

# ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

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Utah BLM lands saw about 6 million recreation visits this fiscal year. Utah BLM offices managed a total of 678 commercial, competitive or organized group Special Recreation Permits, lead the nation with 96,246 Individual Use Special Use Permits issued, and collected \$2.7 million in fees. The 2010 Accomplishments Report highlights the vital roles that young people and our partners play in our efforts to provide a diversity of quality recreation opportunities on BLM managed public lands.



## Students learning about river ecosystems at Vernal's Green River Hands on the Land site

and three offices hosted Hands on the Land educational sites. Youth funding also supported two interpretation projects and four internships.

BLM Utah received \$126,000 through the agency's Youth Program which was leveraged by 45 partner groups and matched with \$189,768 in monetary or in-kind donations. The funding supported positive youth engagement in Utah's public lands through the Take it Outside!, Hands on the Land, Interpretation, and other programs. Seven Field Offices executed a total of 10 Take it Outside! projects

## Monticello Field Office Hosts Summer Science Camp on the San Juan River

In June, Utah students ages 12-18 participated in a four day river trip on the San Juan River. This Take it Outside funded was trip lead by BLM partner Four Corners School of Outdoor Education immersed students in public lands management, astrology, earth science, geology, desert hydrology and career opportunities in the Bureau of Land Management.

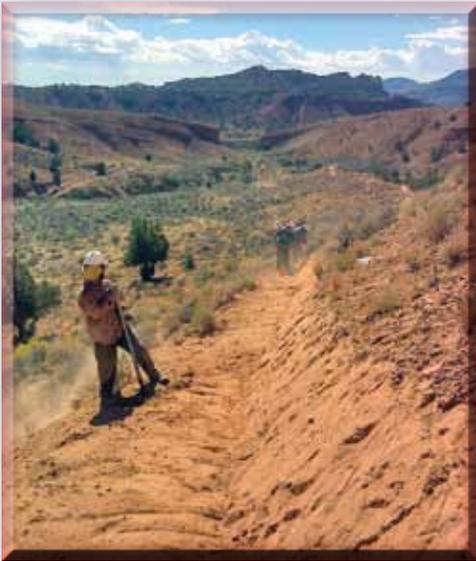


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## Cedar City Field Office, University Students, and Partners Working Together for Public Lands

For National Public Lands Day the Cedar City Field Office partnered with Iron County and Southern Utah University to complete a re-vegetation project within the Three Peak recreation area. Participants from the university and the local community pitched in to make the event a success. The Cedar City Field Office and the university also co-sponsored a Family Hiking Series event at Spring Creek Canyon Wilderness Study Area.



### Young People Fostering Sustainable Trails in Vernal

The Vernal Field Office completed much needed trail work using Youth program funding to contract with the Student Conservation Association. This group of young trail-crew leaders put their skills to work building sustainable equestrian and mountain bike trails. This work bolstered the office's two highly successful Public Lands Day projects, which focused on improving equestrian and hiking trails in Uintah and Daggett Counties.

## Recovery Act Funds Support Moab Trail Systems

The Moab Field Office, with help from Utah Conservation Corps and Canyon Country Youth Corps crews, reached their 2010 Travel Management Plan goal of marking 2,500 miles of travel route as open or closed to motorized travel. Crews also constructed barriers and fences to facilitate restoration of damaged lands and assist in keeping off-highway vehicle use on designated areas and routes. Moab also partnered with the Utah Department of Transportation Enhancement funds, Utah State Parks and Recreation, Grand County, Trail Mix, the Moab Trails Alliance and other groups and individuals to fund and construct the last six miles of the Moab Canyon Trail. This path improves access by bikers to multiple BLM trails systems, and together with the existing Highway 313 bike lane, provides access to Arches National Park and over 25 miles of safe riding along two scenic byways.



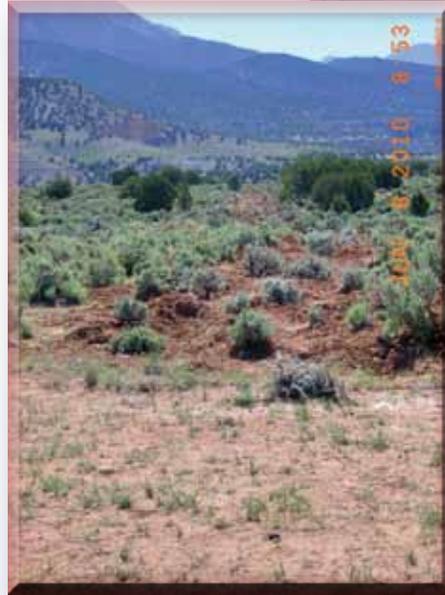
***Flashflood destruction on the Mineral Bottom Road was repaired by funds the Moab Field Office secured from the Federal Highway Administration.***

## Little Sahara Recreation Area Gets a New Plan and Roads

Fillmore Field Office's popular off-highway vehicle recreation area is sporting a new business plan, updated fee system, and thanks to Recovery Act funding, 16 miles of freshly paved roads.

### Henry Mountain Field Station and Partners Complete Travel Management Tasks

Henry Mountain Field Station partnered the Utah Conservation Corps in ripping old routes, transplanting vegetation, tearing down old barricades, replacing signing, and seeding impacted areas to effectively close 8 miles of unauthorized routes in Wilderness Study Areas.



*Before and After of road into Wilderness Study Area, Henry Mountain Field Station.*

### Visitor Amenity Improvements in the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument

A 40 year old water system at the monument's popular Calf Creek recreation site was replaced. The project included installation of five new accessible hydrants, revegetation with native plants and other amenity improvements throughout the site. The monument also partnered with the Utah Department of Transportation to improve facilities and visitor experiences at the Big Water Visitor Center.



*Universally accessible shelters at Big Water Visitor Center*

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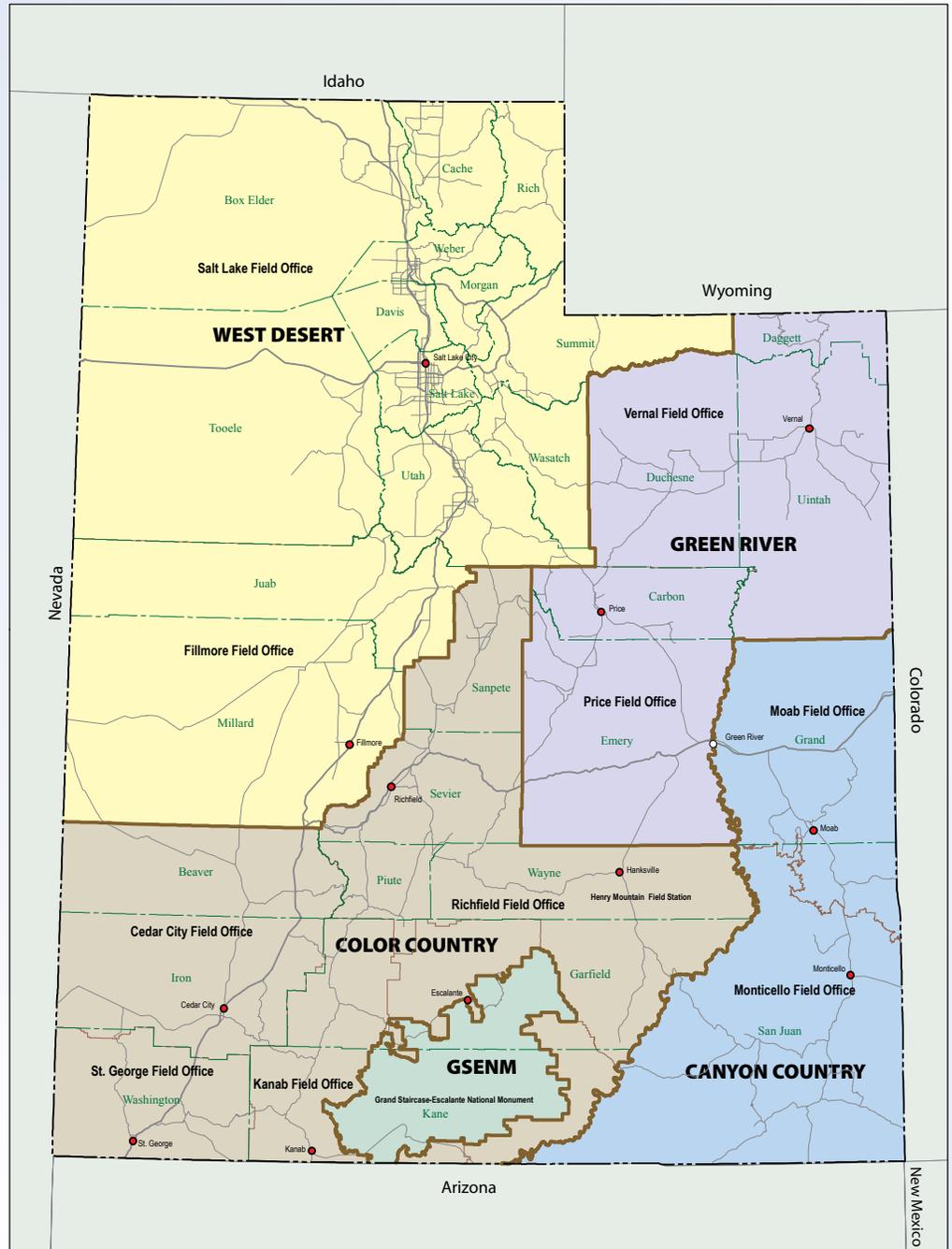
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