

Initial Point of the Uintah Special Meridian Historical Marker Construction Completed ...



Thanks to the coordinated efforts of the Ute Tribal Council, Uintah and Duchesne Counties, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Utah Council of Land Surveyors, the August 30th, 1875, establishment of the Initial Point of the Uintah Special Meridian by Deputy Surveyor, Charles L. DuBois, is at last commemorated by a historical marker. Construction of the historical marker and a vehicle turn-out on the north side of Highway 121, approximately 5 miles east of Neola, Utah, was completed early this week. The crowning achievement will be

dedicated at a public ceremony to be held on-site at **10:00 am on Friday, September 18, 2009**, by the placement of a capstone monument atop the sandstone marker. The historical marker is designed to replicate the 1875 six-foot diameter mound of stones topped by a 10 inch by 12 inch by 20 inch stone marked "I.P. 1875 U.S.M." Three historical plaques depict the events of the 1860's leading up to the creation of the Uintah Valley Reservation, the surveys of the 1870's which established the boundaries of the land still relied upon today, and the 1900's allotment and homestead eras which resulted in the checker-board pattern of land ownership across the reservation

