



Utah Statewide Survey
Interview Schedule

May 11-12,14 2016
N = 500 Registered Voters
Margin of Error = ± 4.38%
Project #: 16298

In this Interview Schedule:

Sample A was asked of 1/2 of the respondents = 250 Registered Voters in Utah.

Sample B was asked of 1/2 of the respondents = 250 Registered Voters in Utah.

** Denotes result less than 0.5%.*

^ Denotes rounding. Due to rounding, some figures may be higher or lower by less than one-half of one percent.

1. **And, which of the following types of outdoor activities do you participate in regularly? (EXCEEDS 100% AS MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED)**

- 57% Hiking
 - 57% Camping
 - 24% Skiing, snow shoeing or other winter sport
 - 20% Mountain Biking
 - 20% Driving jeeps or other four wheel vehicles on back roads
 - 19% Bird watching and viewing wildlife
 - 18% Riding an off-road vehicle or snow mobile
 - 4% Hunting/Fishing **(DO NOT READ)**
 - 3% Sports **(DO NOT READ)**
 - 2% Boating **(DO NOT READ)**

 - 1% OTHER **(SPECIFY _____) (DO NOT READ)**
 - 16% NONE OF THESE **(DO NOT READ)**
 - UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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Thinking some more about you –

2. Over the past year, how many times do you think you have visited national public lands such as national parks, national forests, national monuments, national wildlife refuges, or other national public lands? **(ROTATE PUNCHES TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

29% Once or twice
 23% 3-5 times
 14% 6-10 times
 13% 10-20 times
 9% More than 20 times

 11% NEVER **(DO NOT READ)**
 1% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

3. Next, please tell me which of the following statements comes closer to your opinion, even if neither one matches your opinion exactly. **(ROTATE)**

84% Public lands like national monuments, national forests, and wildlife refuges support our economy; provide opportunities to hunt, fish, and enjoy the outdoors with family and friends, protect our heritage, and enhance our overall quality of life.
 ...OR...
 11% Public lands like national monuments, national forests, and wildlife refuges keep land off the tax rolls, cost government to maintain them, and prevent opportunities for mining or other industrial activities that could provide jobs.

 3% BOTH **(DO NOT READ)** **(PROMPT: But, if you had to select just ONE statement, which comes closer to your own opinion?)**
 1% NEITHER **(DO NOT READ)**
 2% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

Getting more specific –

4. How much have you seen, read or heard about a proposal by five Native American tribes asking the federal government to increase protections for existing public lands in southeastern Utah known as the Bears Ears area?

9% A lot
 22% Some
 19% Not much
 49% Nothing at all
 * UNSURE/REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

32%^ **TOTAL A LOT/SOME**
68% **TOTAL NOT MUCH/NOTHING**

5. As you may know, some of the national public lands in Utah are designated as national monuments, with protections for natural areas and water similar to those in national parks. The public can view, camp, fish, hike, hunt, view wildlife, ride ATV's and enjoy other recreation and ranchers can lease land for grazing in Utah's national monuments. They are also protected from development, mining and other kinds of resource extraction.

One proposal that originated with five local Native American tribes is to protect "one point nine" million acres of existing public lands surrounding the Bears Ears buttes ("byoo-ts") south of Canyonlands National Park as a National Monument, in large part to protect ancient cliff dwellings and sacred Native American sites.

Having heard this description of the proposal, does this sound like something you would support or oppose?

(IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE, ASK:) And would that be **STRONGLY** (support/oppose) or just **SOMEWHAT** (support/oppose)?

38% STRONGLY SUPPORT
 33% SOMEWHAT SUPPORT
 8% SOMEWHAT OPPOSE
 12% STRONGLY OPPOSE

 8% DON'T KNOW (**DO NOT READ**)
 1% REFUSED (**DO NOT READ**)

71% **TOTAL SUPPORT**
20% **TOTAL OPPOSE**

(ASKED OF N=234 RESPONDENTS)

6. What are the one or two main reasons why you would (SUPPORT/OPPOSE) this proposal?
(PROBE AND CLARIFY) Why else?

SEE VERBATIM RESPONSES

Still thinking about this issue - I'm going to read you a number of specific benefits of designating these existing public lands in Utah. After I read each one, I'd like you to tell me how important you think each one of these is: is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not important?

(RANDOMIZE)

	EXTR/ VERY IMPT	EXTR/VRY/ SMWT IMPT	VERY IMPT	SOME- WHAT IMPT	NOT IMPT	DON'T KNOW (DNR)	REF- USED (DNR)
7. Protect habitat for threatened animals, such as bighorn sheep, eagles and dozens of other types of birds	73%^	96%	37%	22%	4%	*	--
8. Provide families with affordable places to vacation, recreate and spend time together	72%	94%	44%	22%	6%	1%	--
9. Continue to allow recreational opportunities for those who come to hike, camp, hunt, ride off-road vehicles and recreate here	65%^	94%^	43%	29%	5%	1%	--
10. Sustain small businesses that create jobs in nearby communities	65%	94%	43%	29%	5%	1%	--
11. Better protect petroglyphs, cliff dwellings, Mormon pioneer artifacts, and other unique historic sites from looters and vandals	83%	96%^	43%	12%	4%	*	--
12. Preserve opportunities for hunting	34%	78%	22%	44%	21%	1%	--
13. Preserve opportunities for local ranchers to graze livestock on these lands	46%^	85%^	32%	39%	13%	1%	--
14. Provide access for off-road vehicle users, horseback riders, cyclists, and hikers	48%	90%	35%	42%	9%	1%	--

(Continued...)

	EXTR/ VERY IMPT	EXTR/VRV/ SMWT IMPT	VERY IMPT	SOME- WHAT IMPT	NOT IMPT	DON'T KNOW (DNR)	REF- USED (DNR)
15. Conserve natural areas and wildlife habitat	78%^	96%^	42%	18%	3%	1%	--
16. Increase the number of rangers and enhance services for visitors	43%	89%	31%	46%	10%	1%	--
17. Protect the home of more than one hundred thousand Native American archaeological and cultural sites including cliff dwellings and ancient sites, considered sacred by many tribes.	78%^	95%^	41%	17%	4%	1%	--
18. Provide opportunities for children to get outside and explore nature	83%	95%	43%	12%	4%	1%	--
19. Protect for local residents and visitors some of the best outdoor recreation in the region, including world famous attractions like rock climbing at Indian Creek, rafting the San Juan River, hunting on Elk Ridge, Four Wheel Driving the Hole in the Rock Trail, and Hiking through Grand Gulch	65%	94%^	45%	30%	4%	1%	--

Summary of Bear Ears Benefits - Ranked by % Extremely/Very Important

Benefit	% Extremely /Very Important	% Extremely /Very /Somewhat Important
Better protect petroglyphs, cliff dwellings, Mormon pioneer artifacts, and other unique historic sites from looters and vandals	83%	96%
Provide opportunities for children to get outside and explore nature	83%	95%
Conserve natural areas and wildlife habitat	78%	96%
Protect the home of more than one hundred thousand Native American archaeological and cultural sites including cliff dwellings and ancient sites, considered sacred by many tribes.	78%	95%
Protect habitat for threatened animals, such as bighorn sheep, eagles and dozens of other types of birds	73%	96%
Provide families with affordable places to vacation, recreate and spend time together	72%	94%
Continue to allow recreational opportunities for those who come to hike, camp, hunt, ride off-road vehicles and recreate here	65%	94%
Sustain small businesses that create jobs in nearby communities	65%	94%
Protect for local residents and visitors some of the best outdoor recreation in the region, including world famous attractions like rock climbing at Indian Creek, rafting the San Juan River, hunting on Elk Ridge, Four Wheel Driving the Hole in the Rock Trail, and Hiking through Grand Gulch	65%	94%
Provide access for off-road vehicle users, horseback riders, cyclists, and hikers	48%	90%
Preserve opportunities for local ranchers to graze livestock on these lands	46%	85%
Increase the number of rangers and enhance services for visitors	43%	89%
Preserve opportunities for hunting	34%	78%

Thinking some more about this proposal --

(ASKED OF N=250 RESPONDENTS)

20. I'd like to read you two viewpoints about this and please tell me which one comes closer to what you think, even if neither perfectly matches your viewpoint. **(ROTATE STATEMENTS)**

69% Supporters say that increasing protections for these existing national public lands will safeguard historic, recreational and wildlife areas from industrial development. It will also better protect sites that are sacred to many Native American tribes in the region, some of which have already been damaged by grave robbing and vandalism. Those sites would be conserved while access continues for outdoor recreation, hunting, grazing and other traditional uses.

25% Opponents say that this proposal is really just a federal land grab, and these lands are not really threatened. It will restrict public access, end ranching in these areas, create burdensome regulations on recreation, and outright ban responsible energy development such as oil and gas drilling and uranium mining. That negatively affects Utah's economy, hurts local jobs, and restricts our energy future.

1% BOTH EQUALLY (PROMPT: but if you had to choose, which one would you say you agree with more?) **(DO NOT READ)**

2% NEITHER **(DO NOT READ)**

3% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

(ASKED OF N=250 RESPONDENTS)

21. I'd like to read you two viewpoints about this and please tell me which one comes closer to what you think, even if neither perfectly matches your viewpoint. **(ROTATE STATEMENTS)**

- 52% Supporters say that proposals to increase protections for these existing national public lands have been stalled in Congress for more than 6 years, which is why after years of community input, five Native American tribes came together to ask the President to safeguard an area threatened by looting and vandalism, and which they consider to be sacred. Those sites, along with Mormon pioneer trails, recreation areas, and sensitive wildlife areas, would be protected.
- 38% Opponents say that public lands belong to the people – not the government. Yet every time you turn around, government is closing roads, blocking access to mining areas, and generally locking the people out of their own lands. Congress should be given time to consider a legislative fix to this situation, instead of President Obama acting on this proposal that is really being pushed by environmentalists.
- 2% BOTH EQUALLY (PROMPT: but if you had to choose, which one would you say you agree with more?) **(DO NOT READ)**
- 4% NEITHER **(DO NOT READ)**
- 5% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

And for statistical purposes only –

D1. In what year were you born?

- 28% 18 - 34
- 26% 35 - 44
- 14% 45 - 54
- 20% 55 - 64
- 12% 65 AND ABOVE
- * REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

D2. And regardless of how you feel today, are you registered to vote as...(ROTATE)

- 45% A Republican
- 15% A Democrat
- 1% Or something else? **(IF SOMETHING ELSE, ASK:)** You said something else, could you please tell me exactly what you are registered as?
- 35% INDEPENDENT **(DO NOT READ)**
- 4% DO NOT RECALL/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

36% TOTAL IND/UNAFF

D3. Have you purchased a hunting or fishing license in last three years?
(IF YES, THEN ASK:) And was that hunting only, fishing only or both?

- 1% YES/HUNTING ONLY
- 23% YES/FISHING ONLY
- 15% YES/BOTH
- 60% NO
- 1% UNSURE/REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

39% TOTAL YES

D4. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be **(ROTATE TOP TO BOTTOM, BOTTOM TO TOP)**

conservative,
moderate
...or...
liberal on most issues?

- 46% CONSERVATIVE
 - 35% MODERATE
 - 16% LIBERAL
 - 2% DON'T KNOW **(DO NOT READ)**
 - 1% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**
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D5. Is your religious background Protestant, Latter-Day Saint/Mormon, Roman Catholic, or something else? **(IF SOMETHING ELSE OR UNCLEAR, ASK:)** And is that a Christian Church?

(IF LATTER-DAY SAINT/MORMON, ASK:) And would you describe yourself as active or less active in the LDS church?

53% ACTIVE LATTER-DAY SAINT/MORMON
13% LESS ACTIVE LATTER-DAY SAINT/MORMON

4% PROTESTANT
4% ROMAN CATHOLIC
9% OTHER CHRISTIAN
6% OTHER NON-CHRISTIAN
5% AGNOSTIC/ATHEIST/NONE
6% REFUSED **(DO NOT READ)**

D6. GENDER **(BY OBSERVATION)**

48% Male
52% Female
