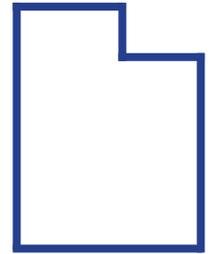


Healthy Lands Initiative

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The Utah Partners for Conservation and Development

The Utah Partners for Conservation and Development was formed in 1993. This group was formed to address statewide issues facing land management agencies and private landowners across Utah. As the result of drought conditions over a number of years, the Utah PCD adopted the watershed restoration initiative.

Utah PCD's mission is to implement on-the-ground projects that can significantly improve habitats for multiple species of wildlife. The process ensures that sensitive species habitat, water quality and quantity, wildlife habitat, and range management issues are focused where actions will have the greatest immediate and long-term mitigation value.

Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative

Utah's Watershed Restoration Initiative is a cooperative effort to restore targeted watersheds, and as a result, improve water quality and quantity, conserve quality habitats and maximize biodiversity, sustain working farms and ranches, and improve social/economic uses and opportunities. With funds that have been secured over the past 3 years, many projects have been implemented to combat cheat grass, prevent wildfires, increase wildlife populations, combat soil erosion, improve water quality and minimize the effects of drought. This initiative is one that focuses on multiple species and uses, creating a holistic approach to restoration and conservation. Whether it is a project restoring sagebrush or improving the habitat for a pygmy rabbit, the initiative creates on-the-ground results that everyone can benefit from.

The Partnerships of Utah PCD

With widespread support from many diverse organizations, the Utah PCD has created many important partnerships. These partnerships cross both ownership and administrative boundaries to mitigate watershed issues across the state of Utah. The partnerships bring people of various backgrounds together to coordinate and implement projects that will have lasting effects on Utah's land. The relationships formed and the on-the-ground results will have lasting impacts into the future.

The contributions of these partners are as diverse as their numbers. While some organizations have made financial contributions, others have donated manpower, equipment and resources to insure the success of these projects. Each contribution results in the improvement of Utah's landscapes and resources.

Some of Utah PCD's Partners Include:

- USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
- RC&D Council
- Utah Association of Conservation Districts
- USDI-National Park Service
- Utah State University Extension Service
- Utah Department of Natural Resources
- USDI-Bureau of Land Management
- USDI-U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Utah Department of Environmental Quality
- USDI-Bureau of Reclamation
- Utah Department of Agriculture & Food
- Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
- USDA-Farm Service Agency
- USDA-U.S. Forest Service