



## A LOOK BACK AT 2025

Utah's outdoor recreation community continued to grow in 2025, and the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation, alongside communities and partners, advanced efforts to ensure outdoor recreation remains safe, sustainable and accessible for all Utahns.

## 2025 AT A GLANCE

**\$10 BILLION**  annual economic impact.

A map of the state of Idaho, showing county boundaries. The state is divided into approximately 44 counties, with the most densely populated areas in the southern and central parts of the state.

Supports  
**70,000**  
jobs in Utah.

Awarded to **267** recreation projects statewide, across all **29** counties.

1,300+ MILES



**2,000** Kids and families participated in free Every Kid Outdoors events, fostering lifelong connections to nature.



## HIGH DESERT TRAIL

# \$1.5+ MILLION

invested in long-term community recreation planning.

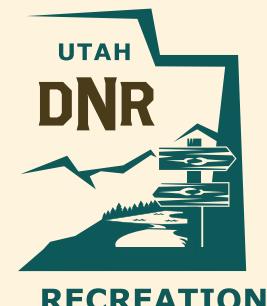
Improved OHV rider access and education.  550,000 adult OHV education course completions new digital wallet certificate option

## LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation will build on its strong partnerships and continue investing in safe, accessible and sustainable outdoor recreation statewide.

### ***Key Priorities:***

- Expand recreation safety education across boating, OHV, and trail use.
- Invest in trail maintenance and recreation infrastructure improvements.
- Strengthen partnerships with communities, land managers, and advisory committees.
- Develop new statewide recreation resources to improve access and awareness.
- Expand Utah's Every Kid Outdoors Initiative to connect more families to safe, accessible outdoor experiences statewide.



# Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation **2025 YEAR IN REVIEW**

## *Shaping the Future of Outdoor Recreation in Utah*



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**\$46+ MILLION**

Awarded to **267** projects in all **29** counties.

## GRANTS PROGRAM

### *Investing in Utah's Outdoor Future*

Utah's many outdoor recreation grant programs are the primary way the state invests directly in local communities. These grants expand access, improve safety and build long-term recreation infrastructure while supporting local economies statewide.

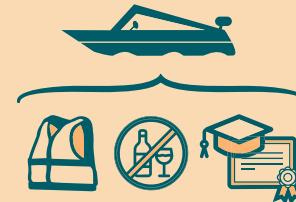


**14** statewide events reached nearly **2,000** kids and families.

## UTAH'S EVERY KID OUTDOORS INITIATIVE

### *Inspiring Utah's Next Generation of Adventurers*

Utah's Every Kid Outdoors (EKO) initiative successfully relaunched as a proof-of-concept to introduce Utah families to safe, accessible outdoor experiences at no cost. The program focuses on youth engagement, family participation, and building lifelong connections to the outdoors.



Boating safety education reached **THOUSANDS** of Utahns, focusing on life jackets, cold-water safety, DUI prevention and paddlesports.

## BOATING PROGRAM

### *Education, Access and Safety on Utah Waters.*

Utah's waters play a central role in outdoor recreation, and boater safety remains a top priority. In 2025, the Boating Program continued to promote life jacket use, cold-water safety, DUI prevention and paddlesport education.

Our team partnered on **major safety campaigns**, produced new video content and worked closely with law enforcement and the Division of State Parks to reach thousands of Utahns with critical safety messaging. Boating access grants continued to improve launch ramps, docks and water-based recreation infrastructure across the state.



Nearly **350,000** riders have completed the Adult OHV Education Course since its launch in 2023.

## OHV PROGRAM

### *Promoting Responsible and Safe Motorized Recreation.*

The OHV Program supports Utah's growing motorized recreation community through safety education, trail stewardship, and targeted infrastructure investments, emphasizing safe, responsible riding, sustainable motorized trail systems and long-term access.



**\$1.5+ MILLION**

awarded through the Outdoor Recreation Planning Assistance program for community-led recreation planning.

## TRAILS & PLANNING

### *Strengthening Utah's Outdoor Recreation & Trail Networks*

The Trails & Planning Program helps communities plan for sustainable outdoor recreation, ensuring trail and recreation networks remain connected, maintained and ready for future demand. In 2025, the program advanced the High Desert Trail, a multi-county route nearing official designation, and launched Utah's first long-range recreation planning effort throughout six counties in Central Utah.



**15,250+** crew hours logged.



**1,300+ MILES**

of trails maintained, ensuring Utah's trail networks remain safe and accessible.

## STATEWIDE TRAIL CREW

### *Built for durability. Earned through reputation. Maintained by service.*

Utah's Statewide Trail Crew Program provides on-the-ground capacity to maintain and improve motorized and non-motorized trail systems across the state. The four regional crews based in Salt Lake City, Richfield, Cedar City and Moab ensure public investments in trails are protected through consistent maintenance and stewardship.