



# “Specialists”

*Faculty in Academic Units with Statewide Responsibilities*

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

# Niel Allen



- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Irrigation Specialist - Provide support concerning irrigation methods, equipment, design, scheduling, water conservation, and water rights. Current research/programs include deficit irrigation of pasture, FDA Food Safety Modernization Act irrigation water quality, Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) on center pivots, remote sensing to estimate crop water use and yield, urban and small farm irrigation, using reclaimed water for irrigation, and salinity movement under drip irrigation using saline irrigation water and/or salt affected soils.

# Niel Allen

## *Fun Facts*

- Attended USU when in-state tuition was less than \$100 per quarter and most textbooks were under \$20.
- My children were all born in Logan, however, my family has lived in 5 states, 8 towns, and 12 homes and we have had a garden each year (usually before a lawn). I'm done moving.

# Niel Allen

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Locations to evaluation of Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) on center pivot and locations to evaluation of salinity movement under drip irrigation using saline irrigation water and/or salt affected soils.



# Karin Allen



- Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Science
- I assist cottage food producers, small companies, and small farms with food processing safety and quality, nutrition facts, and labeling issues. I work with consumers, educators, and 4-H on food preparation quality. Starting in 2016, I began coordinating efforts to assist Utah farmers with understanding the requirements for the Produce Safety Rule.

# Karin Allen

*Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Cottage food / small food company training at the county level.

# Diane Alston



- Biology
- Insect pest management for horticultural crops (fruits and vegetables). Coordinator for integrated pest management (IPM) extension programs. Conduct research and demonstration on alternative pest management options, such as cultural system manipulations, biological control, pheromones, and reduced-risk insecticides.

# Diane Alston

## *Fun Fact*

- Trail running is a passion



# Diane Alston

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Development or demonstration of fruit and vegetable IPM practices to help solve Utah growers' problems.
- Collaborations on extension publications - new fact sheets or bulletins, videos, or other content for webpages.



# David Anderson

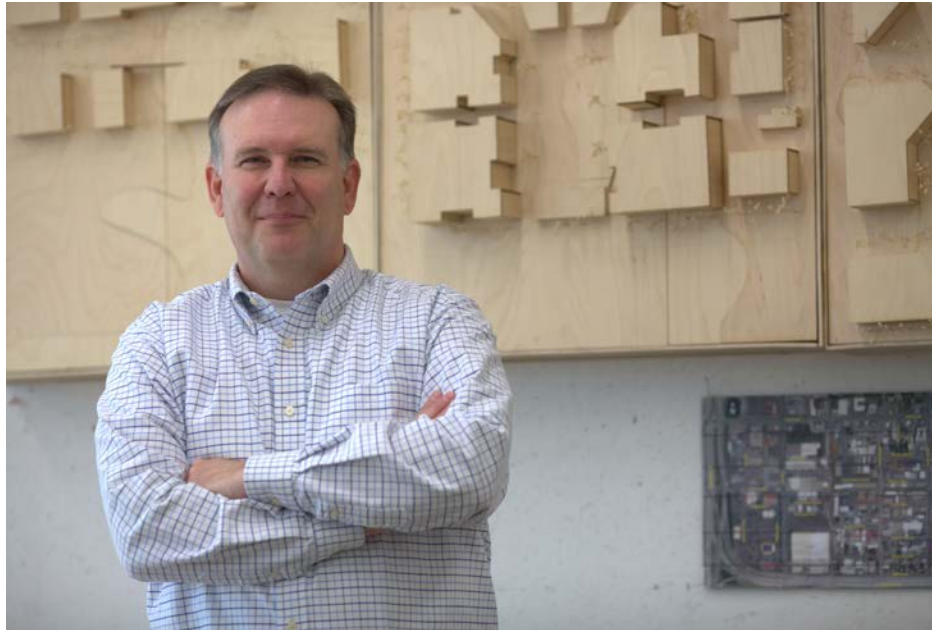


- Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning
- I and my Extension LA colleagues serve communities statewide – providing design, communication, and fundraising tools important to informed community development.

# David Anderson

## *Fun Fact*

- I'm very color blind



# David Anderson



## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Development of collaborative projects with Extension specialists and county faculty

Potential topics include a wide range of subjects such as: water conserving landscapes, watershed protection, community and downtown revitalization, trails and open space, and community wayfinding systems.

# Richard Beard

- School of Applied Science, Technology and Education
- Extension Agricultural Engineering  
Extension Pesticide Safety Education



# Richard Beard

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Until the new EPA pesticide certification requirements are enforced and local testing and traditional training workshops are no longer sufficient, local county faculty are needed to continue recertification training and testing for private pesticide applicators.

# Brent Black



- Plant, Soils and Climate
- My focus is on commercial tree fruit and berry crop production. I also do some work with home garden berry crops. A major focus of my research is on high-density tart cherry for mechanical harvest.

# Brent Black

## *Fun Facts*

- I'm a third-generation Aggie.



# Brent Black

*Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I am interested in evaluating alternative fruit crops and new root stocks adapted to the challenging soils and climates found in Utah



# Roslynn Brain



- Environment and Society
- I created and manage USU Extension Sustainability - a statewide (albeit some programs and materials are nationwide) initiative to help the general public improve their environmental footprint. The initiative is designed around five environmental themes: Land (landfill issues and land conservation), Air (air quality and climate change), Food (sustainable and local food systems), Water (conservation and quality), and Energy (renewable and efficiency).

# Roslynn Brain

## *Fun Fact*

- I was once charged by two adult grizzlies in the backcountry of Yellowstone, while working as a naturalist in the park.

# Roslynn Brain

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I would love to deliver more trainings for my **Sustainable You!** summer camp, and would happily deliver an introduction to permaculture workshop in more counties.



# Grant Cardon



- Plant, Soils and Climate
- All aspects of soil management, especially fertility and salinity management. Work with ag and urban soils issues in crop (ag and hort) production and managed landscape settings.

# Grant Cardon

## *Fun Facts*

- California state semi-finalist in a grade-school hula hoop skills contest in 1973.

# Grant Cardon

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Soil fertility management in orchard production
- Nitrogen management in rotational crops following alfalfa
- Phosphorus management in highly calcareous soils
- Water and Soil salinity inventories in irrigated basins throughout the State
- production of Soil test interpretation tools (esp., mobile apps)

# Mark Larese-Casanova



- Watershed Sciences
- My Extension goal is to provide and support high-quality nature education to promote appreciation for and stewardship of Utah's natural world.





# Mark Larese-Casanova

## *Fun Fact*

- I've been stalked by mountain lions in the wilds of Colorado.



# Mark Larese-Casanova

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I would like to work with more county Extension faculty to offer Utah Master Naturalist courses throughout the state. Talk with me about how I can support your nature clubs and camps with Utah Nature Explorers.



# Earl Creech



- Plant, Soils and Climate
- All aspects of crop management. Work with alfalfa, corn, wheat, pasture, safflower, and alternative crops.

# Earl Creech

## *Fun Fact*

- I played college baseball.

# Earl Creech

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

1. Nitrogen management in rotational crops following alfalfa
2. Corn row spacing and seeding rates
3. Low lignin alfalfa

# Kynda Curtis



- Applied Economics  
AGRS 222, 797-044
- Research and Extension Areas
  - Agriculture and food marketing
  - Small-scale farm finance and marketing
  - Direct markets (farmers markets, CSAs, stand, shops, etc.)
  - Value-added product distribution
  - Food and ag-based tourism
  - Food waste management
  - Native American programming
  - Consumer willingness to pay, behavioral economics

# Kynda Curtis

## *Fun Facts*

- Speak four languages
- Lived in Spain, Germany, Holland, and Australia
- First career as a financial planner/investment broker from 1994-2000
- I love to travel and experience new cultures (through food and drink. . . )



# Kynda Curtis

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Current
  - Direct market fresh produce pricing data collection and results distribution
  - Dietary and consumption impacts of federal programs (FMs/CSAs)
  - Climate change adjustment strategies for agricultural production
  - Consumer food waste reduction strategies
  - Utah food tourism trail (map)
- Potential
  - Incubator farms in SLC, Blanding, and Brigham City – new refugee and native American farmers
  - Agritourism development on native American reservations
  - National Park gateway community sustainability planning (local sourcing, food waste management, etc.)



# David Dahlgren



- Wildland Resources
- I work on wildlife and rangeland issues, primarily habitat issues. Most of my emphasis concerns upland game birds, in particular grouse.

# David Dahlgren

## *Fun Facts*

- I love bird dogs and fly fishing.

# David Dahlgren

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Workshops with grazing permittees of Forest Service and BLM lands concerning sage-grouse habitat issues.

# Joshua Dallin



- State 4-H Office
- State 4-H Livestock, Horse, Agriculture and Volunteer Management

# Joshua Dallin

## *Fun Facts*

- Josh's kids all have an X in their name- Dax, Knox, and Kyx

# Joshua Dallin

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- 4-H Livestock Waste Management and Water Quality
- 4-H Market Hog DNA and STEM Evaluation
- Utah 4-H Horse Program Rules and By-Laws
- Utah 4-H Volunteer Management Core Training



# Steve Daniels



- Sociology, Social Work, and Anthropology
- Community development specialist, working primarily on government and non-profit sectors (because other USU specialists focus on business support.) Recent projects include a refugee needs assessment, developing learning resources for county teams addressing intergenerational poverty, and facilitation of the Monroe Mountain Working Group.

# Steve Daniels

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- A new project on community mediation is under development, and county faculty interested in learning more are encouraged to contact me.



# Megan Dettenmaier



- Wildland Resources
- I head up the outreach portion of Forestry Extension. I help/assist/with the production of webinars, newsletters, factsheets, curriculum, conferences.

# Megan Dettenmaier

## *Fun Facts*

- If I'm cranky, it's probably for one of two reasons:
  - 1) I'm out of coffee
  - 2) I didn't work out that day

# Megan Dettenmaier

*Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I would love to find collaborators on projects involving different aspects of climate change.



# Dan Drost



- Plants, Soils and Climate
- Responsible for all things vegetable in Utah. Primarily working with Utah's commercial vegetable industries to solve pressing production problems. Work with County staff and students to provide timely information on the production of vegetable in home gardens (the In The Garden series)

# Dan Drost

## *Fun Fact*

- Asparagus. Known as "Dr Dan the Veggie Man"

# Dan Drost

*Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Onion Production Practices  
Shading to reduce vegetable quality defects



# Carrie Durward



- Nutrition, Dietetics, Food Sciences
- Nutrition:
  - Fruit and vegetable promotion: Utah Double Up Food Bucks
  - Wellness: Healthy Family Fun
  - Nutrition Hot Topics: continuing education presentations, blog posts, and fact sheets to keep Extension Faculty up to date on current nutrition topics.
  - Applied research to improve program assessment and evaluate program effectiveness.

# Carrie Durward

## *Fun Fact*

- I have really strong bones (99th percentile).



# Carrie Durward

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Diabetes nutrition education program (planning stages).
- Fruit and vegetable gleaning, preservation, and donation program (planning stages).

# Dillon Feuz

- Applied Economics
- Commodity Marketing and outlook information.  
Risk Management alternatives including futures and options market as well as USDA crop/livestock insurance



# Dillon Feuz

## *Fun Fact*

- I am an active member of the NBA. That is the Noon Basketball Association.

# Dillon Feuz

*Initiatives needing collaborators*



# David Frame



- Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences
- I work with commercial poultry groups (turkeys, chickens, and game birds) in diagnostic laboratory and field settings. I also am available to work with backyard poultry and hobbyist groups.

# David Frame

## *Fun Fact*

- Turkey is my favorite meat.

# Day Frame

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- County surveys focusing on prevalence of backyard (non-commercial) chicken ownership and reasons why people own chickens.



# Dave Francis



- Utah 4-H Youth Programs
- Science Technology Engineering and Math STEM programs for youth and adults who work with youth. Includes robotics, natural resources, youth gardening, Maker Movement and general science.



# Dave Francis

## *Fun Fact*

- Became a p-card violator when a student worker purchased a live frog.



# Dave Francis

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Strategies to train volunteers in new content areas
- Ways to involve youth in research including part of the dissemination of broader impacts

# Nicki Frey

- Wildland Resources
- I work with Extension agents to minimize human-wildlife conflicts. I conduct research to help inform local wildlife management decisions and planning. Additionally, I run two school programs to educate youth about the wildlife in their area.



# Nicki Frey

## *Fun Fact*

- My home TOWN --note, they call it a town -- has more people than the CITY I now live in.

# Nicki Frey

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I would like to work with county agents that are interested in helping to run the after school Wild Adventures program for 3-6 graders, or would be interested in helping to facilitate the Wildlife Research Education Network (we are going to be researching native BEES!) in a high school in their county.



# Matthew Garcia



- Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences
- The major focus of my program is to provide specific and applicable solutions to make beef producers more profitable and sustainable. This includes whole production system considerations when making decisions, and training beef producers to be their own advocates and educators to the public.

# Matthew Garcia

## *Fun Fact*

- I was a 4 year full scholarship college swimmer

# Matthew Garcia

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I would like to work with county agents to reach out to Utah beef producers to initiate education programs on whole beef system management and beef advocacy/public education programs.





# Karl Hoopes



- Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences
- Equine Extension Specialist, DVM
- I am a resource for all equine related topics. I serve as a board member on the Utah Horse Council
- Areas of focus:
  - Military Trail Rides
  - Equine Health

# Karl Hoopes

## *Fun Fact*

I have a bad habit of chariot racing.



# Karl Hoopes

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Ride Utah! We take military personnel for trail rides, lunch, and group discussion. I want to have a trail ride in every county in Utah.



# Paul Jakus



- Applied Economics
- Economic Growth in Public Lands States: How does public land and its management affect the income, employment, and population growth in western counties and states?

# Paul Jakus

## *Fun Fact*

- I spent two years in West Africa as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

# Paul Jakus

*Initiatives needing collaborators*



# Justin Jenson



- Animal, Dairy and Veterinary Sciences
- 4-H and FFA dairy judging contest, Junior dairy shows, state dairy quiz bowl teams.

# Justin Jenson

## *Fun Fact*

- I travelled to Pakistan for a week in 2006 and taught dairy science.





# Justin Jenson

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I need collaborators to recruit youth to participate in Dairy Bowl and Dairy Jeopardy competitions at the National Holstein Conventions every June.



# Kelly Kopp



- Plant, Soils and Climate
- My work aims to improve the efficiency of landscape irrigation with projects that include plant water use efficiency evaluations, appropriate irrigation system design, and smart water application technologies.

# Kelly Kopp

## *Fun Fact*

- I was once a balloon handler in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!



# Kelly Kopp

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- One of my major Extension programs is the Water Check program which is based in Salt Lake City. Other counties have also developed Water Check programs, and I would love to have some version of the program in every county.



# Mike Kuhns

- Wildland Resources
- Forestry and trees, especially urban forestry.



# Mike Kuhns

## *Fun Fact*

- I own and have restored a 1964 Chevrolet Impala Sports Sedan.

# Mike Kuhns

*Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Cooperators/volunteers to enter trees in the My Arboretum website ([myarboretum.org](http://myarboretum.org)).



# Ryan Larsen

- Applied Economics
- I work with commercial producers, agricultural lenders, and agribusinesses focusing on crop budgets, risk management, and financial management.





# Ryan Larsen

## *Fun Fact*

- I love to ride motorcycles.

# Ryan Larsen

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I am working on updating/developing crop budgets for the major commodities and livestock markets in Utah. I need county level expertise to help me make the budgets as accurate as possible.

# Heidi LeBlanc



- Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences
- Provide strategies and interventions, among other health promotion efforts to help the SNAP-Ed target audience establish healthy eating habits and a physically active lifestyle.  
Primary prevention of disease to help the SNAP-Ed target audience that the risk factors for nutrition-related chronic disease, such as obesity, prevent and postpone the onset of disease by establishing healthier eating habits and being more physically active.

# Heidi LeBlanc

## *Fun Fact*

- Food \$ense (SNAP-Ed) is a comprehensive nutrition education program that reaches individuals and families throughout Utah, through Policy, Systems, and Environmental changes, Social Marketing and Direct Education.



# Heidi LeBlanc

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Continually growing and expanding programming. Family Meals. Youth. Adults Group Classes. Research. Articles. Data Collection.

# Stacey MacArthur



- State 4-H Office
- Utah 4-H Youth Programs  
State 4-H Volunteer Specialist  
Additional responsibility over the Healthy Living Mission Mandate

# Stacey MacArthur

## *Fun Fact*

- I'm the favorite aunt to 25 nieces & nephews!





# Darren McAvoy



- Wildland Resources
- I direct the Utah Forest Landowner Education Program, which includes writing the Utah Forest News, conducting annual Timber Harvest Tours, and organizing the Restoring the West Conference. I am the Chair of the Utah Biomass Resources Group; our work focuses on mobile pyrolysis, biochar research, and promoting Cross Laminated Timber. I am also a co-principle investigator of the Southern Rockies Fire Science Network.

# Darren McAvoy

## *Fun Fact*

- I have skied with an eagle. I found him unable to fly while doing avalanche work in the Wellsville Mountains and delivered him to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

# Darren McAvoy

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I intend to purchase a variety of very low-tech biochar kilns for landowners to use to reduce forest harvesting residues and improve forest health. This can be applied in urban and orchard settings as well as in rural forestlands. I am looking for folks interested in testing the efficacy, emissions, and plant health parameters surrounding this activity.



# Nancy Mesner



## Watershed Sciences

- Water quality and watershed management
  - restoration projects throughout the state
  - Work with all partners in Utah Water Quality Task Force
- Stream Side Science – designed around water monitoring and exploration
  - Youth Programs - hands on activities for Youth designed around water monitoring and exploration
  - Water Quality lesson plans / educator support and training
- Utah Water Watch: Citizen water quality monitoring program
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# Nancy Mesner

*Fun Fact*



# Nancy Mesner

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Watershed protection - help with producers, landowners, agencies to develop and implement water quality protection programs.
- Streamside Science - help in implementing our hands on programs at camps, field days, etc.
- Utah Water Watch - volunteers for beginning and advanced lake and stream monitoring



# Terry Messmer



- Wildland Resources – Director of the Berryman Institute
- Wildlife Specialist- My programs deal with the "good", "bad", and yes, the "ugly" of Agriculture. The good include programs that provide technical assistance to attract, raise, and benefit wildlife and those who enjoy them. This includes programs for land owners who are interested in diversifying their farm and ranch income through hunting, etc. The bad include programs where wildlife are eating folks plants and animals, making them sick or causing personal injury. The ugly includes programs that deal with at-risk wildlife species and the regulations associated with them.

# Terry Messmer

## *Fun Fact*

- *Owned an Orange Julius Franchise*



# Terry Messmer

*Initiatives needing collaborators*

- *Utah Community – Based Conservation* [www.utahcbcp.org](http://www.utahcbcp.org)
- *Wild Aware Utah* – <http://www.wildawareutah.org>



# Rhonda Miller



- Applied Sciences, Technology and Education
  - Agricultural Environmental Quality - waste management, water quality, air quality
  - AgrAbility of Utah - program that helps farmers and ranchers with disabilities remain in agriculture
  - Western SARE - Regional coordinator for the Western Region Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education program -- a federal grants program

# Rhonda Miller

*Initiatives needing collaborators*

- AgrAbility of Utah and AF0/CAFO work – always looking for ways to reach more producers.



# Claudia Nischwitz



- Biology
- I work mainly on vegetable diseases with an emphasis currently on viral and bacterial diseases, their identification, distribution in the state and management. In addition, I work on management of fire blight and do plant disease diagnostics.

# Claudia Nischwitz

*Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I am always interested in collaborators for vegetable disease surveys.



# Brian Nummer

- Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences
- Food Safety: including consumer, small food business, and large food manufacturers.



Dr Brian A.  
Nummer, PhD

Food Safety Specialist



# Ricardo Ramirez



- Biology
- Integrated pest management (IPM) of arthropods in field crops, forage, and turfgrass. Investigate how drought and insecticide use impact IPM. Conduct research on alternatives to insecticide use for pest suppression.



# Ricardo Ramirez

## *Fun Fact*

- Expert amateur musician

# Ricardo Ramirez

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Collaborators and cooperators needed for on-farm insecticide trials in alfalfa. Development of fact sheets and other outreach materials for field crops, forage, and turfgrass.

# Corey Ransom



- Plants, Soils, and Climate
- I recently moved into my position as Extension Weed Specialist, where I am responsible for the development and distribution of effective weed management solutions in agricultural and non-agricultural setting. Major areas of focus include weed control in crops, rangeland, and non-crop areas.

# Corey Ransom

## *Fun Fact*

- I developed a weed mapping approach that uses helmet-mounted cameras while riding a mountain bike to conduct invasive species inventories on trails.



# Corey Ransom



## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I am in need of cooperators to help identify important weeds across the state as well as to participate in small-plot research and demonstration trials for weed management.

Including:

- Elongated, Garlic, and Sahara Mustards
- Knapweed Management

# Teryl Roper



- Plants, Soils and Climate
- Evaluating tree nut germplasm for adaptation to the Intermountain West. Evaluating peach and apricot germplasm for adaptation to the Intermountain West.

# Teryl Roper

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Looking for cooperators who can plant almond, peach, apricot, filbert, and walnut selections for further evaluations across Utah. Cooperators will plant, maintain, and evaluate the trees and submit annual reports.



# Larry Rupp



- Plants, Soils and Climate
- I direct the Center for Water Efficient Landscaping. My focus within that is the selection, propagation, and introduction of superior native plants for low-water landscaping.



# Larry Rupp

## *Fun Fact*

- As part of our efforts to find superior bigtooth maples I got to fly all over the Wellsville and Bear River Ranges in a 1952 Piper Cub with fabric wings. Beats a drone any day.

# Larry Rupp

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I am always looking for people to trial plants in controlled landscape environments. I am also interested in working with people who may be aware of unique native plants they would like to see developed.



# David Schramm



- Family, Consumer and Human Development
- My programming falls into three primary areas: Parenting, Relationship/Marriage Education, and Personal Well-being. I have or am developing curricula for each of these areas.

# David Schramm

## *Fun Fact*

- I received 4 degrees from 4 different institutions and we have 4 children that were born in 4 different cities where we went to school.

# David Schramm

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I am always looking for collaborators to provide feedback for curricula and need interested county faculty to collaborate on grants to deliver the curricula across the state. I'm currently working with DCFS in piloting my relationship/marriage education program and my parenting program for professionals who work with couples and parents.

# Jordan Smith



- Environment and Society
- I direct the Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism at Utah State. Our mission is to provide data, information, and knowledge that will lead to a better understanding of the trade-offs and consequences associated with providing outdoor recreation opportunities. We aim to provide resource management personnel, elected officials, private industries, and the general public with a better understanding of the social and economic trade-offs faced by communities who manage outdoor recreation resources and tourism destinations.

# Jordan Smith

- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Environment and Society
- Director, Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism



- We are an interdisciplinary institute focused on research, outreach and teaching related to outdoor recreation and tourism management throughout Utah and the Intermountain West.



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RECREATION  
AND TOURISM  
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# Jordan Smith

## *Fun Fact*

- Snowboarded at every resort in Utah this past winter.



## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Outdoor recreation to improve public health in urban communities
- Outdoor recreation as a method to diversify and strengthen rural economies



# Denise Stewardson



- Applied Sciences, Technology Education
- Utah Agriculture in the Classroom is an agricultural literacy program designed to help K-12 students develop an awareness and understanding of our food and fiber system, and how agriculture impacts our daily lives. This is accomplished by a "train the trainer" model, providing preservice and inservice teachers with contextualized resources in the areas of science, social studies, nutrition, and career and technical education.

# Denise Stewardson

*Fun Fact*



# Denise Stewardson

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Utah AITC can provide K-12 populations and preservice/in-service teachers for educational researchers. Each year AITC reaches more than 126,000 students, 600 preservice teachers, and 1800 in-service teachers.



# Sandy Sulzer

- Applied Sciences, Technology Education
- I will be the new Wellness specialist, starting in April 2017.



# Sandy Sulzer

## *Fun Fact*

- I was a championship log roller in middle school.

# Sandy Sulzer

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- I will be looking for collaborators in the areas of health, wellness and disease prevention.

# Eric Thacker



- Wildland Resources
- The use of Targeted grazing as a wildfire management tool
- Rangeland evaluation (monitoring)
- Livestock and wildlife interactions,
- How Grazing Management affects livestock distribution.

# Eric Thacker

## *Fun Fact*

- I have 6 kids (5 daughters & 1 son)
- I spend spare time chasing game birds with my dogs and fly fishing.





# Eric Thacker



## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Permittee workshops: helping grazing permittees better understand their Forest Service and BLM permits.
- Cooperators for permittee monitoring: permittee interested in doing their own rangeland monitoring.
- Impact of grazing systems: need livestock producers with good record keeping (calf wean wts. and conception rates) that have implemented a grazing system.

# Ruby Ward



- Applied Economics
- Agricultural entrepreneurship and looking at making decisions to increase profit is a main area. Under this program I work with others to hold the Urban and Small Farms Conference. Some programming directed to Native Americans on financial and business management. I run a national website for farm tax issues.

# Ruby Ward

## *Initiatives needing collaborators*

- Urban and Small Farms Conference each year. Specialty and small farm decision making workshops and tools.

# Celina Wille



- Cache County
- My focus area is Latino programs and it is wide ranging: from nutrition education to youth development to agriculture.

Currently implementing a grant to address nutrition education through the development and pilot testing of a culturally-sensitive curriculum in Spanish.

# Celina Wille

## *Fun Fact*

- In 1992, I was a Summer intern at the National Agro-Technology Extension Center in Beijing, China.