



Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office Media Release



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THEFT FROM VEHICLES AT FOREST TRAILHEADS

Location: Canyon Trailheads

The Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office and the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest would like to bring the public's attention to the following problem. Due to increased vehicle break-ins we will be increasing education and surveillance at all parking lots, trailheads, and popular recreation sites. As the weather has warmed and more people are out on the Forest, incidents of theft from vehicles are rising. The Sheriff's Office says the visitors can assist this effort by not leaving valuable personal property or identification in their vehicles and reporting suspicious activity to the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office by calling 743-7000. District Ranger Loren Kroenke states "Unfortunately visitors have left wallets, purses, credit cards, and electronic devices in their vehicles while they spend hours away enjoying a hike or bike ride. At times items are left in plain view creating a crime of opportunity. Quick access from the metropolitan area to the National Forest is something we all enjoy however at times it can result in typically urban crimes impacting the Forest." Both agencies believe visitor education and alertness can play a big part in reducing crime.

If you have any questions, please call:

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