



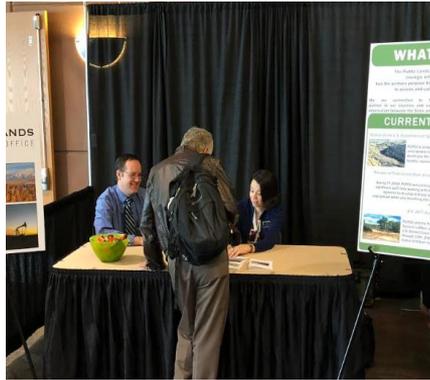
# PUBLIC LANDS

POLICY COORDINATING OFFICE

**KATHLEEN CLARKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

# MISSION

*To preserve and defend rights to  
access, use, and benefit from  
public lands within the State.*



# OBJECTIVES

Cooperative stewardship of Utah's  
lands and resources

Appropriately balance ecological, social, and  
economic considerations



ADVOCATE

EDUCATE

PROMOTE

DEFEND

FACILITATE

# 2019 - 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Roadless Rule Petition and Shared Stewardship

Travel Management Plans

John Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management and Recreation Act

Land Transfer Amendments (H.B. 229)

Wild Horses and Burros

Litigation to Support Federal Decisions

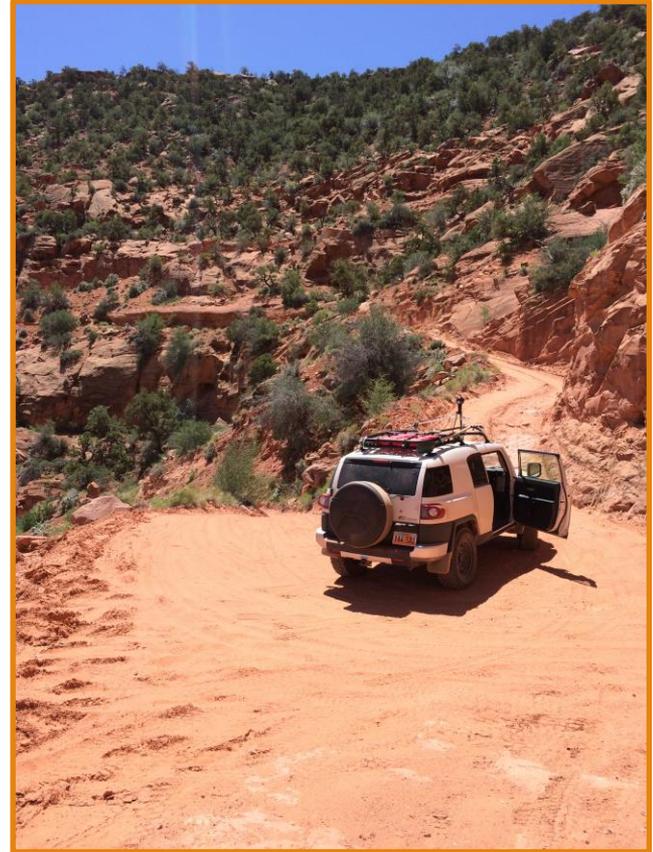
Coordination with State and Federal Agencies

R.S. 2477 and Bellwether Trial

State and County RMPs

# R.S. 2477 UPDATE

- Of 12,296 roads, 5,449 have been [filmed](#)
- Approximately 600 witness depositions have been collected
- Bellwether Trial for roads in Kane County began February 4, 2020 in Federal court



# BELLWETHER TRIAL

- 15 R.S. 2477 rights-of-way (roads) claims in Kane County
  - Selected by the parties' (State, Kane County, United States, and SUWA)
- Judicial resolution of legal question that have broad application to the thousands of R.S. 2477 claims throughout the State.
- Will create a more efficient and cost-effective alternative to litigation for the processing and final resolution of this land-pending public lands issue.
- Trial is expected to go until the end of the month
  - 13 road witnesses from Southern Utah
  - 60+ maps submitted as evidence
  - Several pieces of historical evidence submitted (photos, letters, etc.)



*Steam boiler is hauled down Paria River road with wagon and team, circa 1912*

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS

29 County Plans

Statewide Plan

Coordination with Federal  
Agencies

[Public website/database](#)

## COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS



Review individual resource management plans for Utah's 29 counties

[View County Plans](#)

## STATE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN



Review the resource management plan for the State of Utah

[View the State Plan](#)

**QUESTIONS?**