

## **UDOT SEARCH FOR LOST CEMETERY ON BATES RANCH**

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### UDOT SEARCHES FOR REMNANTS OF TOOELE COUNTY HISTORY

The Utah Department of Transportation is seeking help from residents to uncover a part of Tooele County's past.

On October 24, UDOT, the management of Erda Farms, an LDS Church farm located along SR-36; and a local survey firm will begin using ground-penetrating radar in hopes of finding a lost pioneer cemetery located in the area. Records indicate there could be as many as 16 gravesites on the property.

"Through the process of researching proposed alternative routes for a new section of SR 36, we have discovered that there may be a pioneer cemetery within the boundaries of the LDS Church farm," said Tamerha Maxwell, UDOT Project Manager. "We're asking for help from the public in finding the exact location of this historic site."

Research and Aerial photography indicate that a previous landowner may have removed headstones from the cemetery prior to 1953.

Anyone with information that may help in the pioneer cemetery search should contact Betsy Skinner, UDOT Archeologist, at 801-975-4923.