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UtahPCD is a unique partnership of several natural resource oriented agencies and organizations committed to providing solutions to conservation issues. From Federal agency representation and State leadership, to local coordinators on the ground, the UtahPCD members work together to leverage resources and increase effectiveness.

## **State Agencies and Organizations:**

**Utah Association of Conservation Districts**  
**Utah Department of Agriculture and Food**  
**Utah Department of Community and Culture**  
**Utah Department of Environmental Quality**  
**Utah Department of Natural Resources**  
**Utah Energy Office**  
**Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration**  
**Utah State University Extension**  
**Utah Resource Conservation & Development Council**

## **Federal Agencies:**

### **U.S. Department of Interior:**

**Bureau of Land Management**  
**Bureau of Reclamation**  
**Fish and Wildlife Service**

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture:**

**Forest Service**  
**Natural Resources Conservation Service**  
**Farm Services Administration**  
**Agricultural Research Service**

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## Healthy Watersheds



### Fire

- War on Cheatgrass
  - Utah Legislature provided money to start. (\$2 million)
- Milford Flat Fire Restoration
  - 300 sq/mi. reseeding effort

### Water

- Salinity
  - Irrigation and erosion control projects have reduced salinity by more than 100 mg / l.
- CAFO/AFO Program--85% compliance
  - 3000 farms assessed. 400 projects done/scheduled



### Sensitive Species

- Endangered Species Mitigation Fund
  - 2008 Sage Grouse listing study
  - Habitat restoration efforts continue for several species

### Healthy Landscapes

- Watershed Restoration Initiative (UDNR, Forest Service, BLM, others)
  - 3:1 average return on investment. A variety of Projects improve wildlife habitat, forage recreational opportunities, and reduce the threat of catastrophic fires.
- Grazing Improvement Program (UDAF, UACD, others)
  - \$2 million annually for vegetation enhancement, improved grazing management, etc.
- Healthy Lands Initiative (BLM, several other partners)
  - Habitat and rangeland improvements for wildlife, agriculture and recreation, etc.
  - 500,000 acres treated to date.



All of the above programs and others not listed are supported by local participants, organizations, steering committees, and project experts.

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## Core Values

- Utah's Biological Diversity (wildlife and vegetation)
- Water Quality and Water Quantity (yield) for municipal, agricultural and natural resource uses
- Sustainable Agriculture through working and productive farms and ranches
- Outdoor Recreation opportunity, access, delivery, quality

## Project Driven Partnerships that Produce Results

Healthy landscapes are the focus of the Utah Partners for Conservation and Development. Utah's landscape suffers from detrimental impacts driven by invasive weed species and declining watershed Health.

Correcting this situation requires continued intervention, common sense, planning and sound methodology.

Additional resources will allow us to continue to focus on land health in order to protect our soil, water, air, plants, wildlife and economic resources for future generations.



**Partners Riding Together for Success**