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Subject: Willow Preliminary Municipal Feasibility Review

Introduction

This review follows the feasibility request for the preliminary municipality of Willow, in Kane County, Utah. Willow does not meet the contiguity requirements. Population and density estimates were not created due to lack of contiguous municipal boundaries. See Figure 1 for highlighted non-contiguous portion of the proposed boundary.

Utah Code 10-2a-102 Contiguity Definition:

"Contiguous" means, except as provided in Subsection (1)(d)(ii), the same as that term is defined in Section 10-1-104.

"Contiguous" does not include a circumstance where:

- (A) two areas of land are only connected by a strip of land between geographically separate areas; and
- (B) the distance between the geographically separate areas described in Subsection (1)(d)(ii)(A) is greater than the average width of the strip of land connecting the geographically separate areas.

Table 1: Initial Feasibility Requirements for West Hills Incorporation

Criteria	Meets Criteria?	Requirement by Statute	Willow Details
Population	Not determined	Population must be equal to or greater than 100 when all phases of the plan are completed.	NA
Population Density	Not determined	Density must be seven people per square mile or higher	NA
Contiguity	No	Area is contiguous, does not have a strip of land connecting geographically separate areas	The proposed boundary does not cover a contiguous area. Non-contiguous area highlighted in Figure 1.

Population data source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census

Note: Requirements are summarized; Full statutory requirements are delineated in Utah Code 10-2a-502.

Figure 1: Willow Boundary

