

PUBLIC NOTICE: Drilling Barge Coming to Pineview Reservoir

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Introduction: Local Residents in the Ogden Valley may soon notice a 30 x 60 ft. floating barge on Pineview Reservoir near Port Ramp Marina. This barge will carry a drill rig and other necessary equipment for soil sampling in support of water pipeline replacement work. Additional details are described below:

What: Workers will drill holes in the Pineview Reservoir bed to collect soil samples. They'll use a land-based drill on the shore and a barge-based drill on the water. The holes will be sealed to protect the underground water source.

Why: Ogden City is replacing a 36-inch pipeline under the reservoir. The drilling helps engineers understand the soil and rock conditions to design the new pipeline.

When: Drilling is scheduled to begin **November 13** and is anticipated to last about one week, weather and site conditions permitting.

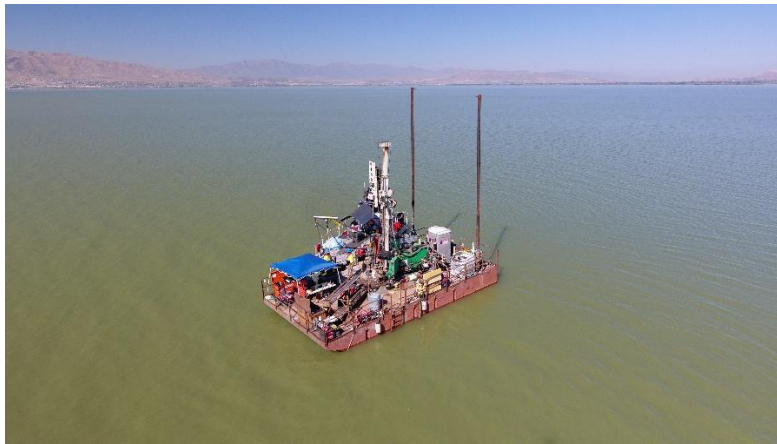
Where: The work will happen between the Port Ramp boat ramp and Ogden City's property on the north side of Pineview Reservoir, near where the North Arm meets the main reservoir.

Impact on Public: During barge drilling, a no-wake zone will be enforced around the work area. Boats traveling to or from the North Arm must move slowly to avoid creating waves.

Permits: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviewed the pipeline replacement. The U.S. Forest Service is providing special permits. Other groups, like the Bureau of Reclamation, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Pineview Water Systems, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and local stakeholders, have been informed.



Map of Pineview Reservoir showing 'No Wake Zone'
on the north side of Pineview Reservoir



Example of a barge you may see on Pineview Reservoir