Ongoing battles over public land in Utah are multifaceted, but economics is always prominent in the mix. A Washington Post feature "A Diminished Monument" cited a study conducted by USU Applied Economics faculty members Paul Jakus and Sherzod Akhundjanov, and their findings after examining economic impacts of energy sector, ranching and tourism industry salaries, and market forces that influence them. See the story, a link to the study, and beautiful photos of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument here.

Read the entire story from the Washington Post.