

# The Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009

## What is the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009?

On March 30, 2009, the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 was signed into law. The act, which designated two million acres of wilderness in nine states and more than 1,000 miles of Wild and Scenic River segments, also brought significant changes to the BLM–Utah Color Country District. These changes clarify and broaden BLM Utah’s land management responsibilities, endorse appropriate use of public lands, and promote the continued stewardship of valuable resources in the Color Country District.



## What did the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 create in Washington County?

- ✦ 2 National Conservation Areas
- ✦ 14 Wilderness Designations
- ✦ 11 Wild and Scenic River segments totaling nearly 19 miles
- ✦ Transfer of 640 acres into trust for Shivwits Band of Paiute Indians of Utah

## What are some benefits of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 in Washington County?

Under the act, a number of land conveyances and transfers will benefit the local community by providing public land for the expansion of parks, schools, historic trails, and other public facilities.

- ✦ Additional public lands will be available to Washington County for public schools.
- ✦ Additional public lands will be available to Washington County for the expansion of the county correctional facility.
- ✦ Public lands will be conveyed to Hurricane, Utah, for two new community parks.
- ✦ St. George, Utah, will receive a land transfer for a public recreation trail near the historic Temple Quarry site.
- ✦ The Shivwits Band of Paiute Indians will receive a land transfer of 640 acres.
- ✦ Zion National Park will receive one wilderness area.
- ✦ Additional disposals and land acquisitions that will benefit the public are also pending.

## Where can I find more information about the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 in Washington County?

To learn more about how the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 will benefit the BLM–Utah Color Country District, visit:

[http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/st\\_\\_george.html](http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/st__george.html)