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West Davis Corridor (Aired 7/6/2017 @ 9pm for 1 minute, 30 seconds) – The final economic report has been published for a new \$725 million road that would track west from Farmington to Clinton. The new highway would accommodate more than 65-percent projected growth of the number of households in western Davis and Weber Counties. Funding for the project has been assured through the legislature's passage of a \$1 billion bond. The project would remove some homes and businesses. Construction is slated to begin by 2020.

Heber Tanker Trucks (Aired 07/06/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – Heber City police are trying to find a solution to a big, loud, and rumbling problem. Every couple minutes, semi-trucks roll through the city carrying crude oil from the Uintah Basin to the northwest. It is frustrating for people who live there, police officers and city official. This story explains the problems linked to the oversized vehicles and lets viewers know about a plan to alleviate the problem.

Agriculture Gag Ruling (Aired 07/07/2017 @ 9pm, 2:15 minutes) – A federal judge has struck down Utah's so called "Ag-Gag" law. The law was passed in 2012 and made it a misdemeanor to shoot pictures or video at businesses like meat packing companies without permission. But now, Judge Robert Shelby says the law infringes on first amendment rights. This story explains that this state law is no longer in place and lets our viewers know what the state of Utah plans to do now that a ruling has been made in the case.

Kane County Flooding (Aired 07/10/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – Businesses and homes are cleaning up after flash flooding hit Kanab. City officials estimate the damage is in the thousands. One of the attractions in Kane County is all too familiar with flooding. The viewer gets a look at how the Little Hollywood Museum was affected by the flooding.

CWH Firework Decision (Aired 07/11/2017 @ 9pm, 2:15 minutes) – If you want to light fireworks for Pioneer Day, you'll have to stay clear of



Cottonwood Heights. The city council voted to ban aerial fireworks within city limits. The ban comes after several fires were started on the 4th of July. City leaders say the dangers outweigh the entertainment value of fireworks. This story explains exactly how the ban prohibits and lets viewers know what could happen if they are caught shooting off fireworks in the city limits.

BCC Graffiti (Aired 07/12/2017 @ 9pm, 2:15 minutes) – Authorities say Big Cottonwood Canyon is becoming a popular spot for vandals. The criminals have been tagging rocks with graffiti. Forrest rangers say they don't have enough resources to fight the vandalism problem. So one man and his wife have taken it upon themselves to clean up the vandalism with paint remover. They say their goal is to clean graffiti off every last rock they see so that others can enjoy the beauty of the canyon. This story shows our viewers how bad the graffiti problem is, explains how officials are trying to catch the vandals and show what is being done to clean up the mess.

Utah population growth (Aired 7/17/2017 @ 9pm for 1 minute, 30 seconds) - A new study released by the University of Utah David Eccles School of Business shows the Beehive State nearly doubling its population from 2.9 million to nearly 6 million by the year 2065. Wasatch, Utah and Juab county will see over 100-percent growth. However, Southern Utah's Washington County has the highest projected growth percentage. The study estimates they will see a population of over 508,900 in 50 years, compared to over 160,000 currently.

EPA Meeting (Aired 07/19/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – The head of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency came to Utah and said the Trump Administration will do more to protect American jobs from Federal regulation. He came to the state to talk to Governor Herbert and other officials about a clean water rule that the Obama administration made in 2015, and Utah's government didn't like. But while he was here, he noted the Trump administration will make big changes from Obama-Era environmental policies. The viewer learns what happened in the meeting with Utah political leaders, and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Burn Scar Concerns (Aired 07/19/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – First Brian Head was on fire, now it's dealing with flooding. Tonight people living near



the burn scar are preparing for the worst: flooding and mud slides. People are worried mudslides could take out homes in its path. Garfield County officials says the dirty water running off the burn scar, could also impact the nearby recreational lake. The viewer learns about the big concerns looming over Brian Head, on the heels of the massive fire that destroyed homes and burned tens of thousands of acres.

Algae in Jordan River (Aired 07/21/2017 @ 10pm, 1:45 minutes) – An algae-related toxin has been discovered in the Jordan River. Health officials advise the public not to enter the water and keep animals, like pet dogs, from drinking or entering the water. The toxin was measured at 0.1 micrograms per liter of water, a low level that means that recreation activities, like boating, shouldn't present a threat to the public's health. This story lets viewers know about the problem, dispels rumors that the water is dangerous to boat in and explains what is being done to clean the water

Alpine Fire Meeting (Aired 07/18/2017 @ 10pm, 2:15 minutes) – Alpine City leaders are imposing a new ban. Motorized vehicles will no longer be allowed around Lambert Park. They hope is this will stop people from building manmade fires in the area. Neighbors say it has been a big problem for years and they have been asking officials to take action. The ban comes after target shooters started a wildfire in the area. This story explains and lets viewers know about the new ban, how long it will be in affect and what homeowners think about the move.

Flash flooding threat (Aired 7/19/2017 @ 9pm for 1 minute, 30 seconds) - After weeks of breathing in smoke, moving in and out of their homes and seeing flames creep toward their property, residents who surround the Brian Head Fire scar are coming face-to-face with monsoon season. Garfield County emergency management officials said the 72,000-acre fire scar increases the chance of mud slides and flash flooding. The soot and debris in the water also has the potential to kill fish within local bodies of water and acts as a fertilizer for algae and water grown plants. As residents get settled back into their cabins and homes that set around the fire scar they are also now in prevention mode for flash flooding.

Aerial fireworks ban (Aired 7/24/2017 @ 9pm for 1 minute, 30 seconds) - Residents of Cottonwood Heights were thrilled to welcome a Pioneer Day



without aerial fireworks. The city decided to ban the fireworks after he and several other neighbors defended his yard after a firework ignited a field fire. For Pioneer Day, Unified Fire Authority added three engines with six additional firefighters to help on Pioneer Day. A patrol car will be looking for people lighting off illegal fireworks around Cottonwood Heights. Any aerial fireworks that leave the ground more than a few yards are prohibited.

Solar Panels (Aired 08/9/2017 @ 9pm, 2:00 minutes) – Right now, a big solar electric fight is going on before Utah's public service commission. Some people put Utah's solar-energy panels on their roof, but the fight is over how much they should pay or be paid. The viewers hear from home owners that have solar panels on their roofs, and from the hearing about the commission holding the hearing.

Highway 89 Proposal (Aired 08/23/2017 @ 9pm, 1:30 minutes) – The Utah Department of Transportation is preparing to release a proposal to deal with traffic congestion along highway 89 in Davis and weber counties. It will be made available to the public tomorrow afternoon. U-dot says they've screened over 40 concepts and have settled on the one they think is most feasible and environmentally responsible. This story shows viewers the congestion problem, lets them know a decision has been made and explains how they can give their opinion on the proposed plan.