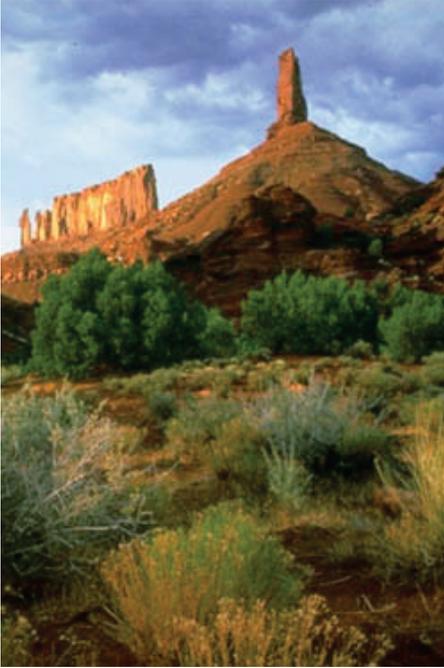


Castle Valley Preservation Initiative



Description: The conservation easement preserves 90 acres in Castle Valley for hiking, camping, access to Castle Rock for climbing, wildlife habitat, open space and scenic views of the valley.

Location: Castle Valley, Grand County.

Acreage: 90 acres

Grant funding: \$85,200

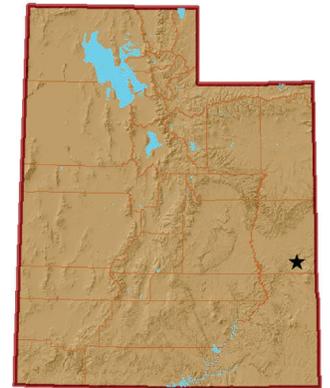
Total Project Cost: \$356,200

Grant Awarded: October 2002

Partners: Town of Castle Valley, The Access Fund, Division of Wildlife Resources, SITLA, Utah Open Lands

Local Support: Castle Valley, Grand County, SITLA, Sen. Mike Dmitrich, Rep. Keele Johnson

Conservation Easement Held by: Town of Castle Valley



Public Benefits

Recreation: The conservation easement preserves public access to the famed Castleton Tower. The Tower is an internationally known and popular desert rock climbing destination. Other public recreational opportunities include hiking, mountain biking, and camping.

Tourism: Adjacent to Arches National Park, Castle Valley plays host to national and international visitors who come to admire its dramatic formations and red rock mesas. Protecting this land will insure future tourism opportunities.

Scenic Quality: Castleton Tower is an icon of the southeastern desert. Keeping the area surrounding the Tower free from development helps preserve the spectacular views the Tower provides. The loss would impact not only the surrounding community, but the many tourists and rock climbers that travel to area every year.