



# Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

# Statutory Authority: UTAH CODE – TITLE 65a

§ 1 - Forestry, Fire, and State Lands Advisory Council - Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

§ 2 - Administration and Management of State Lands

§ 3 - Illegal Activities on State Lands

§ 4 - Acquisition and Disposition of Land by State Agencies

§ 5 - Deposit and Allocation of Revenues from State Lands

§ 6 - Mineral Leases

§ 7 - Sale, Exchange, and Lease of State Lands

§ 8 - Management of Forest Lands and Fire Control

§ 9 - Utah Forest Practices Act

§ 10 - Management of Range Resources

§ 11 - Management of Sovereign Lands

§ 12 - Flood Control and Prevention

§ 13 - Lands Granted Under the Carey Act

§ 14 - Utah Bioprospecting Act



# Six Area Offices Located in Salt Lake, Logan, Vernal, Moab, Cedar City and Richfield



# FORESTRY

- Utah has around 14,500 non-industrial private landowners
- Division foresters work with landowners to manage their forested land and related resources
- Division foresters have completed 102 Forest Stewardship Plans totaling 295,000 acres
- Forest Legacy Program  
20 Easements totaling 61,000 acres



# FIRE

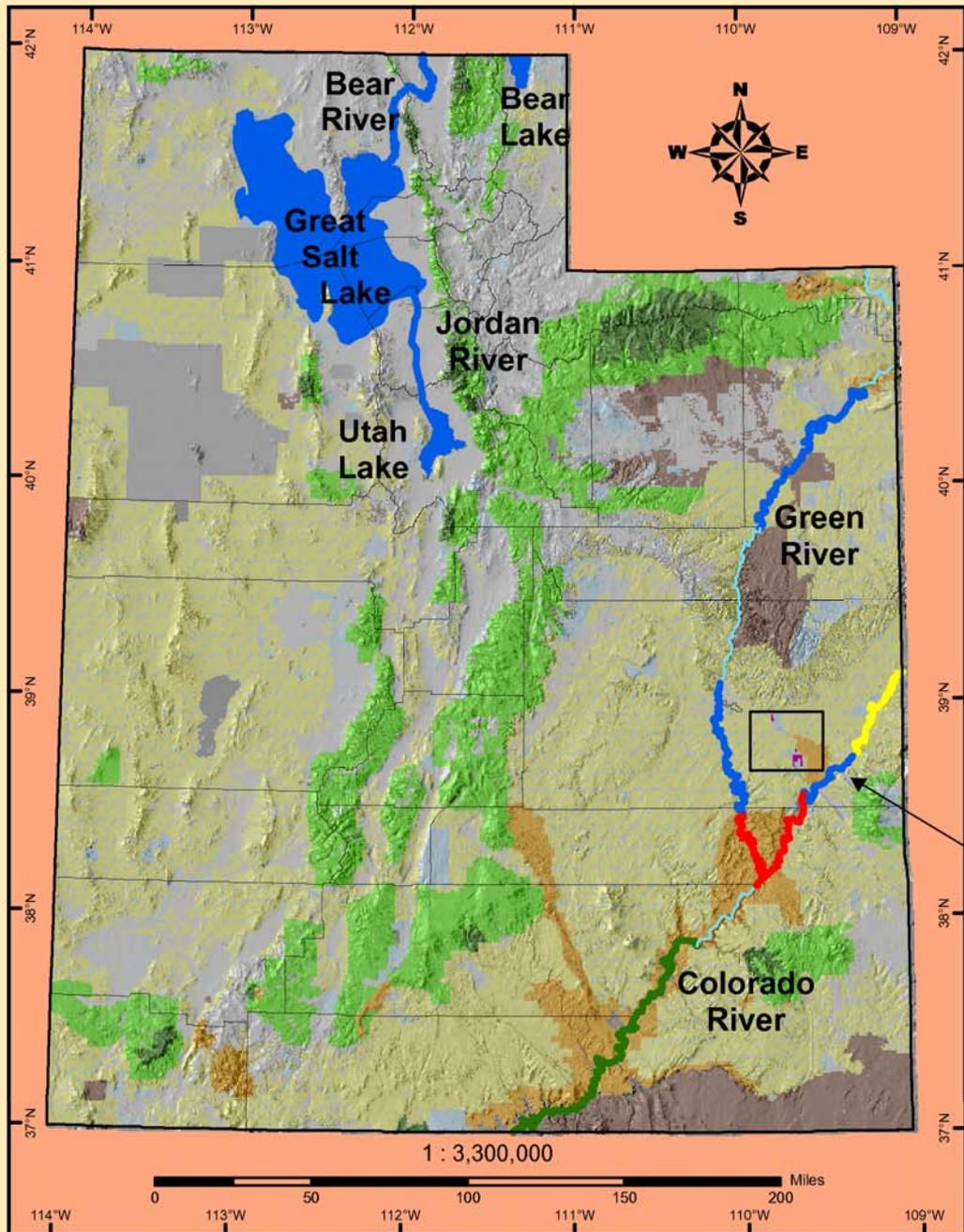
- Responsible for fire management and suppression on 15,000,000 acres of private and state land
- Responds to around 1,000 fires each year
- 620 communities classified as “At Risk”
- 198 Community Wildfire Protection Plans in place
- Heavily involved in fuel mitigation and hazardous fuels reduction projects
  - About \$5,000,000 in annual project money



# Sovereign Lands Management

- Received title to 1.5 million acres at time of statehood
- 2,200 miles of shore line
- Beds of Great Salt Lake, Bear Lake, Utah Lake, Bear River, Jordan River, portions of Green and Colorado Rivers
- Other sovereign land: Courthouse Wash and Prairie Dog Haven (Exchanged from Canyonlands NP)
- Other lands: Galena, North Utah Lake, Parley's Summit, Bluffdale Easements
- FFSL provides annual research funding





# Utah Sovereign Lands

## State Sovereign Lands

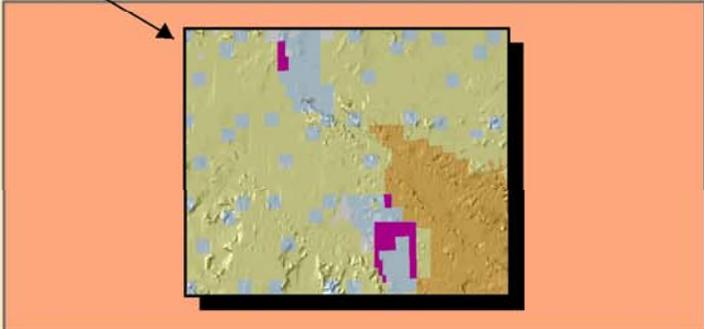
- Sovereign Land - River and Lake Beds
- Sovereign Land Within Glen Canyon Nat'l Rec Area
- Land to be Adjudicated
- River Bed Not Sovereign Land
- Land Exchanged to Canyonlands Nat'l Park
- Received from Exchange

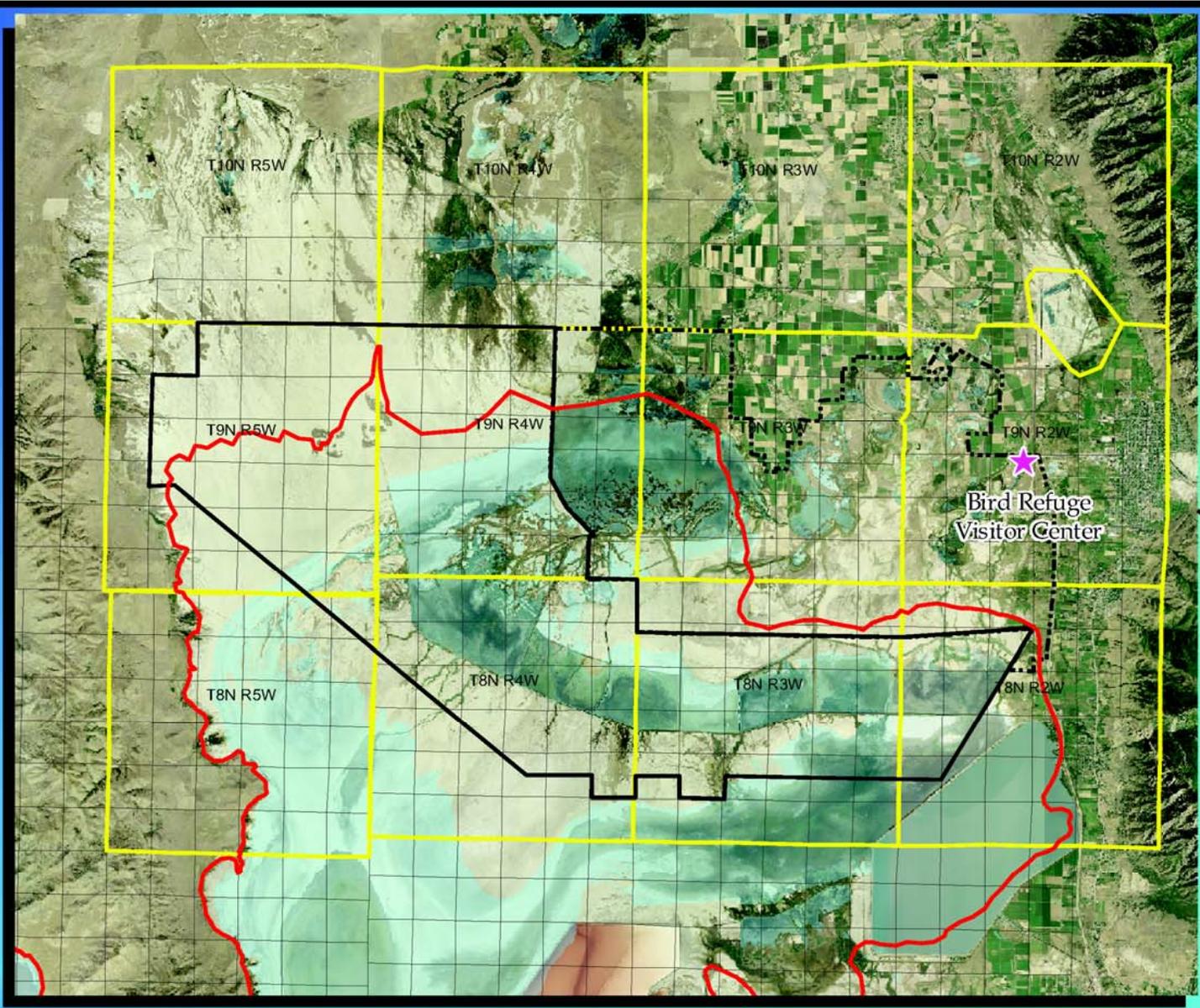
## General Land Ownership

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**Utah Claims Land Below**

 Great Salt Lake Meander Line

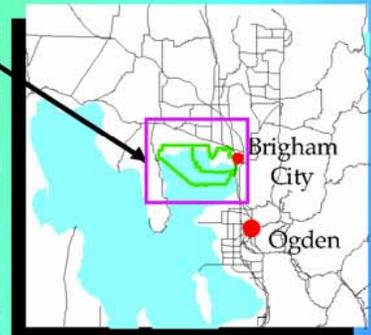
Refuge Boundary

 Original

 Expansion

 1929 Law Extent

 Section Lines



Data Sources  
 USFWS - Refuge Boundary  
 Utah ARGC - Meander Line and Water  
 NAIP - 2006 Aerial Photograph



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**State of Utah**  
**Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge**

1929 Laws of Utah - Included Lands

# Approximately 36,098 Acres

## Timeline of Refuge Management:

1927 – Legislature authorizes conveyance of land to Refuge

1929 – Legislature revokes authorization but allowed land for use as a Refuge while retaining mineral rights

1976 – US Supreme Court confirms Utah's ownership of land

2000 – Utah gives notice of intent to file suit

2001 - Tentative settlement for \$15,000,000

2001 - Interior Secretary Norton appeared with Governor Leavitt to sign settlement but found that money was not available

2006 - USFWS notifies us that because of the 1927 and 1929 legislative actions they will no longer negotiate

2007 – Representative Ferry runs HB 192, Interior was made aware of State's intention to revoke the 1927 and 1929 legislation

2008 – Management agreement signed between FFSL and USFWS, agreement expires in May of 2011

2008 – Agreed to do separate appraisals, State: \$17,000,000 USFWS: \$8,000,000

Local USFWS representatives and BRMBR managers have been very cooperative





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