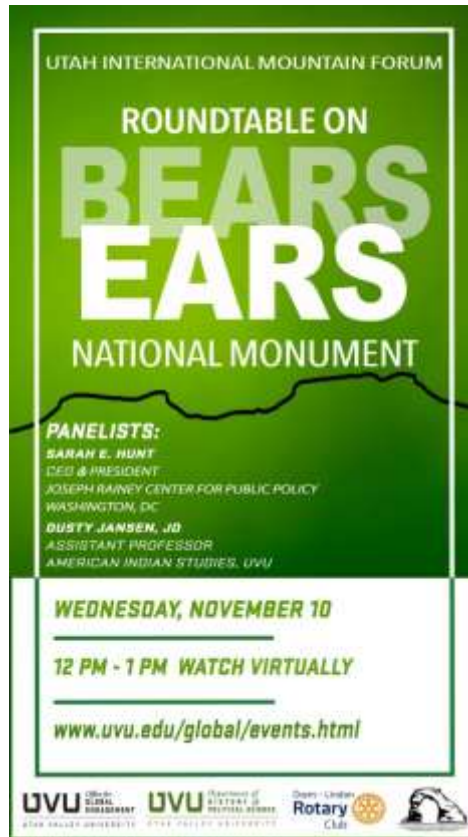


## My experience watching the Roundtable on Bear Ears

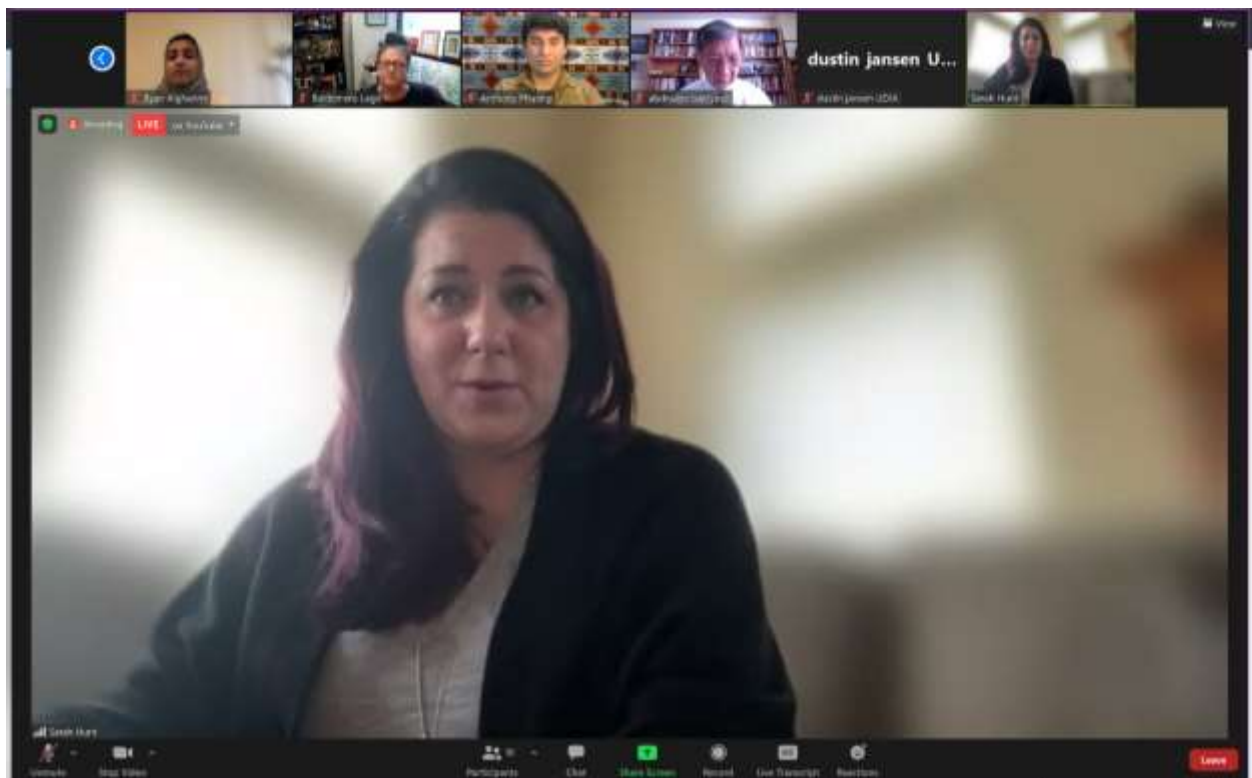


Poster on Bear Ears National Monumnet

I watched the live-stream roundtable about the Bears Ears National Monument. It was really cool to hear and see people my age takes on such a huge issue that has even been recognized by multiple presidents as the rules concerning the lands have changed. This event was hosted and run by student members of the Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU). It was led by the UIMF President, Dallas Karren on November 10, 2021.

I was surprised to hear that it has gone back and forth between the 3 most recent presidents, as this issue has been alive for a while. I was not aware of the club offered for college and high school students to get involved in these issues and have a say. They complete several

projects to help our land. It's very reassuring to see the leaders in this meeting that are active in the economical areas of our state, especially Sarah Hunt. Her clean energy program sounds very promising and like it will deliver the results we need. Her strong background in ethics also gives me confidence that she knows what she is doing and can execute decisions ethically, something most political leaders fail to do (due to the nature of the job). Women in power who care about other women not in power are who we need leading us into a new, kinder world. "As leaders, one of our jobs is to help bring peace and healing to our communities because division and hurt are everywhere." (UVU Office for Global Engagement, 2022)



**Sarah Hunt presents at the Bears Ears Roundtable**

Hunt talks about this difference between a National Monument and a National Park. She boils it down to one point, who gets to control the land, and therefore control the income and expenses. Who will benefit more and who should it benefit? She goes on to say that Bears Ears is the only other prominent source, besides the Grand Canyon, that naturally produces uranium, a

resource we need to generate nuclear power to make our planet healthy. I personally believe that we should be using nuclear power more for the safety of humanity. I agree with everything Sarah Hunt said. She was smart and direct in her assertions, with facts and truth to back them up. I learned several things from this video including the use of nuclear power and how we should go about saving our planet, starting with Bears Ears monument.

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