

USU Extension Grant - Final Report: 2016-2017

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Project Title: Extension Climate Change Science Essentials: Online Training

Beginning and End Date: June 1, 2016-May, 2017.

Total Requested Amount: \$5,025

Project Summary:

In 2015, eXtension i-Three Issue Corps recognized our team as one of the leaders nationwide spearheading Extension climate change communications. We wish to create a Massive Open Online Course geared towards Extension educators regarding climate change. The goal would be to build a climate change foundational knowledge base within Extension.

Project Results

As a result of this grant funding, the following has been accomplished:

1. The Extension Climate Change Science Essentials: Online Training course has been designed, launched, and is active now through USU Extension:
<https://extension.learn.usu.edu/browse/climate-essentials/courses/climate>.
2. Twenty-eight Extension educators enrolled in the course to-date, and four have completed it.
3. Four videos were created to accompany the course as additional resources. Those are called "USU Moab Permaculture Garden," "The Role of Biological Soil Crusts," "Permaculture Techniques in Moab, UT," and "Residential Greywater System in Moab, UT." In the two months since their launch, the videos have collectively been viewed in nine countries, had 3,457 minutes of watch time, 1,012 views, 34 likes, and five comments.

Results Sharing:

The online course has been shared through the eXtension Climate Learning Network, the Southwest Climate Change Extension team, and at the USU annual conference. The course is also listed on the USDA Southwest Climate Hub website, available, here:

<https://swclimatehub.info/swext-resources>.



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