

Partners of the Utah Coal Country Strike Team

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The Strike Team is a highly focused and multi-disciplinary team. We seek to raise the incomes in Utah's Coal Country of 10,000 households by 10 percent by the end of 2020. The members represent their respective organizations and bring specialized expertise to the strike team.

Elected Officials Cabinet

Congressman John Curtis
Senator Mike Lee
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Christine Watkins, Representative,
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Casey Hopes, Commissioner, Carbon County
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Community Advisors

Adriana Chimaras, Director of Travel and
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Greg Cook, CFO, Castleview Hospital
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Silicon Slopes East

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Max Backlund (Lead)
Clint Betts
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Elected Officials, Community Advisors, and Technical Advisors provide input on the work of the strike team to increase the income of 10,000 households in Coal County by 10 percent by the end of 2020.