

## **Gunnison Correctional Facility begins Monthly Wild Horse Adoptions- Public invited to adopt a Horse or Burro**

On May 6, the Central Utah Correctional Facility and the Bureau of Land Management will host their first adoption of wild horses at the Central Utah Correctional Facility in Gunnison. Geldings and mares, two and three years old, saddle-started and halter-started yearlings and other two-year olds will be available for public adoption. Admission is free, public is invited to attend, whether adopting or not.

“This is the first time that the Central Utah Correctional Facility in Gunnison will allow visitors to actually enter into the facility to adopt,” said BLM’s Utah Wild Horse and Burro Program Lead Gus Warr. “We usually take horses the inmates have worked with to BLM satellite adoptions across the state.

We’re excited to now allow the public access to wild horses inside the Gunnison facility. We would like to encourage potential adopters and curious a-like to make the short trip to Gunnison and see what time and dedication can do for a wild horse.”



The horses will be first offered through an oral bidding process before being offered on a first come, first served basis at \$125.00. Facility gates will be open from 10a.m. to 2p.m.

Correction officers search vehicles and property as a condition of entering and exiting, to ensure safety and to look for prohibited items. Some items such as tobacco and pepper spray



are considered contraband inside the prison. Other prohibited items include, but are not limited to, alcohol, explosives, poisons, weapons, dogs

and controlled substances. Each individual 16 years of age and older will be asked to provide photo identification, a driver license or other official identification. All minors must be accompanied by an adult.

To qualify to adopt, an individual must be at least 18 years old, parents or guardians may adopt in their stead. Adopters must have adequate facilities to provide humane care for the

number of animals adopted.

Individuals who have been convicted of inhumane treatment of animals may not adopt. All adopters will receive an up- to- date health record on any adopted horses to begin health regimens with their own veterinarian. All adoptable animals have received a complete set of inoculations for all major equine diseases, including, West Nile virus and a current Coggins blood test to assure they do not have Equine Infectious Anemia.

Walk-ups are welcome the day of the adoption and applications can be approved onsite. Additional information and adoption applications can be found on the web at [www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov](http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov) , or please call 435-528-6063, 801-539-4057, or, 866-4MUSTANGS. Stock trailers with side-swinging gates are preferred. Drop ramps are not acceptable.

Individuals can bring a halter and a lead rope appropriate for the size of horse adopted to be haltered before loaded. The Central Utah Correctional Facility is located at 255 E. 300 N., Gunnison, Utah.

## **THEY'RE BACK!**

*Peregrine falcons nesting in downtown Salt Lake City*

SALT LAKE CITY — Peregrine falcons are nesting again in downtown Salt Lake City. And this year, you won't have to wait until June to watch them on your computer screen.

Cameras put in place by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are up and running early this year. If you log onto the Division of Wildlife Resources' Web site, you can watch the antics of the falcons, including the female taking care of the four eggs she's laid.

You can also travel downtown and watch the falcons in person. Their nest box is on the northeast corner of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building. The building is just west of State Street, between South Temple and North Temple streets.



## **Two cameras and a microphone!**

You can follow the antics of the falcons on your computer screen by logging onto [wildlife.utah.gov/peregrine](http://wildlife.utah.gov/peregrine).

"Two cameras have been positioned in the nest box this year to provide even better coverage of the action," says Bob Walters, Watchable Wildlife coordinator for the DWR.

"One camera allows a "long view" of the interior of the box. The second camera focuses on the nest scrape where the eggs are laid. If all goes well, you'll be able to watch the falcons from the time they hatch until they learn to fly."

You can also hear the falcons this year. Officials with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have placed a microphone in the nest area.

### **Peregrines in downtown Salt Lake City**

Peregrines have nested in downtown Salt Lake City for years.

With the help of Walter's Salt Lake City Peregrine Falcon Watchpost Team, a total of 11 of 16 young-of-the-year falcons learned to fly in the downtown area from 1986 through 1990 and in 1995. After learning to fly, they dispersed into the wild.

From 2004 through 2007, eight of 11 young were raised successfully at the site and departed to wilder haunts.

From 1991 through 1993, falcons didn't nest in downtown Salt Lake City. But five of six falcon youngsters were raised successfully at an alternate nest site just north of Salt Lake City.

For more information, call the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

### **STUDY SEEKS ANSWERS FOR SAGE-GROUSE, OIL AND GAS**

VERNAL — How does oil and gas development affect sage-grouse?

A donation from Questar Exploration and Production Company will allow Utah Division of Wildlife Resources biologists to find more answers to that question.

Questar recently donated more than \$27,000 to the UDWR to fund a greater sage-grouse study. Biologists will conduct the study in 2008 and 2009 in the Deadman Bench and Glen Bench areas in northeastern Utah.



Biologists will focus their efforts in areas that have sage-grouse leks (breeding grounds). They'll learn more about the migration patterns and the breeding and productivity of the grouse in the area, the habitat quality in the area and the effects oil and gas development have on grouse.

The goal of the study is to identify opportunities for habitat improvements in the area and to suggest mitigation in areas where energy development may affect the grouse.

"We are pleased to help fund the UDWR's study," says Scott Gutberlet, general manager of Questar Exploration and Production's Uinta Division. "These studies [have been] beneficial to wildlife and wildlife managers in other areas [where] we operate. Results from the studies help us to better manage our operations and to ultimately demonstrate that wildlife and energy development can coexist. This is another step towards our goal of being responsible energy developers wherever we operate."

"Questar has been very proactive in resolving wildlife issues," says Kevin Christopherson, the UDWR's regional supervisor in northeastern Utah. "Working together to solve problems on the front end has proven to be beneficial for both wildlife and energy development. We

appreciate Questar's progressive approach."

Questar's collaboration with wildlife managers in Utah will help develop a solution to reduce impacts on grouse and improve knowledge about greater sage-grouse in northeastern Utah. This partnership will address important natural resource issues across the state.

Both groups look forward to working for the greater good of the grouse.

## **DWR employees honored**

WEST JORDAN — Eighteen Division of Wildlife Resources employees were honored recently for their commitment and dedication to Utah's wildlife.

They received their honors at the division's Annual Awards Dinner. The dinner was held April 9 at Gardner Village.

The prestigious Director's Award, Director's Leadership Award and Director's Outstanding Service Award were among the awards presented.

## **Employee of the Year**

Utah's cold-water anglers have more fish to catch than ever before. **Tim Miles'** work at making that possible is among the reasons he was selected as the division's Employee of the Year for 2008.

Miles is a **resident of Mantua**.

Miles' career with the division spans more than 30 years. DWR Director Jim Karpowitz noted the reconstruction of old hatcheries as one of Miles' major accomplishments. Creating new state-of-the-art fish hatcheries has significantly increased fish production in Utah.

"Thanks in large part to you, Utah anglers have a better chance to feel a tug on their line than ever before," Karpowitz said in presenting the award to Miles. "During your watch, reconstruction projects were completed at the Kamas, Fountain Green, Mantua and Whiterocks hatcheries. And reconstruction work at the hatchery in Midway is slated to wrap up this fall."

Karpowitz said Miles has worked hard to prevent disease and aquatic invasive species from entering the state's hatcheries in the future. His work includes development of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point plans for each hatchery, disinfection protocols, water source protection and the construction of hatchery covers.

Karpowitz also mentioned Miles' efforts to raise sensitive and native fish species at the hatcheries. "This work is an important component of future [fish] culture programs in the state," Karpowitz said.

"Tim, it's a pleasure to recognize you as the division's Employee of the Year," Karpowitz said. "Thank you for your exceptional service to the division and your commitment to serve the anglers and citizens of Utah."

### **Director's Leadership Award**

**Frank Howe's** work at introducing some of Utah's best and brightest college students to the DWR is among the many reasons he was honored with the Director's Leadership Award for 2008.

This award is given annually to the DWR employee who exhibits extraordinary leadership.

**A resident of North Logan,** Howe serves as the division's university liaison.

In addition to creating an education assistance program for current employees, Howe also serves as a research liaison and adjunct faculty member at Utah State University.

"This role has improved the division's relationships with all of Utah's colleges and universities," Karpowitz said. "It's also allowed you to serve as faculty advisory to several students [who are interested in working for the division], brought together division and academic research that measures wildlife response to habitat treatment, and increased the recruitment of quality employees."

### **Director's Outstanding Service Award**

**Rick Larson's** service and sacrifice as the supervisor of the Southeastern Region earned him the Director's Outstanding Service Award for 2008.

This is only the third time this award has been given.

**A resident of Salt Lake City,** Larson spends most of his week living in Price.

"You have shown leadership in several areas, including replacing long-time employees, seeking a permanent resolution for [the situation at] Range Creek and supporting staff in resolving difficult issues, such as the Henry Mountains bison controversy," Karpowitz said.

"In addition, your willingness to continue your responsibilities as the division's liaison with the CUP Mitigation Commission is appreciated. Your experience and ability to build partnerships is invaluable."

Karpowitz noted that Larson's outstanding work as a regional supervisor has been done at great personal sacrifice; his family was not able to move to Price with him. "Living a bachelor's life during the week, and returning home only on weekends, demonstrates your commitment to ensuring the strength of Utah's wildlife and the division's operations in the Southeastern Region."

Noting that this award isn't given every year, Karpowitz said, "I wanted to formally recognize the dedicated service you provide to the division and the people of Utah. The division is a better organization because of you."

### **Additional Director's Office awards**

Karpowitz also presented **Tyler Thompson** with the **2008 Kevin Conway Habitat Conservation Award**. Thompson is the division's habitat conservation coordinator.

**Legislative Recognition** awards were presented to State Senator Jon J. Greiner and representative Stephen E. Sandstrom for the support they've given the DWR in the legislature.

Chuck Stanley from Questar and Mike Weland from the Utah Reclamation and Mitigation Commission were presented **Director's Partnership** awards for the help their organizations gave the DWR in buying property at Little Hole last year.

### **Section awards**

The following were honored by various DWR sections as that section's outstanding employee for 2008:

Administration—Ron Hodson, Northern Region supervisor

Administrative Services—Sandy Olney, accounting specialist

Aquatics—Paul Burnett, Blue Ribbon fisheries biologist

Conservation Outreach—Mark Hadley, public relations specialist

Fish Culture—Dana Dewey, supervisor of the Whiterocks State Fish Hatchery

Habitat—Jason Vernon, habitat project implementation coordinator

Law Enforcement—Bruce Johnson Jr., conservation officer

Wildlife—Randy Berger, wetlands manager and supervisor of the Public Shooting Grounds and Salt Creek waterfowl management areas

### **Region awards**

The following were honored by their region as that region's outstanding employee for 2008:

Northern—Justin Dolling, wildlife manager

Central—Jerry Schlappi, investigator

Northeastern—Rose Fedelleck, office technician

Southeastern—Patrick Goddard, aquatics biologist

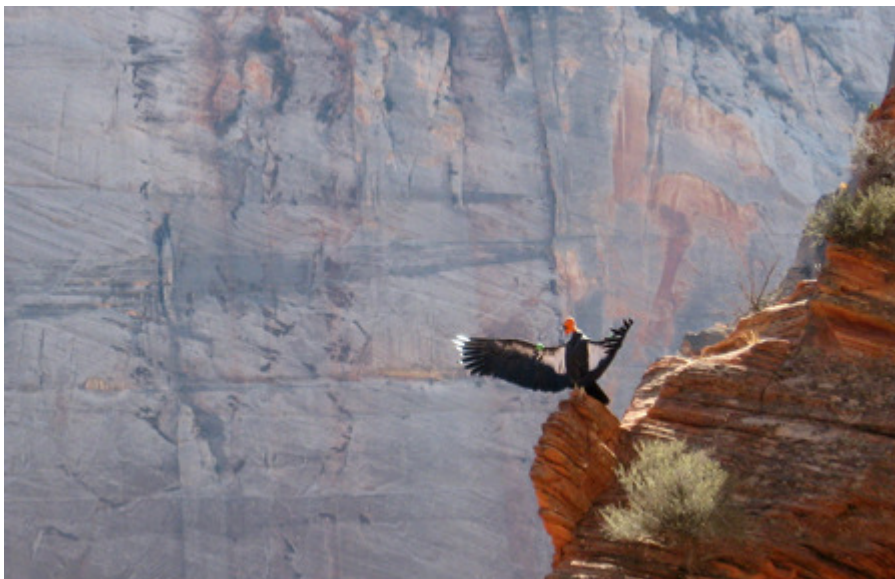
Southern—Chuck Chamberlain, aquatics biologist

### **Utah Wildlife Board awards**

Paul Neimeyer, chairman of the Utah Wildlife Board, also presented two awards from the board.

**Tom Aldrich**, migratory game bird coordinator for the DWR, received the board's DWR Professional of the Year award. Sportsman **Byron Bateman** received the board's Conservation Individual of the Year award.

**Secretary Kempthorne announces first round of National Park Centennial projects \$50 million public-private partnership will improve national parks nationwide this year**  
Washington) –Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne today unveiled the 110 national park improvement projects and programs that will get underway this spring, funded by an equal combination of public and private funds, under President Bush’s National Park Centennial Initiative. The Initiative, announced in 2006, proposed an innovative federal Centennial Challenge matching fund that would be used to match philanthropic contributions for the benefit of our national parks between now and the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016.



The more than \$50 million in projects announced today on the steps of the U.S. Capitol, overlooking the National Mall, result from the combination of \$24.6 million in federal funds that match nearly \$27 million in philanthropic contributions.

“I am pleased to announce the first round of National Park Centennial Projects that will be undertaken with the first round of funding appropriated by

Congress in the 2008 budget,” Kempthorne said at the event supported by the National Park Foundation. “Ground will be broken and work underway very soon. This first round of projects will improve parks nationwide – large and small, urban and rural, natural and historical.

“And that’s just for this year,” said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar.

“Congress continues its work on legislation to create the President’s National Park Centennial

Challenge Matching Fund, an annual fund to match up to \$100 million a year of donations through our centennial in 2016.”

The first round of Centennial Challenge projects range from expansion of a popular outdoor stewardship education outreach program for teen-agers in the Washington, D.C. area to saving endangered sea turtles along the Texas coast at Padre Island to renovation of Yosemite National Park’s iconic Tunnel View Overlook to citizen scientist and citizen naturalist projects at national parks across the country.

“For example, park rangers at Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in Oregon, will adopt the Class of 2016 and bring the students to the park for special programs and events until they graduate from high school,” Kempthorne said. “I can see that as a program that is undertaken by every national park in America and a great way to engage young people and share with them the legacy and heritage of national parks.”

“There is even a project that will unfold right behind you on the National Mall,” Kempthorne said as he looked from the U.S. Capitol steps westward toward the Washington Monument. “We’ll soon install new, modern interpretive signs near important monuments and memorials on the Mall, as well as new way-finder signs to help guide visitors to other downtown locations near the Mall. Both will improve the visitor experience so that our visitors take away a more lasting and enjoyable memory of their visit to our nation’s capital.”

National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar said, “Today we celebrate getting the first Centennial Challenge projects off the drawing board and into the parks. We also look forward to the day Congress passes Centennial Challenge legislation so that through 2016 there will be federal money available to match up to \$100 million a year of donations. There are many more worthy projects partners are ready to support for the Centennial.

“I want to emphasize today, however, my personal gratitude to the President and the Secretary for the centennial initiative,” Bomar said. “I also offer my thanks and congratulations to our many partners who have provided overwhelming support for these projects so that we are able to reach so far just this first year of Centennial Challenge projects and programs.”





Bomar said park superintendents will begin these projects almost immediately. “We really have to get cracking,” she said. “Many of our parks have a short construction season for the brick and mortar and trail projects and our park rangers will need to quickly learn and add new programs for the big rush of visitors that return to the parks in a few short months.”

Other highlighted Centennial Challenge projects and programs:

- Restoration of disturbed lands in Everglades National Park.
- A national effort to discover and record all living things in national parks with BioBlitzes and all-taxa biodiversity inventories in nine parks across the country.
- Upgraded and new interpretive trails at San Antonio Missions National Historical Park,



Valley Forge National Historical Park, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, Point Reyes National Seashore and other parks.

- Restoration of ancient redwood forest and watershed in Redwood National Park.
- Water quality enhancement,

restoration of endangered mussels, reintroduction of Trumpeter Swans and wetland habitat learning experiences for visitors at Buffalo National River.

- Creation of *The Institute at the Golden Gate* to advance preservation and global sustainability at Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco.
- Development and expansion of Junior Ranger programs at several national parks.
- Expansion of ranger interpretation at C&O Canal National Historical Park and the George Washington Memorial Parkway with new technology including podcasts and videocasts.

For a complete list of the 2008 National Park Service Centennial Challenge Projects and Programs please visit [www.nps.gov/2016](http://www.nps.gov/2016)

For Centennial Initiative photos please visit [www.nps.gov/pub\\_aff/2016photos/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/pub_aff/2016photos/index.htm)

### **Tread Lightly! and HUMMER Announce Grant-Giving Initiative for Recreation Sites**

OGDEN, UTAH (April 24, 2008) –General Motor’s HUMMER division and the nonprofit organization Tread Lightly!® announced today the launch of a new partnership called HUMMER’s Recreation Rescue, which will provide grants to outdoor recreation sites. The grants will be dedicated towards land use education, management and trail maintenance.

“This partnership comes at a critical time, especially for recreation activities involving the use of off-highway vehicles,” said Tread Lightly!’s executive director Lori McCullough. “These grants will help land management agencies implement their new travel management policies in a way that helps both recreationists and the great outdoors.”

Project sites already selected for 2008 include off-highway vehicle areas in the Sierra National Forest in Central California and the Ocala National Forest in Florida. Other sites are currently under consideration and will be announced by the beginning of summer. Volunteers will be needed to re-seed, install signage and kiosks, build trail enhancements and do other important tasks.



“At a time when public participation in outdoor recreation is at a decline, organizations like Tread Lightly! are extremely important in

ensuring that open access to public land remains available for future generations,” said Martin Walsh, HUMMER general manager.

HUMMER’s Recreation Rescue was created under the umbrella of Tread Lightly!’s Restoration for Recreation™ program. Restoration for Recreation is designed to keep the great outdoors beautiful, healthy and open to the public by providing much needed resources for trail maintenance, education and communications initiatives to allow for environmentally sustainable outdoor recreation.

The initiative will kick off with a project on the popular Bald Mountain off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail in the Sierra National Forest. Funding and volunteers will help provide trail maintenance, install signage, print quality maps and develop educational outreach.

More information about HUMMER’s Recreation Rescue and volunteer opportunities can be found at [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org).

**Annual Benefit Plant Sale Friday, May 2nd, 3pm to 8pm Saturday, May 3rd, 9am to 3pm**

Getting excited about this year's Plant Sale? Well, we are! We have been busy growing and ordering plants, arranging beautiful baskets and getting the word out about the change in location this year to Cottam's Grove.

Each year, the staff works hard to ensure that we offer the best variety and selection possible

at our Plant Sale. You can check out the extensive offerings we will have at the sale by visiting our web site, or [Click Here](#) for details. Once there, you will also find a map that will direct you to this year's sale location.



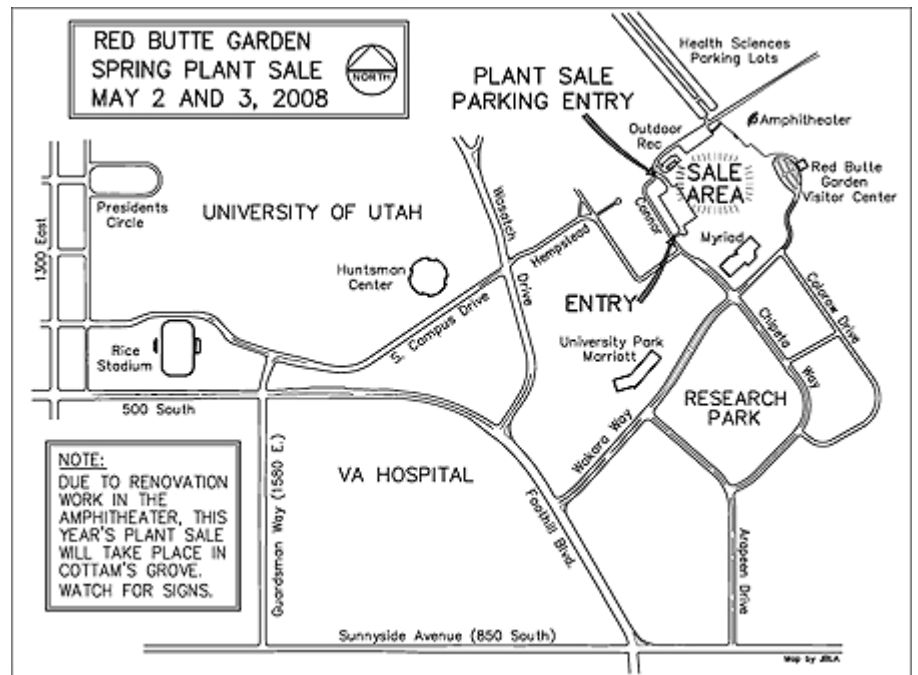
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May 2nd and 3rd and encourage your family and friends to join you in supporting Red Butte Garden, and find the plants you need to make your garden beautiful this year!

PS—With Mother's Day just around the corner don't forget that containers and hanging baskets not only look fabulous on the patio or deck but they also make great Mother's Day gifts. You can pick from those already made or we can make one especially for you.

### *Plants For Sale\**

- [Flowering Annuals](#)
- [Herbs](#)
- [Natives and Waterwise](#)
- [Ornamental Grasses](#)
- [Perennials](#)
- [Roses](#)
- [Trees and Shrubs](#)
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### **Spring Fishing Report**

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR:** (April 23) Open Water. Some anglers report walleye success with bottom bouncers. Rapalas and similar lures fished slowly. Angler Gary reports "I would consider the fishing as slow. Best location was from the Island over to the highway and along the cliffs to the point rounding into Rainbow Bay. We picked up about seven fish with a few others hooked and lost. We got one brown and six rainbows ranging from about 12 to 18 inches. Best fishing was about 20 feet down (150 to 200 feet of line out using leadcore and trolling 2 to 2.5 mph (GPS). Best lures were J-7 Rapalas in perch and Rainbow Trout. Small

Rapala Tail Dancers in Perch pattern were also good. Hard to establish pattern once the wind came up at about 10:30. Didn't observe a lot of other fish caught, though some guys were doing okay with pop-gear and a worm. Water temperature ranged from 40 to 47 degrees depending on location. Do not ice fish!"

Please remember that the trout limit is four statewide unless otherwise noted in the proclamation. Yellow perch limit is 10 but you must keep all perch you catch from January 1 through April 30. Remember that the bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit is 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.



**JORDANELLE RESERVOIR:** (April 23) Angler Paul reports "We put our boat in at the PWC ramp about 11:00 a.m. and had our limit by 2:00 p.m. It was a beautiful day." Please stay off any remaining ice. Some water along the edges but waiting a week is advised for a little more open water. Bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Perch limit is 50! Please remember not to fillet bass or

remove heads or tails because of the size restriction (for law enforcement purposes).

**STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR:** (April 23) Still about 30 inches of ice and ice fishing success was reported as good again this week. Check ice for safety over the next week or so as ice off typically occurs in the next week or so. Slush hasn't been too bad but can change in a day or two so wear waterproof boots. Tube jigs tipped with bait or various other techniques have all been effective. Early morning was best bite. Regulations for the reservoir include an aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two of which may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches long. All cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released (any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat). Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish!

**UTAH LAKE:** (April 23) Ice free. Conservation Officer Shawn Bagley reports "White bass fishing and large mouth bass are being caught near Mill Race. Increasing success on walleye.

Cold water temperature and wind have affected the success rate." Remember that tributaries to Utah Lake (from I-15 to the lake) are closed to angling March 1st through May 1st! Largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, but immediately release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

**YUBA RESERVOIR:** (April 23) Open water. Walleye numbers are up but fishing success for perch and walleye is slow to fair. Not too many rainbow trout in the reservoir. Please keep walleye. New regulations on perch began on January 1 which now allow anglers to keep 10 perch. However all perch must be kept from January 1 through April 30. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

**BURRASTON POND:** (April 23) Fishing success is fair. Most anglers are using PowerBait.

**MILL HOLLOW:** Drained! No fishing until 2009!

**PAYSON LAKE:** (April 2) Gate to Payson Canyon (Nebo Loop) is now locked, therefore no access to the lakes except as reported by Conservation Officer Shawn Bagley...by snowmobile. They anticipate opening gate in May.

**SALEM POND:** (April 23) Slow to Fair success reported for trout, catfish and bass. The park closes at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit of four fish (Daily bag and possession limit is a total of four fish in the aggregate for all species, for example: one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill.

**SALT LAKE COMMUNITY WATERS:** (April 23) Conservation Officer Mike Roach states "Most community ponds have been stocked and fishing success is fair to good."

**SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR:** (April 23) Open water, stocked and good success. Worms work best.

**SPRING LAKE:** (April 23) Stocked. Anglers report fair to good success. Catfish success is slow.

**TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR:** (April 23) Fair success for trout. Most anglers using traditional baits.

**VERNON, GRANSTVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIR:** (Tooele Co.) (April 23) Angler Charissa reports "I went fishing out at Vernon on Tuesday and it's no longer iced over and the morning fishing is great. I used PowerBait and worms and they were biting off both. All I caught were rainbow trout but they were pretty good size." Settlement and Grantsville anglers report fair success.

**AMERICAN FORK RIVER:** (April 23) Fair fishing success reported by using worms or small flies.

**DIAMOND FORK RIVER:** (April 23) Light fishing pressure and fair success by using flies, worms or lures. Most cutts in the areas above three forks are similar in size (about 10 to 12 inches).

**HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN:** (April 23) Fair fishing success in the creek. Catch basin will be stocked within a week or so.

**PROVO RIVER:** (April 23) Remember that tributaries to Utah Lake (from I-15 to the lake) are closed to angling March 1st through May 1st! Water level was not too high and clarity looked good yesterday below both Jordanelle and Deer Creek dams. Hares ear, sow bugs, and other small surface flies and bottom bouncing nymphs are producing fair to good success.

Read the fishing proclamation for the different regulations on the river. Some areas allow bait and others do not. Size restrictions and reduced limits ("two brown trout under 15 inches") are in place in some stretches.

**THISTLE CREEK:** (April 23) Fair success by using flies, lures or worms.

**GENERAL:** Ice fishing is over. It's time to put away the auger, ice pole and accessories. Get out your spring tackle. Ice-off is a great time to fish certainly one of the best times of the year. Fish are hungry and eager to bite. Spawning cutthroats are aggressive, ready to attack your lure.

**GIGLIOTTI POND:** Sergeant Stacey Jones reports steady fishing at Gigliotti and suggests that anglers fish in the morning when the air is calm. A few lunkers continue to come out, as a result of the stocking of brood albinos earlier in the month.

**HUNTINGTON CREEK:** Tom Ogden fished on April 21 and reported slow conditions. The water is a little murky at the forks but is more clear further downstream. Tom has had his best luck with a #10 beadhead Montana. Typically, the catch consists of browns, ranging from 11 to 14 inches.

**HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK:** The reservoir continues to fill. The water elevation will be fluctuating all spring and summer to meet irrigation needs. Fishing pressure was limited due to windy conditions. Fishing success was slow, due to an influx of natural



food pouring into the reservoir with the runoff. Nightcrawlers or PowerBait are recommended for trout hunters.

**JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR:** On April 22, only a small chunk of ice remained on the reservoir. Randall Stilson interviewed two fly fishermen, who had been angling with white wooly buggers, tipped with a piece of chub meat. They reported catching and releasing a nine-pound splake, and stated that they had lost one that appeared to be three feet in length. It broke the line and disappeared. They had been fishing on the southeast side, south of the dam.



Joe's Valley Reservoir has special regulations. Please refer to the 2008 Fishing Guidebook.

**LAKE POWELL:** Visit

[www.wayneswords.com](http://www.wayneswords.com) for the latest fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader. Of special concern is the control of quagga and zebra mussels. Read about these nuisance species on Wayne's Lake Powell fishing report.

**LASAL MOUNTAINS:** No recent report for Ken's Lake. The best times to fish have been early morning or evening. Bass are becoming more active. Two weeks ago, the DWR received a report of a seven-pound bass being creelied at Ken's. Mountain lakes remain inaccessible. The gates to Oowah and Warner are closed.

**LOWER FISH CREEK:** A localized fish kill occurred more than a week ago, apparently due to an abrupt release of anoxic water from the reservoir. The fish kill appeared to extend from the dam to about mile downstream. Anoxic or oxygen-depleted water can occur after a prolonged ice cover, which prevents light penetration. This stops photosynthesis and oxygen production. Fish and other organisms continue to consume oxygen, which is gradually used up. When a surge of water was released, it is possible that anoxic water suffocated downstream fish.

Another possibility is that a surge of sediment released from the reservoir as a result of spillway construction caused oxygen depletion in the creek as bacteria tied it up in the decomposition of organic matter, leaving an inadequate oxygen concentration for trout. A multi-agency investigation continues into the cause. Since the fish kill incident, conditions have improved in the creek, and fish appear to be doing well. However, anglers may continue to see some dead fish along the length of the creek.

**MILLSITE RESERVOIR:** Tom Ogden fished the reservoir on April 22 and experienced very marginal success with artificial flies along the face of the dam. He used a #8 beadhead black leech with a gold rib. Tom fished in 15 feet of water with sinking line. Volunteer Coordinator Randall Stilson conducted a creel survey during the week and reported fair to

good fishing for baitcasters. Based on his survey, Randall recommended rainbow PowerBait. Trout range from 11 to 13 inches.



**SAN JUAN COUNTY:** No recent report. Two weeks ago, Conservation Officer Paul Washburn reported steady fishing at Blanding #4 with traditional baits. Slow fishing was reported at Blanding #3 and Recapture Reservoir. Lloyd's Lake is ice-free.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR:** The dam arm is opening up and bank fishermen have done very well with rainbow PowerBait or egg sacs. The south end of the reservoir is opening as is a small area on the north side. Further ice fishing is definitely not advised. The ice-melt changes daily, depending on night and daytime temperatures. Ice-off could occur within a week. The shoreline could open any day. Excellent fishing is expected in the days and weeks ahead. The best fishing was in the morning when the air was calm. Winds have generally picked up in the afternoon. Anglers should remember that Scofield tributaries are closed to fishing until July to protect spawning cutthroat trout. The dam and spillway are under construction. Heavy equipment will be at work in that area. Around the dam, traffic is one-way. Expect delays up to five minutes.

**BAKER RESERVOIR:** Catchable-sized rainbow trout have been stocked and fishing should be fair to good using bait, lures, and flies.



**BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES:** All lakes are now open to fishing except Dougherty Basin, which is closed until July 12. All lakes should still be frozen. Access is still limited. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.



**BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES:** Little Reservoir is ice-free and accessible. All other lakes are still snowed in.

**BEAVER RIVER, LOWER:** Flows are still low and clear, so fish are easily spooked. Fishing is fair to good for rainbows and browns using streamer patterns in the deep holes. Flows may increase for irrigation needs at any time. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with respect. Much of the private land is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass so watch for signs.

**BEAVER RIVER, UPPER:** Flows are low and clear. Not much pressure. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**BOULDER MTN LAKES:** All Boulder Mtn. lakes are now open to fishing. Access on most of the mountain is still limited to snowmobile and ATV. No recent reports. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

**CHALK CREEK:** Wild rainbows are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Best fishing is away from the campground and more heavily fished spots. The North Fork provides a good spot for those willing to hike. Meadow Creek and Pioneer Creek are other small streams in the area that contain populations of small, wild trout.



**CLEAR CREEK:** Flows are generally low and clear and fishing is fair.

**CORN CREEK:** Wild brown trout are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies.

**DUCK CREEK SPRINGS/ASPEN MIRROR LAKE:** Now open to fishing. Catchable-sized rainbows will be stocked soon.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER KINGSTON CANYON:** Flows are low and only slightly turbid. A fair amount of pressure lately, but

fishing was slow to fair. Recent sampling found that trout numbers are down from recent years. Water levels will be fishable until May 1. There is public access on a section of Kingston Canyon midway through the canyon that was purchased through the Blue Ribbon Program. Look for the signs. Most of the remainder of the canyon is private and posted, so ask permission first.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER BLACK CANYON:** Flow and turbidity can vary with runoff from higher elevations. Fishing action should pick up whenever the water is clear. For the section of river from the BLM property boundary (about four miles south of Antimony) upstream to the confluence with Deer Creek, special regulations include the use of artificial flies and lures only and a limit of two trout. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER ABOVE TROPIC RESERVOIR:** No word on access or fishing conditions.

**ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR:** (Upper and Lower): The upper reservoir will not be stocked this year. The reservoir will not be filled past its current level because work on the dam will not be finished until later this summer. Irrigation needs will drain the reservoir again by summer. The lower reservoir is full and was stocked with catchable-sized rainbow trout. Extra fish have been stocked in the lower reservoir to help compensate for the loss of the upper reservoir this year. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Upper Enterprise Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. We recommend that adults limit their consumption to one 8-oz portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 2-oz portion per month. For further details, visit [www.fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://www.fishadvisories.utah.gov).

**FISH LAKE:** Open water has appeared on the south end and at Twin Creek. Accessing the ice is not recommended. Warm weather and wind should cause more ice to melt within the next week. Watch for splake and rainbow to show up in the shallows within the next two weeks. Note: A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limits on tiger muskie apply here: one fish, which must be over 40 inches.

**FORSYTH RESERVOIR:** The ice is off. No report on fishing. Try jigs tipped with sucker or chub meat for splake and flashy lures and streamers for tiger trout. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**FREMONT RIVER:** No recent reports. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**GUNLOCK RESERVOIR:** Water temperature is still a little cold. Bass fishing should pick up in May. Remember special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches. A fish consumption advisory was issued for largemouth bass from Gunlock due to



elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption of largemouth bass to two 8-oz portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 4-oz portion per month. For further details, visit [fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://fishadvisories.utah.gov).

**JOHNSON RESERVOIR:** Musky fishing will be nonexistent until late May. The reservoir contains an abundance of suckers, Utah chubs, and small yellow perch. Special regulations: Whole fish and amphibians are not allowed as bait. Cut bait must be no longer than one inch in any dimension and only one piece per hook. Limit one tiger musky over 40 inches. Immediately release all tiger muskies less than 40 inches long.

**KOLOB RESERVOIR:** No recent reports on ice or access. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 18 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations.

**KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR:** The ice is gone and pressure has picked up. Bait fishing from shore is slow. Recent sampling found that medium-sized cutthroat trout are abundant. The best method for targeting these fish will be trolling chub-imitating lures. A few large 4- to 5-lb fish are present.

**LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR:** The lake is now accessible. No reports on fishing success.

**MAMMOTH CREEK:** Flows are generally low and clear, though the river can get turbid with runoff at any time. Fishing should be fair to good with flies and lures. Public access is possible on some of Mammoth Creek west of Highway 89 please watch for and respect private property postings. Special regulations apply to a section of Mammoth Creek check the proclamation for details. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.



**MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR:** The ice is gone. No reports on fishing success. Remember that the perch limit is 20. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR:** Fishing has slowed and pressure has tailed off. As fish move back out to deeper water, try fishing with streamers right on the bottom. A float tube or pontoon will help. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 22 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES:** Snow limits access. These lakes typically don't get much ice fishing pressure. Manning Meadow Reservoir is closed to fishing until July 12.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Still has plenty of ice and the gate is closed.

**NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR:** Catchable-sized rainbows have been stocked. Sampling on April 1 found that 3- to 4-pound wipers are abundant and spread out through various depths. Try trolling minnow-imitating lures for wipers. Experiment with various speeds and depths. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to two 8-oz portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 4-oz portion per month. For further details, visit [www.fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://www.fishadvisories.utah.gov).

**OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR:** Shore fishing slowed down last weekend due to high winds and a few fish moving back to deeper water. Expect shore fishing to remain fair to good for another few weeks. Trolling is starting to pick up. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**PANGUITCH LAKE:** Open water is increasing daily. Fishing from shore is fair to good using traditional baits. Special Regulations: Limit is four trout, which must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. All trout 15 to 22 inches must be released. Trout caught at Panguitch Lake cannot be filleted, or the head or tail removed, until you get home. Some tributaries are closed until July 12 check the Utah Fishing Guide for which streams are closed. Tips for releasing fish in the slot (15 to 22"): If a fish swallows the hook, please cut the line to avoid mortality. A fish can pass a swallowed hook and survive, while digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks instead of treble hooks.

**PARAGONAH (RED CREEK) RESERVOIR:** One angler reports good access, no ice, and good fishing with all techniques. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base. Bait is not as successful for wild fish, so try flashy lures or flies.

**PINE LAKE:** The ice is off and access is good. Fishing was slow. Catchable-sized rainbows will be stocked next week.

**PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR:** Catchable rainbows will be stocked in May.



**PIUTE RESERVOIR:** Lots of wind lately. Fishing from shore is fair to good with popular baits when the wind dies down. Trolling should pick up soon.

**QUAIL LAKE:** Last weekend's cold front kept the water temp low and fishing slow. Upcoming warm weather should help improve bass fishing. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

**SAND COVE RESERVOIRS:** Catchable rainbows have been stocked in the upper reservoir. Both reservoirs were drawn low this winter while Pacificorp made repairs to the canals. No fish kills were ever reported, however, and it is likely that the bass and bluegill populations made it through just fine. Both reservoirs have been refilled.

**SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** Last weekend's cold front kept the water temp in the mid-50s and fishing varied from slow to fair. Upcoming warm temperatures should start bringing bass in shallow to build spawning beds. One angler reported good success on Monday. New regulations bass limit is six, with one over 12 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park.

**CHANGE IN ACCESS:** Access to Sand Hollow State Park changed on Friday, April 4, 2008. The new access is at 3700 West (Sand Hollow Road). The road that previously accessed the park, 4300 west (Turfsod) was closed. The new road is a half-mile east on SR 9 from the old entrance.

**SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK:** The river is generally low and clear, but it can get turbid at any time with runoff. Fair fishing reported for browns and rainbows fishing in the deep holes. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream (south) from the town of Hatch. Intermittent sections of good habitat are present above Hatch and easily accessible from Highway 89. Asay Creek west of Highway 89 is on private land and access is restricted.

**SEVIER RIVER MARYSVALE CANYON:** Flows are low and clear. Lots of fishing pressure. Fishing is fair to good for browns and rainbows. Spinners and rapalas have produced a few nice browns.

**THOUSAND LAKES MTN:** No reports on ice or access.

**TROPIC RESERVOIR:** Should be ice-free. Be cautious with spring road conditions. There may be a few catchable rainbows left, though most would not have survived the previous low water levels. Catchable rainbows will be stocked in May. Spring is a good time to target large brown trout. The local favorite technique is a dead minnow fished on the bottom.

**URBAN PONDS:** Washington County ponds: Catchable rainbows have been stocked. Lots of pressure on the weekends, moderate on weekdays. Fishing is good with any technique, though adults are encouraged to use flies or lures. Iron County: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in Parowan Pond.

**WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** Catchable rainbows have been stocked. Action for bluegill and bass could pick up anytime.

**YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR:** Access should open up in the next 2 or 3 weeks.

**Note:** Ice on lakes and reservoirs is melting rapidly. There is still ice on most higher elevation waters, which may be fishable, but check ice conditions carefully before venturing out.

**BIG SAND WASH RESERVOIR:** Reservoir is ice-free and filling. Several anglers reported good fishing as the ice came off.



**BROUGH RESERVOIR:**

Reservoir is ice-free and is almost full. Water is slightly murky. Fishing was slow but the fish are nice sized. To get to Brough, take State Route 88 south from US Route 40 (Ouray Road). Turn west at the second dirt road past the high power lines—it should be signed. Follow this road approximately two miles following the signs. Road can be quite rutted.

**BROWNIE / SPIRIT LAKE:**

No new reports. Check ice condition carefully before venturing out. Roads closed, accessible by skis or snowmobile. Warning: Whirling disease was found in this area. Please make sure to clean, dry and sterilize waders, live wells and other fishing gear before venturing to another water. Also do not clean fish or dump fish

parts taken from one water into another lake or stream, as this will also move whirling disease.

**BULLOCK / COTTONWOOD RESERVOIRS:** Anglers report of fair to good fishing for rainbows and slow for other fish. Both reservoirs are now ice-free and they are being filled. Reservoirs are located approximately five miles north of the town of Gusher.

**CALDER / CROUSE RESERVOIRS:** No new reports as several big drifts keep anglers out. No road access yet due to snow drifts and mud. Calder regulations include: flies and lures

only, no baits; all fish under 22 inches must be released immediately; bag limit is one fish over 22 inches.

**CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR:** Lake has ice, but no recent reports. Older reports were fair to good fishing. Check ice edge thickness carefully before venturing out. Area received more snow last week. The road was kept open to the dam.

**EAST PARK / OAKS PARK:** No new reports, roads are closed so access by skis or snowmobile. Reservoirs likely have ice. Check ice edge condition carefully before venturing out as reservoirs are likely being filled.

**FLAMING GORGE:** Launching boats is possible at Cedar Springs and Mustang ramps. The canyon up reservoir is mostly frozen from about Skull Creek. The Sheep Creek, Antelope and Lucerne areas have open water but be aware of large and small chunks of floating ice making navigation difficult and dangerous. In Wyoming, ice appears to be weaker and is melting around the edges but it may still be a while before boats are able to launch.

Lake Trout Fishing: As ice conditions deteriorate there will be good fishing for 16- to 24-inch lake trout on most areas near the ice. Look for continued good fishing for smaller lake trout in the Confluence, Buckboard, Marsh Creek, Current Creek, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and any other locations in 30 to 70 feet of water near the old river channel. As the areas open up, try trolling or jigging from boats.

Use tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow or brown tipped with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons also work. Fishing is usually best early in the morning or later in the afternoon. Use no stretch line to feel strikes and set the hook better. A graph helps to see suspended fish and put your jig in their face. Unlike their larger relatives, the smaller lake trout are excellent table fair with orange flesh and taste as good or better than a rainbow when cooked up on the grill.

There's an overabundance of lake trout under 28 inches in the Gorge so do your part to help the fishery and keep a limit of eight fish. Larger lake trout should be good from Big Bend south to Anvil Draw and Swim Beach. Remember, only one fish over 28 inches may be kept. Use larger tube jigs, spoons and other lures through the ice or trolling. Big lake trout can eat big food so lures and jigs can be big also.

Kokanee Fishing: Ice fishing for kokanee is almost always slow if they can be found at all so fishing will improve as the ice melts.

Rainbow Fishing: Before poor ice conditions started there was good fishing for rainbows on most of the reservoir. After ice out, look for larger rainbows around boat ramps. Older fish return to areas where they were stocked in an attempt to spawn. Fish as large as 24 inches can be caught. Shore anglers will have the best fishing of the year from ice out until mid-May as rainbows will be shallow and close to shore searching for food. Anglers can use marshmallows and worms, flies such as wooly buggers, minnow imitation plugs, spinners and



jigs to catch fish from shore. If fishing from a boat, try casting to shore using the same types of lures or long line lures while trolling shallow. Planer boards also work well to get lures close to shore without spooking fish with the boat.



**Burbot (Ling) Fishing:** Ice fishing for burbot may still be possible in the Wyoming end of the reservoir but be careful of ice conditions. After ice out, fishing should continue to be good for burbot as long as water temps are cool in shallow water. Fishing from a boat, at night in water from 10 to 30 feet using glow jigs should work well for high catch rates. Areas like Firehole, Lost Dog, Sage Creek, Confluence, Buckboard, Holmes Crossing, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and Marsh Creek are good places to try.

If you can still fish from the ice, locate flats and points near the old river channel. (Fishing out of a boat should be good after ice out with similar techniques as ice fishing.) Try fishing with jigs late in the afternoon, early morning or at night on points coming into reservoir. Use glow tube or curly tail jigs two to three inches in size about 1/8 to 1/4 ounce in weight. Jigging spoons and jigging rapalas also work well. Tipping with sucker or crayfish meat will help catch fish. Use of smelly jelly or similar scents in crayfish seem to help. These fish are in depths from 20 to 70 feet but seem to be caught most recently in 40 to 60 feet mostly in the Wyoming end of the reservoir. Some reports of fast catch rates.

If fishing in Utah try rocky points on Antelope Flat, Linwood Bay or Sheep Creek. November netting in the area north of Buckboard has shown a large increase in the number of burbot present. Larger fish are 30 inches and up to four or five pounds. Burbot activity increases under the ice as these fish spawn in winter.

These fish must be harvested if caught in Utah to help control their population as they were illegally introduced to the upper Green River drainage and could have a major impact on other fish species. There is no limit on burbot but you cannot waste the burbot in the Wyoming end of the reservoir and they can be released there. However, please don't release any of these fish as they have been eating large amounts of crayfish and are also consuming kokanee salmon, smallmouth bass and other critical food sources for other fish species. They could have an extreme impact on the reservoir fishery and should be removed by fishermen.

Burbot are an excellent eating fish with white, flaky flesh that is similar to a perch. They can be breaded and fried or boiled and dipped in melted butter. You can use six lines on the ice in Wyoming so take advantage of tip-ups and harvest some burbot. By law, be sure you have your name on your tip-ups and tend only your lines if you are fishing in a group.

**Smallmouth Bass Fishing:** Smallmouth fishing is slow, as smallmouth tend not to bite well at temps near or below 50 degrees. Use twist tail grubs on lead head jigs or small plastic worms, sinkos, twitch and crankbaits in about 5 to 30 feet of water off rocky shorelines and points. Crayfish imitation colors will work the best. Drop shot techniques will also work. Launching boats is possible at Cedar Springs and Mustang ramps.



**GREEN RIVER:** (upper) The flows on the river are currently 800 cfs. Due to low inflows into the reservoir in 2007, flows should remain steady at 800 cfs throughout the winter to conserve water. Visit the [Bureau of Reclamation Web site](#) for the latest information on flows.

Fishing on the river was picking up and midge hatches are occurring as air temps warm. Nymphing is still probably the best technique but streamers are also working. Watch for baetis hatches as they usually occur in April. Please remember the slot limit size range has changed from 13 to 20 inches to 15 to 22 inches to make regulations more consistent statewide.

Nymphing with glo-bugs and San Juan worms with smaller nymphs trailering was the workhorse. Small midge patterns work some days. Streamers are working well and have been extremely good some days. Try size 2-4 buggers such as Goldilox and patterns in olive, pink and white. Spin fishermen should try small rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); small spinners; black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and small jigs. Please check to see that your tube jigs contain no fish attracting scents, as they are illegal to use in the river. New Zealand Mudsail densities have dramatically increased in several localized areas near Little Hole, and have been documented in most areas of the river. Please thoroughly clean mud and vegetation from waders, boats and fishing gear; and if possible, completely dry equipment before leaving the area. A hot water bath (120° F) will kill mudsnails, and spraying equipment with 409 or a similar soap solution before drying will increase effectiveness.

**GREEN RIVER:** (lower) Water level is low and the river is ice-free. No reports from anglers.

**MATT WARNER RESERVOIR:** No new reports as large drifts block access.

**MOON LAKE:** No new reports. Should be good fishing as observed at lakes at similar elevations. Check the edges carefully as the water level should be rising.

**PELICAN LAKE:** Ice is off but cold weather and high winds have kept the lake waters from warming. Anglers reporting a few early bass, bluegill are few and far between. As the water warms, fishing will pick up. Pelican did not have a severe winterkill as some anglers have reported. Division biologists were one of the first groups out on the reservoir as they watched the ice out carefully. They did see some dead fish along the shoreline but do not believe it is because of a major die-off. Their reports on the fish kill is more inline with angling mortality and possibly a few lethal pockets, which are common for Pelican.

**RED FLEET RESERVOIR:** Reservoir open although there may still be a few ice chunks floating around. Anglers have reported good fishing for trout as the ice melted.

**STARVATION RESERVOIR:** Reservoir is ice free and near full. Anglers report good fishing for trout including several larger browns being taken

**STEINAKER RESERVOIR:** Reservoir is ice-free and being filled. Anglers report good fishing for rainbows and a few browns also being taken. No reports of bass or bluegill yet.

**UINTA MOUNTAIN LAKES AND STREAMS:** No new reports. Lakes and streams have ice but check it carefully before venturing out. Fishing success on mountain lakes and streams can be spotty so if one isn't producing try moving to another. With over 400 managed fisheries on the South Slope alone, it's easy to find a new place to fish. Always go prepared for serious weather, as the Uinta Mountains are well known for frequent unexpected storms and high winds. Note: The Uinta Mountains have a four-trout limit with a bonus of four more brook trout — see proclamation for details.

**BEAR LAKE:** The ice is deteriorating rapidly, although some anglers were observed on the ice on April 19. There is open water at the marina. Report from Casey McVay, Rich County Conservation Officer.

**BIRCH CREEK RESERVOIR:** The area is now accessible by truck and the ice is still



thick. Some tracks indicate that there have been people on it, but there is no report of fishing activity. Report from Casey McVay, Rich County Conservation Officer.

**CAUSEY RESERVOIR:** Saturday morning around 10:30 a.m. The reservoir is still mostly iced over, about 1/4 mile of open water near the boy scout camps. It was bitter cold with very high winds. There were no fishermen. Report from Dedicated Hunter Mitchell Wamsley.

**ECHO RESERVOIR:** Completely ice free. Fishing was slow there also. There is a fee to enter the resort portion of the lake and launch your boats. Report from Conservation Officer Bruce Johnson.

**LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR:** The ice is deteriorating and is not considered to be safe. Report from Casey McVay, Rich County Conservation Officer.

**LOST CREEK RESERVOIR:** Sunday afternoon 1:00 p.m. Lost creek is still 90% iced over. There are just the beginnings of open water near the dam. It was very cold with high winds. There were no fishermen. Report from Dedicated Hunter Mitchell Wamsley.



**MANTUA RESERVOIR:** Boats have been on the reservoir, but fishing was reported to be slow. Report from Biologist Clint Brunson.

**PINEVIEW RESERVOIR:** Saturday morning 9:00 a.m. The water is still mostly iced over, although there is about 40% open water as well. I interviewed two fishermen that were fishing from the shore on a sandy beach. They fished from approximately 8 to 9 a.m. using various colors of Jigs, and Grubs, with no luck. There were two boats that I could see that appeared to be looking for a fishing spot. I was unable to contact or survey them. Report from Dedicated Hunter Mitchell Wamsley.

**ROCKPORT STATE PARK:** The reservoir is almost completely ice free. There are some small thin ice sheets at the boat ramp. The rest of the reservoir is ice free. Fishing was slow. Remember to purchase your park entrance pass when you enter the State Park. There is a small use fee for parking along Hwy 32 on the west side of the State Park. Report from Conservation Officer Bruce Johnson.

**WEBER RIVER:** The river is currently at higher flows than previous weeks. The water levels flowing into Rockport Reservoir are much higher. The water is also more murky and dirty from runoff. The Weber River below Rockport Dam is flowing at much higher levels. The water quality is lower. The runoff and flows are making the water murky and dirty. Report from Conservation Officer Bruce Johnson. Current water flows can be obtained at <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ut/nwis/current/?type=flow>

## **New Report Names Ten At-Risk Wild Areas Across USA Spotlights champions working to protect them**

A new national report identifies ten American wild places that are in danger. *Wild...for How Long? Ten Treasures in Trouble* profiles some of the country's yet unprotected wild land and finds that many of America's special wild places are vulnerable to mining, drilling, roadbuilding, logging, development and off-road vehicle abuse. To view the report, visit [http://www.leaveitwild.org/docs/Ten\\_Treasures\\_4-08.pdf](http://www.leaveitwild.org/docs/Ten_Treasures_4-08.pdf)

From one of the nation's most biologically diverse treasures, the sky islands of Arizona, to one of the last roadless areas left in the lush Allegheny National Forest in Pennsylvania, the country's wild places are being torn up, plowed over and turned into ever more shopping malls and highways.



“It sounds unbelievable, but experts tell us we lose a 6,000 acres of open space every single day in this country,” says Mike Matz, executive director of the Campaign for America's Wilderness, which released the report. “We should have the good sense to protect some of these special places to give as a natural legacy to our children and grandchildren.”

The ten wild spots in trouble are:

- AZ- Tumacacori Highlands
- CA - Beauty Mountain
- CO - Greater Dominguez Canyons
- ID - Boulder-White Clouds
- MT - East Pioneers
- NV - Gold Butte
- NM - Broad Canyon
- OR - Badlands
- PA - Chestnut Ridge
- WV - Seneca Creek

Outside of Alaska, just 2.5 percent of the nation’s wild land enjoys permanent protection as wilderness today. *Ten Treasures in Trouble* spotlights wild land at risk, but also those that



are poised for wilderness designation. The report also features some of the local heroes who are working to protect these places they love—everyday Americans making a difference in the effort to pass down some of this original Earth to those who will come after us.

“The places included in this report tell a compelling story about what’s at stake when it comes to ensuring that there will always be wild places to experience and enjoy, for wildlife habitat, and as sources of clean water and clear air. We need to acknowledge the value of these wild places to our lives, and honor the citizens along Main Street in towns across America who are working to protect wilderness. It’s our common ground, and they’re making our democratic system work for all of us,” says Matz.



In Montana, local conservationists and timber industry leaders are working through decades-old issues and getting behind protection of some of the Beaverhead-Deerlodge Forest as wilderness. In Idaho, people are working to protect the spectacular Boulder-White Clouds from the explosion in off-

road vehicles climbing ever higher and deeper into the mountains. In California, citizens are uniting to ensure protection of Beauty Mountain from possible mining.

The report profiles the efforts of teachers, a rancher, a contractor, a former county commissioner, a retired defense analyst and other citizens who are making a difference in ensuring that some of our original earth stays as it is today – wild and wonderful.

## **AMERICA'S LEADING MOUNTAINEER RELYING ON DELORME HANDHELD GPS FOR ARCTIC EXPEDITION**

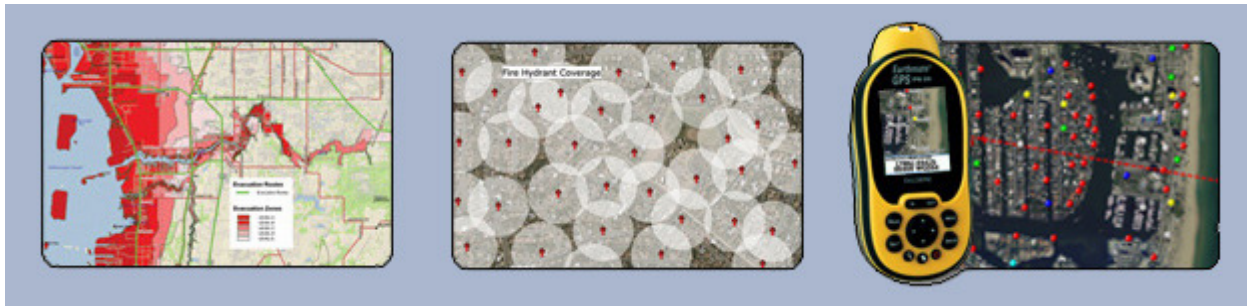
YARMOUTH, Maine—Ed Viesturs, America's leading high-altitude mountaineer, will be relying on the DeLorme Earthmate(r) GPS PN-20 when he sets out this week on the 2008 Canadian Arctic Trek for Earth Health. The PN-20 is a WAAS-enabled, bright-color-screen handheld receiver capable of displaying multiple map and imagery types.

Using data import and registration capabilities available in DeLorme's XMap(r) GIS



software, the company's development team has customized the expedition's PN-20 receivers

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containing topographic detail maps and Landsat satellite imagery for the area the journey will cover.

This will be the second Arctic expedition in which Viesturs has used the PN-20. In 2007, he participated in polar explorer Will Steger's Global Warming 101 trek, a dog sled journey on Baffin Island to document how climate change is affecting the native Inuit population.

Viesturs said he was impressed with the PN-20's performance and simplicity of use, and was happy to be similarly outfitted for this year's expedition. Joining him will be John Stetson, a renowned arctic explorer pre-eminent dog sled musher who will also be equipped with a PN-20. They will embark on a 150-mile ski journey across Baffin Island. The expedition's theme is Healthy Planet = Healthy People.

ABOUT THE EARTHMATE GPS PN-20

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ABOUT THE 2008 CANADIAN ARCTIC TREK FOR EARTH HEALTH

On April 25, 2008 Ed Viesturs and John Stetson will travel to the Canadian Arctic to mount a sledge hauling ski journey through one of the most beautiful and pristine areas of Northern Baffin Island. The theme for this expedition is Healthy Planet= Healthy People. Their objective is twofold. First, to utilize and familiarize themselves with the equipment, systems, and strategy necessary for a possible future ski journey to the South Pole. Second, to showcase the effects of climate change already occurring in the Arctic regions. The expedition should last for approximately 20 days and Viesturs and Stetson plan to make daily progress reports via satellite telephone. Check [www.edviesturs.com](http://www.edviesturs.com) for the dispatches.

**Earthquake Hazard Maps Show How the Nation Shakes with Quakes**

Friday's magnitude-5.2 earthquake in southern Illinois is a reminder that earthquakes are a

national hazard.

Today, scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are revealing how shaky the nation is by releasing an updated version of the USGS National Seismic Hazard Maps.

Earthquakes remain a serious threat in 46 of the United States. For some areas such as western Oregon and Washington, the new maps contain higher estimates for how hard the ground will shake compared to earlier versions of the maps released in 1996 and 2002.



But for most of the United States, the ground shaking estimates are lower. This revision incorporates new seismic, geologic and geodetic information on earthquake rates and the manner in which the energy released in earthquakes dies off with distance from the rupture.

National-scale maps of earthquake shaking hazards provide information essential to creating and updating the seismic design provisions of building codes used in the United States. The timing of the National Seismic Hazard Map release is tied to the schedule for revising model building codes that are developed by international code committees and then considered by state and local governments for adoption. Cities and counties rely on seismic design provisions in building codes to ensure that structures such as buildings, bridges, highways and

utilities are earthquake resistant.

"The hazard maps released today incorporate more than a century of seismic monitoring and decades of research," said USGS Director Mark Myers. "These maps help policymakers and engineers make all of our structures — from our homes to our hospitals to the utilities that run beneath our feet — better able to withstand the earthquakes of tomorrow."

The National Seismic Hazard Maps consist of a series of maps and databases describing ground shaking at many points across the country and have many applications. They are used by insurance companies to set insurance rates for properties in various areas of the country, by civil engineers to estimate the stability and landslide potential of hillsides, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to set construction standards that ensure the safety of waste-disposal facilities, and by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to plan the allocation of assistance funds for earthquake education and preparedness.

The geologic and geophysical data-collection, research and modeling results that underpin the maps have been generated by USGS scientists as well as their colleagues in academia, state government, and the private sector funded by external grants from the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program and other sources. The new maps represent the best available science as

determined by the USGS based on an extensive information gathering and review process involving state and university experts nationwide.

Last week the USGS and its partners released a new earthquake rupture forecast for California, the first ever such forecast done statewide. That forecast focused on the likelihood of earthquakes happening on specific faults. The National Seismic Hazard Maps take the information about those faults and calculate the intensity of shaking that a given location could potentially experience over a 50-year period. These shaking estimates combine the effects from all possible earthquakes, both nearby and distant.

The changes in earthquake ground shaking estimates are due principally to the incorporation of new models on the strength of earthquake shaking near faults, and the manner in which shaking decreases with distance. The increased hazard in western Washington and Oregon is due to new ground-motion models for the offshore Cascadia subduction zone. Because of new models, ground motion estimates in the Central and Eastern United States are about 10 – 25 percent lower. Ground motion estimates in most of California, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho and western Montana are as much as 30 percent lower for shaking that affects taller multi-story buildings. For those same areas, ground motion estimates remain nearly the same for shaking that affects structures of one or a few stories. Because these maps are done at a national scale, they do not take into account local soil conditions and the depth of sedimentary basins, which can significantly amplify shaking relative to bedrock. As a result, site-specific factors are applied in the building codes to determine the seismic design needed for individual structures.



The map included the following regional changes:

- Several new faults were included or revised as a source of earthquake ground shaking in California, the Pacific Northwest and the Intermountain West.
- The Wasatch fault in Utah was modeled to include the possibility of a magnitude-7.4 earthquake, in addition to smaller earthquakes along the fault.
- The model for earthquakes along the New Madrid Seismic Zone in the Central United States includes a wider range of possible magnitudes and return periods between major earthquakes. The model was also adjusted to allow for sequences of earthquakes to occur in groups of three within a few years time, similar to what occurred in 1811 – 1812.
- Offshore faults were added as possible sources of earthquakes near Charleston, S.C.
- For the Cascadia Subduction Zone, more weight was given to a magnitude-9 earthquake that ruptures the length of the subduction zone, versus multiple smaller magnitude-8 earthquakes that fill the zone over the same 500-year time period.

For individuals and communities, knowing where earthquakes occur and their effects is just the start down the road to preparedness. The USGS encourages all citizens in earthquake-prone areas to follow the Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety, which can be accessed at [http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots/seven\\_steps.html](http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots/seven_steps.html).

The USGS National Seismic Hazard Maps are available at <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/research/hazmaps/>

## Wyoming Conservation Projects Draw Elk Foundation Grants

MISSOULA, Mont.—The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has announced its first-round grants for 2008 conservation projects in Wyoming.

Sixteen conservation grants totaling \$215,000 have been awarded. Another \$103,663 is available for allocation in second-round grants to be decided in July.

First-round grants will affect Albany, Carbon, Converse, Fremont, Lincoln, Natrona, Park, Sheridan, Sublette, Sweetwater and Weston counties.

“This is all about ensuring the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat in Wyoming,” said David Allen, Elk Foundation president and CEO. “Grants are based on revenues from Elk Foundation



fundraising banquets in Wyoming, as well as worthy project proposals.”

Elk Foundation grants will help fund the following Wyoming conservation projects, listed by county:

**Albany County**—Restore vegetation and rehabilitate up to 292 miles of unauthorized trails to decrease erosion and benefit elk and other wildlife in Medicine Bow National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland.

**Carbon County**—Construct special fencing at Dexter Spring to improve habitat for elk while still providing water for livestock on BLM lands; enhance spring water availability for wildlife and people at Continental Divide National Scenic Trail on BLM lands; prescribe burn 700 acres to improve forage in Medicine Bow National Forest; treat encroaching conifer and restore aspen to improve habitat for wildlife and fish in Medicine Bow National Forest.

**Converse County**—Treat cheatgrass and prickly pear cactus to restore sagebrush habitat for elk and other wildlife in Thunder Basin National Grassland (also affects **Weston County**).

**Fremont County**—Provide funding for grazing-allotment permit holder to voluntarily waive allotment without preference, reducing livestock depredation and increasing forage for elk on 34,500 acres in the Shoshone National Forest.

**Lincoln County**—Apply biological control mechanisms to reduce weeds in elk habitat in Bridger-Teton National Forest; permanently protect 3,100 acres of elk habitat via conservation easement expected for completion in 2008.

**Natrona County**—Prescribe burn and mechanically treat habitat to restore aspen and improve forage for elk in the Bates Creek Watershed area.

**Park County**—Research project to study elk migration routes and timing, and habitat use by elk and wolves, in Absaroka Mountains.

**Sheridan County**—Thin encroaching ponderosa pine to restore elk winter range on east slope of the Big Horn Mountains.

**Sublette County**—Prescribe burn, restore aspen and enhance elk habitat on 1,154 acres in Bridger-Teton National Forest; permanently protect 4,450 acres of elk habitat via conservation easement expected for completion in 2008; treat encroaching conifer and restore aspen to improve elk habitat on 1,530 acres of BLM lands.

**Sweetwater County**—Permanently protect 1,400 acres of elk habitat via conservation easement expected for completion in 2008.

Since 1984, the Elk Foundation and its partners have completed more than 340 conservation

projects in Wyoming with a value of nearly \$27 million. Partners for 2008 projects in Wyoming include Bureau of Land Management, University of Wyoming, U.S. Forest Service, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, other agencies, corporations, landowners and organizations.

## **FOREST SERVICE MOBILIZES KIDS FOR CONSERVATION**

WASHINGTON D.C., April 24, 2008 -- The U.S. Forest Service today awarded a half-million dollars in matching funds to mobilize our nation's most important conservation resource: kids. The funds will be used to get more kids outside, up close and personal with nature so they can have fun, get dirty, get healthy and learn!



Gail Kimbell, Chief of the Forest Service, announced awards to 16 Forest Service project leaders and their partners from around the country. The awards plus matching funds by partners will top \$2 million. Partners in these projects represent schools, environmental and youth non-profit organizations, Native American Tribes, and other federal, state and local

governments. The projects will help urban and rural children connect to the land in a hands-on way.

"The Forest Service and its partners want to help kids understand the natural world and to know how important wildlands are to their quality of life. By getting outdoors, kids will learn that forests and rangelands provide clean air, clean water and a multitude of goods and services for their benefit and for the benefit of future generations, and learn the conservation of these lands is important. These projects will encourage kids to experience the great outdoors, whether it is a remote mountain wilderness or a spot of nature in the heart of a city," said Chief Kimbell.

More than 270 proposals were considered for the awards. The Forest Service sought proposals focused on underserved and urban youth; recreation and environmental stewardship; solid, broad-based partnerships; and innovative techniques. Funding will help with costs such as transportation, supplies, tools and safety equipment to ensure a healthy learning experience. While many of the projects will take place on national forests, others will bring nature to children in their schoolyards and community green spaces.

The Forest Service has a long history of working with teachers, youth groups and others educating children about the natural environment. This year's funding for More Kids in the Woods continues that tradition by helping children be better prepared in the future to care for the land as they cope with climate change, demographic changes, and increasing demands

for clean air, clean water and other benefits from nature.



The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

For more information on the 16 projects:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/kidsclimatechange/kidsprojects.shtml>

## **BLM Announces Revisions to Handbook Designed to Make Environmental Reviews More Efficient**

The Bureau of Land Management today announced new guidance designed to make its environmental reviews more effective and efficient.

The BLM published in the Federal Register a notice announcing the availability of the revised version of its handbook guiding implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The NEPA Handbook provides instructions, procedures, and examples for complying with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations and the Department of the Interior's Departmental Manual guidance for implementing NEPA.

The objectives of the NEPA Handbook are to establish systematic practices for integrating NEPA into the planning and decisionmaking processes used by the BLM, and to promote efficiency in the preparation and documentation of NEPA compliance. The NEPA Handbook is intended for use by BLM managers, field staff, and other personnel for oversight and compliance with NEPA within their program areas.

The NEPA Handbook was last revised in 1988. The current version is the result of nearly two years of work by a diverse team of BLM specialists who drafted the revised NEPA Handbook based on changes in Departmental Manual guidance regarding implementation of NEPA for public land management.

Revisions to the 1988 NEPA Handbook were designed to support decisionmaking by BLM staff, as well as to avoid redundant or unnecessary documentation. Key changes in the new version include guidance on cumulative effects analysis; definition of issues requiring analysis; clarification of the meaning of "significant" effects; and discussion of public involvement requirements for environmental assessments and other proceedings.

In today's notice, the BLM invites the public to share comments on the NEPA Handbook, though a formal comment period on the document was not opened. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 mandates that every Federal agency prepare a detailed statement of the effects of "major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the

human environment.” The NEPA process is intended to help public officials make decisions that are based on an understanding of environmental consequences, and take actions that protect, restore, and enhance the environment.

In August 2007, the BLM published a set of revisions to the Department of the Interior’s Departmental Manual, which guides the BLM’s implementation of NEPA. The revisions to the Departmental Manual have also been incorporated into the NEPA handbook.

### **House Committee Abandons Common Sense in Favor of the "Road To Nowhere"**

**Washington, DC** - Members of the House Natural Resources Committee yesterday abandoned common sense, approving H.R. 2801, legislation sponsored by Rep. Don Young of Alaska that would allow construction of a \$30 million, U.S. taxpayer-funded road through the heart of the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), AK, and its Congressionally-designated Wilderness.

"By paving the way for this \$30 million taxpayer-funded road, Congress will help King Cove scuttle the 98-foot hovercraft medevac that has a 100% success rate, and put citizens' lives at risk" said Evan Hirsche, President of the National Wildlife Refuge Association, "The full Congress should torpedo this latest version of the Bridge to Nowhere."



Road proponents argue they need a road for medical evacuations. Yet Congress in 1998 gave King Cove - a community of 800 - \$37.5 million to upgrade their clinic and purchase a state of the art hovercraft which to date has proven 100% successful. According to the Mayor of the Aleutians East Borough, a road supporter, the hovercraft is a lifesaving machine, and it is doing what it is supposed to do. In fact, it has completed at least 27 successful medevacs since entering service.

"The Alaska DOT struggles to keep the 2-mile Cold Bay runway open in the winter snow; how can they conceivably expect to keep open a 30-mile gravel road?" said David Raskin, President of the Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges. "Historical wind data shows that the already successful hovercraft should be operational 99% of the time; it's time for King Cove to disclose the real reasons they are pushing for this unnecessary and costly road."



Izembek National Wildlife Range was established in 1960 and was designated a NWR in 1980 to safeguard the extraordinary ecological values and to protect waterfowl, shorebirds, and wetlands of national and international significance. The Reagan Administration in 1987 recognized Izembek as the first site named by the United States under the Convention on Wetlands of International Significance, a RAMSAR site. Numerous migratory birds depend on the Refuge, including the Stellers Eider, which is listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and Pacific black brant, emperor goose, and dunlin, all of which are listed as declining and vulnerable in



Alaska on Audubons 2005 WatchList.

The Friends of Alaska National Wildlife Refuges educate the public and decision makers on local, national, and international levels about Alaskas National Wildlife Refuges; assist the refuges in accomplishing their missions through wildlife management and habitat improvement projects; and fund refuge-oriented projects through grants, memberships, donations, and other activities. For more information, visit [www.alaskarefugefriends.org](http://www.alaskarefugefriends.org).

The National Wildlife Refuge Associations mission is to protect, enhance and expand the National Wildlife Refuge System, lands and waters set aside by the American people to protect our country's diverse wildlife heritage. For more information, visit [www.refugeassociation.org](http://www.refugeassociation.org).

### **Springtime is the catfisherman's meow**

While spring weather has many anglers across the country scratching their heads about where to go and what to do as lakes and rivers are high and muddy in some regions and low and



clear in others, there is one group that doesn't care about the conditions - catfish anglers.

"Channel catfish are the most widely stocked species in the country," said longtime guide and the founder of Team Catfish Tackle, Jeff Williams. "They can be found virtually in every kind of water we have, from neighborhood ponds to the largest rivers and reservoirs. Spring

is a great time to catch catfish because they are often shallow and close to the banks."



Williams especially likes when the water is high as it is right now in and around his home state of Oklahoma, saying it makes the catfish very active. He says what he is doing now to catch channel and blue catfish on nearby Grand Lake will work almost anywhere.

Williams targets water depths of 2-5 feet, while also keying on areas that have grass or flooded brush or timber. He likes to find this combination in three different situations: 1) the very back of creeks with even the smallest inflow; 2) long and slow-tapering main lake points; and 3) islands with flooded timber or brush on top.

He also said that while most anglers curse the wind, the "wind is your

friend" for exceptional catfishing success. "You want the wind blowing into the area you are fishing," he explained. "It is stirring up plankton that attracts baitfish, plus it carries the scent from your bait and that will lead fish to your hook."

The catfish expert said when fishing from a boat, always anchor the bow to the wind and hold the position by putting anchors out in front and back. Then do your fishing from the back of the boat, casting downwind.

Williams prefers to use a commercially prepared catfish "dip" bait that he helped formulate called Secret 7. He uses a Dead Red Dip Tube to hold the bait, rigged on a 2/0 Jackhammer hook. The hook is tied to about a 30-inch leader. He threads a 1- or 2-ounce Smooth Operator catfish slip sinker onto the end of his fishing line and then ties a barrel swivel below it to the end of the line. Next step is to attach the leader with the hook to the bottom end of the swivel.

When fishing in states where multiple rods are allowed per angler, such as Oklahoma, Williams and his anglers will fan out four to six rods and reels from the back of the boat. He says the new Zebco Hawg Seeker rod and reel combo is ideal for this application because a built-in "bite alert" feature responds to a bite with a sound and flashing light on the reel, making it easy to manage more than one rod at a time.

Zebco brand manager Scott Smith said the Hawg Seeker's bite-signaling feature, powered by two long-lasting Lithium batteries like used in watches, is truly innovative. "Catfishermen have been rigging bells and other devices on their rods for years to detect strikes, but BiteAlert is a much more sophisticated, more technical feature that is made right into the reel and assists anglers during day or night. When a fish tugs on the line, the beeping starts and lights begin flashing. And BiteAlert's sensitivity can be dialed up or down on the reel to compensate for wind or current."

Hawg Seeker BiteAlert combos are available in spinning or spincast versions, coming pre-loaded with 20-pound test line and on 7-foot rods in medium-heavy actions.

In support of Williams' claims that spring is a great time for catfish anglers, Smith said that Hawg Seeker sales have been "brisk" during March and April.

Williams also added another tip for those looking for the whiskered species. "If you haven't had a bite in 20 minutes, change locations," he said. "You might make four or five moves before you catch a fish. Catch one and you'll typically catch several in the same area." The suggestion applies whether fishing from a boat or the bank.

Catfish are considered excellent table fare as is proven by the extensive number of menus and fresh fish counters across the nation that offer the selection, but Williams has advice for fully enjoying that part of the catfishing experience, too.

"Take care of your catch immediately, either putting fish on ice or keeping them alive until cleaning," he said. "Then after cleaning, either freeze fillets in a container of water or keep them in a bowl of water until time to prepare and cook."

Williams is also a proponent of releasing catfish weighing over 8 pounds. He says these adult

fish are important to sustaining catfish populations, and fish under that size are the best tasting ones anyway. He concluded by saying, "you can't catch any size if you don't go, so take advantage of the spring catfish activity and get on the water today."

For more information about Jeff Williams and Team Catfish, visit [www.TeamCatfish.com](http://www.TeamCatfish.com),  
For more information about the Zebco Hawg Seeker, visit [www.zebco.com](http://www.zebco.com).

## JEFF WILLIAMS' NOTES ON PREPARING CATFISH FOR COOKING

### BEST EATING SIZE

- If intending to fry or bake whole, with the skin on, fish in the .75 - 1.5 pound range
- If intending to fillet, and cook in a variety of ways, fish in the 2-6 pound range
- Take pictures of catfish weighing over 8 pounds, then release the fish

### CARING FOR CATCH

- Put fish on ice immediately after catching or keep alive until cleaning
- Freeze fillets in containers filled with water

### BATTER OPTIONS

- Lots of commercial batters on the market, with various seasoning choices
- For do-it-yourselfers, go with Corn Flour instead of Corn Meal. Salt and Pepper to taste

### BEFORE YOU BATTER FILLETS

- Pat fillets with a towel or paper towel to remove excess moisture
- Doing so allows the batter to stick to the fillet instead of the water on the fillet
- Then roll fillet in batter



## DEEP-FRYING

- Grease must be hot, maintaining a temperature of around 350 degrees
- Don't overload the cooker with fillets. Cooking too many at a time will cool the grease, slow the cooking process and cause the fillets to absorb more grease
- Cook hot and fast for the best results of holding batter and maxim

## FISH KILL AT LOWER FISH CREEK

PRICE, UTAH—About a week ago, the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) was informed of a possible fish kill below Scofield Reservoir. The causes of the fish kill are still under investigation by the DWR, the Utah Division of Water Quality and Bureau of Reclamation.



“At this point in time, it is our professional opinion that large releases of water this spring as part of the work being done on the dam spillway have either released a lot of sediment into the stream, or a large volume of water that was low in oxygen,” stated Paul Birdsey, DWR aquatics program manager. A strong sulphur smell along the creek has been reported. This often indicates decomposition of organic matter in the absence of sufficient oxygen.

Long periods of ice and snow cover atop the reservoir this winter very likely produced low oxygen conditions because light was unable to penetrate the ice for photosynthesis to occur. Low water levels in the reservoir **potentially** aggravated the problem. Heavy sediment discharges could have created a high biological oxygen demand in the creek as bacteria attempted to decompose organic matter in the sediment. This may have depleted the creek's oxygen concentration to such an extent that trout were unable to survive.

*On 4-21, DWR Sport Fish Biologist Justin Hart surveyed the creek and observed 25 dead fish, mostly trout. The extent of the fish kill appeared to have started at the dam and ended about 1/2 mile downstream. During the survey, Hart noted a lot of bird tracks and feces along the bank, indicating that fish-eating birds had removed an uncertain number of dead fish. Dead fish had also washed downstream. Hence, the exact number of dead fish is unknown at this time.*

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## **CANON U.S.A.’S THIRD ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE PARKS PHOTO CONTEST KICKS OFF ON EARTH DAY SEEKING INSPIRATIONAL NATURE IMAGES**

**LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y., April 24, 2008** – In a continuing effort to inspire Americans to visit their national and state parks and photograph their beauty, Canon U.S.A., Inc., a leader in digital imaging, today announced a call for entries for the third annual Canon Photography In The Parks Photo Contest\*. The contest invites eligible photography enthusiasts, from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, to enter the contest by submitting images from any park or monument in America. Participants are invited to enter their “Inspirational Nature Images,” the theme for this year’s contest. Canon is also enhancing the photo contest by extending the age range of eligible participants to non-professional photographers ages 13 and up.

“A picture captures a moment in time, but the right picture triggers an emotional reaction within people. Through our Photography in the Parks Photo Contest, we want people to seek out those inspirational images and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors while doing it,” stated Yuichi Ishizuka, senior vice president and general manager, Canon U.S.A. “As an environmentally-conscious organization, we encourage everyone to enjoy the beauty of nature, and also to work to protect it.”

### **The Canon Photography in the Parks Photo Contest**

From late April to the end of

September, photographic enthusiasts are encouraged to submit their favorite photographs from an American park to the CanonDigitalLearningCenter. The winning photographer will receive a trip to a park of their choice, and a full suite of Canon photographic equipment. By logging onto [www.usa.canon.com/parks](http://www.usa.canon.com/parks), potential winners will not only have the opportunity to enter their favorite photos, but also forward an e-postcard of their submitted images to friends and family as a fun way to share their photographs. Visitors and Web surfers can also



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peruse the CanonDigitalLearningCenter to explore the various educational resources that Canon has to offer for novices and advanced photographers alike. The CanonDigitalLearningCenter provides a schedule for a wide variety of classes across the country with renowned photographers. The site also features online tutorials for beginners and professionals to learn their way around a digital SLR camera and professional fine art printers so that Canon users can unlock the creative control that photography affords.

### **About Canon U.S.A., Inc.**

Canon U.S.A., Inc. delivers consumer, business-to-business, and industrial imaging solutions. Its parent company, Canon Inc. (NYSE:CAJ), a top patent holder of technology, ranking third overall in the U.S. in 2007†, with global revenues of \$39.3 billion, is listed as one of Fortune's Most Admired Companies in America and is on the 2007 BusinessWeek list of "Top 100 Brands." To keep apprised of the latest news from Canon U.S.A., sign up for the Company's RSS news feed by visiting [www.usa.canon.com/pressroom](http://www.usa.canon.com/pressroom).

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An educational and research program, *Eyes on Yellowstone*, made possible by Canon, assists with scientific research and breaks new ground in conservation, endangered species protection and the application of cutting-edge technology essential to managing park wildlife and ecosystems. [www.ypf.org](http://www.ypf.org) and [www.windowstowonderland.org](http://www.windowstowonderland.org) and [www.greateryellowstonescience.org](http://www.greateryellowstonescience.org).



*Canon Envirothon* is North America's largest high school environmental education competition in which more than 500,000 teenagers are involved in a year-long learning process that combines in-class curriculum with hands-on field experiences. [www.envirothon.org](http://www.envirothon.org)

**Hidden Hollow Clean-up!** If you are a Sugar House resident who cherishes this natural gem in the middle of our urban landscape, join Utah Open Lands and Utah Rivers Council for a weed pull and garbage clean-up April 26, 10 am. To RSVP, call [Amy](tel:8014864776) at (801) 486-4776.!



**High School Essay contests!** If you know a student at Bear River or Carbon County High Schools, encourage them to enter Utah Rivers Council essay contests! The Council is sponsoring two contests to highlight Bear River water development and the Gooseberry Narrows project. Prizes include cash and/or gift certificates, and winning essays will be featured in the Tremonton Leader and Price Sun Advocate. For more information, visit [www.utahrivers.org](http://www.utahrivers.org) or contact Amy at (801)



486-4776.

### **Conservation Tip: Pull those weeds!**

So you have ripped your strip, paid attention to how you water, now what? Well, how about weeding. That's right, pulling weeds can be good for water conservation. Many of those plants that pop up in the parking strip and garden are more than just unsightly pests, they also steal water from less aggressive plants. So pull on the garden gloves and get out there and yank. Your yard will look better, and your drought tolerant plants will have less competition.

### **GOLF COURSES OPEN AT WASATCH MOUNTAIN**

Midway - The Silver Course at Soldier Hollow is open for the season. The Gold Course at Soldier Hollow and Lake Course at Wasatch Mountain are scheduled to open for play Saturday, April 26. The Mountain Course will open as soon as weather and snow conditions permit.

Regular green fees are \$40 for 18 holes with cart. Junior and senior discounts are available Monday through Friday.

Season golf passes are now available for Wasatch Mountain and Soldier Hollow golf courses. One pass for \$1,000 covers green fees, but cart rental is not included. This pass is valid at Wasatch Mountain Golf Course Monday through Friday, and at Soldier Hollow Golf Course seven days a week.



A separate pass to the award winning Soldier Hollow course sells for \$1,000 and is valid seven days a week and includes a cart. Both passes are good for one year from the month issued and are available for purchase at both Wasatch Mountain and Soldier Hollow golf courses.

For more information or to reserve tee times, visit [www.stateparkgolf.utah.gov](http://www.stateparkgolf.utah.gov) or call Wasatch Mountain Pro Shop (435) 654-0532 or (801) 266-0268 and Soldier Hollow Pro Shop (435) 654-7442 or (801) 261-4733.

### **LANDSCAPING UNDERWAY AT EAST CANYON STATE PARK**

Morgan - The landscaping phase of park renovation at the north end day-use area of East Canyon State Park begins this week. While park facilities remain open, visitors should expect muddy conditions and heavy machinery. This project should be complete by Memorial Day Weekend, weather permitting.

### **SCOFIELD STATE PARK HOSTS FISHING TOURNAMENT**

Scotfield - Scotfield State Park hosts the second annual Ice Breaker fishing tournament

Saturday, May 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration begins Friday, May 2 and is limited to 200 participants. The entry fee is \$20.

Awards and raffle prizes from Sportsman's Warehouse will be given. To register or for more information, please call (435) 687-2491 or (435) 448-9449.

## **BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK**

Salt Lake - The Utah State Parks Boating Program reminds boaters to have a boarding ladder in case of an unexpected fall overboard. A secure ladder will help in rescue situations by providing quick and easy access out of the water. For more safety tips go to [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov) or call (801) 538-BOAT. Utah Boaters..WEAR IT!

## **UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS**

May 1 - 31 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Photographic Exhibit: In conjunction with Great Salt Lake Bird Festival, keynote speaker Bruce Thompson displays photographs in the visitor center art gallery. For more information, please call (801) 725-9263.

May 2 and 3 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Birds of Prey Up Close: Learn about amazing birds of prey Friday at 6:30 p.m. by Utah State Parks naturalists Kathy Donnell and Wendy Wilson. On Saturday, May 3, don't miss the chance to visit with a predator bird at park headquarters. Space is limited and registration is required. (435) 628-2255

May 3 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Junior Ranger Program: Join park staff at 2 p.m. for a fun-filled experience learning how Antelope Island's native people gathered food. Though this program is geared for children six to 12, everyone is welcome. (801) 649-5742

May 3 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Star Party: Join Ogden Astronomical Society and Weber State University for an evening under the stars. Participants may enjoy beautiful celestial views (weather permitting), and stellar conversation with local astronomers. Meet at White Rock Bay at 8:30 p.m. If you bring a flashlight, please make sure it has a red-colored lens. (801) 721-9569

May 3 and 4 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum – Blanding

Four Corners Indian Art Festival: Experience one of the Four Corner's finest venues for purchasing hand-crafted art directly from native artists including jewelry, baskets, weavings, pottery, carvings, paintings and more. The festival features Hopi, Navajo, Ute and Puebloan artists from throughout the region. Entertainment includes demonstrations, dance, music, traditional food and a silent auction. This event is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days and is free. (435) 678-2238

## **UTAHNS WIN NATIONAL SAFETY PATROL HONORS**

*AAA Utah Sending Two Winners to Washington, D.C.*

SALT LAKE CITY, April 23, 2008 – AAA is honoring two Utahns with its highest award for keeping children safe on their way to and from school. Mike Carr from Dixie Downs Elementary in St. George is a AAA National Safety Patrol Advisor of the year. Delaney MacGregor from Canyon View Elementary in Salt Lake City is a AAA National Safety Patroller. AAA Utah is sending both to Washington, D.C. to accept their awards.

“The AAA School Safety Patrol™ has been a proud tradition since 1920 and now includes more than 560,000 patrollers nationwide,” said Rolayne Fairclough, AAA Utah spokesperson. “AAA introduced the national awards in 2002 to recognize outstanding advisors and patrollers. The recipients will travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the award ceremony from May 3-5.”

In the AAA School Safety Patrol™ program, students and AAA clubs form partnerships with school officials, parent-teacher groups, and police departments to bring about significant decreases in the incidence of traffic deaths and injury among child pedestrians as they travel to and from school.

Before traveling to Washington D.C., both award winners will be recognized at school assemblies in their honor. MacGregor will be honored at an assembly at Canyon View Elementary on April 24 at 9:00 a.m. Canyon View Elementary is located at 3050 East 7800 South in Salt Lake City. Carr will be honored at an assembly at Dixie Downs Elementary in St. George on Friday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. Dixie Downs Elementary is located at 1795 West 1230 North.

Each nominee submitted an original essay explaining what the safety patrol means to them and what they have learned from this experience. In MacGregor’s essay she said, “I think I have the leadership quality of being able to learn from my mistakes, and that I would do better next time. That quality helps me be a better leader, because if I learn from mistakes and think about what I did wrong, I won’t make that mistake again.”

In his essay, Carr explained how he teaches communication skills to help patrollers approach students in respectful ways. He also said, “...We put together a 45-student patrol that works before school, during lunch recess, and after school to monitor hallways, escort students across parking lot exits and entries and to patrol the playground for conflicts and unsafe situations. ... We require patrollers to ‘earn’ the right to work by having their school assignments completed and by having exemplary behavior.”

## **UDOT Wind Turbine Commissioned Milford, Utah**

Salt Lake City, Utah – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is the proud owner of its first wind turbine. On March 21, 2008, UDOT put into operation its first grid-tied wind

turbine in Milford, Utah. The Skystream 3.7 wind turbine at Milford maintenance station 4531 sits on top of a 45-foot tower and can generate an average of 1,800 watts of AC electricity. The turbine is tied directly into the electrical grid and uses no batteries.



“Milford was selected as a good candidate for this project due to the steady and consistent wind,” said Jason Berry of the Utah Geological Survey’s State Energy Program (SEP). Good wind sites typically have a minimum average wind speed of 10 miles per hour. After heaving the wind records for the Milford airport, it was concluded that this would be a good location for a wind turbine. The average annual wind speed in Milford is 12 mph.

This is the second renewable energy project for UDOT. The agency commissioned a 3,200-watt grid-tied photovoltaic system in Murray, Utah, last fall. Funding for both projects was provided by UDOT and a matching grant from the SEP and the U.S.

Department of Energy. The total installed cost was just under \$14,000. The turbine will provide up to 40% of the station’s yearly power use.

UDOT’s Milford maintenance station is participating in Rocky Mountain Power’s net metering program. This program is an agreement between Rocky Mountain Power and UDOT to allow UDOT to cogenerate electricity on site. A special bi-directional power meter monitors the amount of any excess power that is fed back into the grid so that the Milford shed is able to use the credits at a later date.

The maintenance personnel at Milford were instrumental in making this project happen. They constructed the tower foundation and laid the electrical conduit back to the building. Once the foundation had cured, assembly and erecting the wind turbine took one day. Final wiring was performed by Midvale contractor Green Power Solutions.

Further information about the Utah State Energy Program is available at:

<http://www.geology.utah.gov/sep>

## **Canon U.S.A. Plants The Seed For The Canon Forest Program**

*Nationwide Promotion Offers Consumers an Opportunity to Make a Difference in Their Communities With the Help of Canon*

**Lake Success, N.Y., April 22, 2008** – Canon U.S.A, Inc., a leader in digital imaging, and the American Park Network today announced The Canon Forest Program, a nationwide promotional campaign. Beginning in May and running through August, for every 10 new and existing Canon Generation Green products registered, Canon will plant a tree and offer consumers the opportunity to take part in several volunteer programs that will help to revitalize urban parks, gardens and public lands<sup>1</sup>.



“Canon’s commitment to the environment and helping to make it more sustainable is

an inherent part of our corporate philosophy and product offerings,” said Yuichi Ishizuka, senior vice president and general manager, Consumer Imaging Group, Canon U.S.A.

“Through the Canon Forest Program, we want our customers to feel a connection with their Canon Generation Green products, knowing a percentage of sales will go towards planting trees and revitalization programs, which will help offset our collective carbon footprint.”

Canon’s Generation Green line of products, which includes its PIXMA, imageCLASS printer products and scanners, offers paper-saving technology and energy-saving measures, as well as minimal product packaging, all helping to contribute to the overall sustainability of the environment.

Canon believes that accountability is vital to its sustainability initiatives; this is why Canon, along with the American Park Network, will enable customers to keep track of the program’s progress by visiting [www.usa.canon.com/green](http://www.usa.canon.com/green) . Here visitors can register their new and existing Generation Green purchases; view a tree counter that will show where and how many trees have been planted; view a carbon offset meter that will demonstrate the carbon footprint reduction in real time; learn how to calculate, minimize and offset their carbon footprint through a carbon calculator; and read frequently updated Generation Green sustainability tips.

Canon established the industry's first and longest-running Cartridge Return Program in 1990. To date, more than 150,000 tons of toner cartridges have been diverted from landfills.

In addition to Generation Green, Canon U.S.A. protects future generations by helping to preserve nature's most valuable resources through the support of a wide range of environmental education and conservation initiatives, including the Canon Envirothon, one of North America's largest high school environmental education competitions; the PBS Nature series; and scientific research and educational programs at Yellowstone National Park. For more information, visit [www.usa.canon.com/environment](http://www.usa.canon.com/environment).

## **Anti-Hunting Activist Charged for Feeding Bears**

**April 23, 2008**

Susan Kehoe, a New Jersey anti-hunting activist, has been charged for deliberately feeding bears.

Kehoe has in the past presented herself as a member and leader of Bear Education and Resource (BEAR), a group that protested New Jersey bear hunts in 2003 and 2005. The group blames humans and their improperly secured garbage for the state's bear troubles.

She denies the claims that she has been feeding the bears and now says she is not a member or a leader of the group and does not pay dues to the organization.

According to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Kehoe was videotaped providing bags of sunflower seeds to bears in her backyard.

After receiving tips from several neighbors that Kehoe was feeding the bears, Department officials began investigating and say that conservation officers have repeatedly watched her feed bears since late March.

The charge of creating a public nuisance is a disorderly persons offence that carries a maximum penalty of a fine of \$1,500 and a presumption against jail time. There is also a 2002 state law banning the feeding of bears that includes a \$1,000 fine, but Kehoe received only a warning under that regulation because the wording stipulates that a warning must be given before a fine can be levied.

## **Successful burn at Salt Creek**

Today we successfully burned over 300 acres of mixed upland and wetland vegetation in the northeast section of Salt Creek WMA, which is approximately nine miles northwest of Corrine. This area's formal Burn Plan Type Two fire behavior objectives were achieved, which are over 60% fuel consumption in a mosaic pattern. This is for plant renovations resulting in numerous benefits to wildlife. Complete burn objective plans for modification of

this mixed vegetation type are available by request. Smoke clearing, ventilation and ash particle small size were good. Drift direction in upper air loft was mostly as preferred, except



for two short (< 30 minutes) time periods. Ground wind direction shifts were frequent. No urbanized areas were impacted and no complaints were received. Over 15 other sizeable fires were visible while Salt Creek was burning. An additional area of approximately 250 acres is scheduled for burning this spring on the WMA.

## Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson  
Lake Elevation: 3591

April 23, 2008  
Water Temperature: 53-65 F

The grand predictions of our last fish report were blown away by a week of windy weather. All the positive variables remain firmly in place awaiting a warm day. Water temperature this morning was still in the low 50's. All the fish are poised for the early morning temperature to reach 57-60 F. When that happens, which may be as soon as this weekend, the fun begins.

A few largemouth bass have spawned. Usually the largest fish are the first to make beds in prime spots. The majority of the population will be moving shallow this weekend and next week, weather permitting. Even those that spawned previously will come back to the nest they abandoned and spawn again with the next warm spell.

If a nest is found, cast slowly descending plastic baits (senkos, flukes) right on to the nest ring and watch the male bass rush over to grab the lure and haul it away from the nest. Some just grab the tail and never get the hook in the mouth but it is sure fun to watch them work. Return males caught on the nest so they can protect the young from predators.

If no nests are seen in clear water, go to the back of the canyon where the green and brown water meet. This zone warms up sooner and provides bass and crappie a warm spot to live while waiting for real warming. Brush piles will hold largemouth and crappie, while smallmouth bass will be on rock ridges, terraces and points. Use your favorite technique in these conditions. The fish won't care and will take all incoming lures and offerings.

Stripers remain in the channel where they can be caught by the tubful with anchovy bait and copious chumming. There is not a lot of forage this time of year. Most of the stripers are



small enough that they can eat plankton to maintain their body while waiting for a fish dinner. The plankton supply is most abundant in the upper 20 feet of the water column so many stripers are in the upper zone. That makes them prime targets for shallow trolling lures as well as bait. I have effectively used Wally Divers, various rattletrap types, and bevy shad to consistently catch mature male stripers. The trick is to find them. My search pattern has

consistently led to striper schools holding on the breaking edge of a long point. By long, I mean at least 100 yards or more. Follow the shallow point (5-12 feet) out until it breaks from 20-25 feet and goes quickly to a depth of 40 feet or more. Follow that 25 foot sharp breaking contour to find stripers holding right on the edge at 25 feet. When a school is located, troll



back and forth over the spot or mark the school and hold with the trolling motor while chumming to keep them in place. This allows you to find your own private fishing spot and not have to share it with others in the popular (dam, Moki Wall) or well known striper fishing spots. If it's your first time, go fish with the anglers at the popular spots to see their techniques, get a few tips and measure success.

### **TRCP Marks Earth Day with Chairman Dingell**

*Conservation coalition applauds congressman's "unflagging dedication to America's hunter and anglers, and the fish and wildlife central to their pursuits"*

WASHINGTON — In celebration of Earth Day 2008, Michigan Rep. John D. Dingell today addressed the Board of Directors of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, a coalition dedicated to guaranteeing all Americans a place to hunt and fish.

“Chairman Dingell has shown an unflagging dedication to America’s hunters and anglers, and the fish and wildlife central to their pursuits,” said TRCP Chairman James D. Range. “To have the opportunity to hear his views on the country’s most pressing conservation needs is a rare treat.”

Rep. Dingell, the Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, pointed to several persistent challenges to our natural resources that require immediate and lasting attention from sportsmen. “Our national wetlands protections haven’t been weaker in recent memory,” Chairman Dingell noted, “and climate change poses a threat unlike any we’ve seen before.”

“We need to stop acting like we own this world,” Chairman Dingell said, “and realize that we’re just borrowing it from those who will come after us.”

“Earlier this month, Chairman Dingell showed real leadership when he helped roll out the Season’s End report that documented, in many cases for the first time ever, the effects that climate change is having on fish and fowl,” said TRCP President and CEO George Cooper. “Like so many sportsmen in the field, Rep. Dingell has seen just how big a threat climate change poses to species large and small and knows that now is the time to act to conserve the habitat on which they depend.”

“Sportsmen were among the first conservationists in our history,” said Rep. Dingell, Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. “They have been leaders in creating national forests and parks and have been instrumental in protecting our fish, wildlife and habitat. I encourage America’s sportsmen to continue on this course.”

“If you think about almost any piece of landmark legislation on natural resources that emerged from Congress in the last three decades, it’s very likely that Chairman Dingell helped to shape it,” said Range. “I know he’s the Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, but it’s safe to say that he’s the Chairman of Conservation, too.”

## **New Turkey DVD helps Hunters**

*Cutt'n and Strutt'n*® 12 features 3 ½ hours of the non-stop turkey hunting excitement viewers have come to expect from the Hunter's Specialties® Pro Staff, family and friends.

This newest DVD offering covers turkey hunting action from across the country as the Hunter's Specialties crew starts with the early spring openers in the South, right up to the last days of the season in the north.

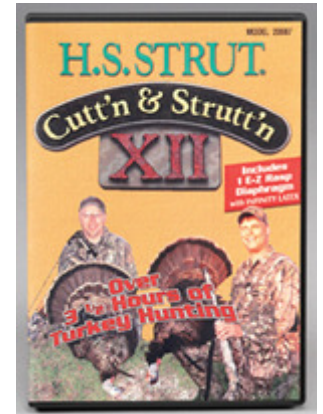
The Pro Staff offers plenty of tips and tactics along with a few bloopers to keep viewers both entertained and informed.

*Cutt'n and Strutt'n* 12 comes with an HS Strut® Turkey Track decal and a Premium Flex™ diaphragm call.

All HS Strut Premium Flex diaphragm calls now feature their new Infinity Latex™, the most consistent, realistic and lively latex available.

Infinity latex requires very little air pressure to run the call and no break-in is required, so the calls sound great right out of the package.

Suggested retail price is \$11.95.



## **Additional community meetings scheduled to discuss Lake Powell Pipeline Project-- Meetings to be held in St. George and Cedar City**

St. George, UT – Earlier this month the state of Utah hosted the first round of community meetings to inform property owners and other interested parties about the Lake Powell Pipeline Project. Because of the high interest and large audiences at these four meetings, a second round of meetings has been scheduled. These additional meetings will be held in St. George on April 22, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Dixie Center, Entrada Room and in Cedar City from on April 23, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Crystal Inn, Windsor Room.

Utah residents are invited to attend one or both of the meetings to learn more about the project and ask questions of the project team. Each meeting will provide the same information to those in attendance. A presentation about the project will be provided at the beginning of the meeting, followed by one-on-one question and answer session with members of the project team.

“Water needs in southwestern Utah will continue to grow, even with increased water conservation, reuse and recycling, requiring new water supplies such as the Lake Powell Pipeline,” said Dennis Strong, Division Director. “The economy and quality of life in southwestern Utah depends on having a reliable supply of water.”

“There is a lot of interest in this project throughout the state,” explained Larry Anderson, Lake Powell Pipeline project manager. “We want to ensure residents are getting timely and accurate information about this very important project for Utah’s future, one way to do that is through a second round of community meetings.”

On March 4, 2008 the Utah Board of Water Resources filed the first documents related to the Lake Powell Pipeline Project. A Pre-Application Document and Notice of Intent to file an Application for Original License were submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. This filing begins the environmental assessment and public review processes for the Lake Powell Pipeline Project.

The Lake Powell Pipeline Project would involve construction of approximately 139 miles of pipeline from Lake Powell to Sand Hollow Reservoir and approximately 35 miles of pipeline from Sand Hollow Reservoir to Cedar City. Pumping facilities at Lake Powell near Glen Canyon Dam and booster-pumping stations along the alignment would help pump the water over the high points in the pipeline. Hydroelectric generating facilities also would be constructed along the alignment.

Once completed, the Lake Powell Pipeline Project would deliver 100,000 acre-feet of water annually from Lake Powell to three Utah water conservancy districts: the Kane County Water Conservancy District, the Washington County Water Conservancy District and Central Iron County Water Conservancy District.

The project would be constructed and funded by the state of Utah through the Board. The water conservancy districts would purchase the water from the Board to reimburse the state of Utah.

The Pre-Application Document is available for public review at the Legacy Center, 43 S. 100 E., St. George, Utah at the Utah Division of Water Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. For questions, please call the toll-free telephone number 877-396-2633.

### **National Hunting and Fishing Day Welcomes Outdoor Channel as Sponsor**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. -- National Hunting and Fishing Day, the Congressionally appointed celebration of hunters, anglers and conservation set for Sept. 27, welcomes Outdoor Channel as an official sponsor for 2008.

Outdoor Channel is the television home of Michael Waddell, this year’s honorary chairman for National Hunting and Fishing Day. Waddell hosts two Outdoor Channel shows, “Realtree Road Trips” and “Gander Mountain’s We Live Outdoors,” seen in 31 million homes.

As part of its sponsorship, Outdoor Channel will utilize Waddell for on-air spots, posters, ads and educational materials to communicate the National Hunting and Fishing Day message. That is, conservation succeeds in America because hunters, anglers and shooters, through licenses and excise taxes, generate \$100,000 every 30 minutes for fish, wildlife and habitat

programs.



“Outdoor Channel is a longtime supporter but this new sponsorship is extra special. The value of their extra promotions for National Hunting and Fishing Day reaches well into the millions of dollars. We’re very enthusiastic about the potential to make sportsmen and women more proud than ever of their contributions to America’s outdoors,” said Denise Wagner.

Wagner coordinates National Hunting and Fishing Day campaigns for Wonders of Wildlife museum, the annual commemoration’s official home in Springfield, Mo. The museum is spearheading efforts to build buzz for the day and traditional outdoor sports.

“Outdoor Channel is proud to sponsor National Hunting and Fishing Day once again,” said Denise Conroy-Galley, senior vice president of marketing and research. “With our unique reach on-air and online, we’re looking forward to celebrating this historic day by promoting the rich tradition of conservation.”

National Hunting and Fishing Day was founded and fostered by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which remains the charter sponsor. Sponsors for 2008 include Wonders of Wildlife, Bass Pro Shops, The Sportsman Channel, National Wild Turkey Federation, Realtree, Cabela’s, Woolrich, GunBroker.com , Safari Club International and Outdoor Channel.

Congress formalized National Hunting and Fishing Day in 1971. Presidents from Richard M. Nixon through George W. Bush have proclaimed their support.

For more information, visit [www.nhfd.org](http://www.nhfd.org).