



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY  
AND  
UTAH AVALANCHE CENTER**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), while not a legally binding document, indicates a voluntary agreement to assist in the implementation of the goals described in the San Juan County Avalanche Sign project.

**Overall Project Goals, Services and Outcomes:** In an effort to improve backcountry user safety the Utah Avalanche Center (UAC) and San Juan County – Utah’s Canyon Country have placed two signs at key trailheads that provide access to backcountry winter recreationalist in San Juan County. Users include skiers, snowmobilers, snowshoers, and etc. Both signs provide reminders to users that if they plan to enter avalanche terrain to check the advisory forecast, provided by UAC, and to carry avalanche gear. Additionally, the signs Dalton Spring sign includes electronics allowing users to test if their avalanches beacons are fully functional. The UAC is committed to the region in providing forecasts for both the La Sal’s and the Abajo’s through the creation of separate advisory forecasts for each range. Additionally, UAC provides training for new and veteran users in how to travel safely through avalanche terrain.

**Period & Renewal:** Annual agreement for a 5-year period. Upon which, the MOU will be revisited. The 5-year period will start on the date of the last representation to sign.

**Roles and Responsibilities: San Juan County:**

- \$500/year – covering the maintenance, installation, and upgrade costs for two avalanche signs
  - Dalton Spring Winter Trail Head – Abajo’s
  - Dark Canyon – La Sal’s

**Roles and Responsibilities: Partnering Agency:**

- Install & setup signs in the Winter
- Maintain and repair signs annually
- Check sign condition throughout the season
- Remove signs in the Spring
- Part replacement such as solar panels, batteries, and other electronics

**Termination:** This MOU may be terminate by either party, for any reason, by providing 30 days’ written notice

**San Juan County Representation**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title & Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Utah Avalanche Center Representation**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title & Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_