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## Better UTAH draws parallels between Lyman, DeChristopher, Capitol 13

One hour ago, the defense and prosecution for Commissioner Phil Lyman's ride into Recapture Canyon rested. The case centered around whether Phil Lyman "knowing" and "willingly" violated Federal law when organizing his May 2014 protest against the BLM's management of public lands in Southern Utah. A judge and jury must now make that determination.

"Civil disobedience is a long and respected tradition in the United States," stated Better UTAH Board President Josh Kanter. "In all cases, the law needs to be administered fairly and consistently. From historical and National hero Rosa Parks, to local activists Tim DeChristopher and the Capitol 13 - all of them understood that actions have consequences when peacefully protesting the government or the law. In those cases, those who violated the law accepted their convictions and the consequences of their actions. Commissioner Lyman has received his day in Court and we now await the Judge and jury's decision. Like those that came before him, we hope that Commissioner Lyman and his supporters, if convicted, will accept the consequences of their actions."

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