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## Resource Conservation & Development

### CREDIT Purchase / Clearance Process

- Contact RC&D to Begin Process
  - 435/979-1984
  - [updhceprogram@hotmail.com](mailto:updhceprogram@hotmail.com)
  - [www.panoramalandrcd.org](http://www.panoramalandrcd.org)
- Complete & Submit Attached Application
  - Find application online at [www.panoramaland.org](http://www.panoramaland.org)
  - [www.mmearth.com](http://www.mmearth.com)
- RC&D can coordinate with Iron County HCP Administrator to Schedule Property Survey & Consultation
- Or RC&D will Coordinate with USFWS for Section 7 Consultation
- Consultation will Assess Property for Clearance Requirement (Determination of CREDITS)
- Purchase CREDITS Through Mission Markets Earth platform
  - [www.mmearth.com](http://www.mmearth.com)
- Payment to RC&D by Cashiers Check, Bank Draw, Wire Transfer
- UDWR or USFWS Will Issue Letter of Clearance Valid in Perpetuity

### CREDIT Assessment Process

- IMPACTED HABITAT VALUE Assessed
  - Factors / Metrics
    - Habitat Quality
    - Landscape Context
    - Population (Persistence & Size)
- CREDIT Ratio / Value
  - Low Value = 6 Credits / Acre
  - Medium Value = 8 Credits / Acre
  - High Value = 10 Credits / Acre
- Price
  - Variable Price
  - Subject to Acquisition & Operational Costs
  - Subject to Supply & Demand

FAX 888/503-0507; MAIL: Panoramaland RC&D PO Box 242 Richfield, UT 84701  
E-Mail: [UPDHCEprogram@hotmail.com](mailto:UPDHCEprogram@hotmail.com); Phone: 435/979-1984

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**CREDIT BUYER Application**

BUYER Name: _____  Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____ - _____ - _____ (MM-DD-YYYY) Other: _____	Property Address/Location & Directions: _____ _____ _____ ACRES: _____ County: _____ City: _____, UT Zip: _____ Tax ID: _____ Current Land Use : _____ Future Land Use: _____
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ACKNOWLEDGE: the Utah prairie dog is a threatened species federally protected by the Endangered Species Act; this is an application for purchase of Habitat Conservation CREDITS from the **UPDHCEP** to provide ESA clearance “clear land of UPD encumbrances” not removal of prairie dogs by the program (contact UDWR for removal); the application is not a guarantee of purchase; CREDITS applied to land cannot be resold or transferred to another piece of property. CREDITS can be pre-purchased and “banked” for future use, in anticipation of land purchase or development. CREDITS are an approved method to provide release of liability for incidental take of UPDs under the Iron County HCP or Section 7 Consultation by USFWS.

SURVEY: I understand the land needing mitigation must be evaluated and receive a survey by the **UPDHCEP and or associates** to determine the quality (Low/Medium/High), quantity of occupied land for development and number of CREDITS required for purchase to provide adequate ESA clearance. I hereby authorize the **UPDHCEP and or associates** access to said property for evaluation, with prior notification. I understand the evaluation may take more than one visit to the said property, due to weather or other factors. Surveys not conducted during UPD active season, generally April 1–August 31\* consult USFWS Survey Protocol\*, will be accessed at HIGH Value.

HOLD HARMLESS: Further, I agree not to hold the **UPDHCEP and or associates** responsible for any minor damage to said property incurred from transportation during evaluation, delay of application due to incorrect or incomplete information supplied by me or my representative and or loss of funds in any manner associated to the said property or by another entity or due to an error on the part of any parties to this application.

NOTICE: This agreement will remain in effect until the **UPDHCEP** receives a written notice of cancellation from me or my representative or until the **UPDHCEP** provides a cancellation to me or my representative.

Authorized Signature: _____	Date: _____
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**Submit Application to: FAX 888/503-0507; MAIL: Panoramaland RC&D PO Box 242 Richfield, UT 84701**  
**E-Mail: UPDHCEprogram@hotmail.com; Phone: 435/979-1984**  
**www.panoramalandrcd.org**

www.cedarcity.org/DocumentView.asp?DID=353

Iron County Habitat Conservation Plan
Participation election form

In conjunction with the completion and implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan for Utah Prairie Dogs in Iron County, Utah (HCP), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has issued an incidental take permit (Permit) to Iron County allowing limited take of Utah Prairie Dogs (Cynomys Parvidens). By accepting the conditions of the HCP, as indicated by the signature(s) affixed below, a person/company will be afforded protection from prosecution for violations of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) when conducting development activities in Utah Prairie Dog Habitat. By refusing the conditions of the HCP, as indicated by the signature(s) affixed below, a person/company foregoes such protection and may be liable for violations of the ESA when conducting development activities in Utah Prairie Dog Habitat.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ accept the conditions for development as outlined in the Iron County HCP, and, there fore, (Print Name) agree to participate in the HCP. I understand that, as long as I abide by the conditions of the HCP, including, but not limited to, surveys, take authorizations and clearance requirements, I will have protection from prosecution under ESA in connection with my development activities. I further understand that if I/my company or anyone under contract/employ or direction associated with my activities under the HCP permit fail to adhere to such conditions, I may not only be liable for violations of the ESA but may be subject to revocation of take authorization, additional fees, penalties and delays as deemed appropriate.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ do not accept the conditions for development as outlined in the Iron County HCP and, (Print Name) therefore, do not wish to participate in the HCP. By choosing not to participate in the HCP, I acknowledge that:

- I understand that the subject property may be located within a Utah Prairie Dog clearance area and may have Utah Prairie Dogs thereon;
I understand that development of Utah Prairie Dog habitat by me/my company/or anyone under contract/employ or direction will be at their own peril and will not be afforded protection under the Permit issued to Iron County;
I understand that it will be my responsibility to develop my own Utah Prairie Dog HCP for the subject property;
I understand that by failing to complete an HCP for the subject property, and not receiving a Permit, I will not be afforded protection from prosecution under the ESA for violations I/my company/or anyone under such direction may commit during development; and
I understand that by choosing to develop my own HCP, I will be delaying my/my company's development activities by a minimum of 120 days (the time necessary to process an application for a permit) with no guarantee that a Permit will be issued to me/my company upon completion of my own HCP.

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_
ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF: \_\_\_\_\_
COUNTY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ personally appeared before me to be the signer of the foregoing document, and he/she acknowledged the he/she signed it.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_