

Truman directs creation of Stewardship Center

The Utah Rural Development Council (URDC) is in the process of creating a Stewardship Center that appears to be the first of its kind in the nation. **Scott Truman**, Executive Director of the URDC, which is based in Cedar City, has been on a promotion and education campaign to create awareness of the newly formed Center. Truman explains that the intent of the Stewardship Center is to work with federal and state agencies to improve forest and rangeland health, to improve fish and wildlife habitat, improve air and water quality, and to improve



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the social and economic vitality of rural communities. To accomplish this, the Center is working to help rebuild the forest products industry in Utah. The Center was founded to facilitate stewardship contracting between local businesses and National Forests by helping with bonding issues and clearing hurdles between businesses and federal agencies. Truman said one

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