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UTAH ENVIROTHON HELD IN CEDAR CITY

The Utah Envirothon, sponsored by the Utah Association of Conservation Districts, held its annual competition in Cedar City, April 24-25. This year 19 teams from across the state competed, with eight being new teams. According to Staci Strenkert, Envirothon Coordinator for UACD, the districts sponsor the competition to provide high school students with a better understanding of land management and the sometimes complex issues that guide our decisions in implementing conservation practices. Teams of five students compete in five study areas: aquatic ecology, forestry, soils/land use, wildlife and this year's current issue (Biodiversity in a Changing World).



The winning team is from Bonneville High School in Ogden. They will represent Utah at the International Canon Environthon in North Carolina this August. The wining FFA team was from Hurricane High School.

NRCS Staffer Jason Bradshaw (shown in accompanying photo) was team captain at the Soils and Land Use test station, where students were tested on land use applications and their ability to determine slope and soil erosion potential.

To learn more about the Envirothon visit www.utahenvirothon.org.

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