

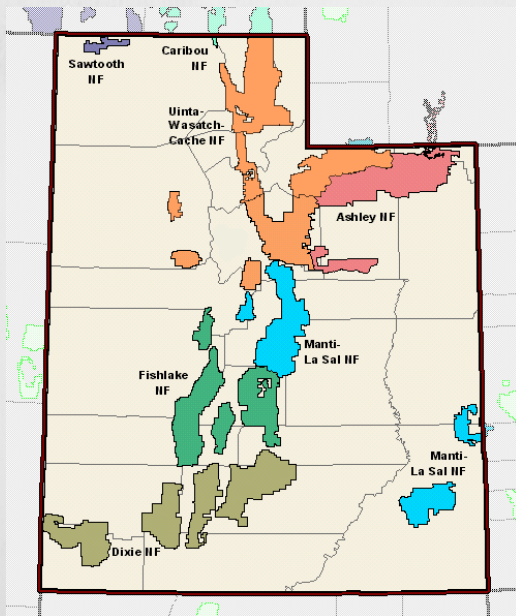
Sharing in a Sustainable Recreation Future for Utah National Forests

The Forest Service is a huge part of Utah

- 15% of Utah's land is Forest Service managed
- 707 Developed recreation sites
- 10 million visits to Utah's national forests in 2018
- 23 Ranger Districts

National Forests in Utah:

- Ashley
- Sawtooth
- Dixie
- Uinta- Wasatch- Cache
- Fishlake
- Manti- La Sal



Recreation is Essential to Utah's Economy

- \$12.3 billion in consumer spending
- 110K direct jobs
- \$3.9 billion in wages and salaries
- \$737 million in state and local tax revenue

Top 3 Outdoor Activities in Utah

1. Hiking
2. Camping
3. Fishing

In addition to 6 National Forests Utah has....

- 5 National Parks
- 6 National Monuments
- 44 State Parks
- 14 Ski Resorts



"In an era when open space is rapidly diminishing, Utah remains one of the a few locations where travelers may experience the desert and mountain landscapes unique to the American West and still enjoy the comforts and amenities of nearby cities and towns." Utah SCORP 2019

Challenges and Opportunities

Potential challenges to the future of recreation in Utah

- Population Growth
 - Increase in urban cities
 - Decrease in rural communities
- Increase in demand for outdoor opportunities
- Low capacity by agencies, and recreation professionals to facilitate rising demands
- Developments in new technologies
 - Online resources/social media
 - Increased popularity in E-bikes, UTVs, and drones

Deferred Maintenance for Utah's National Forests is nearly \$30.5 million in 2019.

While the population and recreation demands are increasing, the ability to maintain trails and facilities to an acceptable standard is decreasing.



Utahns Know How to Get Involved

On the 5 Forests in Utah in 2018 there were...

4,832 Volunteers

1,928 Partnerships and Organizations

50 Youth Conservation Corps

153,463 Total Volunteer Hours

Sharing with Our Partners

In 2018, Utah State Parks and the Paiute Trail Committee supported the replacement of deteriorating trail boardwalks on the Anderson Dairy Trail, located on the Richfield Ranger District. Partner funds were used to purchase boardwalk materials, and volunteers from the Paiute Trail Committee and other local ATV clubs helped Fishlake personnel construct the new boardwalks.



There are hundreds of outdoor retailers in Utah...

For many states across the country, outdoor recreation businesses play an essential role in the outdoor industry. This is an opportunity for them to be part of sharing in a sustainable recreation future in Utah.