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Subject: New Utah Area Code

I have just read the story on KSL.com about the possibility of a new area code for Utah.

I have lived in Utah most of my life, and I remember a few years back when they were looking at splitting the 801 area code into 2 area codes. Salt Lake would stay 801 and the rest of the 801 area would change to a new number. Of core then we ran into excuses on why it was not going to be implemented. But that is another story.

According the the story on KSL there are 2 different options, one a split, probably sim to the ones that have been mentioned in the past. Or an overlay.

I want to voice my concern with the overlay plan. In the short term, either plan would affect the people, and take a little getting use to. But in the long term, a year or 2 down the road, I can see a lot of advantages to the split over the overlay. 1) all of the 801 area codes would still be together. 2) People would not have to be asking "where am I calling if I call this number, is it long distance".

Now I do understand that short term some people are going to have problems, especially business due to there letter head will be wrong, and that type of thing, but I am assuming that if and when this new change takes place, then there will be aprox 6 month or so overlap where both numbers would still work in the areas that are changing. Thus business will have time to let there customers know of the change, use the rest of there current letter head and that, and have new made up. ex ex.

I think that most Utahns would still prefer to dial 7 digits for all local calls and not have to remember 3 more to call there friend down the road.

Thanks for your time and I will be keeping my eyes on this story.

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