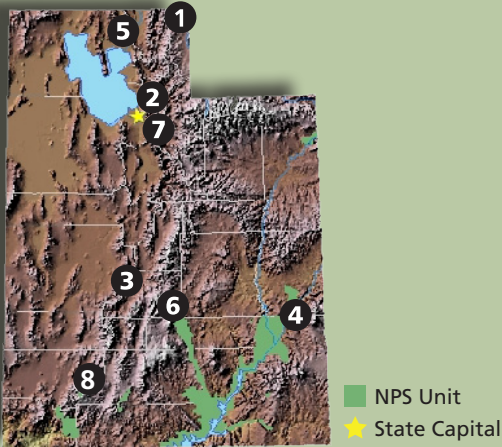




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PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2011

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Recent Successes

Brian Head Trail & Interpretive Plan

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program worked with the Town of Brian Head, Utah, and their partners to provide a vision and a comprehensive master plan for trail and interpretive planning. The project vision was to create and maintain a sustainable, environmentally sensitive, multi-use trail system that physically, intellectually, and emotionally connects users of all ages with the area's recreational, natural, scenic, and cultural resources.

Bryce Haderlie, the Brian Head Town Manager said, "through the planning of this project, we believe that Brian Head, private property owners, and surrounding federal land managers will be able to provide a seamless recreational opportunity for citizens and visitors. RTCA's ability to facilitate discussions between partners and provide expertise was instrumental to the success of this project."

RTCA's role in the project included: collecting Global Positioning System (GPS) information on existing and prospective trails, which led to a map depicting 44 miles of trails

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ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.



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2010 Nationwide Partnership Success

1,251 Miles of Trail Developed

1,694 Miles of River Conserved

25,370 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Recent Successes cont.

“RTCA’s ability to facilitate discussions between partners and provide expertise was instrumental to the success of this project...there is no question that we could not have accomplished what we have so far without RTCA assistance because they have the experience on how to complete the project planning process.”

Bryan Haderlie, Brian Head Town Manager

and identification of fourteen trail head locations; developing an interpretive plan identifying an interpretive theme and subthemes; four trail head concept design plans; development of a unique trail logo and kiosks; and consistent trail and sign standards.

Project partners included Cedar Breaks National Monument, Dixie National Forest, Brian Head Resort, Boy Scouts of America, Iron County, Town of Brian Head, Southern Utah University, and local businesses and residents.

Steve Robinson from the Dixie National Forest said, “The cooperative effort among the partners, with RTCA leadership, was critical to reduce complex land ownerships into what will be a coordinated system of trails.”

Many of Utah’s small rural communities like Brian Head lack funding and staff to complete comprehensive recreational planning. The RTCA program in Utah provides this along with other natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation services.



Trailhead planning at Brian Head.

Current Projects

1. Bear Lake Heritage Pathway

Project Partner: Bear Lake Regional Commission

RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion

Location: Rich County, Utah & Bear Lake County, Idaho

Project Goal

Develop a regional partnership and committee to focus on planning a 52-mile trail around Bear Lake. This project is located in two states, two counties, and multiple communities.

RTCA Role

Assist with planning of a 52-mile trail around the lake. Work with Envision Utah to build a regional plan for the area. Assist the Bear River Association of Governments on trail mapping and planning.

2. Salt Lake City Canal-Rail Trail

Project Partner: Salt Lake City

RTCA Contact: Kay Salazar

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Location: West Salt Lake City

Project Goal

Develop a major east-west connection with a 5.4-mile trail along the Surplus Canal and the 900 South abandoned rail line, linking to the Jordan River Trail. Restore associated natural resources along the river corridor.

RTCA Role

Assist Salt Lake City and partners with planning and development of a community rail trail including concepts for outdoor education, safe routes for students, community gardens, neighborhood gathering areas, mixed-use, natural areas and recreation opportunities.



Big Rock Candy Mountain Express, a bike and pedestrian trail.

3. Big Rock Candy Mountain Express Trail

Project Partner: Sevier County

RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion

Location: Sevier County

Project Goal

Site design plan for a 2-acre trailhead providing access to the Sevier River for rafters, to a 20-mile paved bike and pedestrian trail, and to extensive OHV trails, including the Piute trail.

RTCA Role

Provide assistance with partnership development and facilitation of meetings for a shared non-motorized

and motorized trailhead. A design concept plan will be completed for the trail head located within the Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area. The plan will identify areas for kiosks, interpretive information, and a boat launch.

4. Moab Lions Park

Project Partner: Moab Trails Alliance

RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion

Location: Moab

Project Goal

Culmination of a three year planning project for a gateway park and the surrounding 155 acres that will include two miles of trails and three acres of riparian and wildlife restoration.



An annual triathlon on the Big Rock Candy Mountain Express Trail attracts bikers, runners, and kayakers and encourages residents and visitors to participate in healthy recreation.

Current Projects cont.



Potential location for a trail along the Malad River in Tremonton City.

5. Tremonton City Trail and Conservation Planning

Project Partner: Tremonton City
RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion
Location: Box Elder County

Project Goal

Trail planning for a 1.5-mile trail along the Malad River. Conceptual design site plan for a park and trailhead on a five-acre city-owned parcel along the river.

RTCA Role

RTCA will facilitate meetings to obtain public input. The Bear River Association of Governments is providing geographic information system (GIS) trail mapping assistance.

6. Wayne County Bike and Pedestrian Pathway System

Project Partner: Wayne County Business Association
RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion
Location: Wayne County

Project Goal

A county-wide trail completed in phases along with interpretive

planning within the Mormon Pioneer Heritage Area.

RTCA Role

RTCA will work with the Public Transit in Parks - Technical Advisory Committee to assist in providing alternative transportation planning assistance.



A meeting held on the Jordan River Trail to discuss natural resource conservation and recreation elements to include in the West Jordan Master Plan.

7. West Jordan Master Plan

Project Partner: West Jordan City
RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion
Location: West Jordan

Project Goal

Provide a critical missing link along the Jordan River Parkway Trail, safely connect the community of West Jordan to the trail, and preserve urban agricultural open space. River restoration will also be addressed with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

RTCA Role

Assist in partnership development and facilitation of meeting with the City as well as other partners to create a Master Plan for an area along the Jordan River.

8. Eastern Iron County Trail Visioning

Project Partner: Iron County
RTCA Contact: Marcy DeMillion
Location: Iron County

Project Goal & RTCA Role

Facilitate a trail visioning process for Eastern Iron County. Following the visioning process, Utah State University will engage with Iron County in a design charette.