

## **U. of U. interested in Entrada Ranch**

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The University of Utah currently has no major programs in environmental studies, and is currently in the process of embarking on some through acquisition of the Entrada Ranch.

The ranch, comprised of some 400 acres, is located about a hour's drive from Moab on the Dolores River.

Dennis Bramble, the U. of U.'s interdisciplinary and community outreach coordinator for the project, was in Moab March 12 to present preliminary information on the proposed field station at the ranch.

He said the Entrada Field Station will give the university "a place-based research and learning center on the major environmental challenges of the 21st century."

Bramble told a gathering of governmental and community leaders that he wanted to test the local waters regarding the institution's plan to purchase the ranch and develop the field station.

He received favorable comments and expressions of support from those present.

The project, Bramble said, has the support of the U's senior administration and also has broad support across campus, including the law, science, arts and other communities.

Different departments, he said, see different opportunities in the remote riparian site. The project, however, has

not yet been formally presented to the state's Board of Regents.

Anyone with comments on the proposal is invited to contact Bramble at 801-581-3549.

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