



UTAH CULTURAL SITE STEWARDSHIP



**Stewards assisting Cedar City BLM
Field Office - Site Documentation**



Introductions

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Data and Events Specialist for the Utah Cultural Site Stewardship Program

State Historic Preservation Office

- **Born and raised in Salt Lake City**
- **Previously worked for the Division of Outdoor Recreation within the DNR**
- **Bachelor's degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism from the University of Utah**
- **Runs freakishly long distances and up mountains for fun with my two dogs**
- **Just got married!**

More Visitors

**Greater
Impacts**

Public Outcry



Birthing Panel - Near Moab

**Utah State
Legislature**

**Statewide Centralized
Stewardship Effort**

**State Historic
Preservation Office**



SHPO at Capitol Hill

Primary Drivers For Stewardship



Building a Network of Support

Effective Public Involvement

Correcting & Preventing

TLA Stewards near Fillmore



**Support
Land
Managers**

**Monitor
Sites**


**Report
Any
Change**

**Build
Public
Awareness**

What stewards do

**BLM Archaeologist Roy Plank and UCSS
Stewards Cedar City Field Office**

First - In Class Training

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- What made you want to be a steward?
 - General area in Utah you are most interested in stewarding

It's kind of Like basic training but not!

- The do's the don'ts (laws)
- Utah Archaeology 101
- Site types
- Common kinds of damages (human & environmental)
- Stewarding safety
- Ethics
- Common artifact types

**Ability
Level**

**Historical
Interest**

**Preferred
Counties**

**Type of
Vehicle**

Assigning Monitoring Locations

Baseline Visit

- **First site visit**
- **Meet Land Manager**
- **Establish baseline**
- **Review site info**
- **Survey123 app**
- **Ensure ability**
- **Questions**

How UCSS Works

Land Managers

- **Permission**
- **Site list**
- **Resource management**
- **Ultimate say**

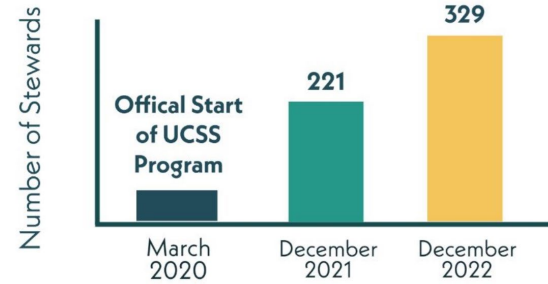
UCSS Program

- **Program admin**
- **UCSS Volunteers**
- **Volunteer support**
- **Training**
- **Steward placement**
- **Data & reporting**



UCSS Stewards Operating Statewide

364 - Total UCSS Stewards YTD



In 2023 we are the largest statewide program

TLA Stewards assisting with service project on TLA land

How UCSS Assists Our Partners



BLM Staff Stewardship Training Kanab, Utah

Survey123 Monitoring Reports Submitted

2,456

TLA Steward Uintah County

872- Total Sites Being Stewarded Statewide



These numbers are forever changing as some sites need multiple stewards, new cultural sites are being identified, and visitation increases.

435 - Sites In Need Of Stewards As Of Today!

Girl Scout Troop Stewards - Salt Lake
County

State & Federal Partner Quarterly & Annual Reports

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Number of Stewards on TLA Land	Number of Reported Damages	Stewarding Hours	Stewarding Mileage	Number of Events, Workshops, Training etc. within Regions TSA Grant Funding Spent w/in UCSS Program	
2	38	0	76.5	1,569		
3						
4	Sites Stewarded (38)	Region	Sites Visited	Hours by Field Office	Event Descriptions:	
5	42KA6285	BLM-Kanab Field Office		Hours - Cedar City Field Office	TLA Re seeding Project in San Juan County	
6	42KA6288	BLM-Kanab Field Office		0	Attendance: 5 Stewards and 3 State Agency	
7	42GR329	BLM-Moab Field Office	x	Hours - Fillmore Field Office	Hours: 24	
8	42GR3155	BLM-Moab Field Office		0		
9	42GR3212	BLM-Moab Field Office		Hours - Grand Staircase Escalante NM Field Office		
10	42GR3543	BLM-Moab Field Office		0	Steward Attendance: #	
11	42GR3176	BLM-Moab Field Office	x	Hours - Kanab Field Office	Event Hours: #	
12	42GR3175	BLM-Moab Field Office	x	0	Event Mileage: #	
13	42GR3907	BLM-Moab Field Office	x	Hours - Moab Field Office		
14	42GR3908	BLM-Moab Field Office	x	19		
15	42SA920	BLM-Monticello Field Office	x	Hours - Monticello Field Office		
16	42SA38151	BLM-Monticello Field Office		47		
17	42SA14565	BLM-Monticello Field Office		Hours - Price Field Office		
18	42SA30103	BLM-Monticello Field Office		7.5		
19	42SA1725	BLM-Monticello Field Office		Hours - Salt Lake Field Office		
20	42SA1728	BLM-Monticello Field Office		3		
21	42SA28201	BLM-Monticello Field Office	x	Hours - St. George Field Office		
22	42SA5010	BLM-Monticello Field Office	x	0		
23	42SA34427	BLM-Monticello Field Office		Hours - Vernal Field Office		
24	42SA5241	BLM-Monticello Field Office		0		
25	42EM2319	BLM-Price Field Office				
26	42CB239	BLM-Price Field Office				
27	42CB240	BLM-Price Field Office				
28	42CB446	BLM-Price Field Office				
29	42EM4611	BLM-Price Field Office	x			
30	42UT1023	BLM-Salt Lake Field Office				
31	42T1532	BLM-Salt Lake Field Office				

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QT 2

QT 3

QT 4

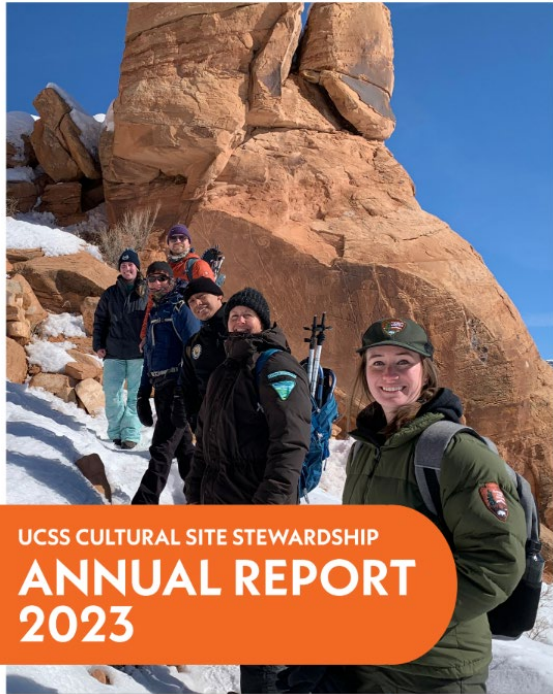
Annual Numbers Oct. 2022 - Sept



State & Federal Partner Quarterly & Annual Reports

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	TLA Annual UCSS Numbers (October 2022 - September 2023)									
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3				Hours by Field Office						
4	Total Sites Stewarded on TLA Land	35		Field Office	Annual Hours	Annual Miles	Annual Stewards		Field Office	Events/ Projects
5	Total UCSS Stewards on TLA Land	38		Cedar City	1	0	1		Cedar City	1
6	Total Reported Damages	1		Fillmore	0	0	0		Fillmore	
7	Stewarding Hours	203.25		Grand Staircase-Escalante NM	0	0	0		Grand Staircase-Escalante NM	
8	Stewarding Milage	4,816		Kanab	1	20	2		Kanab	
9	Total events	3		Moab	57	668	6		Moab	
10				Monticello	82.75	2,166	11		Monticello	1
11				Price	30.25	1,275	8		Price	1
12				Salt Lake	16.5	299	5		Salt Lake	
13				St. George	10.75	28	3		St. George	
14				Vernal	4	360	1		Vernal	
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Public, Partners & UCSS Stakeholder Annual Report



UCSS CULTURAL SITE STEWARDSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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2023 STEWARDSHIP STATS

Box Elder County Steward Site Visit



872

Total Sites
Stewarded

2,069

Total Monitoring
Reports Submitted

364

Overall Stewards

Growing Smart

Since 2021, the Utah Cultural Site Stewardship Program has made volunteer growth a priority. This volunteer growth is not necessarily in the form of how many volunteers in the program but a focus on smart sustainable growth. This includes more in-depth training time to ensure that those who are interested in the program are willing to commit to the program requirements and expectations. UCSS volunteers have a passion for the protection of history, and are willing to steward in a way that meets

the needs of the land managers as well as the State Historic Preservation Office. Working to ensure that there is a personal connection between the volunteers and the UCSS Team is a top priority. Stewards who enjoy what they do and know that their many efforts are appreciated are simply more effective at safeguarding Utah's history.

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STEWARD HIGHLIGHTS



The UCSS Program is very fortunate to have Brody Rigby as a steward. Brody is one of the UCSS Programs Backcountry Stewards. This means that he often spends days on end deep in Utah's backcountry monitoring targeted sites. Brody also works for Hill Air Force Base, a UCSS land managing partner. Brody is one of only a few stewards who have clearance as well as the training required to steward sites on the air force bombing range. "It is an honor to be able to do my small part to preserve the amazing and unique history of the state I love. UCSS is a vital program to better raise public awareness of these sensitive sites and places and involving the public with site monitoring is a perfect way to do that. Without public education and participation, irreplaceable history could be lost forever."

BRODY RIGBY
HILL AIRFORCE BASE
& SAN JUAN COUNTY



Dave Lunt is a UCSS Steward in Wayne and Iron County. He is also the Chair of the Anthropology Department at Southern Utah University. "There are a few reasons why the UCSS Program is important to me. We only get one chance to preserve the records and remnants of the people who lived before us. Of course, we can't save everything and progress is important, but it is also important to preserve and protect the things our forebears left behind. Once a story is lost, whether that story is oral, written, inscribed on a monument, or present in a structure, the loss is felt by all of us. We lose connections to the people who came before us, and those connections become unavailable to the people who will come after us. This program helps to maintain and preserve those connections to the past."

DAVE LUNT
WAYNE & IRON COUNTY

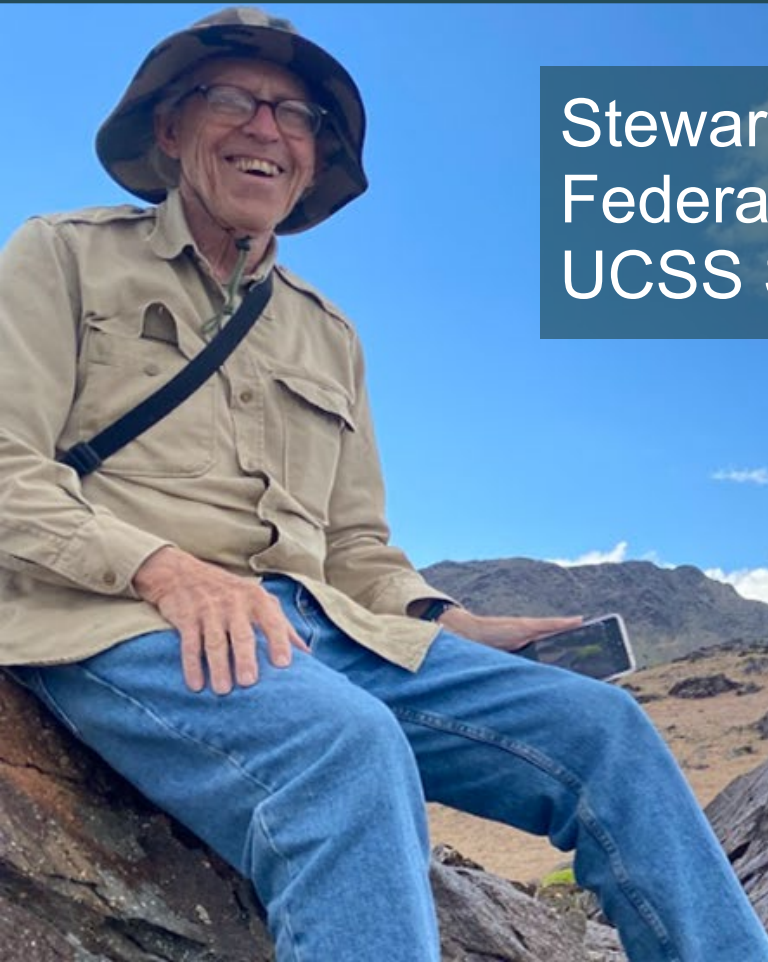


UCSS stewards have been trained to follow specific protocols when they encounter damages, vandalism, looting, or theft. EllenMae is an awesome steward who monitors a number of sites, one of which was recently vandalized. On her initial site visit with a UCSS team member, they came across recent vandalism. Because of their decisive action, local land management and law enforcement were able to get involved and the perpetrators charged. Litigation is currently underway. Stewards provide land managers with an additional set of eyes on the ground and we can't thank those like EllenMae enough for what they do. "I enjoy being a Cultural Site Steward because I have an opportunity to help monitor and protect places that are an important part of Utah's history. I feel as if I am assisting in keeping the sites available for others to enjoy and learn about. Also I really enjoy participating in the many UCSS events and educational opportunities."

ELLENMAE JOHNSON
JUAB COUNTY

The UCSS Program is a \$500,000+ Value For Land Managers

Stewarding Hours & Stewarding Mileage *
Federal Mileage and Volunteer Value +
UCSS Staff Funding = **\$523,433 - 2023**



TLA Steward - Juab County

Building A Network of UCSS Regional Coordinators



**Mike
Wingert**

**San Juan & Grand
Counties**



**Emery
Blanchard**

**Kane, Garfield &
Washington Counties**



**Ryan
Moreau**

**Sanpete, Sevier &
Paiute Counties**



**Kelly
Lynch**

**Uintah, Carbon
& Daggett Counties**



**Joan
West**

**Grand
& Wayne Counties**



Technical Brief 22: Developing and Implementing Archeological Site Stewardship Programs

Sophia Kelly, Arizona State University

Site stewardship programs are effective at preventing the destruction of archeological sites through vandalism and looting.

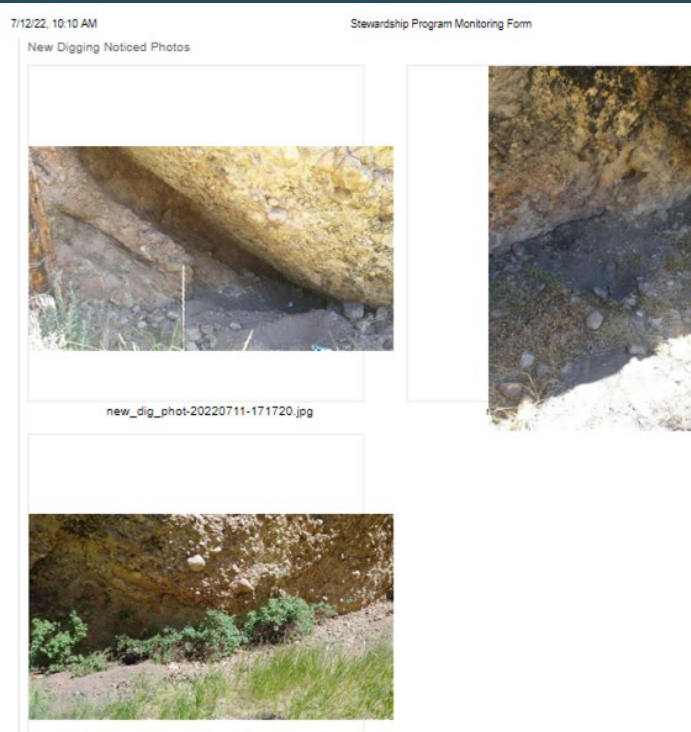
Negative Impacts - UCSS Support



30 significant negative impacts reported by UCSS Stewards in 2023

UCSS Steward assisting TLA on damaged site - Washington County

Stewardship Assists With Litigation



UCSS Monitoring Reports and stewarded sites are currently involved in three ongoing litigations cases

Land Manger Participation - Training & Placement

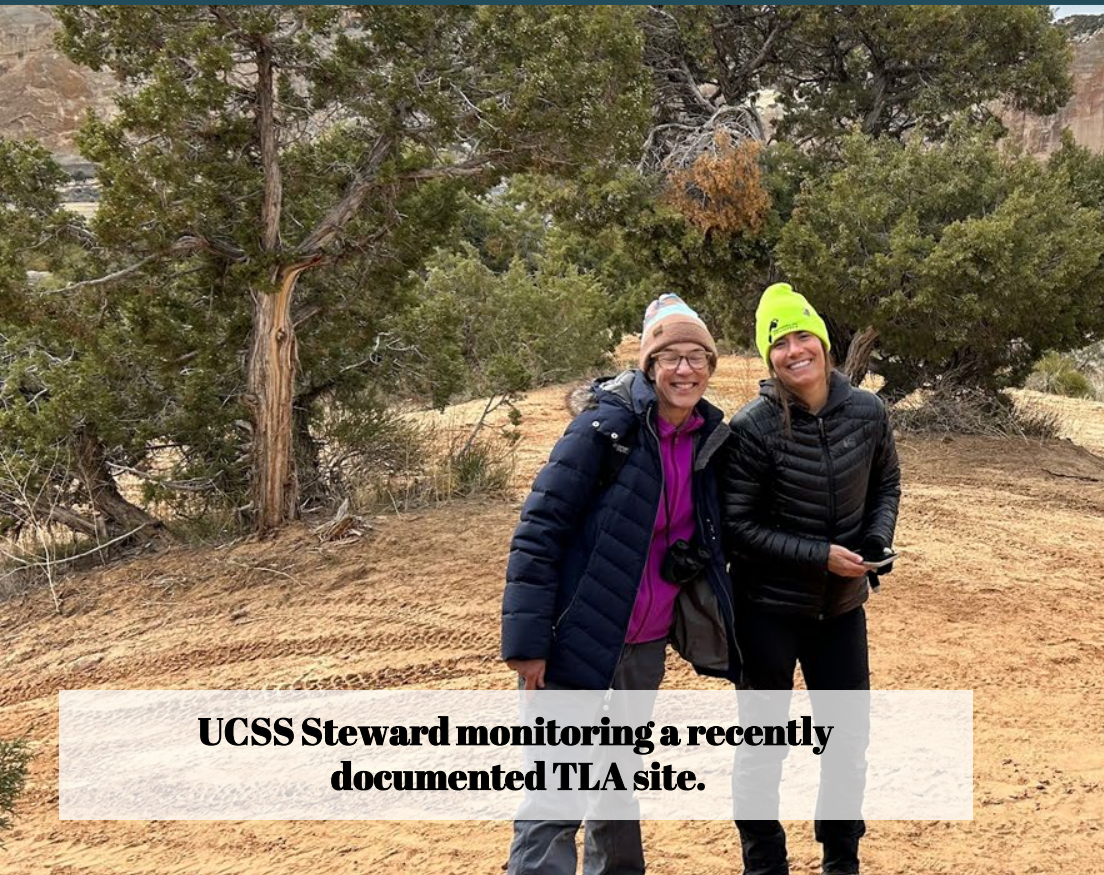


**TLA Staff and UCSS Stewards -
San Juan County Service Project**



**BLM Archaeologist & Law
Enforcement
San Juan County UCSS Get-Together**

Other Ways Stewards Are Effective at Supporting Utah's Land Managers



UCSS Steward monitoring a recently documented TLA site.

UCSS Stewards work with **135** individual Land Managers and partners

Land Manger Turnover **39**

Support during Government Shutdowns/emergencies: **1'ish**

Service Projects designed to supporting Land Managers: **7**

Local Connections

Education

Awareness

Respect



Ferron Box, ongoing, multi-agency project

Recent TLA /UCSS Highlights

The UCSS Program goes beyond stewardship. We want to build a community! UCSS events allow for volunteers to get together, learn new things, experience more of Utah's history!

TLA Service Projects:

- Rock Imagery Site Re-recording (TLA & BLM) 2023 - Iron County
- Vandalized Site Mitigation Project January 2024 - Washington County
- Emery County Collaborative Agency & Local Stakeholder Working Group - 2023-2024
- Site Reseeding Project November 2022 - San Juan County
- Rock Imagery Site Re-recording this March 2024 - Uintah County

Vernal Site Documentation Project



TLA and Vernal Stewards documenting TLA Sites

UCSS Stewards Assisting TLA in Nine Mile Canyon



Recreation & History Overlap Everywhere



- **Passion for certain areas**
- **Descendants of community**
- **Protecting rec accessibility**
- **Giving back to beloved places**

Stewardship Drives Public Education, Awareness & Relationship Building



Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah On A Stewardship Site Visit with SHPO and Local Land Managers - Millard County

Thank You!



UTAH CULTURAL SITE
STEWARDSHIP

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