

My Reflection on the Bear Ears National Monument Roundtable



Students preparing before the start of the Roundtable

Utah Valley University(UVU) has many great clubs that are great opportunity for everyone to learn and participate. The Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) met this 10 November 2021 and invited students to jump into the circle, allowing us and those students help the new generation have a say. Throughout the community there are organizations that help: promote peace, fight disease, promote clean water and help families. Natural recourses are something we need to have in the world. It was cool hearing from the speakers to hear more about the problems that are existing with the park and how they relate to these organizations.

The Bears Ears National Monument is part of the San Juan County In Southeastern Utah. It was established recently by Barack Obama in the year 2016. Taking some time to decide if we should change to National park or Monument is something that needs to be heard. National parks must be a certain size and be voted on. It was a great idea by Sarah Hunt to make the bears ear a national park instead of monument. The upkeep of a park cost money, in order to fund that we need to make it a National Park. We need to start using clean energy just as Sarah Hunt said.

Before this speech I had not known this topic was something ongoing. It was great to watch and learn a different perspective. The state should have more control over the lands and the property's. There needs to be funding provided but we also need to have control how monuments are run. I agree with trying to get more funds back to the State to support the people from our home and state.

-Stephanie Dansie, UVU student