

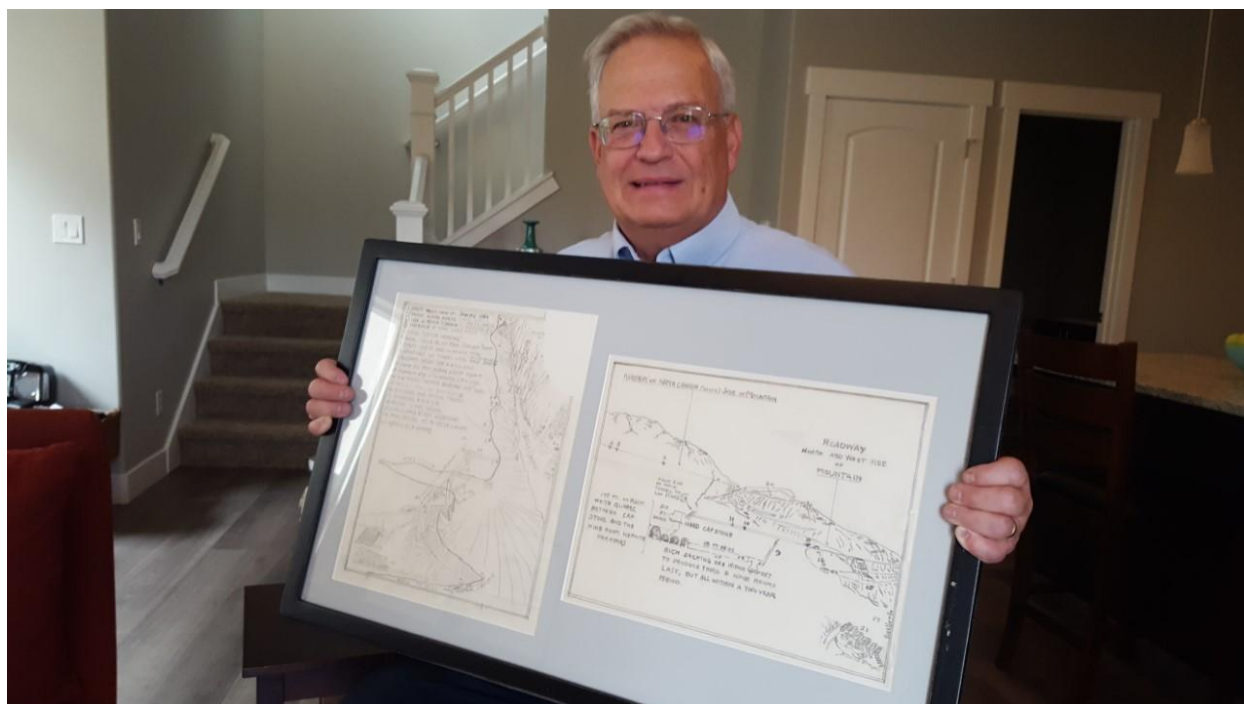
Discovery Road
presents
Way Out

UFO episode set for television
A Dream Mine, Strangeness & Skinwalker Ranch

The Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) and *Discovery Road* are introducing a new documentary that explores how big dreams about treasure, UFOs and the end times continue to fascinate Utahns and people around the world. Noted historian Brent Ashworth is featured in this documentary explaining how one man's vision launched a parade of believers. Ashworth states some people still insist that the truth is somewhere in the mountainside above Salem, Utah.

"There are believers. They're believers because it is part of Mormon culture, it is part of human nature. Stories like this do grow legs and seem to get bigger as time goes on. And there are some diehards that believe that Talmadge was right. There are no precious metals in there. So, there are some that sincerely believe someday their ship is going to come in." Brent Ashworth said during an interview with *Discovery Road*.

For many decades the *Dream Mine* has generated debate and prompted numerous visits to the mine site above Salem, Utah. It was the creation of John Hyrum Koyle. Over the years thousands of people have purchased stock in the Koyle mine hoping to one day cash in on the riches. Another burst of publicity about the mine came when the so-called “Flying Saucer Prophet” Paul Solem told his followers there was indeed something special about the Utah mine site.



THE DREAM MINE – Brent Ashworth, owner B. Ashworth’s Rare Books & Collectibles, shows a historic map of the underground Dream Mine located in Salem, Utah. Photo-credit *Discovery Road*.

Friends and quiet crusaders applauded the Koyle saga. The digging, drilling, and mining went forth for years. It created tremendous buzz in the nearby towns and throughout the state and intermountain region. Maps and drawings surfaced showing the operation. But there would be no gold strikes no matter what the clairvoyant dirt farmer preached.

In the *Discovery Road* episode *Way Out* viewers will hear accounts from the 1970s that indicate a space ship did arrive at the Dream Mine. Reports of strange stories and sightings are all part of the Dream Mine story.

Kachina Dolls also make an appearance in the documentary program. The dolls are replicas of deities that came in to save the Hopi people when they were going through a drought and they were starving out.

Hopi Kachina dolls are generally carved from cottonwood and painted into an assortment of mythical figures bearing an array of powerful messages connected to longstanding benevolent spirit beings.



MYSTERY ON THE HILL-Kevin Kraut, owner of Old Pioneer Press, stands in front of the historic attraction that once boasted of buried treasure in the foothills above Salem, Utah. Photo-credit George Frey.

“Okay, so there was a lot of time happened some sort of ETs. There’s been all kind of extraterrestrial stories that people have seen here on the mountain. I personally never had any experience that way. But there was a time when a lot of different people had claimed to have seen a lot of stuff happening around this time. And that was later on in the 70’s or 80s even. It was even way back when.” Kevin Kraut said while showing the Dream Mine to a *Discovery Road* camera crew.

Another compelling segment in the documentary is a visit to Wales in the United Kingdom. There *Discovery Road* introduces viewers to three people and their unsettling accounts of having a close encounter with a UFO. “This craft was huge. As soon as it started to move, I thought I was in a bubble and this bubble burst. I suddenly became aware. What am I doing in this field? It was like a mist around the field all around my ankles and very eerie!” Jonathan Davies stated in an interview with *Discovery Road*. Davies and two other individuals tell their alarming stories of seeing something they could not fully understand and how it has impacted their lives. All three of the Wales people told *Discovery Road* they routinely watch reports and programming about UFOs in the United States. They were well aware of the cable television series about Skinwalker Ranch in northern Utah.



REVEALING THE STORY -A handful of photos, drawings and note pad papers were shown by one of the guests on *Discovery Road*. It was intriguing material about an eyewitness encounter with a UFO. Photo-credit *Discovery Road*.

The story of Udo Wartena is an unbelievable account from one man who kept quiet about his strange experience until his final days on earth, It was in an open meadow tucked quietly among the strikingly beautiful and rugged Elkhorn mountains in Big Sky country where this lone miner experienced a life-changing encounter with a UFO.

“He called it a blimp in his mind. He walked toward it, very curious. The ship was one-hundred feet wide. And 35 feet through. He walked toward it and out of the ship’s hull came a set of stairs and a man came down and walked toward him. And then stopped about eight feet apart and the man introduced himself. Udo thought he was about 35, the same age as Udo. Very handsome healthy, fellow. Just looked like us.” Tim Grossnickle recalled from notes he had taken while interviewing Wartena.



SKINWALKER RANCH -Thomas Winterton is seen on location with another member of the television series, *The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch*. Photo-credit Thomas Winterton.

“I got the impression they held back a lot of information from him. That they are describing coming often and living among us and monitoring the

progression and retrogression of our society suggests they're going back and reporting to wise and developed people saying, 'They're not ready yet, for this or that. Or this is how it is going down hill now.' You know with a second World War. For some reason he suggested. Udo suggested this to me. They are keenly interested in the history of the planet. What has happened and what will happen. It's as if what has happened here affects them to some great degree." Tim Grossnickle said during a lengthy interview with *Discovery Road*.



THE MYSTERIOUS RANCH-The Superintendent of Skinwalker Ranch in northern Utah, Thomas Winterton poses on the property where a popular television series is being produced. Winterton was interviewed by *Discovery Road* for the *Way Out* episode. Photo-credit *Thomas Winterton*.

The release of *Way Out* comes amid an ongoing flood of reports around the world of strangeness and Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon or UAPs as they are called today. There is a foreboding place just outside of Roosevelt, Utah that all the locals know about and generally avoid. Now, the world is familiar with Skinwalker Ranch.

“As I’ve been the manager of Skinwalker Ranch it’s been amazing to me. I’ve had hundreds of people come to me at the grocery or the post office around town and they all have their own story to show me. A lot of times they have pictures on their phone. Whether it was photos that were taken. Whatever the strange event was I’ve just seen so much documentation from the residents all over the Uintah Basin.” Thomas Winterton said in a *Discovery Road* interview.

Winterton plays a pivotal role in the wildly successful television series, *The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch*. He told *Discovery Road* people travel from around the world to get a glimpse of the famous ranch tucked away in the Uintah Basin of northern Utah. The popularity of the television show has given a boost to tourism in the area but there has not been any dramatic change to the relaxed and comfortable lifestyle enjoyed by residents in Roosevelt and surrounding communities. *The Secret of Skinwalker Ranch* is still a secret.

“I had to come to the conclusion that there is a lot that we do not understand. We definitely do not have a complete understanding of the law of physics. There is a lot more that goes on in this world than meets the eye.” Winterton said about the unexplained ranch incidents during the documentary.

Discovery Road producer James Nelson says the people who live and work in the Uintah Basin are your average blue-collar folks. They too seem puzzled by the unknown activity and realize it has become part of their story.

“When you visit Skinwalker Ranch, you feel the presence of something unexplainable!” Nelson said about the documentary segment.

Discovery Road is an award-winning ongoing documentary series broadcast each Saturday on the Utah Education Network (channel 9) at 6pm MST and on several local cable television stations in Utah and the region. Programs are also broadcast on the National Educational Telecommunications Association (NETA) stations around the country. The program partners with the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area (MPNHA) on history, culture and heritage elements brought forward in the television programs. *Discovery Road* also produces programming for several other national heritage areas in the United States.

