



Legal Fellow

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah (on-site, full-time, exempt)

Salary Range: \$70,000-\$78,000, commensurate with experience

Application Deadline: June 15, 2026

About the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

The [Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance \(SUWA\)](#) is the only nonprofit organization working full-time to protect Utah's redrock wilderness—some of the most spectacular public lands in America. Since 1983, SUWA's staff, board, and members have worked to defend this landscape from threats like fossil fuel development, unnecessary road construction, and destructive off-road vehicle use. With offices in Salt Lake City, Moab, and Washington, DC, and tens of thousands of supporters across the country, SUWA has secured lasting protections for more than 5.5 million acres of wild public lands.

Our mission is to preserve the outstanding wilderness at the heart of the Colorado Plateau and ensure these lands remain in their natural state for the benefit of all. We are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in our work and in our organization, knowing that the redrock is for everyone.

Position Summary

The legal fellow is a 2-year litigation position that will focus on defense of Utah's wildest federal public lands. SUWA's litigation docket includes cases involving national monuments, off-road vehicles, Quiet Title Act (R.S. 2477), energy development, and vegetation removal. The legal fellow works closely with other program staff in SUWA's Salt Lake and Moab offices and is supervised by the legal director.

Qualifications

- 1-3 years of relevant experience, including familiarity with federal public land, environmental, and administrative law statutes and regulations.
- Demonstrated interest in environmentalism or conservation—passion for wilderness and public lands preferred.
- Excellent time management, analytical, legal research, and writing skills.
- Ability to handle a substantial workload that will, at times, require working nights and weekends.
- Commitment to wilderness preservation and SUWA's mission.
- Utah Bar Licensure: (1) Utah bar membership, or (2) the ability to transfer UBE score; or (3) be admitted by motion

Location, Compensation & Benefits

- Location: SUWA's Salt Lake City Office. We work a hybrid schedule with at least 3 days per week in the office.
- Salary range: \$70,000-\$78,000, commensurate with experience.
- Comprehensive benefits package including health, dental, vision, retirement contributions, and general leave policies; details can be found online at www.suwa.org/careers

Application Process

Please submit a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, 3-5 page writing sample, and 3 references to Steve Bloch, Legal Director, at hire@suwa.org.

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The lands SUWA works to protect are the ancestral homelands of many Tribes, including those that were forcibly removed at the hands of the U.S. government in an effort to exterminate their cultures, languages, and ways of life. These injustices are still felt today, but the quest to erase the Tribes failed: Indigenous communities continue their traditions and remain an integral part of the landscape and our community. We are committed to working toward understanding this history; to expanding present-day common ground, collaboration, and reconciliation with our Tribal neighbors; and to advocating that Tribes receive a seat at the table when others would exclude them.

SUWA is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in hiring or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law.