country ski trails and priority trails (in footnote 2)→ all_trails
 - ii. Buffer by 50 feet → all_trails_50ftbuff
 - iii. Convert to raster→ trails_50ft
 - iv. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis→*rc_trails50ft*
 - C. #3 Core Criteria – regional parks
 - i. Select those parks that meet the core criteria described above and in footnote 3 →all_parks_over20ac1
 - ii. Convert to raster→reg_parks2
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis→*rc_regparks3*
 - D. #4 Core Criteria – regional open spaces
 - i. Merge together those parks listed in core criteria #4 and those listed in footnote 4→regionalopenspace4
 - ii. Convert to raster→reg_open1
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis→*rc_regopen1*
 - E. #5Core Criteria – other regional amenities
 - i. Merge together golf courses, marinas, ski lifts and ski hills→important_recareas
 - ii. Convert to raster→recareas1
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis→*rc_recareas1*
 - F. #6 Core Criteria – major waterways, permanent streams, and lakes
 - i. Merge together major waterways, permanent streams, and lakes →rec_waterways
 - ii. Convert to raster→rec_waterway
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis→*rc_recwater*
2. Merge together the core criteria 1-6
 - A. Use single output map algebra to add the above final, reclassified rasters together→rec_cores3
 - B. Use the reclassify tool to change any value above 1 to a 1 and 0 values to NoData→*rc_reccores3*

Recreational Hubs

1. Develop hub criteria
 - C. #1 & #2 Hub Criteria – public lands and open space areas that allow for recreation and remaining parks and trails
 - i. Convert rc_protreclan to vector→rc_protectland
 - ii. Merge rc_protectland with the trails_6ft, regionalopenspace3, Parks_OpenSpace and NLCD_openspace layers→ prot_rechub1

- iii. Convert to raster → `rec_prothub1`
 - iv. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → `rcprotrechub1`
- D. #3 Hub Criteria – intermittent washes, streams, etc.
 - i. Convert intermittent streams, washes, etc. (all_hydrology_hubs) to raster → `recwater_int`
 - ii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → `rc_rech20int`
 - iii. Use single output map algebra to add the `rc_rech20int` to the `rc_recwater` layer → `allhydro_hubs`
 - iv. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → `rc_allhydro`
- E. #4 Hub Criteria – wildlife habitat
 - i. Game birds – use single map algebra to add each of the game birds species together, includes California Quail, Blue Grouse, Chukar, Hungarian Partridge, Ruffed Grouse, Sage Grouse, Sharp-tailed grouse, ring-necked pheasant and wild turkey → `uplandgame1`
 - 1. Reclassify the `uplandgame1` to only include areas with 2 or more values as 1 → `rc_uplndgme`
 - ii. Big game – use single output map algebra to add each of the big game species together, including bison, black bear, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn, moose, mountain goat, mule deer and snowshoe hare → `biggame`
 - 1. Reclassify the `biggame` to only include areas with 2 or more values as 1 → `rc_biggame`
 - iii. Merge `rc_uplndgme` with `rc_biggame` → `wildlifehab2`;
 - iv. Reclassify to only include values of 0 and 1 → `rc_wildlife`
- F. #5 Hub Criteria – Cooperative Wildlife Mgmt Units
 - i. Convert the CoopWMUs shapefile to raster → `CWMUs`
 - ii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → `rc_CWMUs`
- 3. Merge together hub criteria
 - A. Use single output map algebra to add the above final, reclassified rasters together → `rec_hubs1`
 - B. Use the reclassify tool to change any value above 1 to a 1, and then all nodata values to 0 → `rc_rechubs1`

Recreational Corridors – Least Cost Path Analysis

- 1. Create the cost surface raster - Merge recreational cores with all the remaining recreational features
 - a. Convert the `rc_reccores2` layer to vector → `reccores2`
 - i. Dissolve `reccores2` by value field → `rec_core_dissolve`
 - ii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Cores” to the one attribute field under “label”
 - b. Convert the `rc_rechubs1` layer to vector → `rechubs3`
 - i. Erase the `reccores2` layer from the `rechubs3` layer, leaving only hub areas that do not overlap with cores (erase function only possible with ArcInfo license) → `rechubs_erase2`
 - ii. Dissolve by value field → `rechubs_erase_dissolve`
 - iii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Hubs” to attribute field under label
 - c. Buffer `regionaltrails3` by 15 m (for one pixel cell size) → `regionaltrails_15mbuff`;
 - i. Dissolve the `regionaltrails_15mbuff` by buffer distance → `reg_trails_15mbuff_dissolve`
 - ii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Regional Trails” to the one attribute field under “label”
 - d. Select local trails → `trails`
 - i. Buffer by 15 meters (for one pixel size) → `LocalTrails_15mbuff`
 - ii. Dissolve by buffer distance → `LocalTrails_15mbuff_dissolve`
 - iii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Local Trails” to the one attribute field under “label”
 - e. Convert `rc_allhydro` raster (from Hub Criteria # 3) to vector → `rec_waterways_forcorridors`
 - i. Select by attribute all areas where `GRIDCODE = 1` → `rec_waterways_forcorridors1`
 - ii. Dissolve by value field → `rec_waterways_dissolve`

- iii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Waterways” to the one attribute field under “label”
- f. Select UDOT roads with codes 1 and 2 (state and interstate highways) → roads_1and2
 - i. Dissolve by value field → major_roads_dissolve
 - ii. Buffer by 15 meters (for one pixel size) → major_roads_15mbuff_dissolve
 - iii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Roads” to the attribute field under label
- g. Select hazards (fault lines, fire hazard areas, liquefaction areas, problem soils, landslide areas) → rec_hazards3
 - i. Dissolve by value field → rec_hazards_dissolve
 - ii. Add field – label; start editing session – add “Hazards” to the attribute field under label
- h. Merge the rec_core_dissolve, rechubs_erase_dissolve, reg_trails_15mbuff_dissolve, LocalTrails_15mbuff_dissolve, rec_waterways_dissolve, major_roads_dissolve and rec_hazards_dissolve → rec_corridor_permeability4 (note, this should be the cost surface file – to be renamed in raster classification)
 - i. Under value field, insert the following values:

Value	Label
1	Cores
2	Hubs
3	Regional Trails
3	Roads
4	Local Trails
5	Waterways
6	Hazards

- ii. Convert to raster → *rec_costsurf1*
 - iii. Add PermValue field, start editing session and insert the following values:

OBJECTID	Value	Label	PERMVALUE
0	1	Cores	1.0
1	2	Hubs	0.9
2	3	Regional Trails	0.8
3	3	Roads	0.8
4	4	Local Trails	0.7
5	5	Waterways	0.6
6	6	Hazards	0.1

Recreational Corridors – Design Process

1. Create study map with cores, hubs, least cost paths and linear recreational features that could serve as corridors
 - a. Add cores → rec_cores2 and hubs → rechubs_erase2
 - b. Add least cost paths to map → movement_prob

- i. In Symbology, select “Classified”; compute histogram; exclude data between 0 – 0.653 (retains highest value paths)
 - c. Add trails → all_trails; waterways → streams_rivers; major roads → roads_1and2
2. Create new shapefile → Rec_Corridors_Existing
 - a. Trace existing linear recreational features that serve as connecting corridors between core areas (hub areas not considered in this connectivity analysis because they represent supporting recreational land types, not destinations – many corridors are present in hub areas)
3. Create new shapefile → Rec_Corridors_Proposed
 - a. Assess areas where connectivity is lacking and draw in corridors using the following criteria
 - i. Trace existing corridor features first, even if they do not completely connect two core patches – such partial corridors are included in the existing corridor shapefile – draw in proposed corridors to complete these connections
 - ii. Secondly, use least cost paths to draw in corridors where connectivity is still lacking

Final Shapefiles for Agencies & Organizations

Merged Cores	Recreational_Cores
Merged Hubs	Recreational_Hubs
Existing Corridors	Recreational_Corridors_Existing
Proposed Corridors	Recreational_Corridors_Proposed

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Core #1 – Protected lands with recreational assets	Protected_Recreational_Lands
Core #2 – Recreational trail assets	Trails_50ftbuffer
Core #3 – Regional park assets	Parks_Over_20Ac
Core #4 – Regional natural lands assets	Regional_Open_Space
Core #5 – Golf courses, marinas, ski hills	Golf_Ski_Marina
Core #6 – Major waterways, permanent streams, lakes	Recreational_Waterways_Lakes
Core #7 – Scenically-rich areas	Not mapped

Hub #1 – Land around cores allowing recreation	Not mapped
Hub #2 – Other trails, parks & open space not included in core designations	Other_Parks_OpenSpace
Hub #3 – Intermittent streams & washes	Intermittent_Streams_Washes
Hub #4 – Game species habitat	Wildlife_Habitat
Hub #5 – Cooperative wildlife management units	Coop_Wildlife_Mgmt_Units

COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL LANDSCAPE NETWORK CRITERIA

CORES	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Protected lands with community assets within them (Hill Air Force Base, tribal lands)	Protected lands have a higher likelihood of providing permanent GI services. Inclusion of protected lands is well-documented. ¹ These lands are significant to the sense of community and the cultural (diversity of the region).
2. Historic districts and historic easements	Significantly noted history of the area
3. Transit stops	Transit nodes – significant means to connect humans to community resources with reduced impacts
4. Parks and open space (includes rivers and cemeteries)	These elements contribute to the physical and psychological health of residents.
5. Viewsheds and ridgelines	Provide aesthetic benefits to communities and residents
6. Community institutions – libraries, zoos, schools, etc.	Community institutions promote health and learning and provide gathering locations, all of which benefit communities ² .
Exclusion Factors:	
1. Exclude areas with T&E species present	Remove areas with T&E species within them to protect their habitat.
2. Hazard areas (fire hazard, problem soils, landslide areas, fault lines)	Hazard areas should be avoided in future GI investment efforts ³ .
HUBS	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION
1. Protected lands not listed above with community assets within them – SITLA, BLM, and remainder of military lands.	These lands contribute significantly to the economic health of the communities and region.
Exclusion Factors:	
1. Exclude areas with T&E species present	Remove areas with T&E species within them to protect their habitat.
2. Hazard areas (same as above)	See above.
CORRIDORS	SIGNIFICANCE/EXPLANATION

1. Transit lines and other mass transit connections, including all highways and major roads	Significant means to connect humans to community resources
2. Multi-modal connections, including trail corridors from recreational assets	Regional trails and other connecting trails
3. Canals	Important landscape corridors
Exclusion Factors:	
1. Hazard areas (same as above)	See above.

Community Asset Network Criteria – Design Process

Community Cores

1. Create a new toolbox in ArcCatalog for Recreational modeling - CommunityAssets
 - A. #1 Core Criteria – Protected and Public Lands with Community Assets
 - i. Merge Hill Airforce Base, Tribal Lands and Easements → Cult_prot_landscapes
 - ii. Convert to raster → comprotland
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_commprot*
 - B. #2 Core Criteria – Historic Elements
 - i. Merge Historic Districts with Historic Easements → Hist_Districts_Easements, convert to raster → hist_areas, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_histareas1*
 - C. #3 Core Criteria – Transit Stops
 - i. Merge together Commuter Rail Stops and Light Rail Stations → commuter_light_rail_stops, buffer by 400 meters (.25 mile) → transitstops_400mbuff, convert to raster → transstop_buf, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → *rc_stop_buf1*
 - D. #4 Core Criteria – Parks and Open Space
 - i. Merge together local parks and state parks → all_parks1, convert to raster → all_parks3, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → rc_allparks4
 - ii. Buffer cemeteries by 400 meters → cemeteries_400mbuff, convert to raster → cemetery_buff, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → rc_cem400m
 - iii. Buffer rivers by 100 meters → rivers_100mbuff, convert to raster → rivers_100m, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → rc_rivers100m
 - iv. Convert AGRC Great Salt Lake shapefile to raster → gsaltlake, reclassify → rc_saltlake
 - v. Use single output map algebra to add the above 4 layers → opencore, reclassify so all values 1 or higher equal 1 → *rc_opencore8*
 - E. #6 Core Criteria – Community Institutions
 - i. Merge together all buffered points from footnote 2 → placepointsbuffer_all, convert to raster → placepoints4, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → rc_plcpoints2

- ii. Merge together all polygons from footnote 2 → Comm_Areas, convert to raster → comm_areas, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → comm_areas1
 - iii. Use single output map algebra to add the above 2 layers → ***rc_cultcores4***
- 2. Merge together the core criteria 1 – 6
 - A. Use single output map algebra to add the above final, reclassified rasters together → cc_cores4
 - B. Use the reclassify tool to change any value above 1 to a 1, and then all nodata values to 0 → ***rc_cc_cores4***

Community Hubs

- 1. Develop hub criteria
 - A. #1 Hub Criteria – protected lands not covered in core #1 with community assets within them (BLM, SITLA, military lands other than Hill AFB)
 - i. Merge together all lands listed above → comm_protland_hub
 - ii. Convert to raster → protland_hub2
 - iii. Reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → ***rc_prot_hub4***

Community Corridors

- 1. Develop corridor criteria
 - A. #1 Corridor Criteria – transit lines, highways and major roads
 - i. Merge together Commuter Rail Routes, Light Rail Lines and Railroads → commuter_lightrail_railroad_routes, buffer by 200 meters → transitlines_200mbuff, convert to raster → translinebuf, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → rc_trlinebuf1
 - ii. Select major roads from AGRC (includes interstate highways, state highways, and local major roads) → roads500K_newboundary, buffer by 200 meters → major_roads_200mbuff, convert to raster → majroads_200m, reclassify → rc_mroads200m
 - iii. Add the above two layers using single output map algebra → transitcorr, reclassify so all values above 1 equal 1 → ***rc_transcorr***
 - C. #2 Corridor Criteria – Multi-modal connections, including regional and local trails
 - i. Buffer trails by 50 meters → trails_50mbuff
 - ii. Buffer regional trails by 50 meters → reg_trails_50mbuff
 - iii. Merge the above two layers together → all_trails_50mbuff, convert to raster → alltrails_50m, reclassify → ***rc_trails50m***
 - D. #3 Corridor Criteria – Canals
 - i. Buffer canals by 50 meters → canals_50mbuff, convert to raster → canals50m, reclassify to 0 and 1 for analysis → ***rc_canals50m***
- 2. Merge together the corridor criteria 1 – 3
 - A. Use single output map algebra to add the above final, reclassified rasters together → cc_corridor
 - B. Use the reclassify tool to change any value above 1 to a 1, and then all nodata values to 0 → ***rc_cc_corr***

Final Shapefiles for Agencies and Organizations

Merged Cores

Community_Cores

Merged Hubs

Community_Hubs

Merged Corridors

Community_Corridors

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Core #1 – Protected lands with community assets

Protected_Cultural_Lands

Core #2 – Historic districts & historic easements	Historic_Districts_Easements
Core #3 – Transit stops	Transit_Stops_400mbuffer
Core #4 – Parks & open space	Open_Space_Areas
Core #5 – Viewsheds & ridgelines	<i>Not mapped</i>
Core #6 – Community sites	Community_Sites
Hub #1 – Other protected lands with community assets	Hub_Other_Protected_Lands
Corridor #1 – Transit lines & major roads	Transit_Lines_200mbuffer
Corridor #2 – Trails	Trails_50mbuffer
Corridor #3 – Irrigation canals	Canals_50mbuffer