

Formal Objection Packet Maxwell Park Expansion

Date: September 30, 2025

From: Tumurru Ranch Trust
Maxwell Canyon, Utah

To: Hildale City
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To Whom it may Concern:

This Formal Objection Packet is submitted to preserve standing and provide notice regarding the Maxwell Park Expansion project.

It documents covenant obligations, lease defects, trespass, concealment, cultural heritage, Fair Housing Act overlap, and misleading public relations campaigns by Hildale City.

This filing is contemporaneous with the September 30, 2025 ribbon cutting and groundbreaking events and shall be entered into the record

Formal Objection Letter

1. 1961 Agreement & 1953 Audit: The 1961 Agreement required maintaining the Lauritzen water system. The July 3, 1953 State Engineer "Mr. Mayo Audit" confirmed there was only one system and it belonged to the Lauritzens. The branch to Tumurru Ranch has been dry for almost 20 years despite objections.
2. Lease Defects: HD-3 was removed from the 1976 R&PP lease leaving orphaned parcels. BLM allowed renewal in 2019 despite known defects and trespass.
3. 2015 Notice: Mayor Philip Barlow survey & BLM's Theresa Burke were notified of gully and severed line. No correction before renewal.
4. Line Severance: In 2006/07, City damaged line, gully exposed/severed pipe just before cutoff box, leaving property without water.
5. Trespass & Redirection: Between 2018–2023, Hildale trespassed, altered cutoff box against objections, redirected supply to buried fence line pipe without easement.
6. GRAMA Concealment: Records omitted meter #627 (1996) and cutoff modifications. Suppression undermines transparency.
7. Conflict of Interest: Mayor Jessop received 1961 Agreement in 2018, but advanced expansion regardless.

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8. USDA Gully Violation: Gully remains untreated, violating USDA/NRCS erosion guidelines. BLM failed oversight.
9. Access Corridor Removed: Park redesign cut SW corner entrance onto private land, eliminated historic corridor (captured canyon/private control), burdened Tumurru Ranch.
10. Surreptitious Utility: Secret buried line connected in 2023 to pressure abandonment of historic line.
11. Harrison Johnson 2023 Statement: Claimed City managed private branch, yet left it broken for 20 years. If stewardship existed, why no repairs?
12. Failure to Consult: 1961 Agreement protections required consultation on major changes. No contact occurred.
13. Cultural/Historic Significance: Tumurru Ranch designed by Disney animator Les Clark. Novelist Jonreed Lauritzen wrote 17 novels here, recognized by DOI in 1944. Historic value ignored.
14. Lauritzen Reclamation Project: Jacob Lauritzen, president of Virgin River Irrigation Co., secured 116,000 acres under Carey Act in 1910. Short Creek was headquarters of project, predating Arizona statehood. Lauritzen family irrigation built modern systems.
15. Park Entrance Relocation: City relocated park entrance onto southwest corner of Tumurru Ranch and cut diagonal road, eliminating historic corridor that had existed under private control of the captured canyon.

Conclusion & Demand

Accordingly, this filing demands immediate suspension of the Maxwell Park Expansion pending resolution of covenant, lease, and discrimination violations.

Failure to act will be preserved as evidence of trespass, inverse condemnation, nuisance, breach of covenant, lease violation, and discrimination for future state and federal proceedings.

Contact Information

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