

BLM-Utah Price Field Office



Recreation Insider

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Upcoming Meeting

Dec. 10, 2014

Volunteer Appreciation potluck dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m., at the BLM Price Field Office 125 S 600 W, Price, UT

More details will be sent out prior.

Volunteer Projects

Nov. 22, 2014
Temple Mountain Trail System

We will be fixing the sign-in boxes for the Five Miles of Hell trail. We will also fix and replace trail markers throughout the trail system.

Anyone interested in participating in volunteer projects or with questions or concerns, please contact Jaydon Mead, BLM Price Field Office, 435-636-3646.

If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Jaydon Mead at the BLM Price Field

Castle Country Trail System Becomes Reality

The Castle Country Trail System was an idea brought to Carbon County planners by citizens of the community about a decade ago. The vision was to create a trail system to get people from one side of the county to the other.

From Skyline Drive to Cottonwood Canyon, and Nine Mile Canyon to the Emery County line, the multiple-use, Castle Country Trail System has a lot to offer users. Trail enthusiasts can enjoy nearly 250 miles of routes, going directly from their homes to multiple areas in the county. Opportunities include mountain biking, OHV riding, equestrian use, hiking, camping, fishing, and many other recreational uses. For those who can't access the trail from where they live, designated trailheads have been established at the Carbon County Fairgrounds, Price City Atwood Baseball Complex, and in East Carbon City just north of Columbia. East Carbon, Helper, and Wellington cities have also set aside parking areas in their respective communities. These trailheads are highlighted on the Castle Country Trail System map.

In 2014, an official map was created by the Carbon County

GIS Office. Maps have been handed out by the Carbon County Office of Tourism at many offices and events. An electronic copy can be found at <http://maps.carbon.utah.gov/downloadablemaps.html>.

The trail system would not be possible without the cooperative work among federal, state and local governments, and citizens of Carbon County. In particular, the Carbon County Recreation and Transportation Special Service District provided the funds needed to conduct studies, secure rights-of-ways, make trail improvements to increase safety, and install a comfort station near the Old Western Town Site adjacent to Consumers Road.

In August 2014, Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative granted Carbon County \$10,000 for the purchase of trail markers and decals. The grant was awarded as part of Yamaha's Outdoor Access Initiative promoting safe, responsible riding and open, sustainable riding areas. Carbon County Special Service District voiced their thanks to the Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative for the generous grant supporting markers.

Collaboration with organizations in and out of the communi-

ty, have made the trail system a reality. The financial assistance received reduces the taxpayer burden and increases tourism in the area.

The first trail marker was pounded at the Carbon County Fairgrounds during the Carbon County Fair in July 2014. Since then, members of the Castle Country Trails Committee, BLM employees and the Castle Country Off Highway Vehicle Association have donated over 250 hours installing markers. Members of the trails committee are currently planning a grand opening for the Castle Country Trail System to be held during spring 2015. Anyone interested in assisting in event planning can attend the Castle Country Trails Committee meetings held at the Carbon County Planning and Zoning Building on the fourth Tuesday of each month at noon.

-Jordan Behunin
Carbon County
GIS Specialist



Left: Trail Marker.
Below: New Trial head at the Carbon County Fair Grounds
Top Right: Bruin Point overlook.
Bottom Right: OHV helps mark the trail.

-Jordan Behunin





CLDQ Closes for the Season

The Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry (CLDQ) closed for the season at the end of October.

It was a successful season at the quarry filled with enthusiastic seasonal employees and wonderful volunteers. The BLM would like to thank the many visitors and all who helped make this

season a success.

Hours of operation for 2015 will be announced in the coming months. We hope to see you all next year!

-AnnDee Mead
Information Receptionist

U of U Students Volunteer During Fall Break

Students from the University of Utah (U of U) visited the San Rafael Swell during fall break. A group of 11 first generation students and two staff members visited Buckhorn Wash to enjoy the great outdoors and breathtaking scenery that the San Rafael Swell has to offer. The group stayed at the Swinging Bridge Campground for four days and explored hiking trails and roads nearby.

On Oct. 15, the group volunteered with the BLM to complete a service project. We drove a few miles north of the campground in Buckhorn Wash admiring the high cliff walls and writings left behind by Native Americans and early settlers.

We stopped at an area commonly known as the Cattle Guard Pictograph Site, where an old trail takes you to the pictograph site. The cattle guard was removed many years ago, making the trail and site difficult for visitors to find.

The BLM and volunteers installed a wood sign marking the parking area and pointing toward the pictograph site. The groups also spent time maintaining the existing trail, making it easier to follow and more sustainable.

Once the work was complete, the group headed back to the campground for lunch. During lunch, there were discussions about natural resources and land management that intrigued many students, despite none being natural resource majors. One discussion we had was about how it is illegal to mark on the canyon walls. Even though it is tempting to leave your own mark, it would degrade the site and take away from the next person's experience. If everyone was allowed to leave their mark, it would become an ugly wall of graffiti and the cultural significance and wonders of the past would be destroyed.

Following lunch, we moved on to the

second part of the service project, splitting into two groups to accomplish needed maintenance around the campground. Fences were fixed, missing posts were installed, trash was picked up, and weeds were removed throughout the campground.

The volunteers worked really well together and helped the BLM make the area more attractive and enjoyable for the public. I would like to thank the students and staff for their hard work, and look forward to working with them again to host another alternative fall break in the San Rafael Swell.

-Jaydon Mead
Recreation Technician



University of Utah students volunteer in the Buckhorn Wash to improve campground and rock art sites as part of their alternative fall break.

-Pictures by: Jaydon Mead



Sage Riders Club Hosts Race at Chimney Rock



Ahmed Mohsen helps pound the first marker for the Castle Country Trail System.

-Jordon Behunin

Meet the Manager

The Price Field Office is excited to welcome new Field Manager Ahmed Mohsen.

Ahmed started his Federal career in 1986 after graduating from the University of Nevada, with degrees in geology and geophysics. He began at BLM's Battle Mountain District Office, where he oversaw the largest gold and silver mines in the lower 48 states. Seven years later he became the Planning and Environmental Coordinator for the California Desert District. Ahmed then worked two years on the Wayne National Forest (N.F) and three years on the San Bernardino N.F.

In 2006 Mohsen launched his own consulting company initiating wind and solar energy projects on public and private lands. In 2012, his passion for public land management led him back to BLM as the Price Field Office's Environmental Coordinator and later the Associate Field Manager.

Mohsen likes to play soccer, talk politics, analyze history, drink tea, and play the guitar. He has three children who live in southern California.

After more than a ten year hiatus, the Chimney Rock Area was once again alive with eager dirt bike contestants and excited spectators. The endure-formatted race consisted of two loops that contained five special tests for a total of 70 miles.

The Chimney Rock area provides riders with a very diverse

course consisting of tight single-track routes in the cedar trees, painted slick rock, desert washes, sand, and rocky two-track.

The hard work of several members of the Sage Riders Club in coordination with the BLM made the event a success. Many hours were put in before, during and after the race. Permits were ob-

tained through careful planning for the event. Extra effort was given by the sage riders, volunteers and the BLM to properly mark the course, monitor the activities, rehabilitate trail impacts and clean up after the race.

-Jaydon Mead
Recreation Technician



Pictures from the Chimney Rock Motor-cycle Race.



-Pictures:
Michael Knight



SUWA Participates in National Public Lands Day

During the weekend of Sept. 19-21, 2014, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) hosted their annual roundup. Members came from across the country to Hidden Splendor near Muddy Creek. SUWA had 65 members camping out over the weekend. On Saturday, the group split into

smaller groups to hike throughout the area.

Sunday morning looked stormy and many members wanted to get out of the area before the storm hit. Nine volunteers stayed to help install two new kiosks with updated maps and helpful information. The group also fixed a fence,

cleaned up garbage and consolidated excess campfire rings. The BLM would like to thank those who volunteered their time to improve our public lands.

-Matt Blocker
Outdoor Recreation Planner



Above: Muddy Creek

Right: Volunteers work to install a kiosk and clean up the area while enjoying a weekend of camping.

-Pictures: Matt Blocker

