

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) at Utah State University

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RREA programs in Utah help educate professionals in urban forestry, outdoor recreation, and land management, and forest and rangeland owners, to better manage the resources under their care. RREA funding helps make expertise available to conduct educational programs that benefit the entire state. For every dollar of RREA funding that came to Utah last year, at least \$10 of state and other funds were spent on these programs.

Recent programs funded by RREA include:

∞ *Scenic Byway 12 Marketing Workshop* – Extension’s Institute for Outdoor Recreation and Tourism (IORT) facilitated a marketing workshop for Scenic Byway 12 stakeholders, resulting in the creation of a common vision for the marketing of the Byway, and enhancing the integrity of the Byway corridor.

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Restoring the West Conference 2006: Aspen Restoration – This conference attracted 175 landowners, professionals, and students from Utah and throughout the West to learn about important and declining aspen forests. Their knowledge, skill, and ability to manage aspen increased (based on evaluations); attendees manage an average of 433,000 acres of forest each. An innovative post-conference web site makes the conference presentations (audio and slides) readily available to all who are interested (see www.restorethewest.org).

∞ *Utah Range Schools* – Three Utah Range Schools were presented by the USU Extension Public Lands Issues Team in March 2006. Pre- and post-tests of the material presented indicated that participants’ knowledge of rangeland management increased dramatically.

“We really appreciate your assistance in facilitating our marketing workshop. It really brought our partners together, we have a common vision, and we look forward to continuing to work together in the future to achieve our goals and objectives to market our wonderful scenic byway to benefit our communities and residents” – John Holland, Chair, Scenic Byway 12 Committee

“Learned a lot. Gained courage to proceed, feel there is a network of people to bounce ideas/ concerns off.” – Restoring the West Conference Participant, September 2006

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