

Partnership Success Stories

Rainbow Canyon Flood Diversion

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District, partnered with the agencies in the State of Nevada, constructing a diversion channel structure outside a subdivision in Las Vegas this month. The temporary \$3 million structure, 2,200 feet long, is designed to divert flows from rain events into a natural wash and away from the neighborhood. It is designed for a “25-year” rain event, an event which has a 4 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Students Connect with the Outdoors

Sunrise Ridge Intermediate School in St. George, Utah, partnered with the Dixie National Forest, Zion National Park, Pipe Springs National Monument, Color Country BLM, Snow Canyon State Park, Sand Hollow State Park, and two city parks to put on its fourth annual Day in the Desert event. Each partner hosted a site to teach a total of 875 sixth and seventh graders about land management practices and topics that address the Utah Core Objectives in Science. Dixie State University provided transportation services for the students. This event highlights a collaborative effort to expose America’s youth to the outdoors, science, and land management

Bridger-Teton National Forest LEO’s partner in the annual “Shop with a Cop” campaign

Federal LEOs from the BTNF are partnering with Jackson Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in the annual "Shop with a Cop" campaign. While the "shopping" typically gets top billing in the title, the most important aspect of the evening is the camaraderie between Law Enforcement and families around the BTNF. They will decorate cookies, decorate a Christmas tree, wrap gifts and shop at Kmart.

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest partners to provide winter shelters

Skiers and snowboarders that recreate in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons east of Salt Lake City have new insulated shelters thanks to a public/private partnership. The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and Utah Transit Authority provided the shelters that can accommodate up to 20 people and withstand winds up to 100 miles per hour. Providing these structures along bus routes will facilitate mass transit and reduce private vehicle use in the canyons.

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and partners host Winter Trails Day

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest personnel and community partners, Ogden Nordic and Weber Pathways, recently hosted the 2015 National Winter Trails Day. Activities included tours, cross country ski and snowshoe clinics, and fat bike demonstrations. Local outdoor retailers were also onsite to offer outdoor recreation education and event sponsorship. The event had record attendance of 400 participants.

Interagency-partner collaboration offers outdoor fun

In spite of driving rain, nearly 60 hikers of all ages recently joined Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Ruby Mountains, Jarbidge, and Mountain City ranger districts and Bureau of Land Management Elko District staff in a three-mile evening hike in the hills near Angel Creek Campground, followed by snacks around a warm campfire. The interagency monthly events with support from a local outdoor-equipment store (Cedar Creek Clothing) offer recreationists opportunities to enjoy their public lands by moonlight. The next event will take place March 7 at Lamoille Canyon.

Columbia Spotted Frog Conservation Agreement and Strategy renewed

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and other federal, state, and local partners recently signed the second 10-year Conservation Agreement and Strategy for Columbia spotted frog in the state of Nevada. This latest agreement in effect until 2025 renews the partnership that began in 2003 intended to ensure the continued existence of the species and its habitats and make threatened or endangered species listing unnecessary. The frogs are currently found in Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, and Nye counties.

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest partners with local college

The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest recently participated in a career fair at Utah State University. The Quinney College of Natural Resources and the Forest have partnered over the past two years to provide students with work experience in natural resource areas. This year the College and Forest will jointly fund 14 student interns in botany, fish, wildlife, range, recreation, trails, wilderness, and engineering. Students will work with Forest specialists to gain experience in managing National Forest System lands.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest collaborates with local high school to build fire prevention signs

Recently the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest collaborated with the Reno, Nevada, Academy for Career Education in building fire prevention signs for the Carson Ranger District. The Computer Aided Drafting and Design students created the blueprints; the Building Trades students then built and painted the signs. The work completed during school hours supported the students' career development opportunities while helping meet the public's information needs at popular visitor locations on the District.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest signs special-use film permit with public broadcasting station

Last week the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest signed a special-use permit with Southern Nevada Public Broadcasting Station (Vegas PBS) to facilitate filming on National Forest System lands until the end of the calendar year. Vegas PBS is planning to air a 30-minute program called Outdoor Nevada that will contain stories with conservation, recreation, science, and wildlife elements on Nevada's public land. Forest subject-matter-expert interviews may be incorporated into short pieces that Vegas PBS also hopes to post online.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest hosts media tour concerning unauthorized domestic tribal horse cooperative gather

On Monday, March 30, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (HTNF) Santa Rosa Ranger District and the Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribe participated in a media tour to discuss a proposed plan to gather unauthorized domestic tribal horses from federal and tribal lands to protect rangeland and riparian areas from further resource damage. Forest Service and tribal leadership and HTNF livestock grazing permittees explained the collaborative efforts; the resource situation on the ground; and desired outcomes. Tribal members own these horses that originated from pastures on adjacent tribal lands.

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest hosts college students for spring break

The Ogden Ranger District recently hosted fifteen college students from Zaytuna College. The students spent their spring break on the Forest to learn about natural resource management. They engaged in discussions with Forest staff and students from Utah State University Department of Natural Resources. They also participated in projects including shoreline maintenance along Pineview Reservoir and tree planting at the Ogden Nature Center. Zaytuna College is located in Berkley, California and is the first Muslim liberal arts college in the United States.

Boise National Forest Unique Program Helps Private Land Owners Reforest Lands

A unique program to establish new tree seedlings on private lands in the Elk Complex Fire area linked the Boise National Forest Lucky Peak Nursery (LPN), Idaho Department of Lands and the Natural Resource Conservation Service. LPN provided the NRCS and Idaho Department of Lands 125,000 seedlings grown in greenhouses constructed with National Fire Plan funds. The NRCS provided cost share funds to offset the cost of planting for landowners and IDL provided the technical help with planting the trees.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest cooperatively hosts lands day activities

On April 18, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Ruby Mountains-Jarbridge-Mountain City Ranger District employees are joining the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada state agencies, and local partners in hosting a volunteer work and play day at South Fork State Recreation Area near Elko, Nevada. Morning activities will include tree planting and trail maintenance. After lunch, participants can enjoy a raptor demonstration, fish release, and nature art along with historical presentations.

Intermountain Region participates in Earth Day at the Ogden Nature Center

Intermountain Regional Office employees participated in the Ogden, UT Nature Center Earth Day with Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl and a watershed trailer. RO employees taught the public about fire prevention and the importance of healthy watersheds.

Watershed Education at a Watershed Scale

The Regional Office, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF, and Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge (FWS) teamed together to provide watershed education to over 2600 kids and adults at 4 events in April. The events included multi day Weber and Davis county Utah water fairs, Science Day at Valley Elementary, and the Earth Day celebration at the Ogden Nature Center. The FS and FWS employees taught lessons on water quality, wetland and riparian habitat conservation, erosion prevention, importance of groundwater resources, aquatic macro invertebrates as indicators of water quality, and connection of people to watersheds. The employees used watershed trailer simulators to explain concepts and watershed processes and live aquatic insects to teach lessons on indicators of water quality.

Dixie National Forest hosted the 3rd annual Kwiyamuntsi Paiute Youth Camp



The Kwiyamuntsi camp is aimed at engaging Paiute tribal youth, 7th through 9th grade, in learning cultural traditions, valuing the natural and cultural resources important to their heritage and connecting them to public lands within their traditional homeland in southern Utah and northern Arizona. It provides for meaning experiences that encourage youth interested in advanced education and land management careers. Learning modules provide lessons in the areas of botany, biology, forestry, fire/fuels management, wildlife, hydrology, archeology and geology that are complemented with traditional knowledge. The Paiute Indian Tribes in Utah, Arizona and Nevada along with tribal elders and agency staff from Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Southern Utah University provide interactive field activities along with traditional knowledge and current land management practices.



State and Private Forestry Grants Assist Partners in Caring for All Lands

State and Private Forestry has obligated \$10.2 million in fiscal year 2015 to its state and private partners in the Intermountain Region for several grant programs. Funding has been used for hazardous fuels mitigation treatments on adjacent National Forest System lands and for projects in the wildland urban interface along with other projects that promote healthy forests. The Forest Legacy program has funded two conservation easements on lands in the headwaters of the Virgin River, by Zion Narrows in Utah.

Community engagement sessions centered on learning about the different species of bats

Forest Service wildlife biologists from the Caribou-Targhee National Forest recently teamed up with our partners from Idaho Department of Fish and Game Harriman State Park to do community engagement sessions centered on learning about the different species of bats in the area, the ecology and the threats to bats. At one of the engagements presenters also discussed the current southeast Idaho bat study and displayed and explained the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's Echo Meter touch to show bat sounds and echolocation. Some attendees got a big surprise at the end of their presentation when a bat unexpectedly flew into the building. Presenters were able to capture the bat and remove it to the wild. The up-close look at the bat was positive for this training and provided an educational moment on how to properly remove a bat and the importance of not handling bats.

Boise National Forest refugee youth outreach program

The Boise National Forest hosted the first ever Wild Outdoor Week (WOW!) refugee youth outreach program. Ten refugee teens, ages 14-17 from Congo, Thailand, Burma, Nepal, Iraq and Mexico, completed hands on service projects. Partners included Golden Eagle Audubon Society, Boise State University, Foothills Learning Center, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other local groups. They planted native shrubs, built and installed bird boxes and eliminated invasive weeds. With Forest specialists and partners, they learned about fire ecology, wildlife habitat, watershed dynamics, fishing, pollinators, native plants and Forest Service careers. The youth were inspired to pursue higher education and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. One plans on volunteering with the Forest Service.



Venture Out program activity focused on “Our Natural Stewardship”

On August 21 the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest participated in the Venture Out program put on by Salt Lake County. This activity focused on “Our Natural Stewardship”. Partners in this activity included Tracy Aviary, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Hawk Watch, the Utah Natural History Museum, Red Butte Gardens, Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling, and Salt Lake County. The activity featured a local band and was followed up with a movie. The Forest’s display included hands on activity helping kids understand the importance of watershed management. Over 300 people attended the activity.

Uinta-Wasatch Cache National Forest teaches youth rock art preservation

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Heritage Program staff partnered with the Utah Division of State History to celebrate Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month. An open house provided information about the Passport-in-Time program on national forests and how attendees can be involved in archaeological and historic preservation projects. Youth attendees participated in an interactive activity to learn about rock art and the importance of preserving these sites.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Spring Mountains National Recreation

Area opens world-class visitor gateway

On May 29, the Forest Service and partners officially opened the new Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. Senator Harry Reid, Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, and Intermountain Regional Forester Nora Rasure provided remarks during the opening program. Around 700 national, state, and local dignitaries and partners attended the



invitation-only day-long event that included activities commemorating the site’s special elements: the Seven Stones Plaza recognizing Southern Paiute (Nuwuvi) ties to the area and a Silent Heroes of the Cold War national memorial. Guests also enjoyed lunch, art activities, partner displays, and a book signing. Located only 45 minutes from Las Vegas, the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act-funded gateway is now open seven days a week year-round.

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest formalizes agreement with climber’s alliance

Forest Supervisor Dave Whittekiend recently formalized a partnership with the Salt Lake Climber’s Alliance. The agreement highlights ongoing efforts to promote responsible rock climbing and stewardship on public lands. The group has already supported Forest projects, most recently the removal of graffiti and construction of routes to popular climbing routes. They are also working with the Forest to develop a climbing plan.

The Dixie National Forest Plants Trees, Restoring Past Wildfire Areas.

The Dixie National Forest planted approximately 108,000 tree seedlings on about 448 acres and hopes to expand this planting program in upcoming years. Trees were planted to restore forested conditions to areas burned by recent wildfires. Forest Silviculturists have determined that due to the size of the fires and the lack of seed source, most of the burned sites will not naturally re-vegetate for many years. The Dixie National Forest has received financial support from our partners including American Forests, Arbor Day Foundation, Utah Partners for Conservation and Development, USFS Region 4 and USFS State and Private Forestry – Forest Health Protection.

Partnership Helps Provide New Infrastructure

The Ashton/Island Park Ranger District held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Warm River Bridge located in the Warm River Campground east of Ashton, ID on July 13, 2015. The new bridge was a result of a great collaborative project with multiple partners. Partners are Fremont County, Idaho, Henry's Fork Foundation, Idaho Parks and Recreation, Aud and Di Campground Inc. and the Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

Soil Health Partnership

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Nevada is developing a Soil Health Partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Desert Research Institute (DRI). This partnership will lay the foundation for soil health assessments in Nevada and provide land managers with the latest scientific perspectives and tools essential in the revision, development, and execution of resource management plans. The first area being sampled is in the Carpenter 1 Fire area on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's Spring Mountains National Recreation Area.

Smokey Bear Hot Air Balloon at the annual Great Reno Balloon Race

For over ten years the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF), and Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators have sponsored the Smokey Bear Hot Air Balloon at the annual Great Reno Balloon Race. Firefighters from Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, BLM and NDF makeup of the chase crew that help assemble, inflate, chase, and pack up the 1,130 pound balloon. The iconic Smokey Bear is 97 feet tall and a crowd pleaser among all ages.



Greater Yellowstone Coalition and Caribou-Targhee National Forest Service receive Partnership Award

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition and Caribou-Targhee National Forest received the Forest Service Intermountain Region's Annual Partnership Award "For the outstanding work in assessing and reducing potential human/bear conflicts in campgrounds on the 5 National Forests in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem".

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache Joins with Partners for National Public Lands Day

Logan Ranger District employees were joined by members of the Rocky Mountain Rebels 4x4 Club and Utah 4-Wheel Drive Association for a National Public Lands Day (NPLD) project at the historic Card Guard Station in Logan Canyon. Together the groups removed the existing fence and started a pole fence that will complement the historic character of the site. When completed, this fence will provide a safe experience for visitors renting the Guard Station, which will be available for rent next summer.

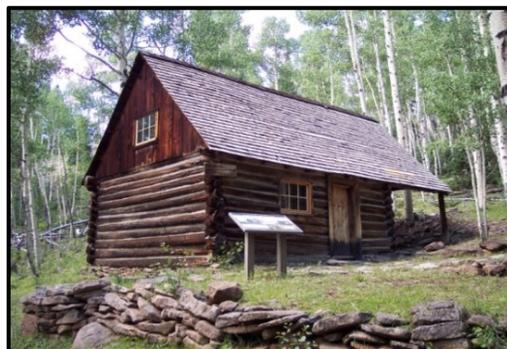


Jubilee Guard Station on the Dixie National Forest gets a Facelift

The Escalante Ranger District of the Dixie National Forest partnered with the Utah Canyon Country Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen along with the Bryce Canyon National Park Historic Preservation crew to renovate the weathered Jubilee Guard Station. The Guard Station was built in 1908. In 1989, Utah State Historic Preservation Office concurred with the Dixie National Forest that the Jubilee Guard Station is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places with the significance of being one of the oldest remaining guard stations in Utah.



Before



After

Native American Career Coach



The Payette and Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests partnered with the Nez Perce Tribe in their efforts to hire Native American Career Coach, Chantal Ellenwood. Through the partnership, Ellenwood spent two weeks in the field with several Forest Service employees and volunteers to learn more about natural resource jobs. She spent field days exploring fisheries, heritage, timber, botany, lands, special uses, aquatics restoration; smoke jumping, to learn about Forest Service leadership responsibilities. She then shares information about natural resource careers and education paths with Junior High and High School students on the Nez Perce Reservation.