Uintah County Graduates to a Smarter Gravel Roads Program.

Gravel Guru, Steve Jenkins, demonstrates motor grading techniques and stabilization practices on a heavy haul road with over 400 + ADT.

With heavy haul road traffic wreaking havoc on their gravel roads and their maintenance budget, Vernal, Utah, in Uintah County wanted a better way to maintain their gravel roads. The county found the answers they were looking for when the Gravel Roads Academy™ rolled into town.

"When the Gravel Roads Academy asked us to host a class for Utah, we welcomed the opportunity to learn how we could improve the safety, efficiency and costs our gravel roads operations," said Bryan Meier, Road Department Manager for Uintah County.

Steve Jenkins, Director of the Montana LTAP and well known for his expertise on unpaved road design and maintenance, was the featured instructor for the early April class in 2012. And to demonstrate motor grading techniques and stabilization practices, the worse road in the county was selected for the class. "Uintah County had a tough road on their hands. Heavy oil-field traffic had really torn it up," said Jenkins.

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The county put what they learned into practice by upgrading the quality of their aggregate, applying a road stabilizer and grading as directed. The results, even with 400+ ADT (average daily traffic) including heavy haul road traffic, were clear both in road performance and savings to the budget. So much so, that Uintah County has budgeted to stabilize 30 miles in 2013 using the knowledge and techniques gained from the Gravel Roads Academy.

"We estimate that the savings in time and effort will allow us to use the equivalent of a whole person's time on other projects," said Meier. "The Gravel Roads Academy was a great success for everyone in Uintah County."

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