

**Final Environmental Assessment
and
Finding of No Significant Impact**

**For the Proposed
Safety of Dams Modifications
and
Bridge Reconstruction**

**Scofield Dam
Scofield Project
Carbon County, Utah**

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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ABSTRACT

The Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office (Reclamation) proposes to undertake construction activity at Scofield Dam to replace the concrete spillway structure. Scofield Dam, the principal feature of the Scofield Project, is located in Carbon County approximately 22 miles northwest of Price, Utah, on the Price River, a tributary of the Green River.

Concurrent with Reclamation's replacement of the spillway, the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to remove and replace the bridge on S.R. 96 that crosses over the Scofield Dam spillway, and subject to funding availability, may also realign the roadway on either side of the bridge to improve the turning radius.

Reclamation and FHWA have jointly prepared this final EA as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality and U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Department of Transportation regulations implementing NEPA. UDOT is participating in this NEPA compliance process as a cooperating agency. The final EA analyzes the potential impacts of the proposed action. As required by the NEPA implementing regulations, if potentially significant impacts to the human environment are identified, an environmental impact statement will be prepared. If no significant impacts are identified, the Bureau of Reclamation will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact.

A draft EA was prepared and sent to the interested public for review and comment in October 2005. This final EA includes revisions made as appropriate based upon the two comment letters received during the public comment period.