

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

5 The Air Force proposes to transfer the easement for a Hill Air Force Base stormwater drainage line to the City of Layton, Utah. The 30 to 33 inch diameter concrete line lies off-Base but services two on-Base, permitted stormwater detention ponds and follows a route approximately 4.5 miles through Layton to an outfall at Kays Creek. Since the line was constructed in 1956, a number of unauthorized off-Base connections have been made to the line. Transferring the easement would allow Layton to utilize this existing stormwater drainage, possibly avoiding the need for construction of an alternate drainage system to accommodate current and future residential and commercial growth. The City of Layton would be responsible for maintaining the line and meeting off-Base stormwater permit requirements. This existing drainage line would continue to serve as part of the local stormwater drainage system.

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15 This Environmental Assessment analyzes the potential environmental impacts of: 1) the proposed action, 2) an alternative action consisting of locating and disconnecting unauthorized connections, and 3) the no action alternative. Air Force instructions require Environmental Assessments to be completed for all proposed actions that could potentially have adverse environmental impacts.

20 Section 1 of this report presents the purpose and need for the proposed action. It also includes background information on the drainage line and the surrounding area.

25 Section 2 describes the proposed action and summarizes alternative actions that were considered. Selection criteria for evaluating reasonable alternatives are also presented in this section.

Section 3 describes the existing environmental conditions in the location of the proposed action. Section 4 identifies the anticipated environmental impacts of the proposed action as well as the alternative action, and compares them to the impacts of the no action alternative.

Based on the findings of this Environmental Assessment, no significant environmental impacts are expected from the proposed easement transfer. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) statement has been prepared and is included at the beginning of this report. Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement will not be necessary.