

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

DIXIE National Forest

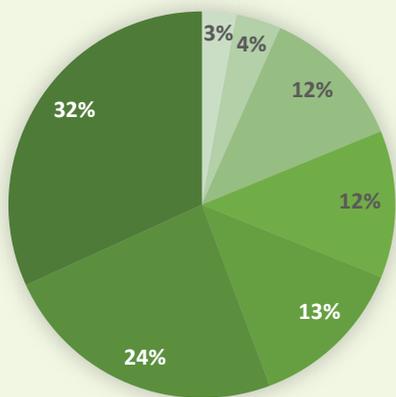
AT A GLANCE

The Dixie National Forest got its name from its location in southwest Utah, which was previously called "Utah's Dixie" by early settlers sent to the desert to grow cotton and silk.



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TOTAL ACRES ON THE
DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST **2M**



- Payment to states: 3%
- Administration costs: 12%
- Ecosystem management: 32%
- Partnership contributions: 4%
- Recreation, trails, special use permits: 13%
- Roads bridges facilities: 12%
- Fire preparedness: 24%

ANNUAL BUDGET BREAKDOWN

The Dixie National Forest - with headquarters in Cedar City, Utah - spans almost two million acres and stretches about 170 miles across southern Utah.

Elevations vary from 2,800 feet near St. George, Utah, to 11,322 feet at Blue Bell Knoll on Boulder Mountain. The southern rim of the Great Basin, near the Colorado River, provides spectacular scenery.

LANDSCAPE

The Dixie is divided into four geographic areas. High altitude forests in gently rolling hills characterize the Markagunt, Pansaugunt, and Aquarius Plateaus. Boulder Mountain, one of the largest high-elevation plateaus in the United States, is dotted with hundreds of small lakes 10,000 to 11,000 feet above sea level.

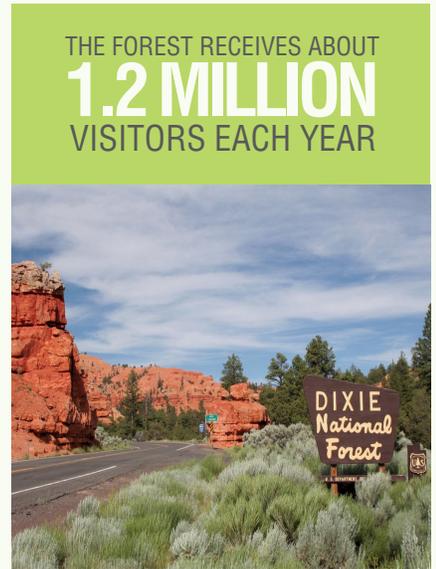
The vegetation of the Forest grades from sparse desert plants at the lower elevations to stands of low-growing pinyon pine and juniper dominating the mid-elevations. At the higher elevations, aspen and conifers such as pine, spruce, and fir dominate.

CLIMATE

The Dixie has many climatic extremes. Precipitation ranges from 10 inches per year in the lower elevations to more than 40 near Brian Head Peak. At higher elevations, most of the annual precipitation falls as snow. Thunderstorms are common during July and August and produce heavy rains. In some areas, August is the wettest month of the year.

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **26** campgrounds
- **4** rental cabins
- **1** downhill ski area (Brian Head Resort)
- **42** recreational residences
- **4** Wilderness areas
- **116** miles of motorized trails
- **763** miles of non-motorized trails
- **2,700** miles of open roads
- **3** scenic byways



THE FOREST RECEIVES ABOUT
1.2 MILLION
VISITORS EACH YEAR



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*Cascade Falls Trail
Cedar City Ranger District*

▶ ECOSYSTEMS

Through adaptive ecosystem management the Dixie strives to ensure healthy landscapes that are resilient and adaptable to changing conditions. The Forest has emphasis areas in recreation, watershed restoration, rangeland improvements, and vegetation and timber management. The Dixie is committed to long-term sustainability through active timber harvests, restoration projects, and the reduction of hazardous fuels (flammable vegetation).

▶ WATERSHEDS

Watersheds within the Dixie provide vital water supplies for power, industry, farm, and community use. Livestock such as sheep and cattle graze under permit on 84% of the total acres of the Forest each season. Timber is managed in harmony with other resources to ensure a continuing water supply and a quality environment.

▶ COMMUNITIES

The Dixie National Forest is committed to working with partners and volunteers as well as local, tribal, state, and federal governments to actively improve wildlife habitat, enhance rangelands, treat noxious weeds, provide sustainable recreation, restore watersheds, and ensure forest health.

▶ RECREATION

“It’s All Yours. Go. Play.” The Forest is a prime location for camping, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, mountain biking, OHV opportunities, and winter activities such as cross-country and downhill skiing. Recreation contributes greatly to the health of individuals, bonds family and friends, and provides economic benefit to communities.

CONTACT

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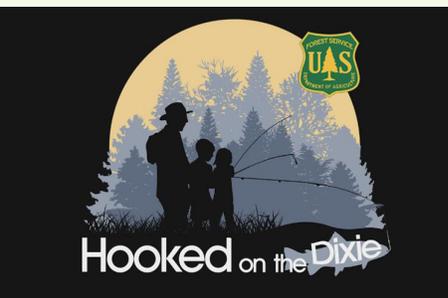
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▶ FISHING

There are 500 miles of fishing streams and 90 fishable lakes on the Dixie National Forest! Game fish include brook, rainbow, cutthroat, and brown trout. Opportunities are available year-round with lake, pond, stream, and ice fishing so “Get Hooked on the Dixie!”

▶ WILDERNESS

Wilderness is an area of federal land that is undeveloped and free from human control. It provides outstanding opportunities for solitude and a primitive type of recreation. The Dixie National Forest is fortunate to have four congressionally designated Wildernesses. Please contact the Dixie National Forest prior to visiting for current maps, regulations, and conditions.

