



# Cultural Resource Clearance

Section 106 Review

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# Utah's Cultural Resource Clearance Requirements



Ú Identify the area of the potential affect and plot on a 1:24000 topographic map

Ú Pre-Field Check

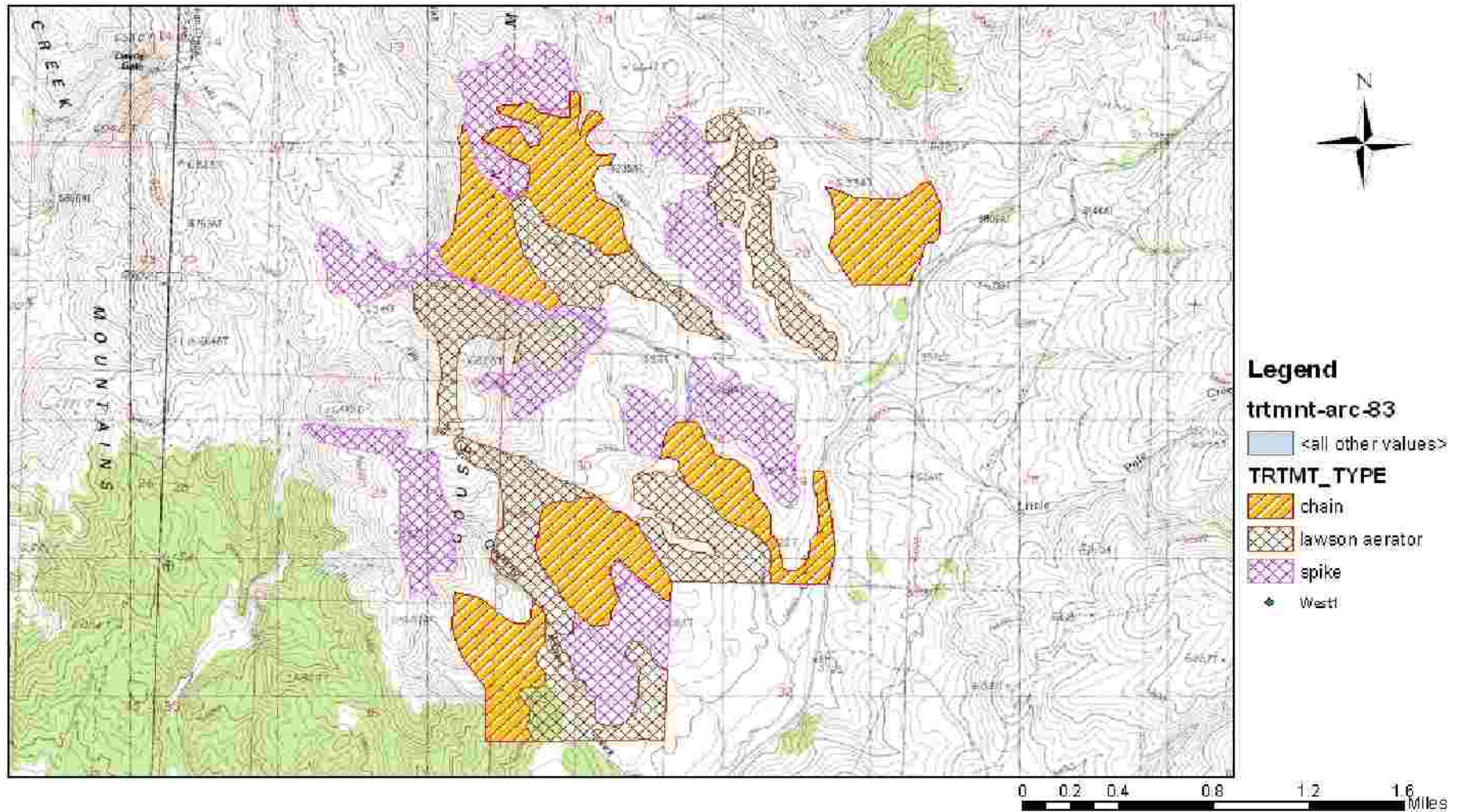
- Contact the landowner
- Identify previously known cultural sites

Ú Search on the National Historic Register

Ú Field Check

- Transect spacing no more than 15 meters/50 feet

# Proposed Project Implementation Map



# Project Design and Implementation

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- Ú Landowner applies for assistance through a Federal cost-share program
- Ú If funded, Cultural Resource Clearance must be completed before implementation can begin
- Ú Any ground disturbance practice must be culturally cleared



# Project Organization

- Ú Area staff from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Utah Association of Conservation Districts (UACD) were contacted to assist with field survey
- Ú Lodging arrangements were made at a local guest ranch



# Utah State University Experiment



- Ú USU graduate student studying Greater Sage Grouse (*Centerocercus urophasianus*)
- Ú Study will monitor results of three vegetation manipulation techniques



# Landowner Objectives

- Ú To improve the quality of livestock forage
- Ú To improve wildlife habitat for big game and sage grouse
- Ú To partner with state and federal agencies to prevent sage grouse from being listed as an endangered species

# Documentation



- Ú Any cultural sites identified are documented on a site form worksheet
- Ú Plot on a 1:24000 scale map
- Ú At least two photographs of the site are attached
- Ú At least one of the photographs is an overview shot of the site





# Landowner and Resource Privacy Policy

## Ú Documentation

- Site Description: Form on NRCS website
- Submit at least two photographs
- Submit to the Utah State NRCS Archeologist
  - Clearance by state Historical Preservation Officer

## Ú Decision

- Clearance letter
- Avoid Areas or further evaluation, depending on impacts and findings
- If no significant impacts cleared for project implementation
- If significant impacts are found, 30 day public input is required

# 50 foot spacing





# Obsidian Chip





# Purple Glass

