

Log Home & Timber Frame Expo Scheduled for September 7-9 at South Towne Exposition Center

SALT LAKE CITY, August 25, 2007 – The \$5.3 billion North American log home industry is growing through the roof, with an incredible 28.4 percent increase in sales volume recently. The United States dominates this industry with nearly 98 percent of the log homes built in North America, and Utah ranks 15th nationally in the number of log home manufacturing and handcrafting companies.

With the log home industry now capturing



7 percent of the custom home market in the U.S. and with nearly 90 percent of log homes being the owner's primary residence, it's not surprising that an increasing number of Americans are interested in learning more about log and timber frame homes. One way to gain that information is by spending countless hours traveling to and from a variety of locations to

view log homes and meet with producers and designers. But there's a much better way!

The Log Home & Timber Frame Expo is coming to the South Towne Exposition Center in Salt Lake City Friday through Sunday, September 7-9, 2007. Whether considering building your dream home, adding distinctive touches to an existing home or desiring to learn more about custom-built log and timber frame homes, show-goers can collect design, building and decorating ideas from the industry's leading companies and craftsmen – all on the same weekend under one roof.

Show hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for a Three-Day pass, and kids 15 and under are admitted free of charge. For more information, please visit **www.logexpo.com** or call toll-free **1-888-LOG-EXPO (1-888-564-3976).**

Showcased in approximately 50 exhibits at the Log Home & Timber Frame Expo will be the amazing designs and fine craftsmanship that highlight the contemporary versions of these historic styles. The Expo will feature many different log and timber frame styles that use both milled and handcrafted wood. Each of the Expo's three days will also include seminars on all aspects of planning and construction, plus exhibits of handcrafted furniture, alternative energy, maintenance and restoration products, financing, building projects, outdoor furniture, and much more.

Every registered show attendee with paid admission will receive a one-year subscription to their choice of either *Country's Best Log Homes* or *Log Homes Illustrated* as an added bonus.

Corresponding to the growth in the number of log and timber frame homes has been a 22.8 percent increase in the number of log home producers. These producers range from full-service manufacturing plants with computerized design departments, precision milling equipment and nationwide dealer networks to small custom builders using rough-hewn materials. This results in tremendous variety for buyers.

Attractive mortgage and construction loan interest rates have contributed to making these custom homes affordable for people at all income levels, as lenders are more willing than ever to work with log and timber frame home buyers. These homes can range in price from a \$25,000 log cabin to a spectacular multi-million dollar timber frame house. The average cost of a log home materials package was \$66,193 in 2003.

Timber frame homes appeal to a discriminating buyer who appreciates the elegance of squared timbers and the workmanship of mortise-and-tendon joinery. Ten years ago, timber framing was considered an offshoot of log construction, but now a substantial number of show-goers are interested in timber frame homes. Thus more timber framers and post-and-beam companies are exhibiting at shows such as the **Log Home & Timber Frame Expo in Salt Lake City**, and more of the seminars focus exclusively on timber frame topics.

Despite their humble origins as one-room cabins or barns, log and timber frame homes began gaining status among the celebrity set 10 to 15 years ago. Entertainers and professional athletes who have built extravagant log and timber

frame homes include Karl Malone, Oprah Winfrey, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jack Nicklaus.

Founded in the early 1900s, F+W is a publisher of special interest magazines and books in a broad variety of consumer enthusiast categories. The Company also operates book clubs, conferences, trade shows, Web sites and education programs, all focused on the same consumer hobbies and enthusiast subject areas where the magazines and book publishing programs specialize.

Fishing Forecast for the Northeastern and Southeastern Region

GENERAL: Fall is the best time of year to dip a line. Fish feed voraciously as the weather cools. Brown and tiger trout prepare for the spawn and attack lures aggressively.

Now in effect is a fishing license requirement for 12- and 13-year-olds. The price is \$5.

Wear bright colors while stream fishing to avoid the possibility of being mistaken for a deer or elk. Big game archery seasons are underway.

Bow hunters! Enjoy a trout dinner after the evening stalk. Pack a rod and reel and fish during the mid-day lull.

ABAJO MOUNTAINS: No report this week. Monticello and Foy have been the top-producing fisheries in the last few weeks. Improving fishing conditions are expected everywhere in the county as the weather cools.

BENCHES RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen recommends casting and retrieving a small silver spinner just above the weed beds for good fishing. Todd Munford suggests using



Lori Thompson of Glenwood, Utah with the 30-pound lake trout she caught at Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

a full bubble in front of 3.5 feet of leader. Tip the end with chartreuse PowerBait or a nightcrawler/chartreuse mallow combo.

BLUE LAKE: (near Emerald Lake) Small (6- to 10-inch) grayling and 8- to 10-inch rainbow occur in this high elevation lake. Justin Hart recommends scuds or double renegades.

BLUE LAKE: (near Grassy Lake) Rob Toler recommends a Blue Fox spinner for pan-size trout.

BOULGERS RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen described fishing as "really hot" with all colors of PowerBait. Todd Munford suggests slow-trolling an olive damsel fly nymph or green crystal bugger on sinking line from a tube or toon.

CLEVELAND RESERVOIR: Baitcasters should try either a worm/orange PowerBait combo or a worm/yellow marshmallow combo. Effective spinners include the Jake's or Panther Martin in yellow and black. Tom Ogden has had luck with a #10 beadhead black leech with rib.

COVE LAKE: (on the South Skyline Drive) Rainbows up to 16 inches long have been taken with a fly and bubble. Try a scud or double renegade.

DUCK FORK RESERVOIR: Try a #10 beadhead Canada blood leech or #10 beadhead scud. Tigers range from 10 to 17 inches. A Panther Martin spinner with a black body and gold blade was effective earlier this month. Special regulations apply. Refer to the proclamation.

ELECTRIC LAKE: Try a nightcrawler/salmon egg combo on the north end. Fly fishers should pack a gnat or mosquito pattern for the evening rise.

EMERALD LAKE: (on the south Skyline Drive) Try a scud or double renegade for 6- to 10-inch grayling or rainbows.

FAIRVIEW LAKES: Anglers Kassia Christianson and Richard Johnson "had a blast" at Fairview Lakes on Saturday. They fished from the shore and caught 16 trout in four hours with rainbow sparkle PowerBait and worms. Most trout were pan-size, although some went up to 15 inches. Todd Munford of King's Outdoor World recommends bank fishing on the point between the two lakes and casting to the east. He prefers a two-leader set-up, where a crawler is hooked onto three feet of leader, and rainbow PowerBait sits on another 18-inch length. Fly fishermen

should fish from a tube or toon and try a red crystal bugger or brown leech on sinking line.

FERRON RESERVOIR: No recent report. Try a Jake's or black Panther Martin with yellow dots. A bonus limit of four brook trout may be taken here. Check the proclamation for details.

GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR: Conditions are improving for early morning anglers, using a PowerBait/worm or a worm/mallow combo.

GRASSY LAKE: Fishing was good with small worms. PowerBait hasn't been effective.

GREEN RIVER: A week ago, Aquatics Biologist Justin Hart and a party of four fished above Swasey's Launch on Saturday. In 5.5 hours, they hooked over 100 catfish with the larger ones measuring around 12 inches. Justin recommends fishing eddy pool bottoms, just below the riffles with a piece of nightcrawler.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: On the left fork at this time of year, Tom Ogden has had good luck with the following patterns: #10 beadhead Montana, #12 beadhead hare's ear, or #12 beadhead ugly. Special regulations exist on Huntington Creek. Please consult the proclamation.

HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK: Early this month, Calvin Grogan of Price landed a 27-pound, 36-inch catfish. This broke the record established a little more than a week earlier by Clifton Elliot of Price, who took home a 25-pound channel cat. Both men fished from the bank in the late evening. Calvin used raw liver and chicken meat. Clifton fished with a nightcrawler. They set the baits on the bottom.

HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR: (also known as MAMMOTH RESERVOIR) Tom Ogden fished from a tube on Sunday and caught a lot of 8- to 10-inch tiger trout on the upper end in 8 to 19 feet of water. The patterns that worked best were a #8 beadhead olive leech or a #8 beadhead black leech with a gold rib on sinking line. On Monday, Conservation Officer Chris Pugliese observed an angler catch a 17-inch tiger trout with a brown Roostertail. Some have reported success with a gold Jake's Spin-a-Lure. This reservoir has special regulations. Please refer to the proclamation.

JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR: Slow fishing continues. The best year-round bait is a Utah chub, which can be caught at the reservoir. Special regulations apply.

The limit is two fish. Only one may be over 22 inches. All trout from 15 to 22 inches must be immediately released.

LAKE POWELL: Visit www.wayneswords.com for the fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

LASAL MOUNTAINS: No recent report. A week ago, Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Warner Lake and had good luck with a black woolly bugger. Other anglers did well with a PowerBait/crawler combo. Rainbows range from 8 to 12 inches. Darek also fished Kens Lake a week ago and recommended black or purple plastic worms for 9- to 16-inch bass. The Mill Creek Bridge remains under construction and will be impassable until November. Anglers wanting to fish Oowah must access the lake from the south end of the LaSal Mountain Loop Road. Warner Lake fishermen will need to come from the Castle Valley side.

LOWER FISH CREEK: No recent report.

MILLER FLAT RESERVOIR: Dedicated Hunter Rob Toler described fishing as good with flies or spinners but poor with baits. Toler recommended a purple Blue Fox for spincasters.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR: Park Manager Dan Richards suggests trolling with Shad Raps or Roostertails in 6 to 12 feet of water. Bank fishing is best on rocky shorelines in the evening with worms or PowerBait.

PETE'S HOLE: Fishing was excellent! Use worms and salmon eggs.

POTTER'S PONDS: Rob Toler reported excellent fishing with orange PowerBait and worms. Rob said that most anglers were able to catch their limits. Good flies include woolly buggers or renegades. Silver Mepp's spinners with orange blades are a good bet for spincasters.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: The best bank fishing is found along the east shoreline off the rocks in the early morning. Orange or orange sparkle PowerBait is a good bet for 12- to 14-inch rainbows. Tom Ogden has had good luck with a #8 beadhead woolly bugger in red/green or black/green colors. Boaters continue to have the advantage over bank anglers by fishing the deeper water away from the moss beds. Good lures include a Panther Martin (black with yellow dots) or the ever-faithful Jake's Spin-a-Lure.

SOUP BOWL: Good fishing continues for anglers using PowerBait and worms. Tubers have had good luck with woolly buggers.

STRAIGHT CANYON: No recent report. Try worms or a Panther Martin (black w/yellow dots).

WILLOW RESERVOIR: Tom Ogden has had good success with a #8 beadhead woolly bugger in yellow/black. Spincasters should pack Jake's lures. Baitcasters should throw grasshoppers or nightcrawlers for pan-size trout.

The Moab Draft Resource Management Plan (DRMP) is now available

This document will determine how motorized recreation is managed in Moab for the next 15-20 years. Closures to cross-country travel areas and some existing routes are

recommended in most of the alternatives.

BRC, USA-ALL, U4WDA, RR4W and others are working on analyses of the DRMP, and more specific information will be available soon.



The comment period extends through November 30th.

There are also 4 public meetings. Moab on 9/25, Monticello on 9/26, Grand Junction on 9/27 and Salt Lake City on 10/3. It is important that the motorized recreation community makes a strong showing with both comments and attendance at these meetings (full schedule and details available at

<http://www.usaall.org/moab>).

Mail comments to:
Bureau of Land Management
Moab Field Office
RMP Comments
82 East Dogwood

Moab, UT 84532
435-259-2100

Email comments to:
UT_Moab_Comments@blm.gov

To view the full DRMP, visit:
http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/planning/draft_rmp_eia.html

For more information, visit:
<http://www.usaall.org/moab>

Comments requested for Millville-Providence Canyon Area

The Logan Ranger District of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest is requesting comments on three alternative actions affecting the Millville/Providence Canyon area. The proposed action will affect 4x4 users specifically, but the long term ramifications have the potential to affect all OHV use in the area. Please take a moment to review the information, and submit a comment to the Logan Ranger District.

For detailed information on this issue, please visit:
<http://www.usaall.org/logan.aspx>.

Additional information can be found here:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/projects/proposed/>
Look half way down the page under "Logan Ranger District - Proposed Projects."

Comments must be received by Tuesday September 4th. Comments can be submitted by email or USPS mail.

Comments sent by mail should be directed to:
Janet Valle
1500 E Hwy 89
Logan, UT 84321

Email comments should be sent to:
comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-logan@fs.fed.us

For information on submitting comments to land managers, please refer to our info library (<http://www.usaall.org/library>).

Special thanks to John Borg for providing the analysis of this issue.

Interbike 2007 Shaping Up to Be Yet Another Record Bicycle and Accessory Trade Show

Interbike reports increase in exhibit footprint over last year's record and strong pre-registration numbers for the 2007 OutDoor Demo and International Bicycle Expo

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. - August 24, 2007 - Interbike today announced its annual OutDoor Demo and International Bicycle Expo, to be held September 24-28, 2007 at the Sands Expo Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, is on schedule to exceed last year's show in record net-sold booth space, and pre-registration numbers indicate solid attendance.

"After a record 25th Anniversary show last year, we've worked hard to make sure this year's show is even better," said Lance Camisasca Interbike's show director.

The first two days of the industry-only bicycle show, September 24-25, start with a greatly improved expo area at the OutDoor Demo in Bootleg Canyon, Nevada, where bicycle retailers and members of the media will be able to test road and mountain bike products from more than 120 bicycle and accessory manufacturers. The 2007 OutDoor Demo exhibit footprint is 59,800 net-sold, square-feet and still continues to grow as some exhibitors increase their space and others return to the event.

The indoor portion of the show, the International Bicycle Expo, which runs from September 26-28, boasts 309,565 net-sold, square-feet of exhibit space. The figure equates to 3,096 individual 10-x 10-foot booths.

Companies such as Easton Bell Sports, BH Bikes/Pivot Cycles, Cervelo, Kona, Full Speed Ahead, Giant Bicycle, Seattle Bike Supply and Thule increased their booth spaces significantly, and two notable additions to the show are Tour De France/Worldwide Cycle Supply and Gatorade. Last year's show was the largest footprint in Interbike's history and this year's show will exceed that record. In addition, close to 30 countries will be represented ranging from Andorra to the United Kingdom.

"We considered doing a dealer event separate from Interbike," said Don Palermini,

brand manager for Bell Sports. "But, ultimately we came to the conclusion that our dealer's time is a valuable commodity and that they are best served by the Interbike format where they can visit all of their suppliers in one trip. It works for the dealers and it works for us, so we've actually increased both our presence on the show floor as well as at OutDoor Demo."

Besides booth space, another indication of the health of the industry and the show is pre-registration numbers, which currently show a 6 percent increase in individual retail stores as well as a 4 percent increase in individual buyer attendance.

"As with last year, Industry manufactures continue to create dynamic products to address market opportunities, such as high fuel prices, global warming, child obesity, etc.," said Camisasca. "This year we're providing great venues for product exhibitions, product testing, media activity, retail education and bicycle advocacy. We have also partnered with several industry members to provide new and interesting networking opportunities for making new friends and catching up with old ones. Whatever their reason for attending, our goal is to make sure everyone has a successful show and a strong return for their investment."

Interbike promises to be a great show for exhibitors, retailers and members of the media. For more information about exhibiting at Interbike and other events and marketing opportunities surrounding the show visit www.interbike.com.

About Interbike

Interbike, produced by Nielsen Business Media, the parent company of the Outdoor Retailer (OR), Action Sports Retailer (ASR) and Fly Fishing Retailer trade shows, is a full-service trade show company that creates, markets and produces high-quality expos and educational conferences. Producers of the OutDoor Demo and Interbike International Bicycle Expo, Interbike is the leading bicycle industry business-to-business event management company, bringing together top manufacturers, retailers, industry advocates and media to conduct the business of cycling. Finishing its 25th successful year, Interbike (www.interbike.com) gathers more than 1,000 cycling- related brands and more than 21,000 total attendees annually.

The next 25 years of Interbike start with the OutDoor Demo in Bootleg Canyon, Boulder City, Nevada, September 24-25, 2007 and the International Bicycle Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 26- 28, 2007.

VISA WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL SKI JUMPING FESTIVAL

Labor Day Weekend -- Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 1-2)

PARK CITY, Utah (Aug. 28) - Come watch the best women in the world fly this weekend, Sept. 1-2, at the fourth annual Visa Women's International Ski Jumping Festival, presented by Industrial Supply and backcountry.com.

While it may be summer, experience a taste of winter and cool off in the mountains of Park City at the Utah Olympic Park. Admission is free and the event provides fun for the whole family with food, live entertainment and the Winter Sports Experience! Try skiing in the summer; an interactive park will be set-up giving kids of all ages the opportunity to experience ski jumping, alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, bobsled, skeleton, speed skating and luge. It's not to be missed!

Start your Labor Day weekend by testing your sports IQ:

QUESTION: What national team has, for its entire history, been comprised entirely of Utah athletes and travels the world to compete?

ANSWER: *The U.S. Women's Ski Jumping Team*

The U.S. Ski Jumping Team is made up of six women, all from Park City, Utah. They include: 15-year old Avery Ardivino, Brenna Ellis, Abby Hughes, Jessica Jerome, Alissa Johnson and 12-time U.S. champion Lindsey Van. The first U.S. Women's Ski Jumping Team was named in the spring of 2006 when women were added to the competition schedule for the 2009 FIS Nordic World Ski Championships (to be held in Liberec, CZE). They will have 25 Continental Cup contests in the 2007-2008 season that will take them to eight countries - the United States, Japan, Austria, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Finland and Norway.

WHAT:

Fourth Annual Visa Women's International Ski Jumping Festival, presented by Industrial Supply and backcountry.com

WHEN:

Saturday, Sept. 1 & Sunday, Sept. 2

- 3:30 p.m. - Festival begins with the Winter Sports Experience, live music, food and beverages for sale

- 4:30 p.m. - Competition starts

- 7 p.m. - Awards ceremony

WHERE:

Utah Olympic Park, Park City, UT

For more information: www.olymparks.com or 435.649.3736

WHO:

The best women ski jumpers in the world! Including the U.S. Ski Team's hometown favorites, Park City women jumpers:

- Avery Ardo vino
- Brenna Ellis
- Abby Hughes
- Jessica Jerome
- Alissa Johnson
- Lindsey Van

BLM Reconnection of Non-Indian Well Information System (NIWIS) Website

The Bureau of Land Management recently reconnected a modified version of the Well Information System (WIS), now known as Non-Indian Well Information System or NIWIS. This Web-based application is used for submitting and tracking oil and gas permits on Federal lands only. The web address used to access the NIWIS is <https://www.blm.gov/wispermits/niwis/SP> . Once at this Website, instructions are given on receiving log-in and password information.

To comply with new security requirements, only Application for Permits to Drill, Notice of Staking, Well Completion Reports, and Sundry Notices for Non-Indian wells (Federal) can be submitted into NIWIS. Historical transactions were reviewed and only Non-Indian well-related transactions were loaded into the application.

BLM Deputy Director Jim Hughes welcomed the reconnection to the NIWIS Website, saying: “This Website helps the BLM provide important information to our customers by once again providing a means for submitting and tracking oil and gas permits and reports electronically.

It will also streamline the process for approving permits required for development.”

For more information on the Non-Indian Well Information System, please contact:

Leslie Cone, BLM Land & Resources Project Office Manager, WO-330D P.O.
Box 25047 – Denver, CO 80225 (303) 236-0815
Email: leslie_cone@blm.gov

BLUERIBBON COALITION ACTION ALERT!

Dear BRC Action Alert Subscriber,

Attention Recreationists!

I just received an email from Jerry Abboud, Executive Director for the Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO). It seems that they have a job opening for a Trails Advocate and have asked us to pass along the information to our alert subscribers.

I have pasted in a copy of Jerry's email below, please take a couple of minutes to read it over. Also, pass this information on to anyone you know who may be interested. For additional information, contact Jerry Abboud at (303) 722-1327.

Thanks in advance for your involvement,
Ric Foster
Public Lands Department Manager
BlueRibbon Coalition
208-237-1008 ext 107

COHVCO Seeks Trails Advocate
Contact: Jerry Abboud, Executive Director
Phone: 303 722-1327 Fax: 303 252-0099
E-mail: jabboud@cohvco.org

August 22, 2007

Denver, CO (August 22, 2007)-The Colorado Off-highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO) is announcing a search to fill the Trails Advocate position with the Coalition. COHVCO is celebrating its 20th year in continuous advocacy for motorized recreation, and has been named the 2006 State OHV Organization of the Year by both the Blue Ribbon Coalition and the National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council.

The Trails Advocate position requires a dedicated individual who will live in the Denver area, working to protect the interests of enthusiasts using dirt bikes, ATV's, 4WD's, and snowmobiles on much of Colorado's 22 million acres of USFS and BLM land. The individual is expected to develop and maintain working relationships with COHVCO members, clubs and other motorized recreationists, while working as an access advocate with federal, state and local government agencies on land use issues.

Basic knowledge of the NEPA process and federal land management planning is necessary in this position, with advanced development expected on the job. The position requires excellent communication skills, both written and verbal, good computer skills, and a clean driving record. The position will include some travel within Colorado and will be based from the employee's home. A good knowledge of OHV routes on Colorado public land is a definite plus.

Contact Jerry Abboud for further details on how you might help motorized recreation in Colorado.



Jon Schmidt Concert Announcements

CHRISTMAS SHOW TICKETS — AVAILABLE SATURDAY

Amazing how time flies! It's already time for tickets to go on sale for my Christmas show. This Saturday, September 1st, you'll have a chance to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the public on September 10th.



By pre-ordering your tickets you'll have the best seats in the house. Tickets cost \$18.50 and may be purchased by phone at (801) 581-7100 (please mention you are member of my mailing list). General public ticket sales begin on September 10th and will also be available online, www.kingtix.com, at

that time. Orders of 10 or more receive a 20% discount.

The three shows are Friday and Saturday, December 7th and 8th. Show time is 7:30 pm, except for the Saturday matinee which starts at 2:00 pm. (Kingsbury Hall is located on the University of Utah campus.)

Sponsored by The Bank of Utah, this show is always such a highlight for me each year. Simply, there's something distinctive about performing during the Christmas Season.

THANKSGIVING POINT CONCERT — SEPT 15th

Catch my final outdoor summer concert within the beautiful surroundings of

Thanksgiving Point's Garden Waterfall Amphitheater. Tickets cost \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the show and are available online at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone at (801) 325-SEAT. Show starts at 7:30 pm. Thanksgiving Point is located in Lehi, Utah. Come hear "Waterfall" by one of the most beautiful waterfall venues you'll find anywhere. I just love playing there each year!!!

THANKSGIVING POINT CONCERT VIP TICKET GIVEAWAY

Once again, as is customary with all of my large concerts, I give a pair of VIP tickets to two of you on my email list. We'll take the first two people to respond and give them tickets to the Thanksgiving Point show on Saturday, September 15th (see below for details). To participate, **email us at** vip@jonschmidt.com. The first two people to respond will each win two free tickets. When responding by email **please provide:** 1) your first and last name and 2) a phone number in which you may be reached. Please do not respond after September 1, 2007 (we'll have more than enough responses by then). The winners will be announced on the front page of my site under "Free Music".

QUANTITY DISCOUNTS

Due to demand, we now offer all of my products as 12-packs. Albums and books are \$8.99 and \$11.99, respectively, when you purchase in quantities of 12 from jonschmidt.com. Quantity orders receive free shipping within the US (ground only). This is an economic and convenient way for gift giving and for piano teachers to obtain books for their students.

NEW SHEET MUSIC

In preparation for the Holiday Season, I have almost finished transcribing "North Pole Express." We'll be sending an email some time in the next few weeks when it becomes available for purchase as a \$0.99 PDF download.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Over the years we have discovered many people have similar questions regarding my music or website. Please see if this newly created [FAQ](#) addresses your questions or needs.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Sat Sep 7, '07	Jon will perform within the Price Civic Auditorium in Price, UT at 8:00 p.m. Please check with the venue for more details.
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Thu
Sep 13,
'07

Jon in concert at Preston High school in **Preston, ID**. More details forthcoming.

Sat
Sep 15,
'07

As part of their Hot Autumn Nights concert series, Zions Bank and Thanksgiving Point Institute present Jon Schmidt in Thanksgiving Point Gardens in the beautiful Waterfall Amphitheater. Ticket prices are \$12 Advance Purchase and \$15 on the day of the event and can be purchased through [TicketMaster](#) or by calling (801) 325-SEAT (7328). Ages 3 and up will require a ticket. Ages 2 and under are free. This is an all ages show. Seating is General Admission Lawn Seating. There are no chairs provided by or available at the venue. Please bring blankets to sit upon. Low beach or sand chairs will be allowed in designated areas only. Gates will open for admission at 6:30 pm and the show will begin at 7:30 pm. Ticket holders will enter the Gardens through the Children's Discovery Garden entrance. There will be no outside food or drink allowed into the facility. Concession will be available. Concert will go on rain or shine. Thanksgiving Point is in **Lehi, UT**.

Sat
Nov 10,
'07

Jon will be performing at Utah State University's Kent Concert Hall. The USU campus is located in **Logan, UT**. More details forthcoming.

Sat
Nov 17,
'07

Jon Schmidt Christmas Show within the Rexburg Tabernacle in **Rexburg, ID**. More details forthcoming.

Sat
Nov 24,
'07

Jon will be performing in **Portland, OR** within Portland State University's Lincoln Performance Hall at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$12.00, \$15.50, \$18.50 and can be purchased via Ticketmaster outlets, [ticketmaster.com](#), and the PSU Box Office. This Christmas show is produced by [Jim Band Music](#).

Sat
Dec 1, '07

Jon will be headlining a special Christmas performance at Tuacahn in **Ivins, UT**. More details, including additional artists, will be forthcoming.

Fri-Sat
Dec 7-8,
'07

The Bank of Utah is proud to present the 11th annual Jon Schmidt Christmas. Tickets cost \$18.50 and may be purchased by phone at (801) 581-7100 starting the week of September 10th and will also be available online, www.kingtix.com, at that time. Orders of 10 or more receive a 20% discount. Show time is 7:30 pm, except for the Saturday matinee which starts at 2:00 pm. Kingsbury Hall is located on the University of Utah campus in **Salt Lake City, UT**.

Thu
Dec 20,
'07

Jon's third annual Christmas Concert in **Mesa, AZ**. More details forthcoming.

P.S. The staff at JS Productions has made every effort to ensure this message is being sent only to people who have expressed interest in Jon's Classical New Age Piano Music. If we have sent this to you in error, please accept our apologies and [click here](#). By doing so you'll automatically exclude yourself from future communications, we promise. If you know someone who would like to join, have them [click here](#) where they can sign-up to receive information and special offers. In compliance with US federal laws, we provide the following information: Jon Schmidt, P.O Box 9052, SLC, UT, 84109. Thanks!

NATIONAL RECREATION GROUP SAYS ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST COMMENT EXTENSION MUST INCLUDE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

OAKLEY, CA - In an email on August 24, a national forest in the Sierra Nevada stated they would extend the public comment period by 45 days of a controversial planning process that proposed to close over 75% of historic roads and trails in a popular recreation area. The BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC), a national recreation group, is urging the agency to take advantage of the additional time to issue supplemental environmental analysis to address substantive procedural problems and fatal flaws in the Forest's current planning documents.

BRC believes the Eldorado National Forest's Draft Environmental Impact Statement has misinterpreted direction in various agency documents including its Forest Plan, the National Travel Management Rule, Roadless Area management and a federal court order to create a perfect storm of "regulatory gridlock."

Over the last few weeks, thousands of concerned forest users, recreationists and government officials have voiced their opposition to the Eldorado's proposal to restrict vehicle access to most hunter camps, close historic jeep roads and prohibit vehicle use on about 75% of their National Forest System Roads and Trails.

Don Amador, the Western Representative for the BlueRibbon Coalition, states, "I think it is important for elected officials, local users and sportsmen to make a formal request to the agency to allow for a viable alternative that fully develops a pro-recreation alternative with quality dispersed camping opportunities and a substantive route network that reflects public access needs to the forest. We intend to spend the coming weeks demonstrating to the agency and influential officials that logic demands, and the law can allow, exactly such a plan."

"Local trail users and hunters should also submit site-specific comments about important spur roads, campsites, and trails that have been and will continue to be important for their recreational activities," Amador concludes.

Interbike and Bikes Belong Ink Long-Term Partnership

New 10-year pact will support key bicycling projects and increase industry involvement in the world's leading bicycle trade show

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif. and BOULDER, Colo. - August 28, 2007 - Nielsen Media, parent company of Interbike, and the Bikes Belong Coalition, the bike industry's advocacy group for the United States, today announced a significant 10-year, multi-million dollar alliance that will boost efforts to get more Americans riding bicycles.

Interbike, which has produced one of the world's leading bicycle trade shows since 1982, will become a top financial contributor to Bikes Belong and a primary sponsor of two innovative Bikes Belong projects. Interbike will become a top-level sponsor of the Bikes Belong Foundation--Bikes Belong's sister organization that focuses on bicycle safety and children's bicycling initiatives. Interbike and Bikes Belong will also partner to support a high profile bicycle project each year in the show's host city (currently Las Vegas).

For its part, Bikes Belong will officially endorse Interbike as the U.S. bike industry's trade show and will end its consideration of launching or supporting a competing event. Bikes Belong will also work closely with Interbike's staff to maximize the appeal of the show and its related events to suppliers, retailers, and bike advocates.

Since Bikes Belong was formed in 1999, Interbike has shown its ongoing support to the advocacy organization in a number of ways, including

- Providing Bikes Belong its first cash grant,
- Frequently paying more than its membership dues,
- Providing complimentary exhibition and advertising space, and
- Creating several significant fundraising programs and events to enhance Bikes Belong's work.

"Bikes Belong is doing a phenomenal job of getting more people on bikes, promoting bicycle safety and working with governments to develop bicycle friendly infrastructure," said Joe Flynn, vice president and general manager of Nielsen Business Media's Sports Group. "Their efforts have significantly strengthened the bicycle industry. We strongly believe in supporting and working closely with the associations in the industries our shows serve, such as the Outdoor Industry Association, Surf Industry Manufacturers Association and American Fly Fishing Trade Association. Now, we are taking a similar step with Bikes Belong for Interbike."

According to Lance Camisasca, Interbike's show director, Interbike has enjoyed a productive, long-term relationship with Bikes Belong. "Now, we're making our alliance even stronger," Camisasca said. "This new pact will be key to Interbike's future success and the growth of the bicycle business."

Tim Blumenthal, executive director of Bikes Belong said, "This agreement enables us to stay focused on what we do best: maximizing federal bike funding, awarding grants, promoting the benefits of bicycling, and supporting great programs like Safe Routes to School and Bicycle Friendly Communities. Interbike's increased investment will help us accomplish more in all of these key areas. Additionally, we will be able to work closely with Interbike to develop new ways for the Show to best serve the needs of the suppliers and retailers in our industry."

About Interbike

Interbike, produced by Nielsen Business Media, the parent company of the Outdoor Retailer (OR), Action Sports Retailer (ASR) and Fly Fishing Retailer trade shows, is a full-service trade show company that creates, markets and produces high-quality expos and educational conferences. Producers of the OutDoor Demo and Interbike International Bicycle Expo, Interbike is the leading bicycle industry business-to-business event management company, bringing together top manufacturers, retailers, industry advocates and media to conduct the business of cycling. Now celebrating more than 25 years of successful events, Interbike (www.interbike.com) gathers more than 1,000 cycling-related brands and more than 21,000 total attendees annually.

The next 25 years of Interbike start with the OutDoor Demo in Bootleg Canyon, Boulder City, Nevada, September 24-25, 2007 and the International Bicycle Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 26-28, 2007.

About Bikes Belong

Bikes Belong Coalition (www.bikesbelong.org) is the U.S. bicycle industry organization dedicated to getting more people riding bikes more often. Bikes Belong lobbies to increase federal bike funding, awards grants to support innovative bike projects, promotes bicycling and its benefits, and backs crucial national efforts such as Safe Routes to School, Bicycle Friendly Communities, and the National Bike Summit. The affiliated Bikes Belong Foundation focuses on improving bicycle safety and enhancing children's bike programs.

Bikes Belong is run by a 10-person professional staff and a volunteer board of directors that includes top bike company executives, retailers, and media leaders.

BLM releases Draft Resource Management Plan for public review

MOAB, UT– The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released its draft resource management plan and environmental impact statement (RMP/EIS) on Friday aimed at providing direction for how BLM-administered public lands in Grand County and in the northern third of San Juan County, Utah will be managed in the future to sustain their health, diversity and productivity.

The draft RMP/EIS analyzes four alternatives



covering a broad spectrum of management options. BLM has also selected a preferred alternative that the agency developed to provide the most reasonable and balanced approach to managing the public lands resources and uses. This alternative emphasizes protecting important environmental values and sensitive resources while allowing for commodities development. It considers protection of important natural resources and commodity production, as well as offer a full range of recreation opportunities.

Under the preferred alternative, five Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (approximately 63,000 acres) would be specially managed to protect relevant and important values. Additionally, portions of three rivers (the Green, the Colorado

and the Dolores) would be recommended as suitable for Wild and Scenic River status.

The release of a draft RMP represents a significant step in public lands management. The Moab Field Office and its cooperators have been working on the effort for the past four years.

This planning effort will result in a comprehensive resource management plan for 1.8 million acres of public lands administered by the Moab Field Office. The draft plan identifies how various programs like special designations, travel management, recreation, minerals, non-WSA lands with wilderness characteristics, wildlife, and livestock grazing would be managed in to the future.

As provided by Federal planning regulations, the public is welcome to comment during the standard 90-day comment period that ends on November 30, 2007. The Moab Field Office has planned four public meetings in Moab, Monticello, and Salt Lake City, Utah and in Grand Junction, Colorado to provide information and answer questions from the public.

The meetings will be held at the following times and locations:
Tuesday, September 25, 2007 6-8 P.M.

Grand Center
182 N. 500 W
Moab, Utah

Wednesday, September 26, 2007, 6-8 p.m.
Monticello High School
164 S. 200 W.
Monticello, Utah

Thursday, September 27, 2007, 6-8 p.m.
Two Rivers Convention Center
159 Main St.
Grand Junction, Colorado

Wednesday, October 3, 2007, 6-8 p.m.
Salt Lake City Main Public Library
210 E. 400 S.
Salt Lake City, Utah

The draft RMP/EIS is available online at:
<http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/planning.1.html> This website also contains background information about the plan, as well as an electronic public comment form. Comments may also be mailed to the BLM Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, UT 84532, or emailed to UT_Moab_Comments@blm.gov.

Copies of the draft RMP/EIS are also available for public review at the Grand County (Moab) Library, the San Juan County (Monticello) Library, the Salt Lake City Public Library, the Mesa County (Grand Junction) Library and the University of Utah Library. In addition, copies may be viewed at the Moab, Monticello and Grand Junction BLM offices, and at the BLM Utah State Office in Salt Lake City.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the draft RMP/EIS, please contact the Moab Field Office at (435) 259-2100 or at the above address.

WOMEN JUMPERS PREP FOR EVENTS IN LAKE PLACID AND UTAH *Four events set for 1980, 2002 Olympic venues*

LAKE PLACID, N.Y. (Aug. 27) - The top women ski jumpers in the world - including the six-member U.S. Ski Team - will be in Lake Placid Aug. 28-29 for two days of Continental Cup jumping at the 1980 Olympic Jumping Complex. The Team, led by 12-time U.S. champion Lindsey Van (Park City, UT), then moves to the 2002 Olympic venue in Park City, Utah as the summer competition period concludes Sept. 1-2.

Continental Cup is the highest level of competition for women jumpers, who will debut at the World Championships in 2009 in Liberec, Czech Republic. They hope to be included in the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Van, who spent a year at the National Sports Academy in Lake Placid when the Utah Olympic jumps were being constructed, has been ranked in the top three of the Continental Cup standings for all three seasons of the tour's existence. She was second in 2005 and '06, then third last season when she dominated the final month of the Continental Cup schedule, winning three events and producing four other podiums.

First-year Head Coach Kjell Ivar Magnusson expects the U.S. women to be very competitive because of their familiarity with the two Olympic venues, which will be the biggest hills the women have competed on thus far in the 2008 season. "I think the girls will be comfortable with these hills," he said as the Team returned

from the first round of competition in Europe. "They are motivated even more to do better here and I think they will have good results."

"We're excited about getting these two jumping competitions in Lake Placid," U.S. Nordic Director Luke Bodensteiner said. "We've got a bigger team this season and they have a new coach, who's got them making some advances with their technique, and they're all anxious to do well as they come to the United States after opening the season in Europe."

In addition to Van, who won both women's jumping events in Lake Placid during Fourth of July festivities, the U.S. Ski Team includes five other Park City skiers: Alissa Johnson, who was born outside Lake Placid in Plattsburgh, NY, before her family moved to Utah; Jessica Jerome, Abby Hughes, Brenna Ellis and Avery Ardivino, who collected her first top-5 result in Bischofsgruen, Germany, when she was fifth this month. In addition, one or two other American jumpers are expected to compete at each site, Bodensteiner said.

The schedule:

Aug. 28-29 - Olympic Jumping Complex, Lake Placid, 100-meter hill

Sept. 1-2 - Utah Olympic Park, Park City, 100 meter-hill

BLUERIBBON COALITION ACTION ALERT:

Dear Friends,

The Bureau of Land Management's Moab Field Office in Utah has released their Draft Resource Management Plan (Draft RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS). The Draft RMP includes a comprehensive travel plan affecting both motorized and non-motorized recreational trails.



The Draft EIS includes four Alternatives, including a "no action" alternative which will be used as a baseline for comparison. Moab BLM has also developed a "Preferred Alternative" which is what BLM would like to do. There are two other alternatives.

The BLM is just beginning a 90 day public comment period. Based on the input they receive, the agency will modify the "Preferred Alternative" into a "Proposed RMP" (and Final EIS). After a brief comment and appeal period, this will ultimately result in a Final Plan (or "Approved Plan"). BLM will likely select parts of all of the Alternatives to formulate the Proposed RMP.

Your comments on this plan are extremely important. But formulating substantive comments may not be easy. The document itself is huge (the Table of Contents alone is nearly 50 pages) and it is difficult to discern exactly what the BLM is proposing to do.

BRC will be releasing a detailed review and analysis of the Alternatives, but it will take several weeks to complete. The purpose of this email update is to give you some help in wading through the document in order to learn what changes the BLM is proposing.

Those of you who regularly visit the Moab office are strongly encouraged to take a look at key parts of the document and provide comments.



As always, feel free to contact BRC with comments or questions. Part of our job is to help you understand what the BLM is proposing and help you make effective comments.

Thanks,
Brian Hawthorne
BlueRibbon Coalition

IMPORTANT NOTE:

BLM is proposing huge changes from what is currently allowed. Much of the proposed management is decidedly "Park-like." While some of the changes are needed, and BRC will be supporting the BLM on many of these, others are arbitrary and unnecessary.

Anti-recreation groups such as the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) have staff to review the environmental analysis to find flaws that will nudge the final decision their way. Indeed, many stakeholders are paying for professional review of these documents in order to protect their interests. *The OHV community must do this as well.*

As always, funds for such an effort are limited. In order to raise funds for this important effort, BRC has initiated the "Moab Partnership" program.

Partners make a pledge of \$10.00 per month or make a one-time Partnership donation of \$120.00 to enroll for one year. Your donation is placed in a restricted account to be used for efforts related to the BLM's Moab and Monticello Field Office planning processes.

Please consider helping us with the detailed analysis this project deserves. Become a Moab Partner today. Click here:

www.sharetrails.org/public_land/index.cfm?section=Moab2

Moab BLM'S Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AT A GLANCE:

Moab BLM's website is pretty easy to navigate. Check <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/planning.html> for the complete Draft RMP and Draft EIS as well as all the background documents.

Comments may be submitted electronically at: UT_Moab_Comments@blm.gov. Comments may also be submitted by mail to: Moab Field Office RMP Comments, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, Utah 84532. To facilitate analysis of comments and information submitted, we strongly encourage you to submit comments in an electronic format.



NOTE:

Please do not send the overworked and underpaid BRC staff emails complaining that the maps are un-readable. We know. If you contact the BLM regarding this, please be polite. We are working with Moab BLM to find a solution.

Brief Description of an EIS

Chapter 1 is the Purpose and Need, where BLM is supposed to define specific areas where management needs to be changed. Chapter 1 also describes the Planning Issues and Planning Criteria.

Chapter 2 is a detailed description of the Alternatives.

Chapter 3 is the Affected Environment section where the agency described the current condition and existing management.

Chapter 4 is the environmental analysis.

Chapter 5 describes the public involvement, consultation and coordination.

Key Sections of the Document:

It will be helpful to review the [Dear Reader](#) letter and the [Executive Summary](#). The Executive Summary is worth review and gives a brief description of the "theme" of the Alternatives, but it won't give you much detail.

[Chapter 2](#) describes the Alternatives and includes the "matrix" (pages 2-7 through 2-56). The matrix is a comparison of how each Alternative addresses the key issues. Important sections include "Recreation" (pages 2-17 through 2-20) and "Travel Management" (pages 2-48 through 2-50). This will be a lot easier to understand if you print and reference maps 2-8 A through D as well as 2-9 B through D. (Don't miss the description of how BLM addressed SUWA's "Red Rock Heritage Travel Plan Alternative" on page 2-107.)

Also important are the Recreation Rules in [Appendix E](#), where you will find the Moab BLM's policy on Dispersed Camping and other activities.

[Appendix G](#) is the

explanation of how the Moab BLM developed the Travel Plan. It will help if you can print and reference the following maps:



Maps 2-10 A through D
Maps 2-11 B through E
Maps 2-11-F B through D

The very brave will want to view Appendix E, the Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA). But making sense of all of the various "overlays" isn't for the faint of heart!

Appendix F is a critical section. But the way the BLM is managing the SRMA's is unnecessarily confusing. Pay close attention! You'll need to fully understand the difference between Physical and Administrative management zones (Primitive, Back Country, Middle Country, Front County and Rural), Goals, Settings and Outcomes. The final step is to overlay all of that with the travel management program and see if it makes any sense at all. Again, you'll need maps 2-8 A through D.

Advanced level Access Advocates may want to review the "lands with wilderness character" and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern sections. (Chapter 2, pages 2-16 through 2-17, Appendix P and Maps 2-24 B and C for lands with wilderness character. ACEC's are on pages 2-33 through 2-39. Reference maps 2-14 A through C.)

Long time BRC members probably just felt a chill down their spines. The "lands with wilderness character" business is the legacy of Bruce Babbitt and his illegal effort to double the amount of Wilderness Study Areas in Utah. It's a long story, and we'll post details on our Moab Update webpage soon. But it is a key problem for recreation, and not just for motorized recreation. This is because some recent BLM plans require the agency to "enhance" wilderness character, instead of say, "maintain" or "protect against significant impacts." What this means is that eventually, these lands will be managed as Wilderness.

De-facto Wilderness. Nice....

That's why BRC and other multiple use stakeholders oppose this designation altogether. Let me be perfectly clear. Congress gave very specific instructions to the BLM regarding Wilderness. Those instructions are contained in Section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). Congress instructed the agency to inventory all of their lands, identify which were definitely not of wilderness quality and then to begin an intensive inventory and analysis to

determine which of the remaining lands would be recommended for inclusion into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The process was completed in 1991. All stakeholders (including Wilderness Advocacy Groups) have exhausted the protest and appeal options. After 10 years the "603 Process" left Utah with approximately 3.2 million acres designated as Wilderness Study Areas. Of those, approximately 1.9 million acres were deemed "suitable and manageable" and were recommended to Congress for Wilderness designation. Section 603 requires the BLM to manage WSAs in such a manner so as to not impair the suitability of such areas for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System, subject to existing uses.

There is no justification, no legal mandate and no process requirement for engaging in an ongoing, never ending wilderness inventory and review. The question of which lands should be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System is now between Congress and the American People. Other than the management of existing WSAs, the BLM should have no part in this issue. To do so is a tragic loss of management resources.

IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT MAKING COMMENTS:

Your comments on the Alternatives are extremely important. But the BLM is saying comments containing only opinion or preferences will be considered and included as part of the decision making process, but they will not receive a formal response from the BLM.



Comments will be most helpful if you can state specifically what you like and what you don't like about each of the Alternatives. Suggest changes and be specific. Include information, sources, or methodologies if possible. Also, it is good if you can reference a section or page number.

BLM is also encouraging feedback concerning the adequacy and accuracy of the four proposed alternatives, the analysis of their respective management decisions, and any new information that would help the BLM produce a Proposed Plan.

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84532. To facilitate analysis of comments and information submitted, we strongly encourage you to submit comments in an electronic format.

ROYAL STREET CAFÉ TO CLOSE FOR 2007 SUMMER SEASON ON LABOR DAY

LIFT-SERVED BIKING, HIKING AND SCENIC RIDES OPEN WEEKENDS ONLY IN SEPTEMBER THROUGH SEPT. 16th

WHAT: Deer Valley Resort's Royal Street Café will close for the 2007 summer season on **Monday, September 3, 2007**. Lunch is served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Royal Street Café, located mid-mountain at Deer Valley's Silver Lake Lodge and adjacent to lift-served biking and hiking on Silver Lake Express and Sterling Express chairlifts. Royal Street Café offers a casual grill atmosphere with award-winning cuisine and scenic deck dining. The creative, seasonal menu includes favorites like the BBQ chipotle burger or Deer Valley Turkey Chili; the shrimp and lobster "margarita" layered with papaya salsa and fresh guacamole, served in a margarita glass; gourmet paninis; grilled tuna tacos with fresh mango-avocado salsa, southwest slaw and chipotle mayonnaise; and much more. Fine wines and refreshing seasonal cocktails available, including the 2007 Park City Cocktail Contest winner, the Blueberry Mojito!

Deer Valley Resort's lift-served mountain biking, hiking and scenic rides will continue operating **weekends only after Labor Day through Sunday, September 16th (conditions permitting)**.

COST:	Mountain biking lift passes with bike	\$24 for an all-day pass
		\$16 for one ride on each lift
	Hiking/scenic chairlift rides	
	Adult	\$13
	Seniors 65 and older	\$10
	Children 6 to 12 years old	\$10
	Children five and under	Free
	Silver Lake Express, one ride, no bike	
	Adult	\$7
	Seniors 65 and older	\$5
	Children 6 to 12 years old	\$5
	Children five and under	Free

WHERE: Lift tickets and bike rentals/lessons can be purchased at Snow Park and Silver Lake rental shops. Last day of summer operation is **September 16th, 2007 (conditions permitting).**

Teens Take Shot at Olympic Dreams

U.S. Coaches Evaluate Young Talent at NSSF-Sponsored Camp

U.S. OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER, Colorado Springs, Colo.—Eighteen young trap and skeet shooters from 11 states are a step closer to their Olympic dreams, after four days of intensive coaching and evaluation at the U.S. Olympic Training Center.

The athletes were selected by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) to attend this year's U.S. Junior Olympic Development Camp. All were among the top talents in NSSF's Scholastic Clay Target Program, a national youth shooting league with nearly 10,000 students competing in 2007. Selection involved an application and interview process.

Shooters attending the camp, which concluded Aug. 26, included:

Tim Baker, 18, La Porte, Ind.
Justin Black, 16, Las Vegas, Nev.
Tanner Brooks, 16, Walkerton, Ind.
Morgan Craft, 14, Hughesville, Pa.
Matt Fountain, 15, New Albany, Pa.
Owen Harris, 17, Collierville, Tenn.
Jonathan Kacmarcik, 18, Fayetteville, N.C.
Grant Meyer, 16, Carleton, Mich.
Alik Miller, 17, Rochester, N.Y.
Kimberly Peters, 17, Surprise, Ariz.
Cory Smith, 16, Dandridge, Tenn.
Daniel Tate, 16, Ione, Calif.
Austin Tischler, 17, Sparks, Nev.
Clarence Van Camp, 17, Marysville, Mich.
Garrett Walters, 15, Burr Oak, Mich.
Collin Wietfeldt, 16, Hemlock, Mich.
Brittany Wright, 15, Washburn, Mo.



This year's Junior Olympic Development Camp attendees.

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NSSF sponsored a portion of the camp costs. USA Shooting, the national governing body for Olympic shooting sports, was a major partner.

At the camp, athletes honed their skills in the international style of skeet and trap shooting with U.S. Olympic shotgun coach Lloyd Woodhouse and his staff.

"Without a doubt there are potential, future Olympians at this camp. I've picked up several team members here through the years," said Woodhouse. "Certainly not all will care to continue the international style of shotgunning because it is so difficult and so challenging. But this is how we find those athletes who are willing to dedicate themselves to the training it takes to excel in this sport."

The national coach for over 20 years, Woodhouse knows how to spot emerging talent and get the most from his athletes in big matches. Olympic shooting includes rifle, pistol and shotgun events, and of the past nine shooting medals won by the U.S., six were by Woodhouse-coached shotgun shooters.

Daily training at the Junior Olympic Development Camp starts early and goes late. Most of the day is spent at the U.S. Olympic Shooting Park at Fort Carson. Skeet and trap shooters split into separate groups to work with coaches who specialize in those sports. Various drills help shooters fine-tune skills and, at the same time, help coaches identify athletes with special aptitude as well as attitude. Evening classroom work teaches goal setting, team structure, physical and mental preparation for high-level competition, and much more.

The young shooters were housed in the athlete dormitories and fed in the athlete cafeteria alongside scores of other Olympic hopefuls from many different sports. With the 2008 games in Beijing now less than a year away, the training center also buzzed with seasoned Olympic veterans, including previous medal winners.

Top U.S. shooters in both trap and skeet also met with camp attendees.

Since its inception seven years ago, NSSF's Scholastic Clay Target Program has grown rapidly. Participation by students in grades 12 and under increased nearly 20 percent, with youth competitions in trap, skeet or sporting clays held in over 40 states, in just the past year.

Woodhouse said, "I've not observed any other shooting sports program that touches

so many young people in this country. I don't know of anything that even comes close. It's just incredible. It's the greatest program that I can think of in the shooting world."

He added, "the young people selected for these camps are the highest caliber of young people that I've ever encountered," but making Olympic dreams come true is a special challenge.

"It's a long road. To train to be a world-class athlete is very hard work. You have to be willing to give up things that your peers are enjoying. Your classmates may be going to a prom, but you have to be willing to miss out in order to do that extra bit of training, extra shooting practice, extra eye exercises. You must be willing to do countless little things that might seem insignificant, because it is always the seemingly insignificant things that come together to make a champion," said Woodhouse.

Zach Snow of NSSF said, "It's only a matter of time before we see a Scholastic Clay Target Program shooter on the Olympic medals stand representing our sport and our nation. In fact, several alumni of our program are now among the top contenders for Beijing."

Nine volunteer coaches from the Scholastic Clay Target Program also attended the camp to learn advanced skills in coaching shooting sports. Selected coaches included:

Mike Bonner, Cave Creek, Ariz.
Tiffany Hester, Sublette, Kan.
Mike Hughes, Manchester, Mich.
Hays Gilstrap, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Russell James, Fort Worth, Texas
John Landry, Jeanerette, La.
Ashley Lynch, Phoenix, Ariz.
Steven McLennan, Holden, Mo.
Guy Thomas, Carlisle, Iowa

NSSF, formed in 1961, is the non-profit trade association for the firearms industry. NSSF directs a variety of outreach programs to promote greater participation and a better understanding of shooting sports, emphasizing safe and responsible ownership of firearms. For more information, visit www.nssf.org.

Ryan Shupe & the RubberBand Around the World

Hello RubberBand Family,

This is Bart, just writing a few updates that I thought all of you would be interested to hear. We have some big upcoming shows that we are looking forward to and have revitalized the Shupe Group... Check it out!

Here are some upcoming show...

August 29 Laramie, Wyoming University of Wyoming (15th Street and Frat Mall)

We perform at at 8:20 pm and tickets are free so don't miss out. This event is Sponsored by the University of Wyoming student activities council. The evening will begin at 7pm with the Jalan Crossland Band.

August 31 and Sept 1 Laie, Hawaii BYU Hawaii

We'll be in Hawaii playing at BYU Hawaii! Come enjoy our show in HAWAII! one of the most beautiful places on Earth!

Sept 7 Lehi, Utah Thanksgiving Point

We'll be doing our big annual show at the Thanksgiving Point Waterfall Amphitheater on Friday, Sept. 7. Get your tickets now because this is always one of our most popular shows. This year will be bigger and better with jumbo video screens and big bright stars overhead. Don't miss it. You can get tickets at www.ticketmaster.com .

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/1E003EDCE36EC8E8?artistid=1141746&majorcatid=10001&minorcatid=60>

We have revitalized the Shupe Group with its own link in our website's menu bar. By clicking the Shupe Group link and entering some information, the one time moderate fan will be immediately whisked away into a world of wonder and excitement as an official member of the band's exclusive street team.

By helping spread the word about upcoming shows, Shupe Groupers will get free tickets to shows, back stage passes, and other perks not available to other fans.

Thanks for all of your support, and we look forward to seeing you at our big upcoming shows!

Check out the website <http://www.shupe.net>

For more info, new photos section, message board, and jukebox!

INTENSITY INCREASED AT MT. HOOD MOGULS CAMP

Team ready for seventh season of training in Chile

MT. HOOD, Ore. (Aug. 27) - U.S. moguls skiers set the stage for their on-snow camp in South America this month with productive, quality drills at Mt. Hood.

"We had 10 skiers and everyone got some good miles on skis, got some good jumps in...and it was a great preparation for Chile later this month. That's such an important camp and now everyone's looking ready," said Head Coach Scott Rawles.

Ongoing sessions in the splash pool at Utah Olympic Park, where the moguls skiers learned body awareness in mid-air, served as a perfect lead-in for most of the athletes last month at Mt. Hood.

Splash pool drills are good prep for moguls

"We've had a lot of athletes at the park training, often on their own, or coaching each other, or they'll hook-up with whichever coach is there. I was out there in May, Lasse [Fahlen] was there in June and Todd [Schirman], who lives in Park City, has been the main go-to guy," Rawles said. "It's definitely the first year we've offered such an organized, weekly program and it's been well-received by the athletes.

"Todd's done a great job keeping those guys motivated and keeping a lot of stuff going on. This year we will have been on snow every month but September."

The positive approach by everyone helped overtake the loss of on-snow time [due to rough weather at Mt. Hood]. The staff built one jump, which everyone used, and a separate bumps run was created so that athletes could maximize their skiing. "We had some long days, and it mostly was about getting miles under everyone's belt, getting time on snow. They all skied pretty well and we did a bit of jumping over the last couple of days," Rawles said.

"My main focus was to test new equipment. I wanted to get comfortable and feel confident using my new gear," said Shannon Bahrke (Tahoe City, UT), the 2002 Olympic silver medalist who also medaled at the '03 and '07 FIS Freestyle World

Ski Champion ships.

Intensity contagious among athletes

Jay Bowman-Kirigin (Salt Lake City), who is coming off a blockbuster season - World Cup Rookie of the Year in moguls, a World Cup podium and two medals at the Junior World Championships, echoed Bahrke. "We didn't get a lot of time on snow because of some rain, so there was pressure for us to 'bring' our stuff, and I think everyone delivered. It was good. There was some great skiing taking place."

The intensity to make every run, every jump count was contagious, he said. "I was fortunate. I was able to work on my double-fulls [i.e., two twists and a flip on one jump] and my cork-1080 [three rotations during an off-axis jump]. There wasn't a lot of snow, but it held up pretty well.

"I think I got three days of jumping, which I can build on when we get to Chile. I can be skiing hard right from the start down there," Bowman-Kirigin said.

Bowman-Kirigin further boosted his preseason skiing by sticking around for a couple of weeks, joining his club program, Wasatch Freestyle, for more on-snow drills at Mt. Hood.

Rawles and the moguls skiers will be in El Colorado for a seventh preseason, covering the last two weeks of August.

OnTheSnow.com, Turtle Fur and Yukon Charlie's Snowshoes Join Winter Trails/Winter Feels Good for 2007-08

McLean, VA., August 27, 2007 OnTheSnow.com, Turtle Fur and Yukon Charlie's Snowshoes have joined a stellar list of sponsors and media partners for the 2008 Winter Trails/Winter Feels Good initiative. More than 100 Nordic Centers, alpine resorts and national parks will host the 13th annual Winter Trails day on January 12, 2008. One event at Estes Park, Colorado is scheduled for February 16, 2008 ...

Winter Trails offers children and adults the opportunity to try snowshoeing and/or cross country skiing FREE at participating facilities. The program was organized initially at approximately 12 venues by snowshoe companies that are members of SnowSports Industries America (SIA) and it has grown over the years to include snowshoeing and/or cross country skiing at more than 100 locations in the U.S. and Canada. A part of the Winter Feels Good Initiative, Winter Trails is organized

through a partnership between SIA, the Cross Country Ski Areas Association (CCSAA) and the American Hiking Society (AHS).

Offerings at Winter Trails events vary but all locations allow for a trial of snowshoeing or cross country skiing or both. Some events feature guided tours, igloo building demonstrations and clinics on how to dress for snow sports and winter camping and hiking. A complete listing of Winter Trails events is posted at www.wintertrails.org along with helpful tips on how to prepare for a snow sports experience, tips on getting ready and information about snowshoe and cross country products.

Returning sponsors and media partners include founding sponsors Atlas, Mountain Safety Research (MSR), Redfeather and Tubbs as well as Alpina, Atomic, Columbia Sportswear, Exel, Grabber, Kahtoola, Karhu, Nature Valley, PEPSICO, Rossignol, Salomon, Sorel, SWIX, Whitewoods and W.L. Gore and Associates. In addition to OnTheSnow.com, media partners are Cross Country Skier, SkiTrax and XCSkiresorts.com.

African Safaris available

Hey all,

If anyone is interested in an African Safari I can make sure you go on the hunting trip of a lifetime. Take a look at the latest email I received from Deon at Ngwarati Safaris, the Professional Hunter I spent six days with this spring. This is a great package and will guarantee a spectacular time. Now is the time to book a hunt and start to pay for it. You cannot go anywhere and take as many animals for the amount you are paying and believe me the way you are taken care of is better than you can imagine. Packages can be discussed and prices may vary if you change from the animals listed. Please give me a call if you may be interested in a hunt with Ngwarati Safaris. I will be sharing a booth with Ngwarati Safaris at the Hunt Expo in February so come by and see us and book a hunt. Please forward this information on to all those who may be interested in an African Safari.

Thanks,

Kelly Bingham

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Hi there to all,

As you are getting ready for the new hunting season in the USA, and we are starting our marketing for the 2008 season, this is a good time to review all the different hunting opportunities we as a company offer in Africa, come and experience the spirit of a true African safari. Start booking your African dream today.

I am celebrating my 21 anniversary in 2008 as a professional hunter. Our dynamic company **Ngwarati Safaris Africa** is offering a special package to celebrate this occasion.

Plains Game Safari and National Park Tour:

This hunt is to take place in the Limpopo province of South Africa.

7 Days all inclusive of the following: 1 Day Pilanesberg National park tour, daily rates, accommodation, meals, pick up and drop off at O.R. Tambo intl airport, all local beers, wine, sodas and bottled water, PH, skinner/tracker, raw prep of trophies and delivery to a local taxidermist or raw prep facility, all ground transportation and the following trophies. This also includes 2 x night's varmint hunting for jackal.

1 x Blue wildebeest
1 x Gemsbuck
1 x Zebra
1 x Impala
2 x Warthog

All this for **\$ 5 695 – 00** per person, minimum 2 x hunter and maximum 6 x hunter. Observers can join for \$ 200-00 per day + 14 % Vat Tax.

Following is a list of references you can contact for more info on our organization.

Tom & Cheryl Briggs	417 818 0404
Walter Albert's	314 623 2473
Scott & Susan Nelson	636 349 6673
Tom Ackerman	207 729 8645
Kelly Bingham	801 389 0879

Please contact us for a free quote or if you are just interested to find out more about a safari, we are waiting for your call or e mail.

News from Bowhunters of Utah

Good afternoon fellow bowhunters. I hope all is favorable for you and that your bowhunting opener whether it be Deer or Elk was successful or at least encouraging. Congratulations to those who have harvested and best wishes to those who are still working on it. Keep Believing and keep moving forward!

As many have noticed we have merchandise for sale on the website now. We hope that you will take advantage of this new opportunity. For those who would like to save a \$ or two you will be able to pick up merchandise at the next BOU board meeting and not have to pay the shipping charges and get what you want. As that date becomes available I will get it to you.

BOU recently gave a bow and arrow package to Brian Brinkerhoff (Radio Host for Backcountry Utah AM630 KTKK and 1340 KTMP and - Our Web host) for all of the hard work and extra effort that he has gone to with our website. We couldn't be more grateful and thankful to him for his efforts. A big congratulations and thank you!

Fall RAC's will be taking place in another couple of months. This will be one of the topics at the next board meeting. One topic that has already been put before the board is the initiative 400. We never have heard back from our presenter about the changes to the proposal so nothing more has been forwarded on to you. If those items do come out we will get the information to you as soon as possible.

Other plans are in the works at this time but until the final wording is accomplished I will hold off on making any official announcement.

Hunting Success Stories- Our organization is about you. We would love to hear of your hunting success stories. You don't have to tell where but we would love to get the details of your hunt and a couple of photo's so that we can add them to the next mailer that will be coming out shortly. I already have a couple of great stories that you will love reading and am hoping to hear of more from you. Just reply back with the e-mail. We will do everything to protect that honey-hole or other personal information you would like to keep "Secret".<wink> Seriously we would love to highlight you!

I hope all finds you well and that you and that much dreamed about buck or bull finds his way to your set-up! Good luck to all

News from the 4M Community

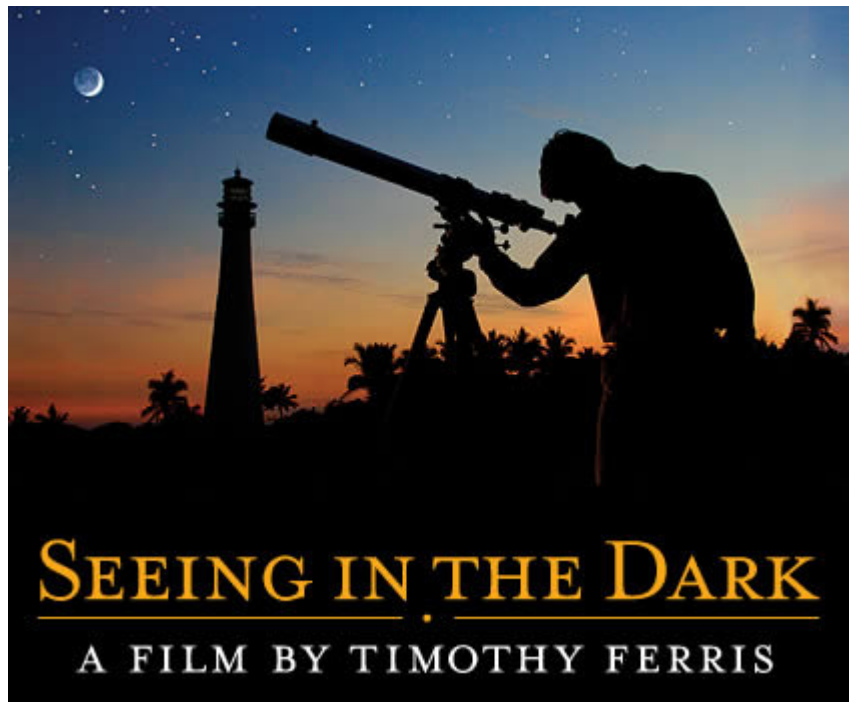
Seeing in the Dark, a film by 4M Community Alliance member Timothy Ferris, will air on Public Broadcasting Stations across the USA on Wednesday, September 19 at 8:00 p.m. (check local listings)

Stargazing is the subject of *Seeing in the Dark*, a 60-minute, state-of-the art, high-definition (HDTV) documentary written, produced and narrated by award winning filmmaker, journalist and best-selling author Timothy Ferris. The program introduces viewers to the rewards of first person, hands-on astronomy. It is based on Ferris's book, *Seeing in the Dark*

(Simon & Schuster, 2002), named by The New York Times as one of the ten best books of the year.

The program features remarkable high-definition astrophotography and introduces men and women who have seen and captured phenomenal images within and beyond our solar system and galaxy, both professionals and amateurs. They include:

- Robert Smith, former star NFL running back turned stargazer, Miami, Florida
- Barbara Wilson, who teaches at a public observatory near Houston, Texas
- Steven James OMeara, an artist and astronomy writer who lives in Hawaii
- Ron Bissinger, a corporate CEO in Pleasanton, California who hunts for planets of distant stars
- Rob Gendler, a radiologist and deep-space astrophotographer in Avon, Connecticut



- Michael Koppelman, a musician who imaged light older than Earth from his observatory outside Minneapolis
- Debra Fischer, an astrophysicist at Cal Berkeley who works with amateur astronomers
- The Bisque Brothers, designers of telescope-control software and hardware in Golden, Colorado

The Seeing in the Dark Web site (pbs.org/seeinginthedark, going live on September 5th) will enable viewers to print star charts for their time and location, view video tips on how to get the most out of stargazing, learn more about the people and concepts in the film, and find local star parties where they can look through amateur astronomers' telescopes free of charge. A *Seeing in the Dark* robotic telescope, located at a high-altitude site in New Mexico, will be available for students to image star clusters, nebulae, and galaxies for themselves.

Seeing in the Dark was made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation and with support from the Public Broadcasting Service. The program DVD will be available for \$24.99 at www.pbs.org immediately following the broadcast.

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: Timothy Ferris and Cal Zecca

DIRECTOR: Nigel Ashcroft

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Francis Kenny, A.S.C.

EDITOR: Lisa Day, A.C.E.

PRODUCTION DESIGNER: Cal Zecca

SPECIAL EFFECTS: Don Davis

SOUND DESIGN: Kate Hopkins

SOUND MIX: Walter Murch, C.A.S. ORIGINAL MUSIC: Mark Knopfler and Guy Fletcher

BLM's "Seeds of Success" Program Aimed at Improving Health and Productivity of Public Lands

In its ongoing effort to improve the health and productivity of the public lands, including those recently affected by wildfire, the Bureau of Land Management has initiated a native seed collection effort that is part of an interagency "Seeds of Success" program. Starting with 12 collecting teams that quickly grew to 35 teams nationwide, the BLM and numerous partners carry out the Seeds of Success (SOS) initiative, which is the core of a National Native Plant Materials Development Program. SOS provides seeds from many species of plants to growers, researchers,

and administrators of seed in the United States.

The BLM's collecting partners include the Chicago Botanic Garden, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, U.S. Forest Service, and the Center for Plant Conservation, along with others. The collection effort complements measures the BLM is already taking to fight noxious and invasive weeds, as well as sustain healthy riparian, range, and wildlife habitat on public lands.

"In the midst of an intense wildfire season in our Western states, this partnership enhances the BLM's ability to protect and rehabilitate the public lands under its management," said BLM Deputy Director Henri Bisson. "Through Seeds of Success, our agency's field offices will have greater capability to re-establish native species when restoring the land."

Seeds of Success gathers between 400 and 600 wildland seed collections annually for both long-term conservation and immediate restoration needs. This October, 500 collections will be transferred from the U.S. Forest Service's Bend (Oregon) Seed Extractory to the Department of Agriculture's National Plant Germplasm System to join 1,300 existing collections in the system. Seeds of Success material within the germplasm system is freely available to researchers working on native plant materials development.

More information on Seeds of Success can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/plants/sos>.

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The BLM, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The Bureau's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The BLM accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

SCHOOL YEAR TRAFFIC DANGERS AFFECT ALL

AAA Offers Safety Tips for Kids, Parents, Drivers

SALT LAKE CITY, August 23, 2007 – Whether or not you have school-age children, and no matter how old they are, back-to-school season is a time to be extra careful on the roads, according to AAA Utah.

“The start of the school season means more children walking and teens driving each morning and afternoon,” said Rolayne Fairclough, spokesperson for AAA Utah. “Whether you’re a student, a parent or just driving near a school, this is a good time to take a moment to review some important safety information. A modest amount of precaution can prevent a tragedy.”

Tips for drivers:

- Slow down in or near school and residential areas. Stop at all intersections.
- Drive with headlights on- even during the day- so children and other drivers can see you.
- Watch out for safety patrollers, crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds.
- Scan between parked cars and other objects for signs that children could dart into the road.
- Practice extra caution in adverse weather conditions.
- Pay particular attention near schools during the morning and afternoon hours.
- Always stop for school buses that are loading and unloading students.

Tips for parents of children taking the bus:

- Always wait for your child on the same side of the street as the school or bus loading/unloading zone.
- Avoid driving to the bus stop, as this adds to the confusion and increases traffic hazards for all children.
- Stress the need to cooperate with the bus driver and school safety patrol.

AAA safety tips for parents of teen drivers:

- Set very clear driving rules with teens. Consider drawing up a parent-teen driver agreement clearly spelling out curfews, standards of driving behavior, prohibited activities and their resulting punishments. Have the teen driver read and sign it.
- Enforce passenger restrictions. State law prohibits new teen drivers from carrying passengers for the first six months they have a license. Parents should limit the number of passengers for as long as they determine

necessary after the first six months. Crash rates increase drastically for 16- and 17-year-old drivers as young passengers are added to a car.

- Do not permit your teen to ride with a new teen driver. Carpooling with a schoolmate seems like a sensible way for teens to ride to school, home and activities, but it can promote risky behavior. Research shows that it is more dangerous for several teens to ride in one car than for them to drive individually in multiple vehicles.
- Ban the cell phone – handheld and hands-free. Teens have trouble managing distractions, especially while driving.
- Require your teen to wear a seat belt every time he or she rides in a car. Teens have the lowest belt use rate of any age group.
- Make your rules known to other adults in your teen's life. A parent-to-parent agreement with the parents of your teen driver's friends or teammates can establish standard rules among a group of teenagers, making it easier for everyone. Letting your neighbors know your teen's driving rules can give you extra sets of eyes when you're not around.

Walking to school:

- Take the most direct and safest route. If a shorter route is not safe, explain to your child why the longer way is better.
- Select the route with the fewest street crossings.
- Use pedestrian tunnels or overpasses to avoid hazardous traffic.
- Pick intersections guarded by an adult crossing guard or school safety patroller.
- Avoid confusing and complicated intersections.
- When available, always use intersections where children are likely to cross with a group of people.
- Look for intersections that have a signal with a separate pedestrian interval or WALK/ DON'T WALK indicator.
- Stick to routes with sidewalks, pathways and bike paths.
- Avoid streets where your child's view is blocked to the oncoming traffic.
- Before the school year starts, walk with your child along the route that you have both chosen. Insist that the child take the same route each day. Repeat this procedure until your child knows the way, understands why this route is best and goes that way as a matter of habit.

- If you are a working parent and cannot change your schedule for the first few days of school, have a babysitter, neighbor, relative or older brother or sister fill in for you until you are certain that your child is capable of getting to school safely.
- In areas where there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic. If an adult is walking with the child, the adult should walk between the child and the road.
- Cross only at corners or at a marked crosswalk.
- Stop and look all ways before crossing. Crosswalks are not always safe areas. Children must be alert.
- Be especially alert in bad weather. Visibility is reduced, drivers cannot stop quickly, and cars may skid.
- Be visible at night. If your child is out after dark, have him carry a flashlight and wear white or bright-colored clothing. It's also a good idea to use reflective strips on jackets, coats, hats and backpacks.
- Watch for turning cars at all times, especially with right-turn-on-red laws in effect.

For more on how to keep the roads safe during school and around the year, visit www.aaa.com/trafficsafety. You can find a printable Parent-Teen Driving Agreement, information on AAA's teen driver safety program, and fun traffic safety activities for younger children.

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance and financial services to more than 165,000 members. AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers since it was founded more than 100 years ago.

PROJECT WILD EVOLVES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF EDUCATORS IN RURAL UTAH

A new format for the Project WILD educator training has been created and is now available. This newly formatted training was created to meet the needs of educators in rural Utah, where it is often difficult to recruit enough participants on a particular weekend for the traditional training format.

In the traditional format, a large group of educators convene for a 10-hour Friday evening and Saturday workshop. The new format offers educators the opportunity

to meet for brief periods, spread over an entire term.

The new format also offers more one-on-one guidance with the instructor, because fewer participants are involved. Participants also have greater flexibility to work with the instructor for the most convenient time and place to meet. Two hours of university credit will be available through Utah State University.

For more information on this new format training, call Project WILD Coordinator Diana Vos at: 801-538-4719. For general information about Project WILD, please visit: <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/projectwild/>

Project WILD Educator Training

WHAT IS PROJECT WILD?

Project WILD is a fun way to teach Reading, Writing, Art, Math, Science, Music, Physical Education, etc. It matches wild animals with activities that can be integrated into core curricula of many grades. Developed by classroom teachers and experts from western wildlife agencies, it is designed to develop awareness, knowledge and skills related to wildlife, people and the environment. It involves kids and animals--the proven formula for generating classroom interest and participation. Activities fulfill many of the Utah State Core Curriculum Standards & Objectives.



Literature connections offered to supplement activities also promote student literacy skills.

CREDIT:

This more extended and intensive training has been approved for two semester hours of graduate credit through Utah State University for \$60 (paid at training). One can opt for a certificate of attendance for relicensure points as well.

WHAT YOU GET!

You will receive the nationally acclaimed Project WILD and Aquatic WILD Activity Guides featuring over 160 activities, plus a wealth of **free** supplemental resource materials, posters and more. Registration fee is \$35.

Interested in Course? Southeast Utah, Fall 2007

Pre-registration is necessary in order to attend this Project WILD Training. If you are interested in attending this course, please return this portion of the form to: Diana Vos, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, P.O. Box 146301, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301. Please submit form **before September 14, 2007**.

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ School _____

city zip _____

Phone (____) _____ (____) _____ Grade Level/Subject(s) _____

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Please Post _____

Extended & Intensive**Small Group Training for 4 - 6 Educators****Southeast Utah, Fall 2007**

(specific dates to be determined with participants)

Additional copies of this flyer can be downloaded from:

<http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/projectwild>

Great Professional**Development Opportunity!****NEW PROJECT WILD COURSE FORMAT:**

This course is a newly formatted Project WILD Educator Training. Instead of hosting a Project WILD training in the traditional format where large group of educators convene for a Friday evening and Saturday 10-hour long training, with this format of Project WILD, a small number of educators will meet over a longer, more extended period of time spread out over a whole term. The training will also be more intensive because there are fewer participants interacting with the instructor leading the training. This new format was created because in rural areas of Utah, it is often very difficult to recruit enough participants on one particular weekend for the traditional format training.



DOVE HUNTING SEASON OPENS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST

Figure 1

PRICE, UTAH—On Saturday, September 1st, the first upland game hunting season opens for mourning doves, white-winged doves, Eurasian-collared doves and band-tailed pigeons. The season lasts until September 30, but by that time, most doves will have migrated from the area. For Castle Country sportsmen, the opening weekend is usually the best. Cold, wet weather frequently encourages the birds to fly south.

Doves are found in many habitats, including desert, prairie, agriculture, and urban environments. In towns, doves are often seen on roads as they pick up gravel or seen sitting on power poles and power

lines. The “cooing” sound they make is one of the most common bird calls heard. The three kinds of doves open for the hunt are described on page 23 of 2007-2008 Utah Upland Game Hunting Guide available at license agents and Division of Wildlife Resources’ offices.

A line-up of additional upland hunting opportunities kicks off in September. The season for forest grouse opens September 8th. The chukar season gets underway the following weekend on September 15th, which coincides with the cottontail

season starter. Seasons for pheasant and quail occur later in the year, opening the first Saturday in November.

A license to hunt upland game costs \$26 for adults and \$11 for youth under 14 years of age. Licenses may be purchased on-line at: http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/license_fees.php or by visiting a local license agent or regional DWR office. Rules and regulations are identified in The 2007-2008 Utah Upland Game Hunting Guide.

BLM Soliciting Bids for Stewardship Contracts

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) is once again soliciting bids for forest health work on public lands south of Highway 89, about 25 miles east of the town of Kanab in Kane County, Utah. Responses are due by September 19, 2007, on the federal government's National Business Center's Electronic Acquisition System at www.fbo.gov, search "Utah Stewardship."

The five stewardship contracts are named Mustang I (208 acres), Mustang II (205 acres), Mustang III (236 acres), Buckskin Powerline II (308 acres) and Buckskin Research (82 acres).

This important forest health work is geared toward supporting local businesses that traditionally work in the woods to thin trees and remove slash, enhance wildlife habitat, reduce hazardous fuels, and make use of additional biomass such as firewood or wood chips for fuel and mulch.

The "stewardship contracting authority" allows the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to exchange goods for services. In this way, the BLM gets important work done on the ground and the contractor is paid, in part, for his/her work by removing forest products, in this case pinyon and juniper firewood, that they then sell. Funding derived from the sale of commercial products offsets the cost of treating the remaining slash (or biomass) on our public lands. At least two cords of firewood per acre have been removed from the stewardship projects.

"Improving forest health is a priority for the Monument. We support providing economic opportunities for local businesses while getting much needed work done on the public lands near our communities. I am optimistic we will be able to award all five contracts and see another 1,000 acres proactively treated on public lands in Southern Utah where we all recreate and enjoy our wide open spaces," said Brad

Exton, GSENM Manager.

The BLM is working with the Utah Division of Wildlife and Resources (UDWR) on development of guidelines surrounding the Mustang Projects to help enhance wildlife habitat. Powerline II is the second stewardship project (Powerline I Stewardship Project, 500 acres, was awarded in 2006) developed, in part, to protect the powerline running east to west across the Monument. The Buckskin Research Project focuses on different thinning levels to help answer specific questions, developed by the BLM and the United States Geological Survey, concerning vegetation response to thinning.

Previously awarded stewardship contracts are already being implemented in the designated fuel wood cutting area (almost 16,000 acres) within the Buckskin Mountain area (approximately 41,000 acres) of GSENM.

The Buckskin Mountain area is critical winter range for the Paunsaguant deer herd and supports numerous sagebrush obligate species. The decline of understory grasses and forbs (broad leaf plants), increased densities of pinyon and juniper, encroachment of juniper in sagebrush areas, and sagebrush mortality have prompted GSENM to prioritize this area for treatments. The UDWR has identified this area as their top priority state wide for habitat improvement.

GSENM has installed numerous vegetation study plots to evaluate conditions in the Buckskin Mountain area and continues to look for opportunities to use monitoring data to guide adaptive management of this area and work in partnership to meet multiple resource goals.

BUD KEENE TO HELP GROW U.S. SNOWBOARDING ROOTS

PARK CITY, Utah (Aug. 29) – Former U.S. Snowboarding Halfpipe Head Coach Bud Keene, who guided U.S. riders to four Olympic medals in Torino, has been named director of snowboarding and free ride skiing at Colorado's Crested Butte Academy.

"I am psyched to become a part of the Crested Butte Academy team," said Keene. "Our goal there is nothing short of becoming the premier winter sports academy in the world. As such, we look forward to producing athletes of world-class caliber that will enter the U.S. Snowboarding pipeline, and who will begin to compete for spots on the U.S. Teams.

"We want to contribute in a meaningful way to the quality and continued dominance of U.S. riders."

"Bud has such a long history in snowboarding and is highly respected as a coach. Bottom line is he has the ability to make athletes believe in themselves and their abilities," said U.S. Snowboarding Program Director Jeremy Forster. "He has been such a huge part of U.S. Snowboarding, and we are all stoked for him and his family as they begin this new opportunity."

After coaching the forerunners for the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Keene took over the halfpipe helm and led Hannah Teter (Belmont, VT) and Shaun White (Carlsbad, CA) to Olympic gold with Gretchen Bleiler (Aspen, CO) and Danny Kass (Mammoth Lakes, CA) taking silver. All eight U.S. riders on the Olympic roster finished in the top 12 with seven in the top six, giving him a nod from the U.S. Olympic Committee as the 2006 National Coach of the Year.

Keene's appointment follows the recent announcement of Crested Butte Academy's partnership with IMG Academies (IMGA) and Cay Clubs International, who with locations in 46 states and 80 countries trains over 12,000 junior, collegiate, adult and professional athletes each year. The fully accredited college preparatory (6th – 12th grades) school will be combined with world-class training programs in snowboarding, alpine skiing, free ride skiing and high-altitude running.

"IMG's involvement is another indication of the growth and popularity of the sport, and with Bud leading the program, will only be a positive step for competitive snowboarding," added Forster.

Keene, along with his wife and two sons, will relocate from their current home in Stowe, VT, to Crested Butte immediately.

Central Region Fishing Report

AMERICAN FORK RIVER: (Aug 29) Fair success by using flies or worms. Light fishing pressure.

BURRASTON PONDS: (Aug 29) Fair to good fishing success.

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR: (Aug 29) Contrary to rumors, the main state park ramp is closed, but the island ramp will remain open to launching "at your own risk." Ramp is out of the water and boats will be launched from the sand. This

could pose a problem for larger boats. Call State Park for boat launching information at (435) 654-0171. Trout and bass anglers report fair to good success from both shoreline and from boat by using traditional methods and baits. Remember bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit was increased this year to 10, but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

DIAMOND FORK RIVER: (Aug 29) "Fair" success by using flies, lures or bait on the first 10 miles of stream below the treatment area (beginning at turnoff to Diamond Fork and 10 miles upstream). Remember that first through sixth water creeks were not treated last year, and fishing was great on these tributaries. The DWR treated Diamond Fork River last year with rotenone from Three Forks to its headwaters to remove all fish (mostly browns). Over 20,000 Bonneville cutthroat trout fingerlings were stocked last October into this area to help restore this sensitive species and to provide anglers a good sport fishery. The restoration stretch is closed to fishing but the first 10 miles of Diamond Fork (from the turnoff of Hwy 6) is not effected by this treatment and anglers report slow success for brown trout. Diamond Fork, from Springville Crossing to it headwaters, is artificial flies and lures only, and it is closed to cutthroat trout possession.

HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN: (Aug 29) Use a little caution since a bear was frequenting the river this week (about a mile up from the reservoir). Most anglers report that best fishing on Hobble Creek is in the early morning or evening with flies, small spinners or lures.

JORDANELLE RESERVOIR: (Aug 29) Good success for smallmouth bass near rocky points and submerged vegetation/structure by casting various types of action lures. Some of the bass are large (18-plus inches). Fair to good success for trout from shoreline, and fair to good success for trout from boats. Bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long.

MILL HOLLOW: Drained! No fishing until 2009!

PAYSON LAKES: (Aug 29) Officer Bagley reports Fair to good fishing for both rainbow and brook trout.

PROVO RIVER: (Aug 29) Success continues to be good for trout when using traditional small-surface or subsurface flies or nymphs. This is the prime time of the year to cast out terrestrials such as grasshopper imitations along the surface. The biggest and best strikes often come by using a grasshopper imitation on the surface. 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 — in place on some stretches.

SALEM POND: (Aug 29) Fair to good success for catfish this week by using night crawlers. Best catfish success is after the sun goes down. Trout success is considered fair. The park closes at 10 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include a four-fish limit (Daily bag and possession limit is an aggregate total of four fish for all species. For example: one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill

SALT LAKE WATERS: (Aug 29) Waters are still getting stocked! Anglers report fair to good fishing by using traditional baits.

SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR: (Aug 29) The lake is well-stocked and fishing success is good. Though the weather is starting to cool, please respect the remaining recreational swimmers by fishing away from the beach area.

SPRING LAKE: (Aug 29) Officer Shawn Bagley reports fair success for both trout and catfish. Worms and PowerBait work best. Lots of vegetation so cast into the open water pockets.



STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR: (Aug 29) Similar report as last week — anglers are still reporting good success from boats by trolling deep with downriggers or by jigging toward the bottom. More fish are starting to move to shallower water as well and being caught by float tubers, boaters and by shoreline anglers. Fish surface regularly in the morning and evening hours, so try a fly during these peak surface-feeding moments. Kokanee are starting to swim upstream to spawn. Take a drive to the visitor center over the next few weeks and view the salmon. 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. Immediately release all cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches (consider any trout with cutthroat markings to be 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.

THISTLE CREEK: (Aug 29) Officer Bagley reports "Low Pressure, with fair to good success."

TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR: (Aug 29) Fair to good success by using traditional baits.

UTAH LAKE: (Aug 29) Officer Shawn Bagley reports that catfish success is fair to good with best time to fish being at night. White bass success has picked up a bit this week according to anglers. Try inlets or simply cast to different spots until you catch one — there are usually more in that spot. Move around until you find a school of white bass. Walleye limit was changed this year to 10, but only one may be over 24 inches. There is no limit on white bass. 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.

VERNON, GRANTSVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIRS: (Tooele Co.) (Aug 29) Officer Troy Hammond reports fair fishing success at Grantsville and Settlement. Vernon Reservoir is very low!

YUBA RESERVOIR: (Aug 29) Slow success for walleye and northern pike. An occasional trout is being caught and, of course, perch are being caught, but they must be immediately released. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

Stonefly Society News

Hello everyone. Here are a couple opportunities to volunteer your time and to assist a couple of our local agencies. If you have the time please take this opportunity to represent the Stonefly Society and help support our local agencies.

The DWR is doing their final three days of fish salvage on Timber Canyon near the Pinnacles section of the Strawberry River Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday of this week. The DWR usually works from 9:00 AM until around 5:00. If you have any questions please give Dave Serdar a call at (801)915-4029. This is a fun project that Stonefly Society has worked on for the last 3 years.

Kyle Bushnell of the Utah Dept of Safety is looking for volunteers to help with a fly fishing activity at their annual conference of Law Enforcement agencies. The activity will be Sept 18th and starts at 1pm and will end around 5pm. A hot dutch over dinner will be served around 6pm for all those participate. Kyle said this is an annual meeting of the Association of State Criminal Investigative Agencies (ASCIA). It draws administrators from agencies across the country to whatever state is hosting it that year....which will be Utah this year. There are mostly high ranking people such as colonels or directors that attend it. Volunteers are needed to help out with those that will be fly fishing....mostly beginners. This is a great opportunity that Stonefly Society has in creating some lasting relationships with our law enforcement agencies which includes the Conservation Officers that patrol Utah's rivers and lakes. If you're interested in helping please contact Kyle Bushnell at kbushnell@utah.gov, 801-599-5007.

ALSO, the next Stonefly Society business meeting will be Tuesday Sept 4th at 7pm at our usual meeting place. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thanks.

Jason Haslam

Making Utah More Birder-Friendly

Birders, wildlife-watchers, tourism officials and natural resource professionals from all across the region are invited to meet in Provo

September 7-9, for the annual Fall Conference of the Utah Ornithological Society, the state-wide birder's group. They are some of the country's 81.4 million people who spend time each year watching birds!

"Making Utah More Birder Friendly" will be the theme for Friday evening's kick-off event, and keynote speaker Carrol Henderson is the expert who will share his knowledge and experiences. Carrol has been Supervisor of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources' Nongame Wildlife Program since 1977. He has been instrumental in promoting wildlife tourism in Minnesota by partnering with ExploreMinnesota Tourism to sponsor workshops for motels, hotels, resorts, B&Bs, chambers of commerce, outfitters and natural resource specialists. Henderson has helped in the creation of birding trails, promotional brochures and maps for wildlife-watching areas, and has given presentations throughout the country. He's published a variety of books, including topics on bird feeding and watching, nest box building and landscaping for wildlife. He has also served as Chairman of the Board for Watchable Wildlife, Inc., a national organization that promotes wildlife-watching and nature tourism.

On Saturday, Brigham Young University's Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum will host lectures, giving university graduate students, professors and resource professionals an opportunity to share information on research projects and bird surveys being done in Utah through oral presentations and posters. Special guest Carrol Henderson will also talk about his up-coming book, "Oology and Ralph's Talking Eggs."

All three days of the conference, field trips by car caravan will trek to great birding spots around Provo, led by members of Utah County Birders. Participants will look for migrant songbirds, grouse, raptors, shorebirds, hummingbirds and sparrows in Diamond Fork Canyon, along the Alpine Loop, in the Tintic Mountains, along the Provo Airport Dike and other locales.

The public is invited to attend all or part of the weekend's activities. For detailed information, registration form and a map, visit:

http://www.utahbirds.org/uos/UOS_Conference2007.htm

Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson

Lake Elevation: 3603

August 29, 2007

Water Temperature: 80-85 F

Surprise! The boiling stripers are still on top in the southern lake. Not every morning is great under the full moon but on this date a trip to Warm Creek resulted in 98 stripers for three very happy anglers. A mid-channel boil near the floating restroom lasted for most of an hour. Singles were chased on top until a school was seen on the graph. Spoons caught as many as topwater lures from the resting school. Then on the way back to the marina with 2 full coolers another boil was seen near the mouth of Warm Creek. Then with over flowing coolers we were way laid by two more mid channel boils near the mouth of Navajo Canyon in the main channel. This was one of the truly memorable fishing trips of the past two years. It looks like these fish will be available during the upcoming holiday weekend.



Boiling fish are yearling stripers from 12 to 22 inches which are very strong and healthy as they chase shad to the surface. The feisty young fish will hit surface lures

while blasting shad on top or spoons while in the depths looking for the next victim. Larger stripers are waiting at about 40 feet for any wounded shad to fall to the bottom. Spooning over a resting school of stripers results in nonstop action.

When stripers are seen on the graph resting near 40 feet, drop spoons to the bottom and work them in short pulls (12-24 inches). Try to get one fish to hit so the school gets excited. Stripers will rise off the bottom in response to the feeding behavior of the hooked fish. When the school has separation from the bottom, drop the spoon below them and then reel quickly through the layer where fish were

seen. Pause the lure twice if reeling from the 40 foot bottom or three times if 60 feet or deeper. Following stripers will often hit just as the lure pauses or starts to move upward once more.

These techniques will work on active stripers at any lake location. Expect boils anywhere. September will be the prime boil month for 2007. Look for boils during the two hour period at first light and last light each day.

Bass were seen working the shoreline with boiling stripers. They got more active and were willing to take surface lures as the stripers left the shoreline to head to deep water. Shad moving in front of advancing stripers will excite any game fish. Find active stripers that will lead you to bass, walleye and catfish that lurk on the outskirts of the striper feeding frenzy.

The weather is cooling, crowds are smaller and fish are very cooperative. Looks like September will be prime time to fish at Lake Powell.