Legislative Session Wrap-up: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
by Ashley Soltysiak

While some truly troubling bills and appropriations passed, Sierra Club Utah and our allies laid waste to some of the worst! Defense was at the heart of the 2018 Utah Legislative Session — with bad bills gaining new life seemingly at every turn. While some truly troubling bills and appropriations passed, Sierra Club Utah and our allies laid waste to some of the worst! We are proud that our dedicated staff and members fought until the end, challenging the foes of conservation at every turn.

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Our Mission

The Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club is a grassroots volunteer organization dedicated to:
- Protect and promote Utah’s outdoors and natural landscapes;
- Educate and advocate for the responsible preservation of clean air, water and habitats; &
- Support the development of sustainable renewable energy;

For the benefit of present and future generations.

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We begin with the bad bills that we successfully worked with our allies to defeat:

HB135 - Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Amendments from Rep. Noel (R-Kanab) aimed to undermine over a century of successful watershed management along the Wasatch Front by limiting the ability of any city of the first class to protect its watersheds and provide water quality for its citizenry. Utah Sierra Clubbers and our allies at Save Our Canyons and Utah Rivers Conservancy created tremendous pressure on this issue, flooding the inboxes of elected officials with hundreds of messages. Ultimately, this bad bill was voted down in the Senate in a landmark victory for watershed management.

HB136 - Federal Designations by Rep. Noel (R-Kanab) was defeated in the Senate, after failing to be prioritized. This bad bill would have made it harder for political subdivisions to advocate in favor of something like a National Monument or Research Natural Area. We kept the pressure on this one at every turn to ensure its defeat!

HB255 - Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Property sponsored by Rep. Coleman (R-West Jordan) was also stopped in its tracks. This poorly vetted bill was cut from the same cloth as Rep. Noel’s HB135, and would force cities to pay additional taxes on land outside of their bounds. It would have impacted nearly every city in the state and placed a huge burden on cities purchasing land for conservation or watershed management purposes. In short, it would have made saving a place like Bonanza Flats impossible.

SB218 - Container Regulation Act by Sen. Buxton (R-Salt Lake) was eventually shot down by the House. This bill would have stripped the ability of local municipalities to regulate plastic waste. Rep. Quinn (R-Park City) did an outstanding job of defending his city’s right to ban plastic bags.

HB481 - Donald J. Trump Utah National Parks Highway Designation from Rep. Noel (R-Kanab) failed. This ill-advised attempt to rename our iconic National Parks Highway after the sitting president was met with an outpouring of public opposition, effectively stopping the bill in its tracks.

Here are the good bills we helped bring to a reality:

HB101 - Air Quality Emissions Testing Amendments from Rep. Arent (D-SLC) passed this year creating a new diesel emissions testing pilot program in Utah County. Helping us all breathe a little easier!

HCR 7 - Concurrent Resolution on Environmental and Economic Stewardship by Rep. Edwards (R-North Salt Lake) was an inspiring success story. Some incredibly dedicated students from Logan High School brought forward this climate change resolution one year ago and succeeded, this year, in passing the state’s first climate resolution! The bill was negatively altered in the Senate, causing some rightful Democratic dissent, but ultimately the passed resolution represents a serious step forward.

A final highlight was the successful funding of ALL air quality requests for the Division of Air Quality! That means more money allocated for research, monitoring, and DAQ staffing.

Here are the good bills that didn’t quite make it this time, but have strong potential for next year:

HB 479 - Zero Emission Vehicle Program from Rep. Elison (R-Sandy) requires a new game of leapfrog. We dealers to ship Zero Emission Vehicles into the state. This innovative bill could be a huge boon for air quality in the future.

HB171 - Motor Vehicle Emissions Amendments by Rep. Romero’s (D-SLC) was a great clean air bill, but unfortunately didn’t get prioritized in time to pass this year. We are hopeful to see this legislation, which would increase penalties for those who cheat their emissions systems, back again at interim.

There was one major bill that we fought session-long to improve, and succeeded in part.

SB136 - Transportation Governance Amendments sponsored by Sen. Harper (R-Taylorsville) certainly gave us a lot of heartache. We fought to keep transit funding and eliminate fees for electric and hybrid vehicles. Sierra Club Utah was the only clean air organization that firmly opposed the fees. In the end, we succeeded in getting a local option sales tax of 0.2% that municipalities could levy to pay for transit – a game changer for clean air. While we were not able to remove the EV and hybrid fees, the grassroots pressure we applied helped make sure that an EV infrastructure funding mechanism was also created.

Finally, here’s a look at the worst of the worst, that the legislature passed.

First up, is Rep. Noel’s (R-Kanab) lawsuit against the state of California’s Cap and Trade program. It was awarded $1.65 million dollars from the general fund, which could have gone toward things like roads, schools, or improving air quality, but instead will go straight to the pocket of a private law firm.

SB234 - Utah Idaho Port Authority from Sen. Stevenson (R-Layton) has far-reaching implications for air quality, watershed management, fossil fuel extraction, and local control. It undermines social justice and equity values and the Sierra Club has pressed Governor Herbert for a veto on this bad bill.

SB169 - Commercial Waste Fee Amendments from Rep. Knottwell (R-Herriman) is another giveaway – but is a great game changer for clean air. While we were not able to remove the EV and hybrid fees, the grassroots pressure we applied helped make sure that an EV infrastructure funding mechanism was also created.

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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Keep Public Lands in Public Hands
by Lawson LeGate

“We have fallen heirs to the most glorious heritage a people ever received, and each one must do his part if we wish to show that the nation is worthy of its good fortune.” — Theodore Roosevelt

A few years ago Utah's Legislature passed a law demanding that the U.S. government turn over America's public lands in Utah to the state. These are lands held in trust for their owners, the American people. Though the original bill, H.B. 148, exempted national parks and designated wilderness areas, the legislation demanded control by the state of national wildlife refuges, national recreation areas, national monuments, Bureau of Land Management wilderness study areas, U.S. Forest Service roadless areas, other wilderness quality lands and other valued places where people hunt, fish and recreate.

Thus far, Utah politicians have been unsuccessful in seizing control of our "glorious heritage." But they keep trying. In February, Utah Attorney-General Sean Reyes announced his intention to challenge one of the fundamental tenets of the U.S. law governing the ownership and management of America's public lands: the opening lines of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) state: The Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States that... the public lands be retained in Federal ownership, unless as a result of the land use planning procedure provided for in this Act, it is determined that disposal of a particular parcel will serve the national interest...

Mr. Reyes wants the courts to rule that this provision is invalid, but like so many of the legal arguments put forth by land grab advocates, this one stands on shaky legal ground. (A Louisiana law firm hired by the State of Utah has proposed this particular gambit.) In short, Congress has the power to make such a declaration, and it would take an act of Congress to reverse it.

In somewhat related news, Utah Rep. Mike Noel (R-Kanab) has introduced H.B. 136 which would require any Utah governmental entity supporting protection for public lands (such as the designation of a national monument) to bring the proposal before a legislative committee "for feedback." When Summit County and Park City both passed resolutions opposing the proposed takeover of America's public lands by the State of Utah, both councils included provisions supporting the protection of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments. Under the proposed bill any county or city passing a similar resolution would have to notify the Legislature’s Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee.

While H.B. 136 had been watered down before passing the Utah House in February (as with this writing it had not passed the full Legislature), it appears to be in part a response to our Keep Public Lands in Public Hands campaign. Rep. Noel, a strong proponent of the prerogatives local governments, seems intent on ch infiltrating the free-speech rights of those in local government who support the protection of public lands.

It's important to push back. Contact your local city and county representatives and urge them to take a stand in support of maintaining "our glorious national heritage" and its stewardship by the American people. You can volunteer for this campaign by contacting Lawson LeGate at lawson.legate@gmail.com. For more information go to https://utah.sierraclub.org/keep-public-lands-public-hands-campaign.

Volunteer Spotlight
by Patty Becnel

Bill Cutting

Every person who volunteers with Sierra Club Utah is a vital part of the organization, but Bill Cutting’s expertise in marketing found a special niche when he joined the Fundraising and Communications Committees over a year ago. An expert in brand, and as the founder/director of Brand Strategy for TWIO, Bill was immediately instrumental in designing and donating a "container" as he calls it, for printed materials used to inform the public and potential donors of the important work of Sierra Club Utah. He and his team also provided input and graphic files to Jeff Clay and Nathan Gilbert as they revamped the chapter website, and recently joined National Sierra Club as they unveiled their new brand, moving from a strictly environmental organization to one that encompasses a wider range of ethical issues. "That’s all I’ve done," says modestly.

Bill goes on to describe the container/container he created. Ian Wade, fundraising chairman, asked him to develop a brochure that could be used to solicit donations, and would highlight the specific work of the Utah Chapter. After defining the purpose and the goals, Bill went to work creating a folder of sorts that should last up to five years and contained space for short and long-term fact sheets. Since the information was specific to Utah, he used a painting of desert rock done by a friend for the cover. “Then my marketing experience kicked in,” Bill explained, and his friend agreed to create a second painting for a future cover. Bill’s company also donated all the design and work involved.

Bill, a compact, energetic man, has a long list of other ways he has donated his time and expertise in the area (The Green Bike program is one of them), but Donald Trump's presidency and Bill’s semi-retirement convinced him to move from sympathizer to activist with an environmental organization. Sierra Club seemed the most organized and volunteer based, though he has seen great changes in the past year as the Utah chapter moved from “a sleepy little group to a well-structured and immediately effective organization.”

Growing up in Michigan, Bill was impressed when he saw his first snow-covered mountains in a family vacation to a dude ranch during his teen years, but he attributes a trip to California between his sophomore and junior years of college as "formative" in his love of the outdoors. For three weeks he worked with a film crew in the Sierra Nevada mountains, Yosemite, and King's Canyon during the 1980s, "creating a beautiful cinematography with no other purpose than to highlight the beauty of our surrounding," taking only pictures and leaving no footprints. Even though the film was never published, after this Bill knew he wanted to move West, which he did as a graduate from University of Michigan forty-two years ago. He met and married his wife here, and they have two adult children and a big golden retriever. Now that he is retired, he wants to be even more active, pursuing his many hobbies to travel, mountain and road bike, play blue grass guitar and fly fish.

Bill stresses the need for all of us, no matter what our situation, to look at the whole picture and the long term when making decisions. He believes that if our president would "shut his mouth, and put on some hiking boots, a pair of baggy shorts and a t-shirt – hike through the wilderness, sleep in a tent and do something that is actually greater than himself, he too, would see the importance of our beautiful lands and the reason we need to fight to protect them. But with a smile, Bill also remembers the words of a couple he overheard in California as they looked over a mountain range; "If you’ve seen one mountain, you’ve seen them all."

Obviously, he can’t understand this as he points to the pictures of the Utah National Parks lining the walls in the SC office: Canyonlands, Arches, Zion, Capitol Reef and the beauty they hold. “How can you look at that and not be moved?” he asks. “The precious nature of these lands that we’re surrounded by demand protection. Every individual needs to decide for him or herself how he can protect them.”

Lucy for us, Bill Cutting has decided to work with Sierra Club Utah to protect our lands.
The Latest Scoop on Rooftop Solar

By Stan Holmes

What’s up with rooftop solar power in Utah? Does it still make sense to put panels on your roof or business, given recent developments at the state and national levels? Who’s in charge of solar energy’s future in one of America’s sunniest states? And, what is the Sierra Club’s stake in all of this?

This article should answer those questions, plus a few more that Utah Sierrans might have in mind.

First of all, solar power is alive and well in Utah. The Solar Foundation’s (TSF) recently released 2017 Solar Jobs Census reports that the number of solar industry jobs rose 40% from 2016 through 2017, for a total of 6,170. This compares with roughly 2,000 coal industry jobs, according to the Utah Office of Energy Development. TSF ranks Utah at #4 nationally for solar jobs per capita.

Things didn’t always look so bright for solar power in Utah. 2014 saw the first attempt by the state’s lead utility, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP), to impose a monthly surcharge on its rooftop solar “net-metering” customers. Those customers receive a monthly credit when their exported solar electricity exceeds what they’ve imported from the grid. The skirmish that ensued at the Public Service Commission (PSC), community forums, and the press pitted the Sierra Club and other pro-solar groups against the Berkshire Hathaway-owned RMP.

Here’s a summary of what happened next: The PSC ruled that RMP’s surcharge was unjustified and ordered a solar cost-benefit study to determine whether any net-metering rate change would be “just and reasonable.” The utility conducted a study that was found to be flawed, but in 2016 sought to impose an even more punitive set of solar surcharges anyway. Solar industry advocates cried “foul,” the governor’s office got involved, and a series of multi-party negotiations continued well into 2017. By September 2017, an agreement had been reached and approved by the PSC. As the Fall 2017 Utah Sierran noted, the new net-metering scheme lets RMP customers with rooftop solar installed before November 15, 2017 keep the current compensation rate until 2035. Systems installed from Nov. 15 on get a slightly lower, fixed credit rate ($9.2 cents per kWh) until 2032 and are charged new application and meter fees. Entry to this “transition” group ends when an aggregate 170 MW is reached or the PSC sets a new compensation rate. Post-transition rooftop solar will then be credited at the new rate. Additional information is available online at rooftopSolar.utah.gov.

Some challenges remain. With the state legislature’s recent approval, Utah’s solar tax credit will decline until its elimination at the end of 2023. 2018 sees the first drop to a $1,600 credit. In addition, solar panels will become more expensive thanks to the Trump Administration’s decision to impose a 30% tariff. However, Utah solar installer Creative Energies (a Utah Chapter partner) maintains that the import fee will only result in a cost increase of around 5% since the panel account for a small fraction of total system costs.

Meanwhile, back at the PSC, the fat lady has yet to sing. Last year’s agreement with RMP calls on the utility to redo its cost-benefit study. This study will be part of the new export credit proceeding (Docket #17-035-61) the PSC has opened to oversee the long-term valuation of “customer generated” (esp. rooftop solar) electricity. This proceeding will end with the PSC establishing a new rate structure that will apply first to post-transition rooftop solar customers, then to all residential customers generating clean energy after 2035. It could have a rippling effect on other rate classes.

Anyone contemplating a solar investment has an interest in the outcome of this PSC docket. And anyone NOT contemplating a solar investment has an interest in this docket’s outcome. Say what? As suggested earlier, the PSC’s decision could influence future utility rates for several RMP customer classes: solar and non-solar. So, we all have an economic stake in this. More importantly, the docket’s final valuation of renewable (esp. solar) energy will certainly influence the pace of clean energy growth in Utah. Renewable energy means a cleaner environment, healthier Utahns, and a stronger economy. But today, two-thirds of RMP’s electricity is generated by burning...
coal. Solar provides less than 2%; and the carbon-intended RMP power—under prefer to keep solar’s growth limited to corporate-run facilities. A too-low valuation of solar energy by the PSC would arbitrarily inflate the value of RMP’s fossil fuel assets while stinting the expansion of clean energy. To their credit, though, the Commissioners have given the Sierra Club and our clean energy allies an opportunity to ensure that the true value of solar is reflected in a new energy export compensation rate that is “just and reasonable.”

While the PSC in 2015 accepted RMP’s request to ignore rooftop solar’s “global health, social and environmental benefits” in utility ratemaking, its 2017 order establishing the export credit docket agreed that nothing from the earlier docket would be precedential in the new proceeding. “Parties may present evidence addressing reasonably quantifiable costs or benefits or other considerations they deem relevant,” including “environmental compliance and other considerations.”

An informal workgroup session on May 14 will provide a forum for advocating the inclusion of “externalities,” those societal and environmental costs that have until now been shifted from the utility to the general public.

Utah’s ongoing debate over rooftop solar has another element that could facilitate Sierra Club partnerships with communities traditionally marginalized from energy and environmental policymaking. The agreement with RMP includes consideration of a new low-income solar program this year. Chapter staff and volunteers are aware of programs in other states that have brought solar power to minority and low-income communities. Civic organizations like the NAACP have embraced “just energy transition” policies that resonate with the Sierra Club’s commitment to environmental justice.

The takeaway: Now is a good time to pursue a rooftop solar system. Check with your business partner, Creative Energies, for details. It’s a good time to volunteer with one of the Chapter activities tracking renewable energy policymaking at the PSC, the legislature, and other venues. And, it’s a good time to get involved with our community education outreach efforts through the Utah Needs Clean Energy team. Contact Lindsay Beebe, Carly Ferro, or Utah Needs Clean Energy Team Leader, Stan Holmes (stholmes3@xmission.com) if you’d like more information.

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Help End Gerrymandering in Utah

by Nathan Gilbert

According to Colorado University's "Conservation in the West" 2018 survey, 76% of Utahns self-identify as conservationists and outdoor recreation enthusiasts.[1] Why is this preference for conservation and the outdoor recreation economy not reflected in our State Legislature and our Congressional delegation? A whopping 88% of Utahns think protecting water supplies is a serious problem. Several bills introduced in the 2018 legislative session attempted to eat away at the water conservation and preservation powers various municipalities have across the state. We believe this disconnect between the stated priorities of Utah’s electorate and their elected officials stems from habits and freedoms from accountability. Over 20% of elections since the last redistricting in 2011 have gone uncontested. This means that only a small number of candidates are a ballot for over a fifth of the legislative races since the last census. A study by the Associated Press said the 2011 redistricting gave Republicans a distinct advantage April 2016. Republicans controlled 84% of the seats in the State Legislature after the election, but only received around 64% of the vote in those races.[2] Regardless of your political affiliation, that’s a stable gap between the number of votes received, and seats won.

The Better Boundaries Initiative[3] is a proposed ballot measure for the 2018 election to institute an independent commission to prescribe redistricting standards. The Utah Chapter has endorsed this ballot measure and is working with the organizers in Utah for Responsible Government to get it on the ballot and then ensure its passage. Ex-SLC Mayor Ralph Becker, and Republican Jeff Wright are the bipartisan co-chairs of Utahns for Responsible Government and have been directing the efforts to promote the initiative.

To get on the 2018 ballot, the initiative needs 113,143 verified signatures from 26 of the 29 State Senate districts. Utah for Responsible Government is working with another group to this end, Grassroots Utah, which is a professional canvassing organization enlisted to help with signature gathering in addition to a cadre of volunteers.

What would the initiative do?

The Better Boundaries Initiative creates a commission made up of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents that would propose fair redistricting guidelines, an alternative proposal for districts. The ultimate goal is to separate the process of creating districts from the same people who will be running to represent them. The bill will stop elected officials from picking their voters and put it the other way around as it should be.

Attempts to create an independent redistricting commission in Utah have been made in the past. Representative Rebecca Chavez-Houck (HD-24) sponsored HB411 in 2016, but it was defeated in the House.

Why does the Sierra Club care?

There are several times more registered Republicans than Democrats in Utah, but that doesn’t mean it’s fair or ethical to deny or strip away representation. Democratic voters are “stuck” into overwhelmingly Democratic districts in the parts of Salt Lake City or “cracked” in the way that the 4 Congressional districts split Salt Lake County. Utah tends near the bottom of the states in voter participation.[4] Evidence shows that more competitive elections motivate more people to show up at the polls.[5] Increasing race competitiveness is likely to benefit both parties by producing candidates that must more accurately reflect their constituency and they are not guaranteed victory simply because of party affiliation. Since the redistricting after the 2010 census, very few State House races have been decided by 5% or less, and almost no State Senate races have been that close.

The National Sierra Club through their Democracy Program[6] project is promoting fair elections and better representation that aligns with the Utah Chapter’s support of the Better Boundaries effort. The purpose of the Democracy Program is to build an equitable, inclusive and participatory democracy where everyone has a voice. To achieve climate justice, protect our air, our water and to make the just transition to 100% clean energy we need to ensure that every community has access to the levers of power. This means equal representation, making sure everyone can vote and lastly encouraging people to vote. Through our efforts to support initiatives like Better Boundaries, the Utah Chapter is fighting the power of polluter money in state and local politics.

What can you do?

The signatures in support of Better Boundaries being on the 2018 ballot must be turned in by April 15th. We need support in gathering signatures in various locations across the state, specifically Park City, Riverfront, Draper, Magna, West Valley, Taylorsville, Logan and St. George. If you are interested in helping the Chapter and Grassroots Utah collect signatures or help in any other way, please contact us at sierraclubutah.politics@gmail.com.


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HB373 - Waste Management Amendments by Rep. Lee Perry (R - Brigham City) allows for all solid waste landfills in the state to now self inspect, including the new Class V solid waste cells that EnergySolutions and Promontory Pointe LLC are pursuing. This may have serious impacts on the availability of government records and diminishes DEQ oversight.

HB272 - Utah Lake Amendments by Rep. Chad Grimes (R - Spanish Fork) narrowly passed by one vote, but not before the Utah Sierra Club, Utah Rivers Council, and Audubon Society gave it a run for its money. We fought this bad bill which aims to create an island development in the middle of Utah Lake, which will somehow magically improve water quality. Invest in your lakfront lot today!

SB191 - State Regulation of Oil and Gas by Sen. Van Tassell (R - Vernal) now restricts any local municipality from being able to create any more protective regulations on oil and gas drilling in their community.

HJR1 - Joint Resolution Urging Exemption from the Antiquities Act from Rep. Albrecht (R - Moab) passed and now sends the wrong signal to congress about Utah’s love for our public lands. We proudly stood with our allies at Utah Dine Bikeyah to fight this terrible resolution.

SCR8 - Concurrent Resolution in Support of the Creation of a New National Park from Sen. Okerlund (R - Monroe) which supports Rep. Stewart’s codification of President Trump’s new boundaries for Grand Staircase Escalante. The resolution was moved to the Governor’s desk, but not before Rep. Noel kindly decided to give a shout out to the Utah Sierra Club’s opposition on the House Board. He closed remarks stating “The Sierra Club opposes this bill for many reasons” – Well Rep. Noel, you’re darn right we do!

So there you have it, the full conservation rundown for the 2018 Legislative Session, from those of us fighting every day to protect and preserve Utah!
Ilene I. Toland, in partnership with many other conservation organizations, filed two lawsuits in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia challenging President Trump’s proclamations revoking monument status from two million acres of public land in the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments. These extraordinary Trumpian orders strip critical legal protections from lands of extraordinary archaeological, cultural, scientific and scenic value, exposing them to destruction from mining, drilling, looting, off-road, and vandalism. The lawsuits parallel similar lawsuits filed by a coalition of Native American tribes who were instrumental in the creation of the Bears Ears National Monument. The lawsuits argue primarily that Trump’s proclamations are without any legal authority, because although the Antiquities Act authorizes presidents to designate national monuments to protect important historic, cultural and scientific national resources, it contains no authorization for presidents to revoke such protections, which may only be done through Congressional legislation. The Trump administration’s first response to these lawsuits has been a motion to transfer them from the federal court in Washington D.C. to the federal court in Utah, in the hope that political pressure in Utah will provide a forum more receptive to Trump’s proclamations than the court in the nation’s capital. The Sierra Club and its partners contend these lawsuits raise issues that are not parochial to Utah, but rather of national importance, and are opposing this transfer.

I’m fortunate to divide my time between Holladay and Torrey, Utah, and from either one, I can get to a hiking trail within minutes. Whether I’m in the hip-high wildflowers of the Wasatch Mountains in July or taking in the soul-searing beauty of redrock against a blue October sky, the public lands in Utah are a blessing I’m grateful for every day. But the more time I’m out, the more I understand the threats first hand. Last month, my spouse, Mark Bailey, and I visited the San Rafael Swell, hoping to camp at the campground near the river. But somebody’s cows were having their way with the place, so we moved on, annoyed at both the pollution of a public campground and the decimation of the native bunchgrass that should have painted the landscape in muted grays and browns of winter in the desert. Months earlier, while exploring the canyons and mesas of the original Bears Ears National Monument, I peered out over the non-protected landscape scattered, we now know thanks to a New York Times lawsuit and investigation, with parched conditions for oil and gas exploitation. The extraction interests, who control Utah’s governments at every level and who now have the Department of the Interior at their service, threaten the wildlife dependent on upland aspen stands, wide sage steppe lands, wetlands of all kinds, not to mention the invaluable cultural wonders left by the areas earlier residents over several thousand years and preserved thanks to the West’s sparkling ability. Folks have been fighting the threats for decades before I joined their ranks, and though contributions to animal/environment groups increased by 7% in 2016, conservation groups share a tiny slice of the country’s charitable giving even while the environment is taking an enormous hit with the White House announcement new roll-backs in protections almost weekly and Utah’s politicians find ever new ways to try to turn over control of public lands to the states and private interests. But there’s this. While states east of the hundredth meridian are almost completely privately held, with many ecosystems and species either wiped out or inaccessible, two-thirds of lands in Utah are still federally managed, owned by all Americans and held in trust for the entire planet. As Sierra Club Utah Organizer Carly Ferro put it recently, “There’s still so much we can still protect in Utah.” We have mountains, redrock canyons, and the wide-open spaces of the Great Basin right here available to everyone to explore, understand, love, and, yes, protect. There’s a lot to care about, an awful lot to do, and it’s hard to see bright spots, especially in conservation, especially in Utah. But there’s still an awful lot to save.
The Sierra Club and our partners at the Utah University Humanities Department, Wasatch and Canyon Country Rising Tide, the Beehive Design Collective, and SUWA organized an all-day art and storytelling symposium at the University of Utah on January 20th, entitled “ARTivism: Mobilizing the Climate Justice Movement.” The event was attended by over 120 people throughout the day, and included workshops on many different forms of expression and climate messaging including: storytelling, dance, song, screen printing, and banner making.

The art build resulted in over 200 flags, banners, flags, and patches that will be utilized in upcoming climate justice actions. Participants came to learn new skills about how to message and visualize climate justice themes, and left energized with a renewed sense of community. Here at the Utah Sierra Club we have been working hard to help build volunteer capacity to be able to creatively and effectively message climate change issues in Utah. Stay connected with the Utah Chapter and don’t miss your next opportunity to join the movement!
Utah is Ground Zero
by Carly Ferro

While the legislative session keeps our Chapter Director/Wonder Woman lobbyist busy, our volunteers and citizen activists have been setting the pace for 2018—and it is at full throttle.

The Oil and Gas Task Force, a coalition of volunteers and activists making waves with, already, thousands of online actions taken and hundreds engaging at public meetings, press conferences, and lobbying to protect Utah’s land, water, airshed, and wildlife.

We have said before that Utah is ground zero for many environmental issues, and the legislative session proves that our Utah legislature is in lockstep with our federal administration, but we experience bright spots that demonstrate the power of the grassroots movement in Utah. We continue to meet with obstacles, but with our foundation rooted in science, and driven by values of stewardship, community, and equity the movement to protect Utah’s life outside builds strength and adds depth to its bend. And it starts with you.

MONUMENTAL ACTIVISM

Over the past few months, our public lands continue to take center stage. We have seen movement of dangerous bills, learned of the reduced boundaries of our beloved monuments; the continued roll-back of public engagement in the public process for oil and gas leasing; and the continued momentum of the Bureau of Land Management to begin planning for land use of Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments as defined by Trump’s unlawful proclamations. However, you continue to speak up and out in opposition.

On December 12, 2017, over 250 Utahns braved the unhealthy air quality and cold temperatures to protest Rep. Chris Stewart’s H.R. 4558. The press conference, organized by Utahns, partners with Bear Ears Preservation Alliance, Sierra Club Utah, Utah National Parks Conservation Association, and Grand Staircase-Escalante Partners spotlighted “how the Utah delegation continues to ignore the will of those of us who are elected to represent,“ summed up by Ashley Sohiyak, Sierra Club Utah Director. The press conference was a testament that it is Utahns and Southern Utah locals that are opposed to these bills that would codify the reduced boundaries for our beloved monuments; the continued roll-back of public engagement in the public process for oil and gas leasing; and the continued momentum of the Bureau of Land Management to begin planning for land use of Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments as defined by Trump’s unlawful proclamations. However, you continue to speak up and out in opposition.

You can also take action at utah.sierrclub.org/go/psm-addup and http://utah.sierrclub.org/bad-landfill.

Recently, we also caught wind about four additional opportunities to show your support for national monuments. The BLM is hosting four public scoping meetings for “new” monument plans. If you can, join the conversations!

BLM PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Two for Bear Ears National Monument:

Monday, March 26 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
San Juan High School, 311 North 100 East Blanding, UT 84511

Tuesday, March 27 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Blanding City Hall, 690 South Cowboy Way, Blanding, UT 84512

Bear Ears RSVP: http://utah.sierrclub.org/bearn-blm-scoping

Two for Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument:

Wednesday, March 28 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Kanab High School, 740 East Main Street, Kanab, UT 84741

Thursday, March 29 4:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Canyon Country Lodge, 760 East Highway 12, Escalante, UT 84726

RSVP: http://utah.sierrclub.org/gsne-blm-scoping

A BRIGHT POINT FOR ACTIVISM

Utah’s Great Salt Lake is a significant natural resource, economic driver, and a recreation mecca. The lake’s future continues to face threats and on the shores of the Great Salt Lake, in Box Elder County, sits a potential threat to the state’s iconic resource. Promontory Point Resources, LLC, applied for a Class V waste permit for their landfill—a permit specifically designed to accept waste from out of state. In short, if this type of permit were acquired, the landfill would be able to accept coal ash and other dangerous wastes including small quantities of hazardous generator waste. However, through an incredible collaborative demonstration, citizens and local business owners with the Sierra Club Utah, Friends of Great Salt Lake, HEAL Utah, and Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment banded together and were able to influence the project to press pause!

The Sierra Club Utah’s efforts began with one of our fantastic interns digging into the details and reaching out to groups and individuals that have been engaging with the project for over two years. Her efforts transformed into a team of organizations meeting to help broden the conversation and public awareness about the impending threat to the Lake. From letters to the editor, op-eds, to public meetings—with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) engagement—the opposition culminated and influenced Promontory officials to deliver a letter to the DEQ to halt the review process “until further notice.” Three public meetings took place at Westminster University, Weber State University, and Utah State University. The sessions filled with people echoing concern for public and ecological health while questioning the review process. The energy was high, and the message was received. While this pause is a successful chapter, it is not the end of the story.

The pull of the permit review was not a final withdrawal; we do anticipate this permit will resurface. All hands on deck! You can join the conversation and help defend the health of the public and the Great Salt Lake by signing the petition at http://utah.sierrclub.org/campaigns/no-landfill-on-the-great-salt-lake.

By signing, you will also be kept apprised of “what’s happening” with the project and informed about engagement opportunities.

For more background about Promontory Point, LLC and the class V permit, please visit, http://www.standard.net/Environment/2018/02/04/How-would-the-Promontory-Landfill-benefit-and-harm-Utah’s-Northern.

CLIMATE OF HOPE
By Michael Bloomberg and Carl Pope
Book Review by Amy Mills

Feeling uneasy about Washington’s inaction on climate change? The real game-changers might be you and your mayor.

I’m skeptical about any book about the problem of climate change with the word “hope” in the title. After all, hope isn’t a strategy, and if anything can be done about climate change it will take strategy and a lot of action. So with that reservation, I read Michael Bloomberg and Carl Pope’s “Climate of Hope” and was relieved to find much more than hope behind the title.

Bloomberg, entrepreneur and former New York City mayor, and coauthor Carl Pope, environmental advocate and former head of the Sierra Club, make a convincing case for how cities, businesses, and citizens can lead the way on combating climate change. It’s an empowering message, when the country seems to be faced with inaction and even recalcitrance at the national level. This book puts forward a spectrum of practical solutions, many of which are already in progress with or without political leadership.

Bloomberg, a vocal opponent of coal-fired power plants, emphasizes that they are not only a major source of damaging greenhouse gas emissions, they are no longer an economical source of power and must be retired. He has generously supported Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal Campaign, which aims to do just that. He contends that renewable energy has begun to out-compete coal. Similarly, he points out, gasoline-burning vehicles are responsible for a large percentage of global fossil fuel emissions, but the increasing economy of zero emission vehicles will soon make the internal combustion engine obsolete. Further, he points out that energy companies profit from the extraction and burning of fossil fuels, while the public bears the cost of subsequent health, environmental, and infrastructure impacts.

The book highlights the role of cities. It contends that cities are on the front lines of climate change both in terms of producing greenhouse gas emissions and bearing the consequences. Many cities are located along the coasts that are vulnerable to rising sea and stronger storms. Mayors are therefore key players in developing local incentives and regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Urban measures can be taken to reduce carbon output through public transit, and constructing or retrofitting buildings to be more energy-efficient.

Carl Pope asserts that the natural environment provides some of our best bides against climate change. For example, trees and other vegetation sequester carbon, while dunes and mangroves protect shorelines. He points out that as citizens can support local initiatives to protect aspects of the natural environment that provide these environmental services.

It seemed to me that the book’s emphasis on local solutions didn’t quite square with some national problems. Despite less emphasis by the authors on federal regulation it’s hard to see how local initiatives can address the national issues the book mentions such as the need for enhanced efficiency in the economy or in fossil fuel companies receiving federal subsidies and influencing government decision-makers.

Overall, the authors urge everyday citizens, businesses, and civic leaders to change the tenor of the climate discussion from hand-wringing and doomsday predictions toward practical problem-solving. Many examples are provided of successful and beneficial projects and programs underway. I would like to see more references to peer-reviewed publications to back up some of their statements, but in general this book is a valuable resource for anyone interested in being part of the climate solution.

OurLand

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Book Review by Amy Mills
March

GGG Sat 3/11 Above Corona Arch. Hike the Canyon trail that curves eastward and connects with Poison Spider trails. Loop to an overlook above Corona Arch. From there the hike connects with the Portal Trail to highway 279. Length about 9 miles. This hike is not to be missed. Three hundred foot descent to the Bootlegger rim, then back up on the way. Auto shuttle will be required. Meet at Parking lot, former Red Rock Elementary School, at 9:00 AM. Leader: Michael Stringham (435) 259-8579 mike@stringhamthink.net

SLG Sat 4/14-15 Capitol Reef Campout. No capacity with waiting list, for details see online listing or contact Fred Swanson (fls@mtnranch.com).

SLG Sat-Sun 4/14-15 Service Project in San Rafael Swell. We will be working on rehabilitating a barrier in Wild Horse Creek in the Crack Camp Trail. The4/14 camp will be at the camp at this point but the drainage does cut through the San Rafael Reef. This is sort of an industrial recreation area, very overgrown with the mechanized crowd. Hence the need for some TLC. The BLM will reserve the pavilion at a developed camp site just inside the Reef near the road that goes to Goblin Valley. We will work on the barricade Saturday and enjoy Sunday somewhere fun along the Reef. Due to the nature of the work the trip is limited to 8 people. Contact Will McCarville at will@utahsierraclub.org or call 801 557-5261 for questions.

SLG Sat 4/24/25 Rattlesnake Gulch (Mill Creek). This trip starts at the entry gate to Mill Creek Canyon. The hike begins with a moderate initial ascent, then follows to the route of an old water pipeline, offering great views of the canyon and the Salt Lake Valley. The hike is relatively easy, a great way to unwind and enjoy nature after a hard day's work. Meeting place is the Skyline High School parking lot, 3251 E. Upland Drive (3170 S.) in Salt Lake at 3:15 p.m. Leader: Scott Swatos, scott@swatos.com (310) 873-7316.

SLG Sat 4/28 Moonshine Wash. An adventure in the desert south of Green River on the Green River Road. On the way to visit Fossil Point if that is interest. Moonshine wash is a slot canyon that the hiking books say is about 10 miles. This is about 2 miles of narrow canyon with a couple of down cliffs. We will ascend a side wash and see some water holes that are used for making Moonshine years ago. The whole hike will moderate and about 4 miles. Depending on the time of day we could get another nice destination in the area and will depend on group interest. Meet at Parking lot, former Red Rock Elementary School, at 8:00 AM. Leader: Michael Stringham (435) 259-8579 mike@stringhamthink.net.

May

SLG Tues 5/1/18 Birch Fork Mine Trail from Pinecrest. We will hike a little less than 2 miles up this pleasant trail on the Old Mine Road, south of the historic Salt Lake Canal. Birch Fork is part of the former Emigration Canyon Electric Railway. The mine is our destination. The trailhead is in the former short area of Emigration Canal. This hike would be rated easy for people who hike regularly. Meet promptly at 6:30 p.m. (note later starting time) in the parking lot near the eagle statue in Rotary Glen Park, which is at the intersection of Crestview and Sunnyview Avenue. (Emigration Canyon Road) in Salt Lake, just west of Willow Creek Road. Contact organizer Rebecca Wallace at rebeccawalce38@msn.com or call 801 557-5261 for questions.

SLG Sat 5/5 Day Canyon Key Exchange. From UT-279 hike up Day Canyon (actually low to Day Canyon and start about five miles to a stock trail at the head. Take the trail up to the elevation gain is about 1800'. Creek road lower part has washed out. If washed off. Perhaps wildflowers. Big pouroff and pool in Bull is a possible side trip. If it's necessary to park on the Long Canyon Road, that would add about a mile with little elevation gain. Key exchange with loafer coming down from the top. Meet at Parking lot, former Red Rock Elementary School, at 9:00 AM. Leader: Thomas Messenger (435) 259-1756 messengert35@gmail.com.

SLG Sat 5/8 Mormon Trail. The Mormon Trail (also of the Pony Express Trail) takes us through the lovely woods and meadows of Emigration Canyon. The canyon is a lovely place to moose in this area. Meet at 6:30 pm at the Park City Wal-Mart parking lot, meet at 2705 Parsons Way, southeast corner, near the Bombay House Restaurant. Leader: Scott Swatos, scott@swatos.com (310) 873-7316.

Thurs 5/10 Hughes Canyon to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail (BST) that extends now to Hughes Canyon. We will hike up Hughes Canyon for about 30 minutes until we reach the former Emigration Canyon Electric Railway. (Emigration Canyon Road) in Salt Lake at 111th Avenue. The hike is about four miles round trip with 1100 elevation gain. Meet at 6:30 pm at the cul-de-sac of Terraces Drive. Please contact Colleen (801) 484-4105 or (303) 554-7153, or e-mail colleague.mahaffey@gmail.com for details.

June

SLG Sat 6/2 Upper Mineral Canyon South Fork. This trail drops off the edge of Upper Mineral Canyon (near highway 313) into Upper Mineral Canyon. The hike dead ends at a high pouroff over the Wingate into the lower canyon. We use an old trail in good shape. The cow trail has some switchbacks and does not have sheer cliff drop. There are several arches in the canyon. You can hike up 6.5 miles round trip; however, there is an old road switchback to the canyon with about 1000 foot loss into the canyon with another 1000 loss as we hike gradually down the canyon. Getting the last few hundred yards to the big pouroff requires some scrambling. Some may wish to do the long hike, 15 miles, and the rest of the group 15 pouroff we'll have a handline to get up and down. Then there are several obstacles near a short standing; however, there are several other trails that may well require wading. Meet at Parking lot, former Red Rock Elementary School, at 9:00 AM. Leader: Thomas Messenger (435) 259-1756 messengert35@gmail.com.
SLG Tues 6/5 Beartrap Fork. This scenic wooded trail in Big Cottonwood Canyon winds through mountain meadows, wildflowers, aspen groves and glades of old conifers. The plan is to hike up to a scenic view for about an hour and then return. This hike would be rated low to moderate exertion for those who hike regularly. Expect a 2 to 2.5 hour hike. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at the 6200 South Park and Ride lot (enter off Wasatch Blvd) in Salt Lake City for carpooling. Contact organizer Rebecca Wallace at rebecca.will@msn.com or call 801 557-5261 for questions.

SLG Tues 6/12 Destination TBD—see outings calendar for details.

GCG Sat 6/16 Rattlesnake Canyon near Colorado NM. Visit a neat area near Colorado NM that contains 9 arches that are within a very short walk of each other. Beautiful scenery all around. The hike as an out and back is about 3.4 miles. We can make a loop that is 3.7 miles but will need to use a rope for people to hang on to as they hike up a short slick rock section under the last arch. Full day to experience this place. It is 101 Miles to Frutas from Moab. Then about 11 miles through Colorado National Monument and then 15 miles on a high clearance road to the trailhead. Bring water and food. Chance to do the Colorado NM loop when done. Hike classification, easy for out and back, moderate for loop. Meet at: Parking lot, former Red Rock Elementary School, at 8:00 AM. Leader: James Hovey (435) 260-0239 jochovey@gmail.com.

SLG Tues 6/19 Terraces to Elbow Fork Loop. A favorite early summer evening hike, our trail begins at the Terraces picnic area near the winter gate in Mill Creek Canyon, climbs to a ridge line above Bowman Fork, then descends steeply to the canyon road opposite Elbow Fork. We finish with a saunter down the main Millcreek canyon road, which is closed to car traffic. The trail section covers about 3 miles through a quiet forest which shelters hikers from the heat of the sun. Meet at 6:30 pm at the Skyline High School east parking lot, 3251 E. Upland Drive (3760 S.). Leader: Pleas Colleen Mahaffey, 801-484-4105 or 801-534-7153 or email at colleen.mahaffey@gmail.com.

SLG Tues 6/26 Mt. Aire Saddle. The hike follows a steep but nicely shaded trail that climbs to a saddle with views down Parley's Canyon. If there is time we'll continue on to 8620 Mt. Aire, which affords a panorama of the Wasatch peaks. Expect about 1200 feet of climbing to the saddle, another 800 to the summit. Bring headlamps to aid the descent. Meet at 6:30 pm at the Skyline High School parking lot (just before the north end), 3251 E. Upland Drive (3760 S.). Leaders: Sally Aerts, 360-774-1534 and Sven Solvik, 360-390-8486 or sven_solly@gmail.com.

GCG Sat 6/30 Lone Mesa from Tusher Canyon. Hike a sandstone rib to a pass between Tusher canyon and BarFlatt Wash drainage. From there contour around Lone Mesa below the Biscuits to the spot where we can ascend to the top of Lone Mesa. From there we will carefully explore the top of this very seldom visited area. 7+ mile moderate hike. Sweeping views in all directions. At least high clearance vehicle required to reach the trailhead. Some scrambling up through some boulders near the top of Lone Mesa. Meet at: Parking lot, former Red Rock Elementary School, at 8:00 AM. Leader: Michael Stringham (435) 259-8579 mikechrista@earthlink.net.

The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ridesharing or any other arrangements is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. If you choose to carpool to the trailhead, it is only fair for fees charged by the US Forest Service to be shared by all participants. Text of the outings liability waiver may be found at http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/signinwaver/PDF.CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

ServiceOuting

SPRING 2018 WILDERNESS STUDY AREA REMEDIATION OUTINGS
by Will McCarrill

We have two trips planned for this spring to the San Rafael Swell to preserve and protect several Wilderness Study Areas (WSA).

April 14th – 15th we will be working on rehabilitating a barrier in Wild Horse Creek in the Crack Canyon WSA, a popular drainage though the San Rafael Reef. This is an industrial recreation area, very popular with the mechanized crowd, hence the need for some TLC. The BLM will reserve the pavement at a developed camp site just inside the Reef near the road that goes to Goblin valley. We will work on the barricade Saturday and enjoy Sunday someplace fun along the Reef. Due to the nature of the work the trip is limited to 8 people. Contact Will McCarrill at will@commercialchemistries.com or 801-694-6958 to register. Typically mid-April will have pleasant days and cool nights.

Expect a dry camp so bring your food and water. It is best to drive down Friday evening or evening as it will take about 3 ½ hours to get there. Bring work gloves and shoes, tools and construction materials will be provided by the BLM.

May 19th – 20th will be another barrier repair in Iron Wash in the Reef WSA. We will have to drive over a short rough segment of road so high clearance and 4X4 is needed. Another option is to park just off of SR 24 and get gear ferried in. Expect a dry camp so bring plenty of water. Mid-May in the Southern Swell will have warm days and cool nights. It is best to drive down Friday afternoon or evening as it will take about 3 ½ hours to get there. Bring work gloves and shoes, tools and construction materials will be provided by the BLM.

Contact Will McCarrill at will@commercialchemistries.com or 801-694-6958 to register. This trip will have a limit of 12 people. This is one of my favorite spots along the Reef. We will work Saturday and then look for a fun hike for Sunday.

UtahSierran Spring 2018
Local News

Protect the Wasatch
Will McCarvill

Mountains Planning District is a geographic area.

The Central Wasatch designated by county

The purpose is to manage the Central Wasatch as a regional

The public is encouraged to get

The plan is to guide future development and preservation

Canyons General Plan (last adopted in 1989). The purpose

services/publicmeetings/mountainous-planning.

the County Council for adjudication. You can get agendas

appeal process whereby a rejected proposal can go in front of

forest service lands. Development proposals pass through this

way capacity, intersection improvements, bike lanes, snow

UDOT team has taken input in the previous meetings and

Project has about $65 million dollars to be spent on trans-

portation improvements to the canyons. Currently informal

meeting are being held which will lead to the kickoff of a

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study which

will present a range of alternatives to the public. The Sierra

Club has participated in 2 meetings so far with UDOT

personnel and contractors and will join another soon. The

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Canyons General Plan (last adopted in 1989). The purpose

of this plan is to guide future development and preservation

in the canyons. This process is expected to take two years to

complete (2017 – 2019). The public is encouraged to get

involved by providing feedback and suggestions along the

way. To date, public open houses and workshops have been

completed and a draft vision statement is in the works.

When completed, it will be available for public comments.

For details go to http://slco.org/planning-transportation/

wasatch-canyons-general-plan-update/.

The concept is to work

sheds, casual carpooling and tolling. The concept is to work

up useful alternatives based on early input from stakehold-

ers and the public.

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BEST YEAR FOR FUNDRAISING
Ian Wade

2017 was the best year ever for Utah Chapter

fundraising. The “Axis of Weevils” in Washington DC can take some of the credit for increased support of the chapter, at every level. However, members and supporters such as yourself provided a higher level of financial support. Our number of donors rose by 60% and the frequency of giving increased 21%. Many thanks to those of you who make monthly donations or respond to our twice a year appeals for this increase.

We would not have reached our fundraising goal without several generous major donors, including one person who anonymously gave a stock gift of over $15,000 for a second year. Giving appreciated stock is a smart way to eliminate tax liability for the donor, as Sierra Club Utah is tax exempt and gets the full value of the stock sale.

Differentiating the Utah Chapter from national fundraising efforts was an area of focus in 2017. While we have a good partnership with the national organization, only $2 of membership fees come back to the chapter. The Utah Chapter had to raise most of the funds to sustain our increased operations.

The Utah Chapter website was upgraded to make giving directly to the chapter easier. We added ways to give, including donation of a motor vehicle and workplace giving.

Staff and related expenses more than doubled in 2017, in response to the increased threats from the new administration. The Utah Chapter raises both c4 funds and c3 funds to support our work. With increased fundraising results we were able to maintain a constant level of reserves ending 2017 at $153,240. This is approximately 1-year’s worth of expenses; a conservative posture the ExCom has established for an organization that intends to continue serving for a long time.

The fundraising effort in 2107 was intensified, with the support of staff, ExCom members and the strategic assistance of Blueprint Public Affairs. The Utah Chapter ended the year with a moderate surplus in our c4 account of $14,023 and a decrease in c3 funds of $18,011. Given the scope of the challenge a net loss of $3,988 (2% of expense) was a satisfactory result. $18,011. Given the scope of the challenge a net loss of $3,988 (2% of expense) was a satisfactory result. $18,011. Given the scope of the challenge a net loss of $3,988 (2% of expense) was a satisfactory result. $18,011. Given the scope of the challenge a net loss of $3,988 (2% of expense) was a satisfactory result. $18,011. Given the scope of the challenge a net loss of $3,988 (2% of expense) was a satisfactory result. $18,011. Given the scope of the challenge a net loss of $3,988 (2% of expense) was a satisfactory result.

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A complete financial report is available by contacting treasurer@utah.sierraclub.org.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SIERRA CLUB

Your financial contribution means a lot to us. By supporting our Chapter, you support Sierra Club’s work in your own backyard. This makes you an essential part of our work to protect wilderness and wildlife, to improve the quality of life in our cities, and to promote the enjoyment of nature. Thank you.

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