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**Clark Israelsen** is a former Vocational Agriculture instructor at both Sky View and Mountain Crest High Schools and spent several years with BATC as head of the Farm Business Management program. A native of Cache County, Clark was raised on a dairy farm and has continued his ties with Agriculture. Clark earned BS and MS degrees in Agriculture Education from Utah State University and has served as a leader with various committee assignments within Cache Valley and the State of Utah. Clark is especially involved with dairy organizations and the Utah Farm Bureau Federation.  
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**Christopher Sands, ASLA, AICP** received his Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning from Utah State University in 1994 and his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Georgia in 1991. He is a Licensed Landscape Architect in the State of Utah and a Certified Planner who serves as Principal and Planning Division Manager at BIO-WEST, Inc., in Logan, Utah. BIO-WEST is a 50-person, multi-disciplinary environmental consulting firm serving Federal, State, and local government agencies, as well as private companies, throughout the United States and Canada. BIO-WEST has been providing context sensitive environmental services since 1976. BIO-WEST's corporate offices are located in Logan, with satellite offices in Austin and Houston, Texas.

Mr. Sands' studies and work experience emphasize natural resource analyses, resource management planning, recreation planning, and land-use planning throughout the North American west. He possesses over 24 years of work experience, including 16 years with BIO-WEST. Now living in Young Ward, Utah, Mr. Sands is a founding member of the Cache County Agricultural Advisory Board (2002), the first board of its kind in the State of Utah, and is serving as Secretary of the Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning (LAEP) Advisory Board (2003) at Utah State University, the first board of its kind at USU. He also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Stokes Nature Center in Logan Canyon and on the Cache County Planning Commission.  
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**Robert M. Fotheringham** is currently employed as Water Department Manager for Cache County. From June 1985 to December 2007 he was employed as the Engineer Manager (Northern Region Engineer) of the Division of Water Rights, State of Utah. Prior to June of 1985 Robert was employed as Engineer III (Assistant Regional Engineer) of the Division of Water Rights, State of Utah. Duties of the Regional Engineer included responsibilities for resolution of distribution issues for seven distribution systems in the Northern Region through implementation of procedures, policies or practices. Also, managed resources in the North Region for the State Engineer to meet the statutory requirements relegated to the State Engineer. He managed the development of the Cache Valley Interim Ground Water Management Plan and served as a member of the Bear River Commission Technical Advisory committee resolving the implementation policies, practices and procedures of the Bear River Compact, while recognizing State's rights and decrees. Bob also assisted in negotiating Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge federal and state water claims and currently serves on the Bear River water quality task force.  
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**Ruby Ward** was raised on a farm and ranch in South-eastern Idaho. After graduating from Ricks College, she received a BS in Agricultural Economics and Accounting from Utah State University. From Texas A&M University she received an MBA and a PhD in Agricultural Economics. Dr. Ward joined the faculty at Utah State University in 1998 and was tenured in 2005. Ward is currently an associate professor and extension specialist at Utah State University. Her current assignment involves all three areas emphasized at a land grant University—teaching, research and extension. She teaches agricultural finance and community planning. Ward works primarily in the area of rural development focusing on regional economics and agriculture entrepreneurship. Ward is the committee chair for the Diversified Agricultural Conference which is considered one of the five priorities for rural development in Utah by the Utah Governor's rural partnership Board. In the last three years Ward has been involved in approximately \$1 million in grants for which she served as the PI on over \$300,000 of them. She has also published seven journal articles.

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**Darren DeBloois** has served as the Cache/Ogden District Biologist for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources from 2005 to present. He is currently in charge of management of terrestrial wildlife in Cache County as well as parts of Box Elder, Rich, and Weber Counties. It is Darren's job to ensure that healthy populations of animals are maintained in northern Utah. This includes estimating population sizes and health, monitoring habitat abundance and health, habitat enhancement and rehabilitation and recommending numbers of hunting permits for game species. Darren received a BS in Wildlife Management at Utah State University in 1995 and his MS in Wildlife Management from Utah State University in 2005.

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**Jim Carter**, JD, AICP is a Senior Planner with Logan Simpson Design, Inc. Jim is a certified planner, attorney, and public administrator with more than 26 years of experience in law, community planning, and natural resources management. Since joining LSD in 2006, Jim has worked with Pinal County, Arizona, to develop revised subdivision and zoning regulations to implement the County's Open Space and Trails Master Plan, and with Nibley City, Utah to develop a conservation subdivision ordinance. He is also currently working on a sensitive lands ordinance for Madison County, Idaho, and is serving as interim planning director for Park City, Utah.

From 1987 to 1993, Jim served as City Attorney of Park City, where he worked primarily on land use, growth management, annexation policy, historic preservation, and water supply matters. He received the City Manager's Honor Award for developing and implementing a strategy to secure a long-term municipal water supply, and he received the Utah Heritage Foundation Preservation Award for developing the innovative Park City Historic Preservation Ordinance. Before joining LSD, Jim was a principal and project manager at a Salt Lake City-based planning and community issues consulting firm. While there, he designed and managed general plan and ordinance development projects for numerous communities across the West, most recently including the cities of

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Draper, Farmington, and Sandy, Utah; Uinta and Sweetwater Counties, Wyoming; Gallatin County, Montana; and the City of Billings, Montana.  
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**Lenard J. Owens** has been a real estate appraiser for over 30 years. He is principal of Owens & Associates, Inc. and a partner in the appraisal firm of Owens & Probst, where he provides appraisal, consulting and expert witness services related to real estate valuation. A member of the Appraisal Institute, Lenard holds the prestigious MAI designation and has served on Institute committees, both locally and nationally. He has been an instructor for the Utah Association of Appraisers and the Appraisal Institute and he has been a hearing officer for tax appeals in Davis and Cache counties. A Certified General Appraiser in Utah and Idaho, he has served on the Technical Advisory Panel for the Utah Division of Real Estate.

Lenard has appraised numerous commercial and residential properties including office, industrial and retail projects, subdivisions, condominiums and special use properties. Land valuation, including agricultural property, mountain land, right-of-way and easements, including conservation easements, are areas of expertise. Lenard attended Utah State University and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Utah. He resides in North Logan.  
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**Arthur Morris** serves as ecologist and stewardship director for Utah Open Lands. Arthur obtained bachelor's degrees in biology and mining engineering from the University of Utah and a master's degree in ecology from Utah State University. He obtained a PhD in natural resources from the Ohio State University with the Forest Ecosystem Restoration and Ecology group. His research and interests include ecological restoration, aquatic/terrestrial linkages, and conservation stewardship. Arthur came to Salt Lake City in 2006, after postdoctoral work in northern Ohio, and began to begin his work with Utah Open Lands.  
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**John R. Mickelson** owns and operates Mickelson Financial Services, LLC. He has worked in the areas of Business, Retirement and Estate Planning for the past 12 years, working primarily with retirees. Mickelson Financial Services is an independent financial planning company associated with various investment and insurance providers. John is the past president Estate Planning Council of Northern Utah (2003-2004) and past president of Cache Association of Insurance & Financial Professionals (2000-2001). He is a 1995 graduate of Brigham Young University's Marriott School of Management, where he majored in International Finance with minors in Accounting, Marketing, Economics, and Spanish.  
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**Shauna L. Kerr**, is the Utah State Director for The Trust for Public Land (TPL), a national non-profit land conservation organization with the mission to conserve land for

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people. Prior to joining TPL in August 2005, she was active in Utah local government having served both as an elected official and as a City Attorney.

Ms. Kerr was a founding member of the Utah Quality Growth Commission where she served on the subcommittee, which administers the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund. She has also served on the Board of Directors of COOL [Conserving Our Open Lands] a Summit County conservation organization currently named the Summit Land Conservancy. Ms. Kerr has been active in open space and water preservation and in planning for sustainable growth. She was a sponsor and active participant in the 2004 Utah Clean Water, Quality Growth & Open Space Initiative campaign.

Ms. Kerr was elected to the three person Summit County Commission in 2000. Prior to serving Summit County, Ms. Kerr was elected to the Park City Council and served seven years in that capacity. In addition to her elected position with Park City Municipal, she served as the Deputy Park City Attorney. She also was appointed as the Tooele City Attorney in 1982 and served for several years.

Ms. Kerr graduated with a BS in Political Science from Utah State University and a Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine University School of Law.  
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**Michael Harris** is the Director of the Gallatin County Department of Conservation and Parks. For the past five years Michael has been the administrator of the Gallatin County Open Lands Program which serves to purchase land and conservation easements from willing landowners for the purpose of continuing agricultural heritage, conservation of water and wildlife habitat, and public recreation.

Currently the Gallatin County Open Lands Program has successfully passed \$20 million in public bonds for the purchase of land and conservation easements. To date they have successfully leveraged \$12 million of those funds to conserve 50 square miles of land for future generations.

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**Jonathan W. Hardman** is the District Conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). As a fifth generation farmer and rancher in Cache County, Jon has faced the joys and challenges of agriculture in northern Utah. It has provided him a unique perspective in working for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in “helping people, help the land.” For over 20 years he has worked side by side with landowners to help them to be good stewards of the land by implementing conservation practices that preserve and protect our natural resources. He has always been impressed by the commitment of Cache Valley’s farmers and ranchers to balance what is right for their operation with what is right for the land and is committed to helping them secure and maintain that heritage.

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**Joe Fuhrman** is a fourth generation rancher / farmer in Cache Valley. Joe owns, manages, and lives on a 200-acre, 200-head cattle ranch. The ranch is one of the last remaining undeveloped parcels of the historic Elkhorn Ranch.

Joe has worked to assist landowners in protecting farms and ranches from urban encroachment. Having faced tremendous development pressure from nearby municipalities, he has been an active voice for agricultural conservation and preservation. Joe has been active in the Cache County Agricultural Advisory Board since its inception in 2002. He continues to chair the group today. He also serves as the President of the Cache Cattleman's Association and is on the Board of Directors of the Cache County Farm Bureau. He previously served on the Blacksmith Fork Soil Conservation District for 14 years including 2 terms as Chairman.

In 2004, with the help of TPL, Joe placed a conservation easement on part of his property, making a significant donation toward promoting and implementing the goals of agricultural preservation as put forth by the Cache Valley Agricultural Heritage Program. His ranch is also designated as a Century Farm, but the operation of his business has kept pace with advances in agriculture and is monitored with the assistance of computers and specific programs for cattle production.  
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**Ron Zollinger** is third-generation owner and manager of the Zollinger Fruit and Tree Farm. Zollinger Farm is located between Logan and River Heights, near Providence in Cache County. A 48-acre orchard of apples and nursery stock, the farm has been in the Zollinger family for over 100 years. It is an authentic place for families to experience the historic life of the region and taste local food - Zollinger Farm apple cider, a blend of juices from apples grown on the farm, is legendary. And for its neighbors, it is a beautiful and welcome visual break in an increasingly developed valley. The Trust for Public Land (TPL) announced on May 16, 2006, the permanent preservation of Zollinger Fruit and Tree Farm as agricultural open space. TPL, with the support of federal and state grants, the landowners, regional foundations, local residents and Providence City, raised the public and private funds necessary for the purchase of some of the farm's development rights.  
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**Jon White** is the fourth generation steward of Brooke Ranch. For the past 115 years, descendants of Utah pioneer Barnard White have worked the Brooke Ranch, producing hay and grains, raising sheep, fish, and turkey, and providing grazing for cattle. The Brooke Ranch is a cattle ranch that also supports hay and grain cultivation. In 2003 a conservation easement was recorded to preserve 1600 acres of critical farm land and open space. The Brooke Ranch Easement will help to preserve the historic agricultural character of the surrounding community quickly being lost to development. The ranch contains high value deer and elk winter habitat and critical riparian habitat along the Little Bear River. This riparian habitat is important for songbirds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. The Little Bear River contains rainbow and brown trout among other native and non-native species. Jon is currently the chair of the Blacksmith Fork Conservation

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District and has served as Mayor, city councilman, and planning commissioner for the Town of Paradise.

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**Bryan Palmer** is a self-taught horticulturist who started Craft Farm business in 1990 making twig wreaths. In 1993 the business expanded to flowers grown for dried flower wreaths and arrangements. In 1996, cut flowers were added to the business. Today, Craft Farm is selling cut flowers, dried flowers, and wreaths in the wholesale trade and at a number of Utah's farmers markets. To support his operation, Bryan is leasing 5.5 acres that have been set aside as permanent open space as part of the Southwest Heritage Subdivision in Wellsville.

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**Dave Rayfield** is currently the Chairman of Cache County's Critical Lands Task Force. He also chairs the Cache County Trails Committee. Dave is a 20 year Committee Member and chair of several wildlife conservation organizations including: The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Bridgerland Outdoor Coalition. Dave is presently self employed as an agent for American National Insurance Company.

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