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Northwest Team

Current Local Strategic Fund Pools

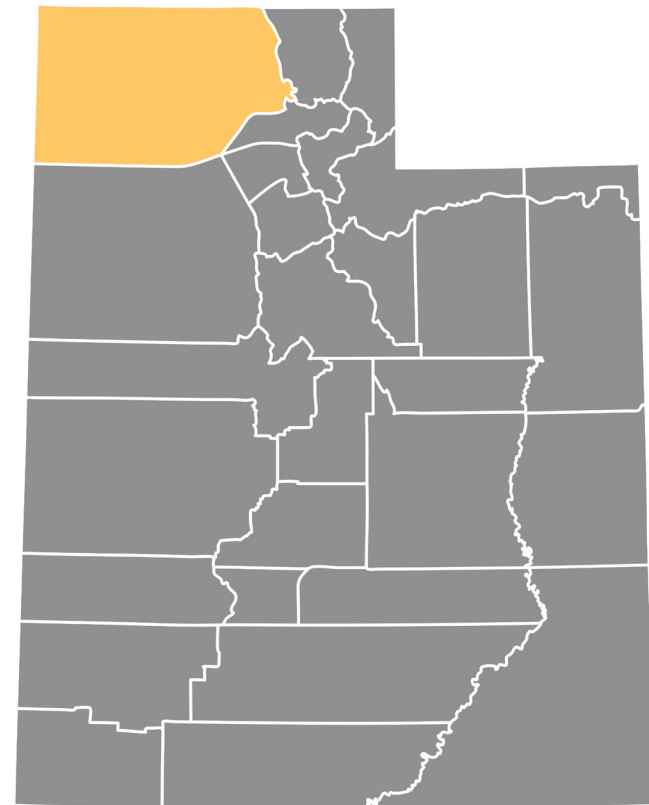
Box Elder Soil Health

- Developing soil health interest in the county.
- 2026 demand - \$3.4M; \$0 funded. Some projects funded through Regenerative Pilot Program (RPP).

Bear River Canal East Deweyville

- Irrigation Transmission Improvements – Piping Transmission Canal – Phase 3.
- 2026 demand - \$400,000; \$400,000 funded, with multiple partners participating.

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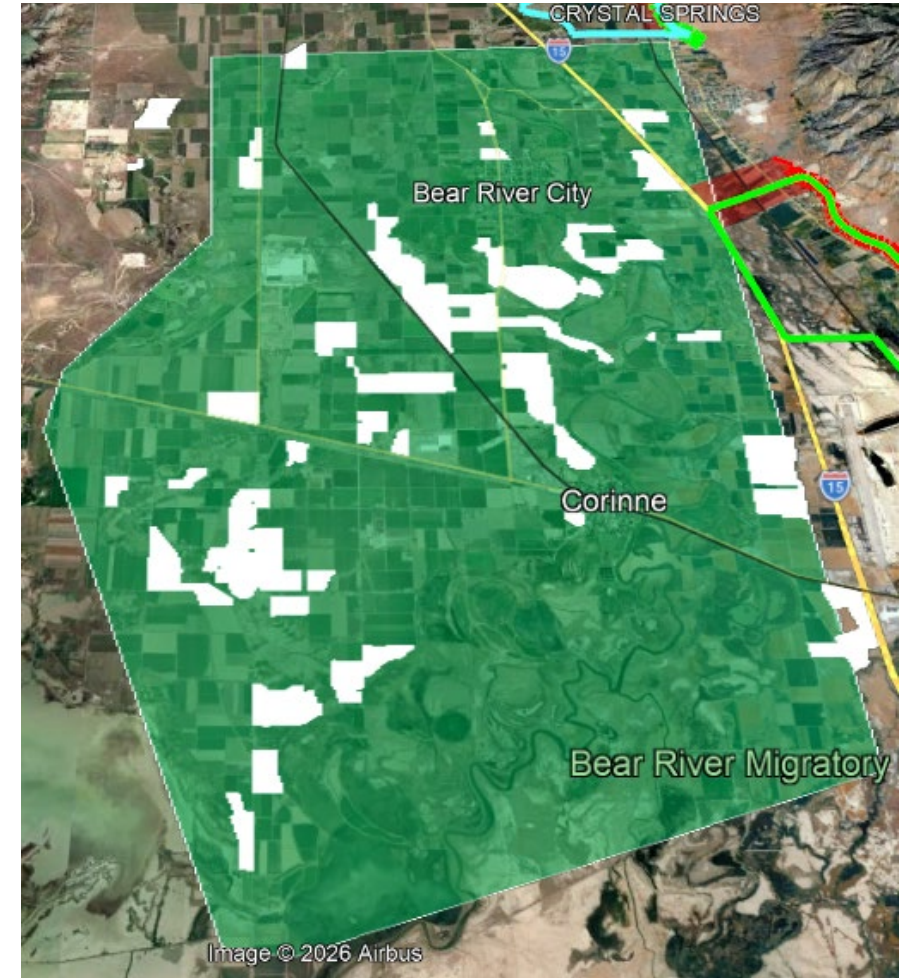
Current Local Strategic Fund Pools

Box Elder Drought

- Livestock Water
- 2026 demand - \$3.9M; close to \$1M funded.

Bear River Valley Water Optimization for the Great Salt Lake

- Irrigation System Improvements – Cooperative with UDAF Water Op.
- 2026 demand - \$8.1M; \$3.0M funded.



Water optimization projects installed.

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FY2027 Priority Resource Opportunities being discussed

Irrigation Efficiency Opportunities

- Improving efficiencies of irrigation water systems in eastern and western parts of the county.
- Potential to save additional water for Great Salt Lake.

Regenerative Agriculture Opportunities

- Equal to RPP - the 2026 program had a demand in Box Elder County of over \$18 Million and resulted in \$1.7 Million in projects that had multiple benefits for participants.



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FY2027 Priority Resource Opportunities
being discussed

Invasive Annual Grass Control Opportunities

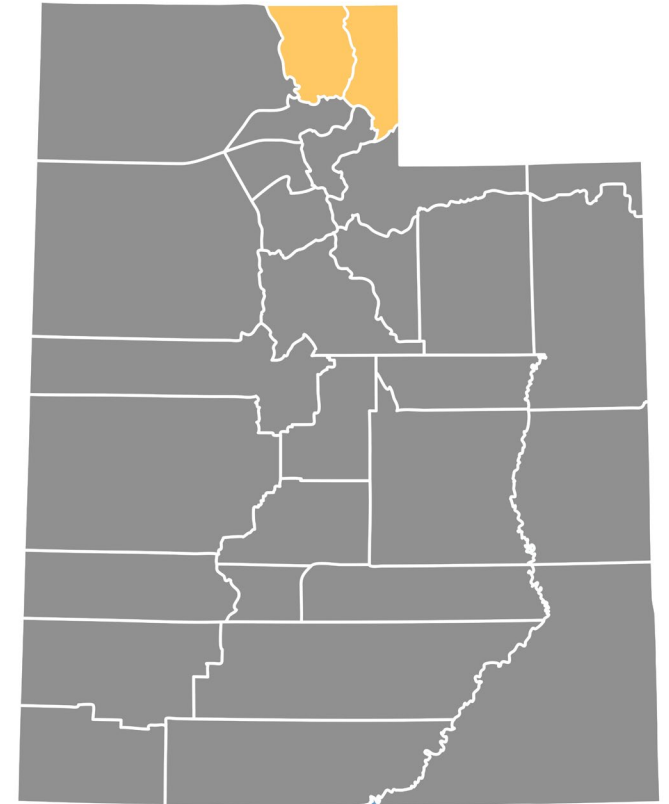
- Reduce invasive annual grasses to reduce fire risk and damage and improve forage and watersheds for livestock and wildlife in Western Box Elder County.

Cache-Rich Team

Cache Local Working Group Priorities

- Soil Health/Erosion
- Inefficient Irrigation/Water Conveyance
- Water Quality (Riparian and AFO/CAFO)
- Forest Health/Wildfire Hazard
- Threat of Ag Land Conversion to Development
- Urban Agriculture
- Grazing Improvements (Water, Fencing, Grazing Management, Brush Management)
- Weed Management

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Cache-Rich Team

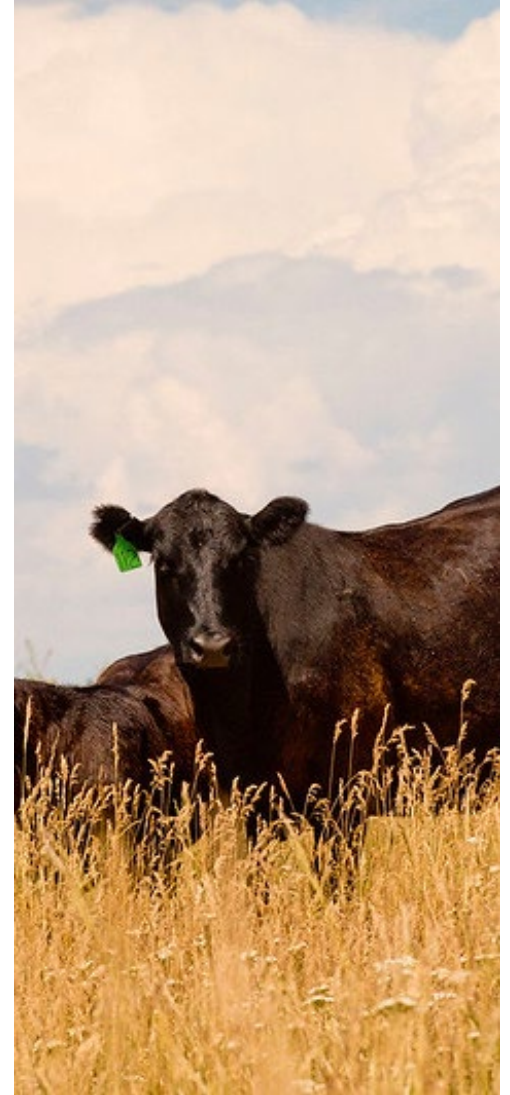
Rich Local Working Group Priorities

- Livestock Watering
- Inefficient Irrigation/Water Conveyance
- Brush Management on Rangeland
- Weed Management
- Grazing Improvements (Water, Fencing, Grazing Management, Brush Management)
- Soil Health/Erosion
- Wildfire Hazard

Cache-Rich Team

Supporting SFPs/PROs

- Bear Lake Irrigation SFP (Rich)
- Great Salt Lake Water Optimization SFP (Cache)
- Soil Health PRO (Cache)
- Irrigation/Water Conveyance PRO (Cache)
- Pasture/Range Grazing SFP (Cache)
- Livestock Water/Grazing PRO (Rich)

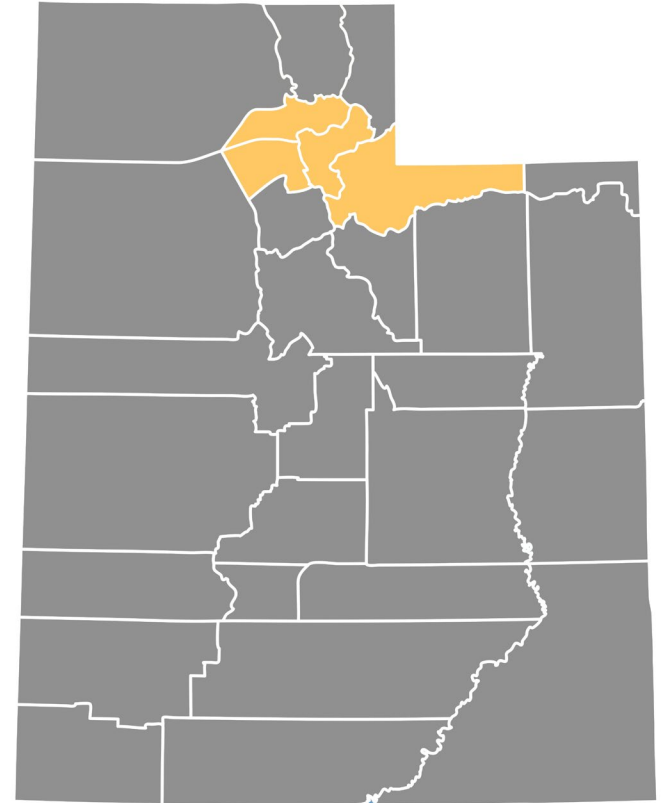


Weber River Team

Local Working Group Priorities (Weber, Davis)

- Plant pest pressure (Phragmites, Russian Olive, other noxious weeds)
- Land (Loss of agricultural land)
- Inefficient irrigation water use (Irrigation improvement, primarily conveyance)
- Soil health
- Small acreage producers

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Weber River Team

Local Working Group Priorities (Morgan, Summit, Kamas)

- Plant pest pressure (Phragmites, Russian Olive, other noxious weeds)
- Range health (Feed and forage balance, livestock water)
- Water quality (Nutrients and pathogens)
- Concentrated erosion
- Inefficient use of irrigation water

Weber River Team

SFPs and PROs

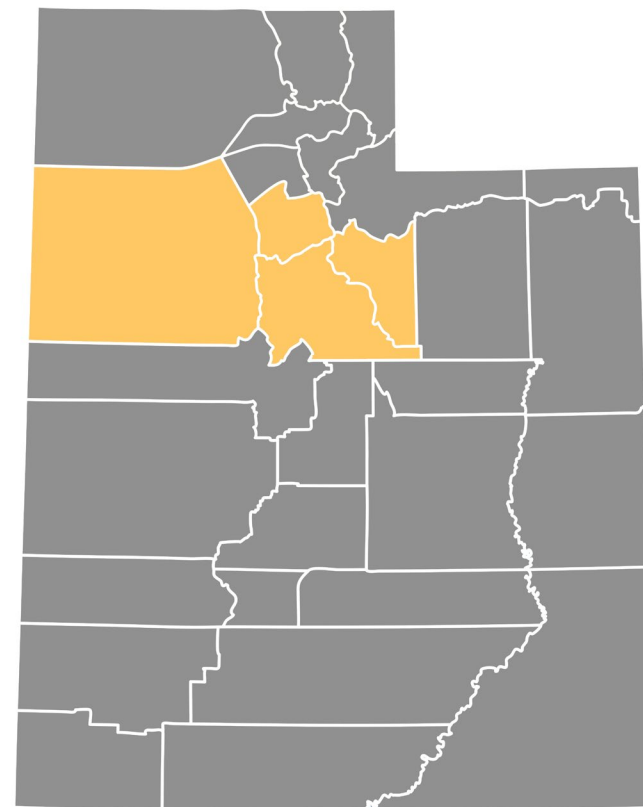
- West Weber Irrigation (current SFP)
- Great Salt Lake Wetland Restoration and Water Savings (SFP)
 - Partnering with \$2M in GSL Salt Lake Water Delivery Program money to treat Phragmites on private land on the eastern shore of the GSL.
- Kamas and Morgan/Summit Virtual Grazing (SFP)
- Rocky Canyon Fire Grazing Land Restoration (PRO)
- Weber/Davis Pipe and Riser Irrigation (PRO)
- Upper Chalk Creek Conveyance System (PRO)

South Bonneville Team

Local Working Group Resource Concerns

- Loss of agricultural land
- Water conservation – Great Salt Lake, Irrigation efficiency improvements
- Water quality – Pine Valley, Rose Creek, Bingham Creek, Salinity
- Phragmites control
- Soil erosion – Fugitive dust from Great Salt Lake; dust from ag, wildfire scars, recreation
- Soil health
- Plant diversity in wildlands

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South Bonneville Team

Local Working Group Resource Concerns (cont.)

- Invasive plant control
- Growing season extension
- Provide better wildfire resiliency
- Electronic fencing for livestock
- Wildlife habitat
- Pollinator habitat

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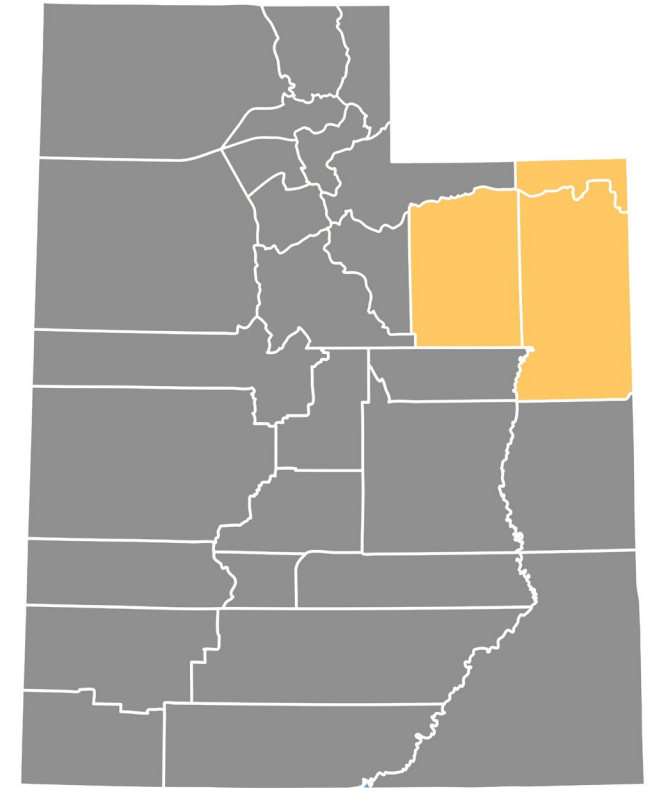
Supporting SFPs/PROs

- Irrigation Improvement – System replacements efficiency improvements (PRO)
- Rangeland in Tooele – Focus on invasive species, livestock distribution, and healthy plant communities (PRO)
- Urban Ag (SFP)

Uintah Basin Team

- Top Resource Concerns
 - Plants-Pest Pressure-Invasive Species
 - Plant Productivity and Health
 - Pasture/Range Improvement
 - Water Quantity
 - Source water depletion, Inefficient irrigation water use
 - Soil Health/Erosion
 - Organic matter depletion

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Uintah Basin Team

Strategic Fund Pools

Sheep Creek Irrigation (Daggett County)

- \$30,000; 1 year
- Earthen ditch replaced with 2,000ft of 6 in. pipe serving 85 acres of irrigated land.
- Partners: Sheep Irrigation Co. and Daggett Conservation District.



Uintah Basin Team

Strategic Fund Pools

Duchesne County Scotch Thistle

- \$22,000; 3 years
- 500 acres of land in Ioka Lane area
- Scotch Thistle may have been transported to area through construction of pipeline.
- Partners: Duchesne Conservation District, UDAF, Duchesne County Weed Department, private landowners.

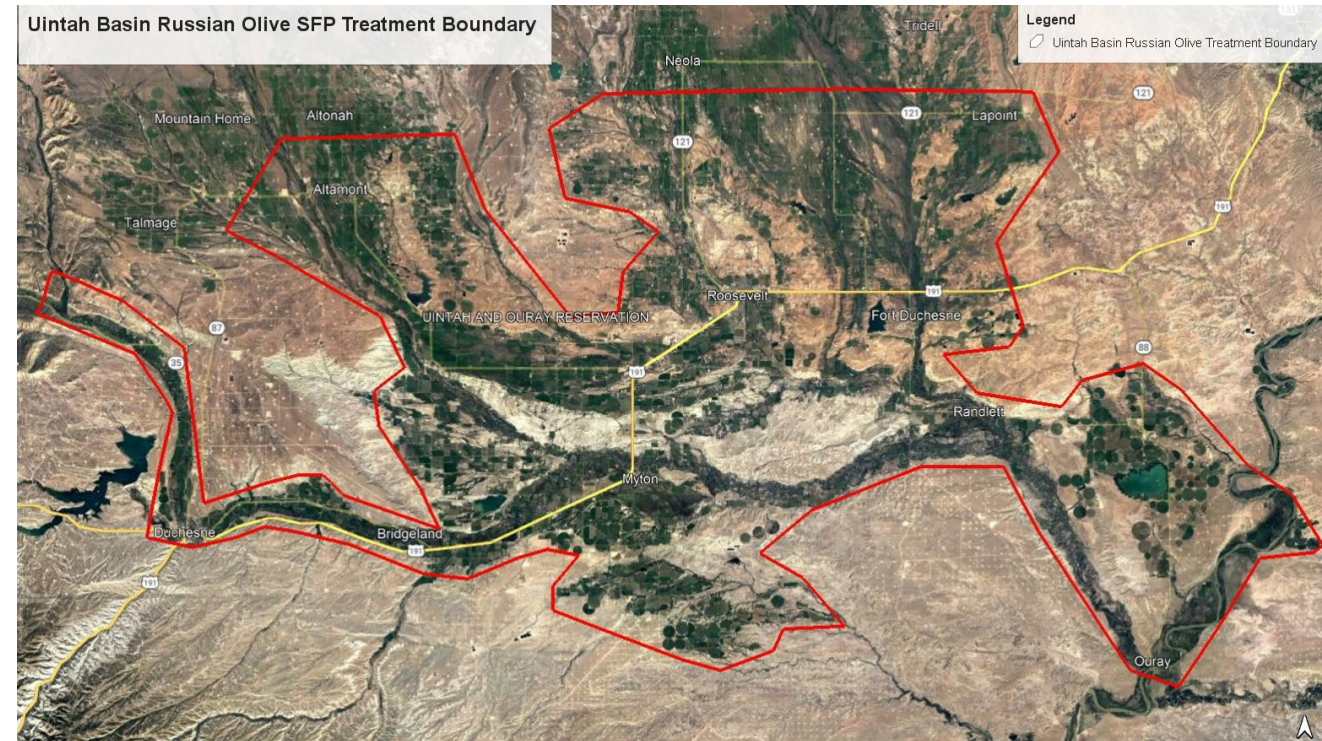


Uintah Basin Team

Strategic Fund Pools

Uintah Basin Russian Olive Control

- Control Russian Olive on pastures and improve plant productivity and health and overall grazing management.
- Partners: Duchesne County Weed Department, Duchesne Conservation District, private landowners.

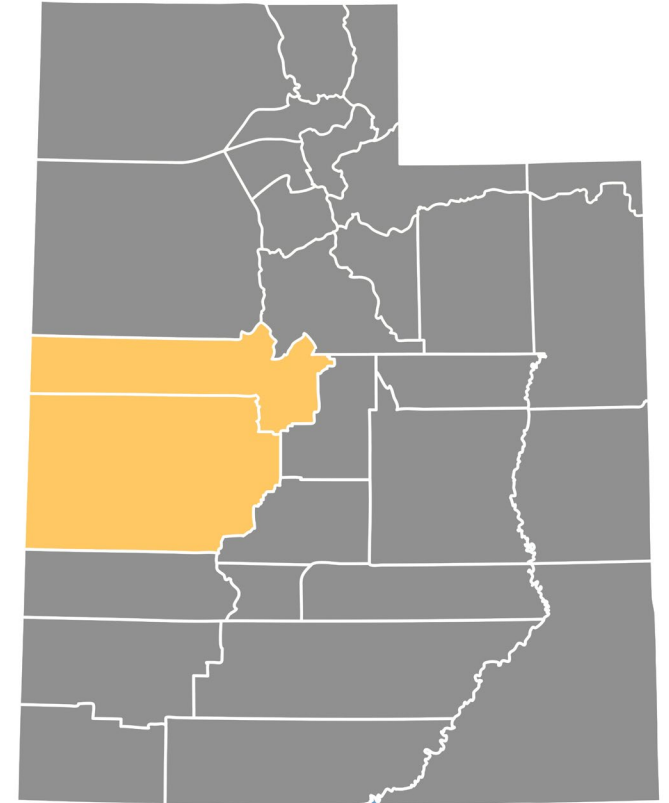


Lower Sevier Basin Team

Local Working Group Priority Resource Concerns for FY27

- Source water depletion
- Pest pressure
- Soil quality/health
- Degraded plant condition
- Livestock production limitations

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Lower Sevier Basin Team

Local Working Group Priority Resource Concerns for FY27

- Source water depletion
- Pest pressure
- Soil quality/health
- Degraded plant condition
- Livestock production limitations

Lower Sevier Basin Team

FY27 Strategic Fund Pool Proposals

Delta Irrigation

- Source water depletion (inefficient irrigation and water quantity)
- FY 2027-2031
- \$900,000 each year

Pahvant Valley Irrigation

- Source water depletion (inefficient irrigation and water quantity)
- FY 2027-2031
- \$900,000 each year

Millard County Wildfire (Wildgoose and Wide Mouth 2)

- Pest pressure
- Livestock production limitation
- Degraded plant condition
- FY 2027-2028
- \$300,000

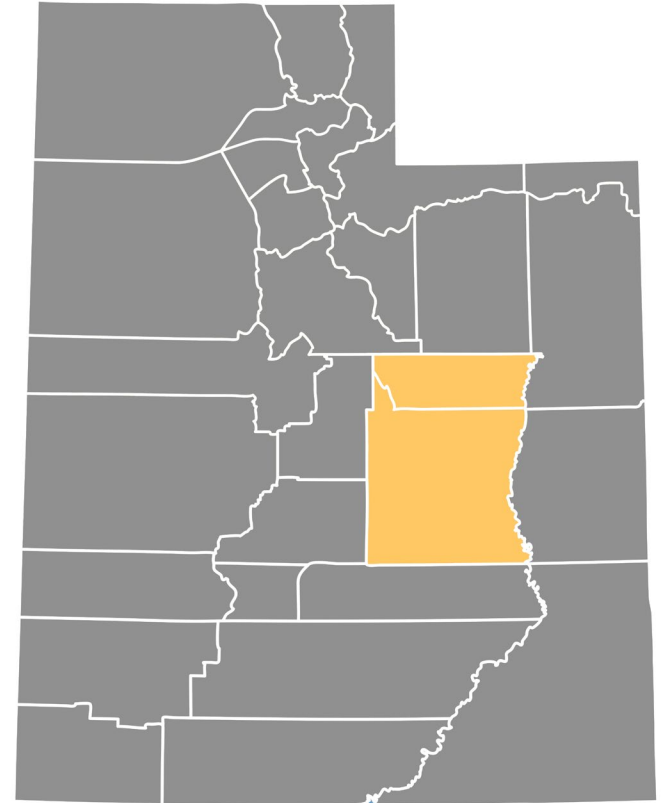
Price-San Rafael Basin Team

Local Working Group Resource Concerns

Top Ranked Concerns:

- Stock water replacement in San-Rafael area (Orangeville and Castle dale)
- Water quantity – Huntington Creek Telemetry
- Muddy Creek water storage
- Canal laterals
- Fuels reduction on upper elevations from East Carbon to Miller Creek
- Pipeline from Millsite to Clawson

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Price-San Rafael Basin Team

Local Working Group Resource Concerns

Other Concerns:

- Soil health
- Pressurized irrigation, old infrastructure
- Weeds/Russian Olive/Tamarisk control
- Sprinklers/Water Op/Old infrastructure
- FFA Farm
- Confluence beavers
- Seely Creek weed control
- Lakes timber sale
- South Horn water quantity
- Water storage
- Erosion in Emma Park
- Price Canyon burn scar
- Sage Grouse habitat in Emma Park
- Price Russian Olive

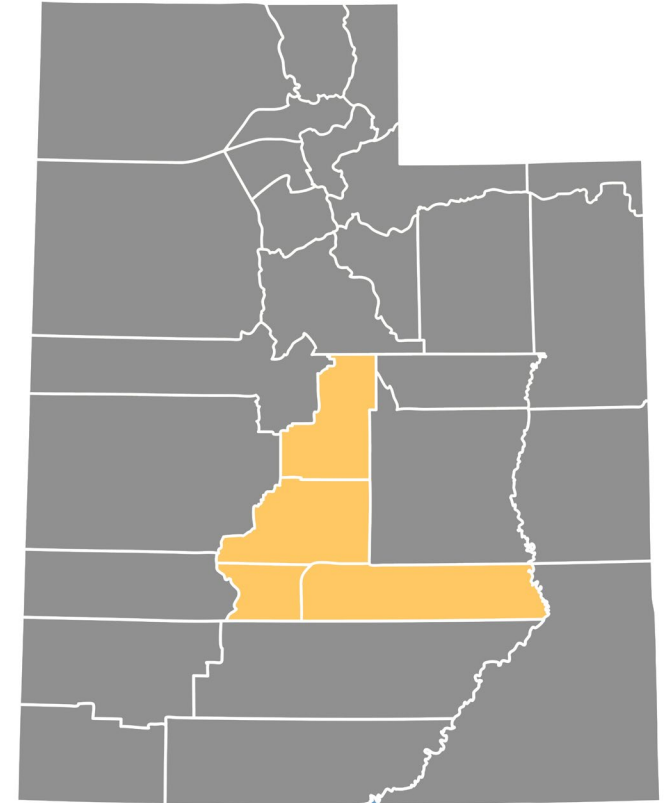
Middle Sevier-Fremont Basin Team

Local Working Group Priorities

Top Concerns:

- Water quality and water quantity (irrigation practices, irrigation efficiencies) – 50%
- Plant productivity and health/wildfire hazard forest projects (fire rehab/suppression) – 21%
- Water quality and water quantity, soil erosion (canal/pipe off farm ditches) – 15%
- Plant productivity and health, water quality and quantity (pasture projects) – 14%

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Middle Sevier-Fremont Basin Team

FY27 Proposed SFPs and PROs

- Dump Road Canal Company Wayne County (SFP)
- Junction, Kingston, Circleville Piute County Delivery Ditch Proposal (SFP)
- Marysvale Irrigation Piute County Delivery Ditch (SFP)
- Cottonwood Fire Restoration Piute County (PRO)
- Oak Creek Irrigation Company Sanpete County (SFP)
- North Creek Irrigation Company Sanpete County (SFP)

Lower Colorado Basin Team

San Juan Local Working Group

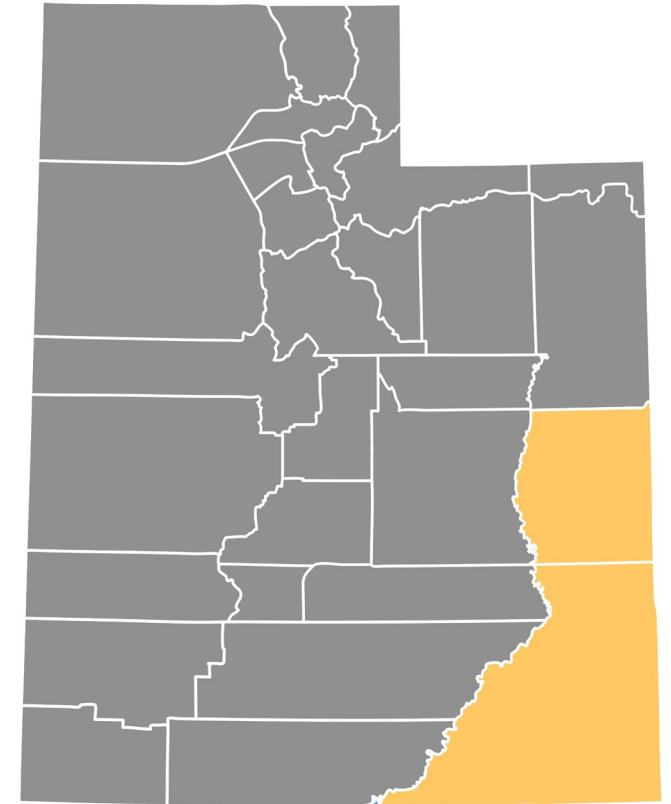
Top Ranked Concerns:

- Mastication Treatment (Fuel Reduction)
- Removal of Dead Aspen
- Livestock Water
- Range Seeding
- Irrigation Efficiency
- Fire Rehabilitation

Other concerns:

- Weeds on CRP
- Pinyon and Juniper
- Tamarisk and Russian Olive
- Erosion Control

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Lower Colorado Basin Team

Grand Local Working Group

Top Ranked Concerns:

- E. Coli in Castle Valley, Mill Creek, & Pack Creek
- Flood Risk
- Fire Risk
- Forest Health in the La Sal's
- Range Management in the La Sal's
- Loss of Agricultural Land

Other Concerns:

- Water Quantity
- Fuels Treatment
- Riparian Restoration
- Low tech stream structures
- Vertebrate Pests
- Aphids and Leaf Hoppers

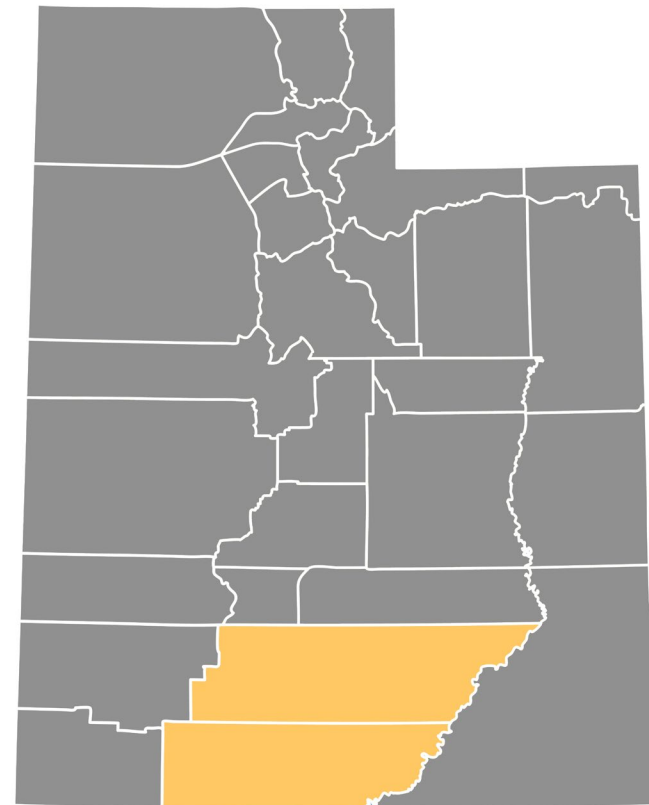
GarKane Team

Local Working Group Resource Concerns

Top Ranked Concerns:

- Water Quantity – Surface water depletion, groundwater depletion, drought, inefficient irrigation water use
- Plant Condition – Degraded plant structure and composition
- Livestock Production Limitations – Feed and Forage Balance; Inadequate livestock water quantity, quality and distribution
- Water Quality – Displaced sediment; pathogens and pollutants to surface water
- Plant Pest Pressure – Invasive and noxious species

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GarKane Team

Current Local Strategic Fund Pools

- Headwaters of the Virgin River
- Panguitch Pasture
- GarKane Rabbitbrush
- Boulder Escalante Irrigation
- Canyonlands Range

GarKane Team

Proposed Priority Resource Opportunities (PROs)

GarKane Vegetation Diversity & Rangeland Health

- Improve plant structure, composition, and vigor by applying prescribed grazing, brush management, invasive-weed treatment, and targeted reseeding to restore resilient, diverse rangeland plant communities.

GarKane Water Quantity & Drought Resilience

- Improve water availability and drought resilience by modernizing irrigation systems, enhancing natural moisture use, and implementing water-management strategies that reduce surface and groundwater depletion.

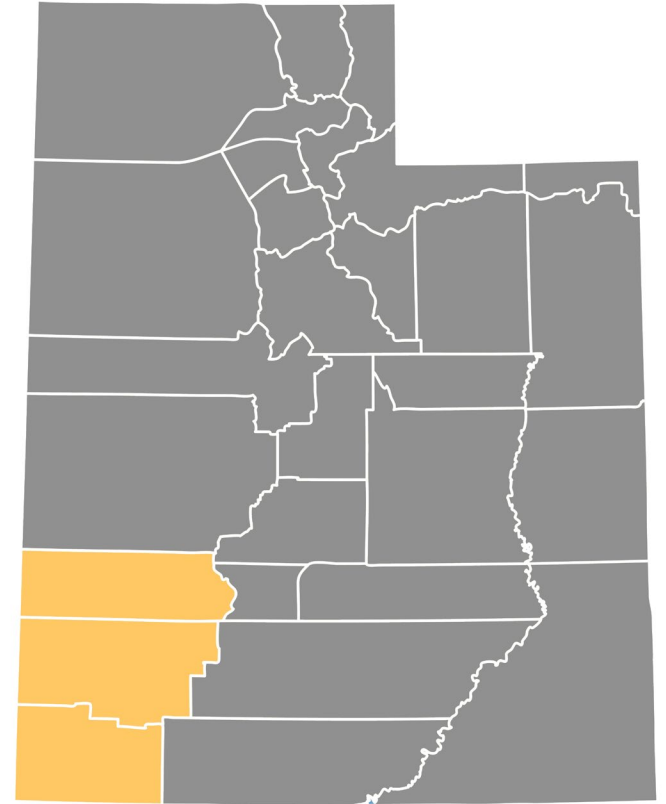
Southwest Basin Team

Local Working Group Resource Concerns

Top Ranked Concerns:

- Plants – Degraded plant condition, plant structure and composition
- Plants – Pest pressure, invasive species
- Water Quantity – Source water depletion, inefficient irrigation water use
- Livestock Production Limitation – Livestock health, feed and forage balance and inadequate livestock water quantity, quality, and distribution
- Water Quantity – source water depletion, groundwater depletion

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Southwest Basin Team

Current Strategic Fund Pools

- Beaver River Watershed Health
- Parowan Valley Watershed Health
- Southwest Basin Forestry
- Hurricane Fields
- Veyo Irrigation

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Proposed Strategic Fund Pool

Minersville Irrigation

- Improve irrigation efficiency, water availability, and drought resilience by modernizing irrigation systems and implementing irrigation water management strategies.





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