



Less Access = Less Recreation: These closures limit your ability to recreate — whatever that means to you. Whether that is mountain or gravel biking, climbing, hiking, canyoneering, offroading, hunting, camping, and more. While many uses don't require motors, many of the access points are served by motorized transportation. Closures may also restrict access even by foot as well as to those who are simply looking to camp on the side of the road. Road closures are especially impactful to users who have physical limitations and rely on motorized transportation to get them to their public lands.



This isn't just about the State, it's about everyday Utahns: Less access means less recreation and tourism. Revenue from outdoor recreation impacts 18.2% of jobs in Emery County. A drop in tax revenue and tourism spending directly impacts Utahns, both in Emery County and statewide. It means less funding for vital services, fewer jobs, and cuts into the nearly \$12 billion that tourism contributes to Utah's economy.



Restricts access to State Trust Lands: Trust lands generate revenue for beneficiaries through energy and mineral leases, real estate planning, and surface resource use on designated public lands. When access to these lands are cutoff (or limited), additional funding for Utah students and schools is jeopardized.



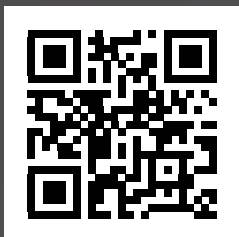
Search and rescue: Access is crucial for medical personnel during rescue operations to provide timely medical assistance to injured people. Accidents, such as falls, heat stress, and animal encounters, are common in these areas, and timely medical attention can make a significant difference in the outcome.



Limits wildlife management efforts: Less access limits the ability to monitor populations and conduct vital studies on wildlife behavior and habitat use and projects. Lack of access also obstructs assessments of human impact on these areas, hindering informed conservation decisions.



The State wants to work together: The State encourages the option of use-or-time restrictions over permanent closure of any roads in Travel Management Areas. This is an opportunity to work together and consider innovative measures to limit conflict and minimize or mitigate impacts.



Get Informed. Get Involved.

- Make your voice heard and participate in the public comment period, let the BLM know how important access is to you.
- Downloadable Maps (Get out there and ground truth for yourself!)
- Use the San Rafael Swell TMP Comment Letter Generator
- More information available at publiclands.utah.gov/tmp