

“more poets. fewer lawyers...” Ed Abbey

---Amy Brunvand

Existential Roads

The right-of-way for the construction of highways across public lands not otherwise reserved for public purposes is hereby granted --
Revised Statute 2477, 1866 Mining Act.

When you construct a road
does it have to go anywhere?
Is every road a tautology
since everyplace is somewhere?
Does a road require intention?
Can a road happen by accident
just by driving a machine
where there were only deer tracks?

If you drive in sand
does a sand dune become a road?
If you drive in a creek,
does water become a road?

If you draw a line on a map
can you drive there?
Is a road still a road still a road
if nobody drives there?

Is a road constructed
to keep machines
confined to the pavement
or to keep people off?

Is a pick-up truck
a kind of wheelchair
that compensates
for the slow and frail
inadequate human body?

If you draw a line in the sand
that people may cross
only if they agree
to leave their trucks behind
what is there on the other side?



Nuclear Jump Rope Rhyme

Patty cake, yellow cake,
Uranium, vanadium
Geiger counter, Oppenheimer,
Fat Man, Little Boy
Radioactivity
Moss Back, Chinle,
Government subsidy
Build a road to Hidden Splendor
Dump the tailings by the river,
Fallout, fall in
Downstream, downwind,
Mushroom cloud, Shoshone Nation
Rocky Flats and Yucca Mountain,
Hell no, we won't glow
Go and ask the Navajo.



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An Update on Progress in Utah

Utah's steady economic progress is evident on several fronts. Strong infrastructure and low-cost energy have been significant factors in helping Utah progress, though many now wonder whether this progress has come at too steep a cost to the land and public interest. House Republicans should get credit for making progress. "We could bring resolution to many of the public land management issues that have stymied progress for decades," he said as he traced the fire's progress in the air with his finger. "I want to tear apart the EPA and roll back scientific progress," The agency agreed to give lawmakers a progress report. We have been guilty of equating progress with busyness.

Many groups have worked tirelessly, and some progress has been made. Now the general public will also have the ability to track cleanup progress until progress is made toward resolving what tribal leaders see as "ongoing violations." Let's hope that the nature of the world's reaction to Mormons progresses on a similar trajectory as a means to tell the world about the rise and progress of the Church. Change is inevitable, but progress is optional. Let the next surge of progress begin!

The image below is "Sheepman Flag" by Stefanie Dykes, sjdykes@aol.com: <http://stefaniedykes.com/bio/>



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**INTERESTING FACTS
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"Ants already control the planet," said Mark W. Moffett, an entomologist at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C..... "They just do it under our feet." For instance, there are many more ants than there are humans, and their total weight, or biomass, equals or exceeds that of humans, Moffett said.

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