



Thank you for your interest in working with Utah Open Lands (UOL) on a conservation project. You should be commended for your effort to save Utah's beautiful country. We appreciate you considering Utah Open Lands to help you work through the possibility of protecting your land. To fully understand the project, UOL needs to evaluate both the property and the project itself.

For Utah Open Lands to make an informed decision about your property and the project, we will need to make a site visit. During this site visit and throughout our process, we will discuss the project with you to ascertain your goals.

Before this site visit occurs, it is critical that we gather some preliminary information about the property. We have enclosed our Landowner Guide which aside from relevant information regarding Utah Open Lands and the necessary process for conservation is a **worksheet you will need to complete and return.**

It is critical that we obtain this information before the site visit so that we can begin to understand the project.

Once we have received the above information and completed the site visit, UOL staff and board will review the project in order to determine if the project is one that we can undertake.

Please note that regardless of whether Utah Open Lands accepts the project, there are costs associated with any conservation project. These costs include expenses that a landowner incurs in obtaining necessary title information and appraisal work as well as costs Utah Open Lands must cover in order to insure our capacity to safeguard your project. These costs include the baseline documentation required for the conservation easement, the easement drafting and staff time reviewing and engaging the project and a stewardship cost associated with all conservation easement transactions.

Also, please be aware that if you wish the donation of the conservation easement to be tax deductible, the terms of the easement must comply with §170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code. You will need to retain an appraiser who has experience in appraising conservation easements. Utah Open Lands will need a copy of the appraisal prior to signing an 8283. This form requires an appraisal that meets the requirement set forth under 170(h) of the IRS code. Utah Open Lands refers you to Internal Revenue Service Bulletin 2006-96 for further information. In general, you should be aware of the timing of the appraisal; the appraisal cannot be done more than 60 days prior to the date the gift is made; you should use an appraiser who follows Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. Also be aware that you, as the donor, not the land trust, are responsible for any determination of the value of the donation. We inform all landowners that Utah Open Lands will not knowingly participate in a project where it has significant concerns about the tax deduction. Be sure to find out from your chosen appraiser whether he/she is qualified to appraise conservation easements.

Utah Open Lands is not qualified to give tax, estate planning, real estate, or accounting advice to assist you in evaluating these benefits, and we strongly encourage you to seek outside professional advice.

We feel that it is not only important for us to make sure that we are the right organization for your needs, but for you to do so as well. The Landowner Guide includes some information about us, our mission and goals, as well as information concerning some of the projects that we have completed. If there are any questions about Utah Open Lands or anything else, please feel free to call me at (801)463-6156.

Sincerely yours,

Wendy E. Fisher
Executive Director

Landowner Worksheet

The following information is relevant to completing the transaction. Please answer all. Completion of this form does not constitute Utah Open Lands' board approval and or acceptance of any interest in the delineated property. Any questions on this form or other matters, should be directed to 801.463.6156 or Wendy@UtahOpenLands.org

You are asking Utah Open Lands to: (Check one of the following)

- Accept a Donation Provide funds to acquire
- Accept a Partial donation and provide remaining funds to acquire
- Accept land in conjunction with a Regulatory or zoning condition.

Of: (check one of the following) Fee Title Conservation Easement

Landowner Name:
Contact Person:
Address:
Stipulate address to be used in the documentation:
Email / phone number:
Location of Property:
Acreage:
Current Use:
If the property is owned through a trust, partnership or corporation please specify who will be making the grant of easement or property?
If Regulatory or zoning condition, is this parcel of land part of a development plan that may cause a quid quo pro?

Documents you could provide to UOL for Baseline Documentation work (check the following)

- Aerial map Topo map Plat map Wildlife studies Survey Legal description

Time Frame for preservation:
Has the property been appraised? When:
Was the appraisal for a conservation easement or fee title?
When was the most recent title report issued?
Are there title issues you are aware of which would prevent a grant of conservation easement?
Are there liens or mortgages on the property and if so can they be made subordinate to the easement?
Of the existing easements on the property are there rights of way/easements that should be vacated prior to the grant of easement?

Landowner Worksheet continued

How long have you owned the property?

Are the Mineral interests severed from the property?

Are there trails currently on this property open to the public?

Will this property be publicly accessible?

Are there trails, trailheads, or public viewing areas contemplated for this property?

What is the proximity of this property to other protected lands (county, state, federal, non governmental)?

What is the proximity of this property to development or planned development?

Is this open space being dedicated as part of a planned development or through a regulatory process requiring that a certain amount of acreage be set aside?

Are you willing to contribute to Utah Open Lands Stewardship Fund, specifically for this property?

Have you contacted any other organizations about the preservation of your land? If "yes", which ones:

Are you currently working with any organization to preserve your land; or has any other organization been asked to consider your project? If "yes", please explain:

By initialing here you are giving Utah Open Lands authorization to represent to our funding partners your land preservation as a Utah Open Lands Project.

Are you aware of any toxic or hazardous materials on the property? Yes No I am not sure

Continued Uses and Reserved Rights on the Property

- Grazing # of livestock _____
- House / Cabin Site(s) _____
- Hunting / Fishing _____
- Public Access _____
- Family Use _____
- Motorized vehicle needs _____
- Farming Ranching Activities _____
- Timber harvesting for personal use _____
- Resource improvement/restoration _____
- Future uses _____
- Commercial Use _____
- Industrial Uses _____
- Outbuildings _____
- Relocation, renovation of existing structures _____
- Fencing _____
- Other _____

Utah Open Lands Internal Use

Date of Contact: _____

Initial Contact: _____

Landowner packet sent: _____

Conservation Purposes
 Wildlife Agricultural
 Scenic Historic Recreation

Site Visit: _____

Time Frame for Completion: _____

Conservation Easement Draft _____

Attorney assigned: _____

Board of Trustee Approval: _____

Date: _____

Title Insurance: _____

8283 Form Disclosure: _____

Mineral Interest/Geologist Report: _____

Baseline Report status: _____

Appraiser: _____

Landowner attorney: _____

By SUBMITTING you are attesting you have answered the above questions to the best of your knowledge: