

## **International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race Begins January 25**

*World-class teams set to mush through Jackson, Wyoming*

Jackson, Wyoming—January 11, 2008—The snow's been falling in Jackson, Wyo., where 19 top teams will congregate in Town Square for the start of the 2008 International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race (IPSSSDR), announced Race Director Frank Teasley. The largest sled dog race in the lower 48 states begins in Jackson on January 25 and continues through eight Wyoming towns before finishing in Park City, Utah, on February 2.

"We're still getting calls from teams trying to get to Wyoming for the race," says Teasley. "I anticipate we'll have over 20 teams at the start."

Many of this year's big-name mushers have raced in previous IPSSSDRs, including four-time Iditarod champ Doug Swingley; two-time IPSSSDR winner and the first woman to win the IPSSSDR, Melanie Shirilla; 2007 IPSSSDR winner,

Wendy Davis; three-time winner of the Alpirod, Jacques Philip; and Grant Beck, presently ranked second in the



International Federation of Sleddog Sports World Cup Program. New faces to the event include Dustin Schmidt of Jackson, Wyo.; Dennis Laboda of Horland, Minn.; Butch Austin of Fruita, Colo; and Aaron Peck from Cobourg, Ontario, Canada.

"With the level of competition in the 2008 IPSSSDR, I think we'll have quite a show-down," Teasley says.

With its unique "stage stop" format, the race stops in a different community each night, where towns turn on the homespun hospitality for mushers and spectators with events ranging from dog parades, kids' dog sled races and ice sculpture contests to banquets, carnivals and fishing derbies.

Pedigree® Food for Dogs is the title sponsor of the IPSSSDR. The Pedigree® brand actively supports a wide range of programs that promote responsible pet ownership and highlight the contributions dogs make to society. For additional information about Pedigree products and programs visit [www.pedigree.com](http://www.pedigree.com).

The International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race was founded in 1996 by Frank Teasley to make sled dog racing more accessible to the public. For more information, contact the race via e-mail at [wystagestop@blissnet.com](mailto:wystagestop@blissnet.com) or telephone at 307.734.1163, or for complete bios of all the teams and daily race results visit [www.wyomingstagestop.org](http://www.wyomingstagestop.org).

#### *2008 IPSSSDR Teams*

1. Stacey Teasley (Jackson, Wyoming)
2. Dustin Schmidt (Jackson Wyoming)
3. Magali Philip (Nenana, Alaska)
4. Jacques Philip (Nenana, Alaska)
5. Bruce Magnusson (Manchester, Michigan)
6. Sam Perrino (Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada)
7. Jarle Halsnes (Steamboat Springs, Colorado)
8. J.R. Anderson (Ray, Minnesota)
9. Mark Stamm (Riverside, Washington)
10. Kate St-Onge (Millville, Utah)
11. Melanie Shirilla (Lincoln, Montana)
12. Doug Swingley (Lincoln, Montana)
13. Wendy Davis (Lander, Wyoming)
14. Mary Gilbertson (Chatham, Michigan)
15. Dennis Laboda (Horland, Minnesota)
16. Terry Adkins (Sand Coulee, Montana)
17. Grant Beck (Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada)
18. Butch Austin (Fruita, Colorado)
19. Aaron Peck (Cobourg, Ontario, Canada)



#### **CAMP FLOYD STATE PARK TO HOST 19th CENTURY VALENTINE DANCE**

Fairfield - Take a step back in time to the 19th century with a special valentines dance at Camp Floyd State Park. Held in the historic Fairfield Schoolhouse,

participants will dance to the music of the Frayed Knot String Band, a band that specializes in 19th century dances such as the Waves of Torey, Duke of Kent's Waltz, Oak Hill Quickstep.

Instructions and a caller will be provided for each dance. This is a fun, unique way of celebrating Valentine's with your sweetheart.

The dance will be held Saturday, February 9, 2008 from 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Punch and cookies will be provided. Pre-registration and a \$15 per couple fee are required. Early registration is recommended. The event will be limited to only 20 couples. Period attire is encouraged, but not required.

Established in 1858, Camp Floyd housed the largest concentration of U.S. troops then in the United States. The troops were sent to Utah to suppress a rumored Mormon rebellion, which never took place. Dancing was a favorite recreational past time for the soldiers at Camp Floyd.

The army was recalled back east in 1861 for the Civil War emergency. Camp Floyd State Park is located in the town of Fairfield, 22 miles southwest of Lehi on State Highway 73. For more information or to register, please contact the park at 801-768-8932.

### **More bear hunting permits**



*About 15 more bears will be taken this year*

SALT LAKE CITY — Hunters will have a chance to take a few more bears in Utah this year.

*Photo by Lynn Chamberlain*

On Jan. 8, the Utah Wildlife Board increased the number of permits to hunt bears in Utah this spring and fall. Board members raised the total number of permits from 248 last year to 299 for 2008.

Based on past success rates, about 15 more bears should be taken by hunters in Utah this year.

### **Bear management plan**

Bear management in Utah is guided by the state's Black Bear Management Plan. The three major goals of the plan—keep the percentage of female bears taken by hunters below 40 percent; keep the average age of bears taken by hunters above 5 years old; and keep the adult survival rate above 78 percent—were all met in 2007.

"We're always happy when these goals were met. And the goals have been met every year since the plan was implemented in 2000," says Kevin Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"When the goals are met, we know Utah's black bears are doing well," Bunnell says. "And because the goals were met, we know that Utah's bear populations can support some increased harvest without having a negative effect on the overall population."

Bunnell says most of the additional bears will be taken in areas in northern, central and northeastern Utah where people encountered bears the most in 2007. "Taking a few more bears should help reduce the chance that people and bears run into conflict in these areas this year," he says.

### **Keep your campsite and cabin area clean**

Even though a few more bear permits will be available in 2008, Bunnell says taking more bears is not a long-term solution to reducing conflicts between bears and people.

The solution, he says, is people doing the right things in the outdoors. He stresses that the key to preventing problems with bears is to not attract them to you in the first place.

"Not attracting bears is the key to preventing problems for you and for the bears," Bunnell says. "And it's simple to avoid attracting bears to your campsite or cabin area—don't scatter food and garbage around these areas, and keep your food in places where bears can't get to it."

[Living in Black Bear Country](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/bear/pdf/bear_brochure.pdf) safety brochure  
(PDF format)

[http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/bear/pdf/bear\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/bear/pdf/bear_brochure.pdf)

Bunnell provides the following tips and advice:





Never feed a bear. A fed bear is a dead bear!

Keep campsites, as well as areas surrounding cabin sites and rural homes, free of scattered food and garbage. Food attracts bears and encourages them to remain in the area. Secure all of the garbage in your area, and clean your barbecue grills and store them inside a secure facility.

Do not leave food in coolers, out on picnic tables or any place where a bear can get to it.

When camping, store food where bears cannot reach it. Never keep food in your tent. Store food in the trunk of your car or in a bear-proof container.

Don't keep anything in your tent that has a strong smell. This includes personal hygiene items, such as soap, deodorant or perfume. Dirty dishwater can also attract bears.

Separate your cooking area from your sleeping area.

Don't sleep in the clothes you cooked in or wore while cleaning fish. Leave those clothes, along with anything used to prepare, cook, eat or clean food up (such as utensils and rags) at your cooking area or sealed inside a vehicle.

## **More information**

You can learn more about bears and how to stay safe in bear country by reading the Division of Wildlife Resources' [Living in Black Bear Country](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/bear/pdf/bear_brochure.pdf) brochure [http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/bear/pdf/bear\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/bear/pdf/bear_brochure.pdf) . — (PDF format)

## **Must have a license to apply for a point**

### *Change confuses some hunters*

A change has led to some confusion among Utah big game hunters this year.

In addition to accepting applications for big game permits, the Division of Wildlife Resources is also accepting applications for bonus points and preference points.

But just like big game permits, you must have a valid Utah hunting or combination license before you can apply for a point.

"This change is important to the future of the state's wildlife," says Jim Karpowitz, director of the DWR. "As costs continue to rise, the requirement that hunters buy a license before they apply will provide us the revenue we need to continue managing big game and other wildlife into the future."

Karpowitz has some advice for you as you decide which license to buy: the hunting license, which costs \$26 for residents, or the combination license, which costs \$30. "I'd encourage you to buy the combination license," he says. "It costs \$4 more than a hunting license, but it also allows you to fish."

Hunting and combination licenses are available at [wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov). You can also obtain one from DWR offices and more than 350 hunting license agents across Utah.

### **Apply for a point by Feb. 29**

Bonus points and preference points give hunters who won't be hunting this year a better chance at obtaining a permit next year.

Applications for a bonus point or a preference point will be accepted until Feb. 29. You can apply for a point through the Internet ([wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov)) until 11 p.m. on Feb. 29.

You can also apply over the phone at (801) 538-4700. Phone-in applications for a point must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 29.

For more information, call the Utah Wildlife Administrative Services office at 1-800-221-0659, the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

### **Young deer hunters: hunt all three seasons**



If you're a teenage deer hunter, you may want to consider getting a rifle or muzzleloader permit for this fall's general hunts.

If you obtain one of these permits, you can hunt all three seasons this fall—archery, muzzleloader and rifle.

*Photo by Jodie Anderson*

But if you obtain a general statewide archery permit, you can hunt only during the archery season.

"Rifle and muzzleloader deer hunting is restricted to specific regions," says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"If a young hunter obtains a statewide archery permit, we have no way of knowing which region he should be hunting in during the rifle and muzzleloader seasons," she says. "That's why young hunters who obtain a general archery permit can't hunt during the rifle and muzzleloader seasons."

## **Details**

Giving young hunters a chance to hunt all three seasons began in Utah in 2000. The goal was to get more of Utah's young people interested in big game hunting by giving them a chance to hunt during the various seasons.

To qualify for the youth hunting opportunity, young hunters must be 18 years of age or younger on Aug. 16, 2008 (the beginning of the state's general archery buck deer hunt).

Young hunters are reminded that they may take only one buck deer each season, so the chance to hunt all three seasons will end as soon as they take a deer.

Young hunters who obtain a general rifle or muzzleloader deer permit can hunt in any of the state's five general season regions during the general archery hunt. During the muzzleloader and rifle hunts, they must hunt in the region they obtained a permit for.

Deer hunters are reminded that they may not hunt on limited entry units. Limited entry units are open only to those who obtain a limited entry permit.

## **Must apply by Jan. 31**

Applications for 2008 Utah big game hunting permits will be accepted until Jan. 31. You can apply through the Internet ([wildlife.utah.gov](http://wildlife.utah.gov)) until 11 p.m. on Jan. 31.

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## **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SOLICITS ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON GRANT PROGRAM TO PRESERVE JAPANESE AMERICAN CONFINEMENT SITES**

Congress passed Public Law 109-441 in 2006 , authorizing a grant program to preserve sites that confined Japanese Americans during World War II so “. . . that present and future generations may learn and gain inspiration from these sites, and that these sites will demonstrate the nation’s commitment to equal justice under the law.” While no funding has yet been appropriated, Congress directed the National Park Service (NPS) to solicit public input and prepare a proposal for organizing and administering the grant program.

During September and October 2007, the NPS hosted 20 public listening sessions in 19 cities from Honolulu, Hawaii to Washington, D.C. More than 400 people participated in these sessions and expressed their thoughts and comment. The NPS also received more than 400 written comments which provided valuable suggestions and insight on the best ways to preserve and interpret this chapter in U.S. history.



All of the comments were reviewed, considered, and analyzed, and serve as the foundation of the grant’s proposed project categories, evaluation criteria, and program guidelines. The NPS invites the public to comment on these proposals either in person at January 17 meetings in Los Angeles, which will be audiocast over the world wide web, and/or by providing written comments through the NPS’ public comment website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/imro>. Written comments are due by Friday, January 25, 2008.

For those wishing to comment in person, the national meetings will be held in Los Angeles on Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Democracy Forum at the National Center for the Preservation of Democracy located at 111 North Central Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90012. The live audio broadcast of the meetings will be available on the internet. Details on how to access it will be available on the web page listed below.



From these comments, and those received earlier, the NPS will develop a report to Congress in mid-February. For more information on P.L. 109-441, please visit the following website: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/imro> or call or write the following NPS regional contacts:

PACIFIC WEST REGION (California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and other states not listed below) Contact Tom Leatherman by calling 510-817-2701 or Email: [tom\\_leatherman@nps.gov](mailto:tom_leatherman@nps.gov).

PACIFIC WEST REGION (Hawaii) Contact Frank Hays by calling 808-541-2693 x723 or Email: [frank\\_hays@nps.gov](mailto:frank_hays@nps.gov).

INTERMOUNTAIN REGION (Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico) Contact Kara Miyagishima by calling 303-969-2885 or Email: [kara\\_miyagishima@nps.gov](mailto:kara_miyagishima@nps.gov)

MIDWEST REGION (Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio) Contact Rachel Franklin-Weekley by calling 402-661-1928 or Email: [rachel\\_franklin-weekley@nps.gov](mailto:rachel_franklin-weekley@nps.gov).

Public participation and input in this planning process is vital to ensure a successful implementation and outcome of the grant program.

## **TEN WAYS TO TREAD LIGHTLY WITH A SNOWMOBILE**

As snowfall continues to pile up across the nation, more than 1.5 million registered snowmobiles continue to emerge from hibernation in the United States. In response, the nonprofit Tread Lightly! is reminding riders to minimize their environmental impact on public land this winter.

“In most cases snowmobiling can be done without causing any lasting environmental damage,” said Lori McCullough, executive director of Tread



Lightly!. “But riders must follow a few simple principles to have a fun and responsible ride.”

Tread Lightly! has released ten practical tips for responsible riding:

1. Ride only in designated areas where snowmobiling is permitted.
2. Avoid areas with inadequate snow cover, where young trees and plants are visible.
3. Stay on trails wherever possible. Snowmobiling on groomed trails causes no harm to the soil beneath

the snow.

4. To minimize harmful emissions, keep your engine in tune and use only recommended and certified fuels, lubricants, and additives.
5. Protect the soundscape by avoiding unnecessary noise created by your vehicle and not overstaying your welcome in high traffic areas.

6. Dispose of all sanitary waste properly by burying it in the snow or packing it out.
7. Use a fire pan to minimize impact if you build a fire. Properly dispose of ash and fire debris by packing it out.
8. Be respectful of wildlife's wintering habitats.
9. Remember, designated Wilderness areas are reserved for the most primitive outdoor adventure. Motorized and mechanized vehicles are not allowed.
10. Pack out what you pack in. Don't litter or bury trash.

Additional information about responsible snowmobiling can be found at [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org).

### **Send Troops Valentines**

Valentine's Day Party/DAnce/Valentines for our Troops Live Streaming Celebration Feb. 9th at the Hollywood Connection by the E Center in SLC 8 pm to Midnight. Bring \$5 for the Troops to get a Valentine package filled with cards, goodies and supplies, or bring a bag of nonperishable goodies. And come make

your live Valentine's Day Wishes to our Troops watching on

[www.YourDigitalLife.TV](http://www.YourDigitalLife.TV) from the party.



We need to raise at least \$500 to send 50 soldiers Valentine's packages by Jan. 30th. Come to our site [www.letterstosoldiers.org](http://www.letterstosoldiers.org) for our Paypal donate button and/or to see how you can volunteer. Proceeds go 100% to the Soldiers.

Look for Valentine's Day Letter Boxes to leave your Valentine's Day wishes at the Orem and Midvale COSTCOs.

ATTENTION: Schools we need our best card makers, we can bring these supplies to you to make 100s of Valentine's Day Custom cards by Jan. 30th!! Thanks AF Jr High and PG Jr High for offering to do 300. We need to be invited with our Letters to Soldiers table to your Events this January in order to send letters, cards and items donated to our Troops for Valentines.

### **Greater Deadman Bench Region Environmental Impact Statement Available for Public Review**

Vernal, Utah—The Greater Deadman Bench Region Environmental Impact



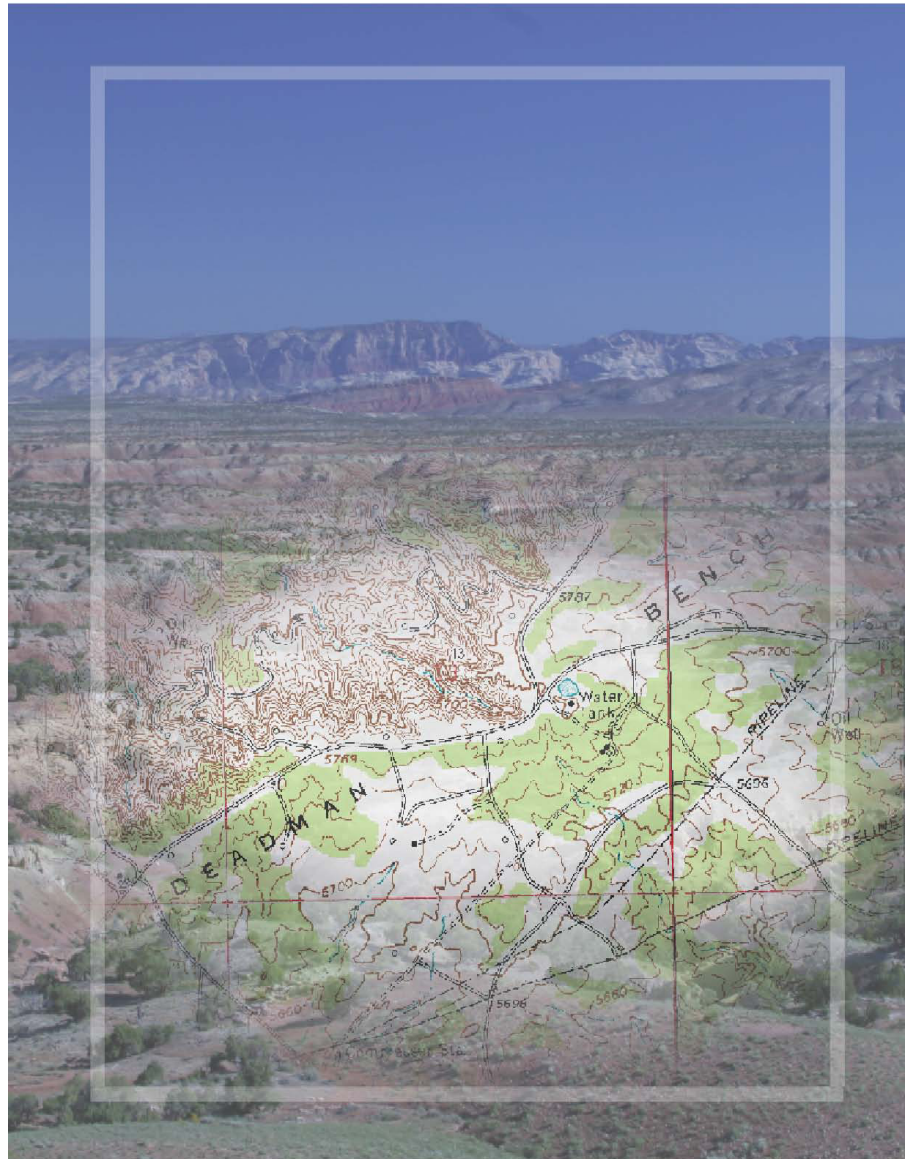
Statement (EIS), conducted by the Vernal Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, is available for public review. The EIS analyzes environmental impacts of a drilling plan proposed by Questar Exploration and Production.

During the public availability period, the final EIS will be provided to all who submitted comments on the draft, and anyone who requests the document, to review how concerns were addressed. A Record of Decision will not be prepared until after the 30-day final EIS public availability period expires, and comments received are considered.

The plan includes drilling up to 1,020 natural gas and 219 oil wells, about 170 miles of new roads and 235 miles of pipelines, 31 miles of power lines, 22 new central tank facilities and

15 new gas compressor stations. In all, approximately 4,561 acres, or 5% of the total project area, would be disturbed by the proposal. Prior to finalizing the EIS, BLM consulted with the US Fish & Wildlife Service to identify mitigation and conservation measures that would reduce or avoid potential impacts to threatened, endangered or candidate species. In addition, the proponent, Questar Exploration and Production, has committed not to drill within the 100-year floodplain of the Green River.

The project area includes approximately 98,785 acres about 20 miles south of Vernal, Utah, and encompasses an already-developed oil and gas field. When the





EIS process was initiated in 2003, the Greater Deadman Bench Region contained approximately 278 existing oil or water-injection wells and 300 gas wells, about 57 miles of primary roads and 314 miles of secondary roads had been constructed in the proposed project area.

The document is available on the BLM website at <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en.html>. Comments submitted on this document should be as specific as possible, with references to page numbers and chapters of the document. The most useful comments contain new technical or scientific information, identify data gaps in the impact analysis, or provide technical or scientific rationale for opinions or preferences.

Please refer to Greater Deadman Bench EIS in correspondence. Written comments will be accepted by fax, email, or letter. Send all comments by Feb. 4 to:

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For further information concerning the document, please contact Stephanie Howard at (435) 781-4469.

### **Chapita Wells–Stagecoach Area Final Environmental Impact Statement Available for Public Review**

The Vernal Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management announces the

Chapita Wells–Stagecoach Area final Environmental Impacts Statement (EIS) is available for public review. The final EIS evaluates and discloses to the public the environmental impacts of a drilling plan proposed by EOG Resources, Inc. During the public availability period, the final EIS will be provided to all who submitted comments on the draft, and anyone who requests the document, to



review how concerns were addressed. A Record of Decision will not be prepared until after the 30-day final EIS public availability period expires, and comments received are considered.

The proposed action includes drilling up to 627 natural gas wells, about 99.5 miles of new roads and 104.5 miles of pipelines, as well as installing a 5,000 horsepower compression station. Some 473 wells would be drilled at new locations, while 154 wells are proposed on existing well pads. In all, approximately 1,735 acres, or 5% of the total project area, would be disturbed by the proposal. The public review period begins on Jan. 4 and ends on Feb. 4. Before finalizing the EIS, BLM and US Fish & Wildlife Service worked together to identify mitigation and conservation measures aimed at reducing or avoiding potential impacts to threatened, endangered or candidate species. Project proponent, EOG Resources,

Inc., has committed that they will not conduct operations within the White River corridor which would result in the construction of new well pads and roads. The proposed project area involves approximately 31,872 acres located about 30 miles south of Vernal, Utah, and encompasses an already-developed oil and gas field. As of March 2004, the Chapita Wells–Stagecoach Area contained approximately 325 existing gas wells. Also, about 121 miles of roads and 115 miles of pipeline have been constructed within the region.

The document is available on the BLM Vernal Field Office website at <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en.html>. Comments submitted on this document should be as specific as possible, with references to page numbers and chapters of the document. The most useful comments contain new technical or scientific information, identify data gaps in the impact analysis, or provide technical or scientific rationale for opinions or preferences.

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## FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH

**GENERAL** It's hard to come by fishing information this time of year. I would appreciate information from anyone who fishes southeast Utah's waters. Please contact me at: [brentstettler@utah.gov](mailto:brentstettler@utah.gov) or call: 435-613-3707.

There are several sources for information, which an angler can check. On the DWR Website at: <http://wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php> is a statewide fishing report. There is also an associated fishing "hot spots" page at: <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/hotspots/>. Unfortunately, most contributors to these web pages find themselves in the same situation I face—not enough information to support a fishing report.

Outside the state system, a good Internet site for an angler is: <http://www.bigfishtackle.com/index.html>. BigFishTackle offers fishing forums, reports and information on fishing tackle and technique.



### **BENCHES POND**

Try fishing with a green jighead, tipped with a nightcrawler.

### **BOULGER RESERVOIR**

Access is limited to snow machines. A jig, tipped with a nightcrawler or salmon egg, is recommended.

**ELECTRIC LAKE** Access to the north end is by snow machine only. Try a gold Jakes or Rooster Tail spinner in any open water around

the mine discharge.

**FAIRVIEW LAKES** Try Swedish pimples, tipped with a nightcrawler.



**GIGLIOTTI POND** A few reports suggest that fishing can be good for trout from 9-13 inches. Try small jigs, tipped with worms, mealworms or salmon eggs.

**HUNTINGTON CREEK** Try worms or salmon eggs in the few spots of open water along the creek. Fly fishermen could try a Montana nymph, San Juan worm or hares ear in open water stretches below the dam. Drift the fly several times through the hole before giving up. The bite will be light by the sluggish fish. Brown trout range from 10-14 inches.

**HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR** (also known as **Mammoth Reservoir**)

You will need an auger extension, snow shovel and snow shoes or snow machine. Most tiger trout range from 12-18 inches. Try using a Swedish Pimple, tipped with bait, such as redbside shiner, wax worm, mealworm or nightcrawler.

**JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR** On January 7<sup>th</sup>, several DWR biologists fished the reservoir and described fishing as slow-fair for small-medium-sized fish. They used jigs and spoons, tipped with chub meat or worms.

**LAKE POWELL** Visit <http://www.wayne@wayneswords.com> for the fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

**LASAL MOUNTAINS** Conservation Officer Tj Robertson reports that mountain lakes are only accessible by snow machine. At Ken's Lake, success has been spotty, but anglers might try salmon eggs or rainbow PowerBait through the ice.

***MILLSITE RESERVOIR** Randall Stilson reported good fishing with green PowerBait earlier in the month.*

***SAN JUAN COUNTY** All reservoirs have frozen. Mountain lake access is limited to snow machine. Try jigs tipped with bait at Blanding #4.*

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR**

The paucity of information suggests slow-fair fishing conditions. Very little is known about ice conditions, best techniques and tackle.

At the fishing tournament, hosted by State Parks and Recreation on December 29, the largest fish weighed 3.8 lbs. Most entered trout weighed from 1-2 lbs.

Anglers could try small jigs or spoons, tipped with mealworms, worms, or dead minnows. In general, try to fish where other fishing parties are clustered. Find out what tackle and techniques are being used by those who are icing the trout.

**STRAIGHT CANYON** In open water stretches, try a prince nymph, hares ear or ugly in sizes 14-18. You will need to drift a fly through the hole several times to attract the attention of these cold fish.

**WILLOW LAKE** Randall Stilson talked to a group of anglers, who snow-machined to Willow and enjoyed great success. They said the snow level was higher than the pole fence.

### **Utah resorts are busting at the seams with snow-packs hitting 100 inches plus**

As of Thursday morning, Powder Mountain, Alta and Snowbasin are members of the century club with base depths of 112", 107" and 104" respectively. That's over



nine feet deep... in January! Several other resorts are sure to follow as the current storm cycle shows no indication of letting up. So take the shrink-wrap off the shiny new boards and hit the slopes at any of our 13 resorts. The 2007-08 season is yet another shining example of why Utah is home to the Greatest Snow on Earth®.

When you get an average of 7 inches a day since Dec. 19th, this is what the skiing looks like. Solitude 1-9-08 p: Jay Burke

### **Turkey Calling Championships scheduled Feb 21-24**

**ATLANTA** — The auditorium is packed, the judges are tough and the tension is palpable. It's not the latest installment of American Idol - it's the National Wild Turkey Federation Grand National Wild Turkey Calling Championships, sponsored by Wild Turkey Bourbon.

The championships, which will be held in Atlanta during the Federation's 32nd annual Convention and Sport Show Feb. 21 to Feb. 24, 2008, at the Georgia World Congress Center, will showcase dozens of contestants from all over North America as they strut their stuff to impress the judges.

Entrants will take their best shot at imitating the sounds of the wild turkey. Contestants are scored by a panel of judges who are directly in front of the stage, but cannot see who is doing the calling. Callers have one minute per call requested to mimic a series of wild turkey sounds using an assortment of wild turkey calls or their voices. Points are awarded for the realism of the call, cadence and the caller's creativity.

The Senior Division's top caller will win \$5,000, a trophy, a championship ring and a wild turkey hunt. The NWTF calling contest will also feature the Rare Breed Champion of Champions, Team Challenge Championships and Owl Hooting divisions.

"These callers practice all year and travel to compete in qualifying contests," said NWTF CEO Rob Keck. "They're dedicated to what they do and these championships allow the top callers to be rewarded and recognized for their dedication and talent."

Contestants in the Wild Turkey Bourbon Grand National Calling Contest say the pressure to perform is high, and preparation and focus are critical.

"It's like the Super Bowl of turkey hunting, and the clock's running out and you've only got one play left," said 1981 Senior Division Grand National Calling Champion Tom Stuckey of Roanoke, Va. Stuckey added that performing for the crowd was "One of the most pressure-packed moments of my life. The wild turkeys in the woods are a lot more forgiving than the judges!"

Last year's Senior Division Grand National Champ Shane Hendershot of Zanesville, Ohio, agreed: "It's taken me eight solid years of practice and a lot of competitions to get here. I can't put into words how it feels [to win], but it's awesome."



Although 2008 marks the NWTF's 32nd annual Convention and Sport Show, the Federation has spent 35 years shaping a legacy of wild turkey conservation and preservation of the

hunting tradition. Since 1973, the Federation's ranks have grown to more than 550,000 members across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Wild Turkey Bourbon has sponsored the Grand National Calling Championships since 1994.

In addition to the calling championships, you can beat the winter blues by making plans for a weekend filled with country music by Tracy Lawrence and Lorrie Morgan, hunting tips from the experts, shopping for latest guns, gear and hunts, and checking out the Grand National Turkey Calling Championships. All this fun is under one roof at the National Wild Turkey Federation's annual Convention and Sport Show, Feb. 21 to Feb. 24, 2008, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.



Meet your friends at the Welcome Party on Thursday night, Feb. 21. Sponsored by the Outdoor Channel and BASF, this party kicks the weekend off with a welcome message from Gov. Sonny Perdue followed up with some rock-tinged, honky tonk music by CMA winner Tracy Lawrence. Daryle Singletary will also drop in for a few songs and funnyman and Grand Ole Opry member Mike Snider will tickle your ribs with his special brand of banjo music and comedy.

At the Federal Breakfast on Friday morning, hear from keynote speaker Wayne LaPierre, NRA executive vice president and Miss Georgia 2007, Leah Massee, will sing the National Anthem. Then watch the NWTF's top volunteers receive the recognition they deserve. That night get ready for the mother of all parties...the Grand National Celebrity Auction & Dinner. Bust out your checkbook because you won't be able to resist the limited-edition artwork, special firearms, vehicles, and awesome hunting and fishing trips.

Saturday's Winchester sponsored breakfast is a time to pay our respects to the men and women who have so bravely fought for this country's freedoms, including a special recognition of Purple Heart medal recipients. Also hear from Major General Gale S. Pollock, and if you're one of those courageous servicemen and women, then step up to the plate, shake the hand of a military hero and receive a pin that shows our appreciation for your commitment and sacrifice.

The awards banquet on Saturday night, sponsored by Chevrolet, Georgia Forestry Commission and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, is when the best of the best are recognized for their dedication to the NWTF mission. Then hear Chuck Leavell,



from the greatest rock band on earth - the ROLLING STONES, inspire us with his message of conservation. Rumor has it he'll even play a song or two! Later, you're in for a treat because Grand Ole Opry member, Lorrie Morgan, will be performing her biggest hits.

Sunday breakfast, sponsored by Remington, is all about reaching out to youth and people with disabilities and introducing them to our outdoor traditions. After that, members of the Clark Atlanta University Philharmonic Society will stir your soul during the worship service.

Save time in between all these festivities and don't forget to bring the family because there's lots more to do including:

- Shopping for the latest hunting gear at over 545 booths,
- Checking out the best callers in the world at the Wild Turkey Bourbon/NWTF Grand National calling and owl hooting championships,
- Live and silent auctions throughout the weekend featuring incredible hunting and fishing trips, trucks, boats, furs, NWTF exclusive guns, knives, art, jewelry and much more,
- Hunting seminars by experts you see on TV,
- White-tailed deer and wild turkey taxidermy displays,
- Custom callmaking competitions,
- Bass Pro Shops King of Bucks Collection,
- Celebrity Autograph signing sessions, and
- Fun, hands on activities for the kids.

### **Kids All-American Fishing makes its last cast**

Hooked On Fishing International (HOFI), best known for its Kids All-American Fishing (KAAF) programs, has announced it is ceasing operation, effective Jan. 1, 2008, after 20 years of service.

In making the announcement, HOFI president Daniel Johnson said the decision to close was a difficult one. "Any time you have to do something that impacts our country's youth and the next generation of anglers, it's not an easy thing," he explained. "But due to changing corporate priorities and market conditions, our program's key partners have chosen to devote their resources elsewhere and we weren't successful in securing new alliances in time for us to continue into 2008."

HOFI was founded in 1987 for the simple reason of introducing and promoting the

recreation of fishing to young people and their families. Through the support of corporate partners, the organization provided KAAF fishing derby support kits and other planning and promotional resources to communities nationwide for the purpose of hosting on-water fishing events.

In its first year, HOFI supported 60 fishing derbies in 28 states. Twenty years later, nearly 2,000 events were held across the country. Over the history of the program, KAAF and its network of volunteers helped put fishing rods and reels in the hands of more than 8 million youngsters.

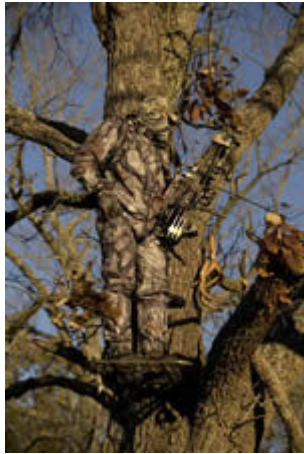
The program's termination also brings to a close HOFI's highly successful Kids All-American Fishing Scholarship and Ambassador Program. For each of the past three years, select youth anglers between the ages of 8-14 were chosen from across the country through a formal application process based on their outstanding leadership efforts in school and community. Each of the youngsters appointed to date has been awarded a \$5,000 U.S. Savings Bond for use in current or future education, a KAAF team-angler jersey and a personalized acrylic award.

A number of well known manufacturers and retailers provided varying degrees of support to HOFI and its program throughout the years, including Wal-Mart, Berkley, Johnson Fishing, Zebco, Eagle Claw, Kraft Foods, Fujifilm and more.

"We offer thanks and gratitude to the many companies and thousands of community-based organizers who have helped make our program a success for so long," Johnson added. "We still believe today what we did 20 years ago when we began - that no activity provides families a more enriching opportunity to spend quality time together than does fishing."

**Elevate Your Game with Mossy Oak® Treestand®**

**WEST POINT, MS** - Mossy Oak, the industry leader in camouflage design, is proud to introduce its newest pattern, Treestand, designed specifically for hardcore whitetail hunters who hunt from an elevated position. Treestand offers whitetail hunters the ideal camouflage solution for altering their silhouette among the bare limbs of a tree in late fall.



"Hunting whitetails from a tree is one of our favorite pursuits here at Mossy Oak," said founder and CEO Toxey Haas. "If we took the time to add up all the hours that our staff has spent in a treestand over the years, we'd probably wonder just how anything gets done around here. But it is exactly that dedication to the sport that helps us bring you a pattern as effective as Treestand."

Nearly 20 years ago, Mossy Oak introduced the original version of Treestand and revolutionized the way we look at camo by being the first to incorporate tree limbs into a pattern. Almost two decades later, Treestand now utilizes digital technology to exactly reproduce the details and subtleties of actual tree limbs laid over the neutral tones most commonly seen when looking up through bare trees.

"This pattern was specifically designed with the elevated hunter in mind," said Butch English, Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Mossy Oak. "Treestand is built to defeat the 'deer's eye view' of looking up through the limbs of bare trees. Our new Treestand pattern is the ultimate camo for the over 12 million hunters that hit the woods each year in pursuit of whitetails."

## **Arkansas Game & Fish Commission Pledges Support for Anglers' Legacy**

*Game & Fish Commission to Run Year-Long Promotion Dedicated to Recruiting New Anglers in Arkansas*

**ALEXANDRIA, VA (January 11, 2008)** – The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF) today announced a new partnership with [The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission](#) to increase fishing participation by promoting the Anglers' Legacy program. The Commission is committed to carrying the Anglers' Legacy message in their annual 2008 Fishing Guidebook, a publication that reaches nearly half a million anglers throughout the state. They will also promote the program by

posting Anglers' Legacy links on their Web site, carrying the message to different events statewide and running public service announcements (PSAs).

"All the studies out there indicate that the biggest way to get someone new involved in fishing is through mentoring," said the Commission's Aquatic Resources Education Coordinator Jimmy Barnett. "Promoting Anglers' Legacy is a great way to recruit new anglers to the sport and the Commission staff is excited about this partnership. The 2008 Arkansas Fishing Guidebook will encourage anglers to 'Take the Pledge' and for doing so, they will receive a lapel pin with our agency and Anglers' Legacy logos."

"We're delighted that The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission is supporting Anglers' Legacy," said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson. "Their efforts will help reach avid anglers throughout the state of Arkansas who can make a difference in someone's life and help grow participation in the sport. Their 2008 Fishing Guidebook is a great place to start and we look forward to helping them recruit new anglers and increase fishing license sales."

"Anglers' Legacy Ambassadors on average generate 3.2 fishing licenses, and that can mean big rewards for our state," added Barnett. "We have approximately 400,000 licensed anglers in Arkansas. We hope to energize many of them to take the Pledge and teach a newcomer what they know about the sport they love."

Launched in May 2006, Anglers' Legacy has collected more than 20,000 Pledges. Through media coverage, industry partners and pro-staff and celebrity angler involvement, the program asks avid anglers to share their passion for fishing and to visit [AnglersLegacy.org](http://AnglersLegacy.org) where they're asked to "[Take the Pledge](#)" – promising to take one new person fishing each year. The Arkansas Game & Fish Commission joins a growing list of partners who are supporting the Anglers' Legacy movement. To see a full list of all Anglers' Legacy partners, visit [AnglersLegacy.org](http://AnglersLegacy.org) and click on "[Program Partners](#)."

## **REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY**

**SANDY CITY** - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Sandy City REI store. REI is located at 10600 South & 230 West in the northwest corner of the South Towne Mall property. For more information, please call (801) 501-0850 or visit our website at [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com) and click on the *stores & events* link.

**ICE CLIMBING 101 Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**



Do you crave adventure? Do you get a rush when you think about scaling a massive cliff of solid ice? Wondering where someone can go ice climbing around here? And what equipment and clothing you will need? Come join Tracy Jensen of REI Sandy as she explores the wonderful and ever changing world of ice climbing. See the best places to go and learn what equipment and clothing you will need to get off for your first adventure.

### **SNOWSHOEING 101 Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

The ease of snowshoeing has led it to become one of the fastest growing sports in the country. Simply strap on a pair and go on a winter hike, backpack, or climb.

Join REI experts as they put on another of our famous “how to” clinics on the basics of snowshoeing. This presentation will also focus on the appropriate selection of gear and the initial skills needed to get you outside and on the trails. If you have ever thought about getting into snowshoeing, this is a great introduction to the sport!

### **SKI & BOARD TUNE & WAX Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm**

Come join the ranks of do-it-yourselfers who are discovering that tuning your skis at home can not only be a great way to save your hard earned money, but one of the most gratifying hobbies you will ever undertake. Join REI shop technicians this evening for some expert instruction on minor base repair, P-tex, edge sharpening and waxing. By learning to tune your own skis and snowboards, you can ensure that your equipment will perform at its peak.

### **MAP & COMPASS Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Feeling lost? Lacking a sense of direction? REI will present a clinic aimed at the newcomer to map and compass. We will cover the basics such as understanding map symbols, orienting the map and compass, triangulation, declination adjustment, and reading terrain features. Participants are encouraged to bring their own compasses.

**SALT LAKE CITY** - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Salt Lake City REI store. REI is located at 3285 East & 3300 South. For more information, please call 486-2100 or visit our website at [www.rei.com](http://www.rei.com) and click on the *stores & events* link and select Salt Lake City.

### **RETROSPECTIVE ON SKI RACING & THE EARLY DAYS OF SKIING AT ALTA Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Suzy Harris Ryting started her skiing days at Alta where she later met her husband Bill Ryting. Throughout their live they both have been dedicated to the sport of

skiing. Bill went on to be Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest Ski Association and the Inter-Mountain Ski Association. Suzy cut an incredible swath in the regional and national competitive scenes in the 1940's that reached its zenith when she was named a member of the US Olympic Ski Team in 1952 that was to compete in Oslo, Norway. Her skiing triumphs during the late 1940's established her as one of the finest female skiers in the country. Suzy was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1988 and in 1999 was named one of Utah's "50 Greatest Athletes of the Century" by the Salt Lake Tribune. Sponsored by the Alta Historical Society and The Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation.

### **BACKCOUNTRY SKIING THE WASATCH Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Andrew McLean has been pursuing steep skiing challenges in remote locations for over two decades and has accumulated over 100 first descents. In 2007 he completed a long term quest to capture first descents on all seven continents when he traveled to Morocco to ski in the High Atlas Mountains. McLean's specialty is ski mountaineering, which involves climbing up peaks before skiing down them. This process allows him to ski mountains where motorized access is forbidden or impractical. His passion for this sport has led to him being voted as one of the "Greatest Skiers of Our Time" by Powder Magazine and a featured segment in the Sony Classic Pictures 2007 film entitled "Steep". Sponsored by the Alta Historical Society and The Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation.

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### **ACCESS THE WORLD Tuesday, February 26th, 7pm**

4 time Paralympic Medalist, Muffy Davis, and her husband, Jeff Burley, will present a 30 minute video from their 9 month world humanitarian trip and share about their experiences traveling and volunteering with non-profit organizations in developing countries. In 2005 and 2006 Muffy Davis, who uses a wheelchair for mobility, and her husband circumnavigated the globe working with organizations and people with disabilities, empowering them to reach for their dreams through adaptive sports. Their journey took them to 14 countries, including Turkey, Vietnam, Ghana, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka where they met people of all ages, including aspiring Paralympic athletes. While some visits involved teaching health

and hygiene through sports and physical activity, other visits focused on identifying the rehabilitation and adaptive sporting needs in developing countries. While not all work, they had were plenty of fun adventures on the journey, many of which are captured in their video presentation. If you have the adventure travel bug, want to learn more about “voluntourism” or how to travel with a disability or mobility limitation, this is a presentation you won’t want to miss.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS AT REI:**

#### **REI'S ADULT CLIMBING NIGHT Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

We would like to invite you to attend Adults-only (16 & up) climbing night at REI Salt Lake. This is a perfect opportunity for beginners as well as experienced climbers to climb our one-of-a-kind wall on routes ranging from 5.5 to 5.13 in difficulty. You are welcome to invite your friends & family to attend. Climbing harnesses of all sizes will be available at no charge, and climbing shoes can be rented for the evening for \$2.00. Whether you are looking to start climbing, train for next summer, or meet people with similar interests come enjoy an evening of climbing & camaraderie with your friends at the Salt Lake City REI. No RSVP required.

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

#### **WASATCH CITIZEN SERIES Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 10am at Soldier Hollow**

The Wasatch Citizen Series consists of five events held each year at the major cross country ski areas along the Wasatch Front and Back. Two classical technique and three free technique races are included to provide the balance local athletes need to prepare for national and international competition. In addition to our seventeen age categories for each gender, the WCS includes novice classes, to encourage beginners to get involved in the sport, and expert classes, for more serious racers. Awards are given to the top three finishers in each of these groups at each race. Participants' ages range from 5 to 70+, and many families regularly attend the races. The WCS ski races have been Utah’s premier Nordic skiing events since 1979. Please visit the Utah Nordic Alliance webpage at [www.utahnordic.com](http://www.utahnordic.com) for more information.



**BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at Kingsbury Hall**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Banff Mountain Film Festival will return to Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah February 19-20. Shows start at 7 p.m. each night. This is the 17th year the U's Outdoor Recreation Program (ORP) has brought the film festival to campus. Last year's films were a big hit and tickets are on sale now to the general public. They are available for \$7.50 at Kingsbury Hall and REI locations in Salt Lake & Sandy. Call 581-8516 for more information. The prestigious Banff Mountain Film Festival boasts the world's best mountaineering, nature, and outdoor adventure films, videos and speakers. People are invited to experience the adventure of climbing, mountain expeditions, remote cultures, and the world's last great wild places- all brought to life on the big screen! Both evenings are expected to sell out, advance ticket purchase recommended.

**CLASSES:**

**REI GPS NAVIGATION DAY Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9am at REI Sandy or Salt Lake City**

Spend a day in class and in the field with REI GPS experts! You'll practice finding your way from point A to point B, first establishing where you are, and then where you want to go. Learn route-finding skills, such as plotting routes & waypoints and using the U.T.M. grid system vs. latitude and longitude coordinates. Participants should have some familiarity with GPS and/or have attended REI's GPS 101 evening clinic. Please sign up in person or by phone at REI Sandy (501-0850) or Salt Lake (486-2100). Tuition is \$25.00 REI members, \$35.00 non-members.

**STAY SAFE IN THE OUTDOORS: BASIC WILDERNESS LIFE SUPPORT CLASS Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am at REI Salt Lake City**



Created for all outdoor enthusiasts, the Basic Wilderness Life Support certification is a one day course designed to help you prevent and treat injuries and illnesses common in outdoor activities. Developed at the University of Utah, School of Medicine the course will teach you to prepare

for your outing, assess injuries and scene safety, decide whether to evacuate or treat a patient, and methods of evacuation. The





curriculum was developed from our advanced course used to train medical professionals and will be taught by one of our certified instructors. The course includes morning lectures at REI and an afternoon outdoors (weather permitting) participating in hands on scenarios. At the end of the day you will receive your BWLS certificate. Tuition is \$95. Please contact REI's customer service department at 801-486-2100 to register or visit [www.bwls.org](http://www.bwls.org).

**CLUB & ORGANIZATION MEETINGS:** The following meetings are open to the public and take place at REI Salt Lake.

**UTAH NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

The Utah Native Plant Society is dedicated to the appreciation, preservation, conservation and responsible use of the native plant and plant communities found in the state of Utah and the Intermountain West.

**UTAH ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

The Utah Statewide Archaeological Society (USAS) is an organization conceived for the individual who is curious about or wants to learn more about archaeology and the state's prehistoric cultures. It is dedicated to the study and preservation of Utah's past.

**BLM's Utah Statewide Recreation Resource Advisory Council to Meet**

Salt Lake City, Utah--January 9, 2008--The Bureau of Land Management's Utah Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) will meet January 16-17, 2008, in Price, Utah.

On January 16, from 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., the RRAC will meet at the Holiday Inn, Sand-Sky Conference Room, 838 Westwood Blvd, Price, Utah. Presentations on fee site increases for Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, American Fork Canyon, Mirror Lake Corridor, and the Manti-LaSal Recreation Enhancement Act Program will be given by the U.S. Forest Service. On January 17, from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., presentations on fee site increases for Cleveland Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry and Cedar Mesa/Kane Gulch will be given by the BLM.

A public comment period is scheduled on January 17, from 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m., where members of the public may address the RRAC. Written comments may be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84101.

All meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging and meals are the responsibility of the participating public.

For further information, contact Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, at (801) 539-4195.

### **Domes for the World seeks help to help others**

Two Billion people worldwide need your help now. And the Domes for the World Foundation wants to help you, help them.

The United Nations reports more than 95,000 people migrate from rural areas to slums EVERY DAY - thus creating mega-slums, homelessness and poverty on a massive scale.



But together we can do something about it.

Domes for the World has launched a plan for churches to have their congregations adopt, fund and assist in constructing EcoShell Dome villages to benefit those across the globe who suffer from extreme poverty or natural disasters.

We ask you to click on the link below, print out the plan and share it with your church leadership.

Soon you could be helping to construct EcoShell homes, schools, clinics and toilet facilities for those who have none.

[http://www.dftw.org/pdf/church\\_plan.pdf](http://www.dftw.org/pdf/church_plan.pdf)

There is no shortage of those who need the world's safest, most cost-efficient



shelter. But there is a shortage of those who are willing to help. We ask you to take up this challenge.

Warmest Regards,

Rebecca South, Director Domes for the World Foundation [www.dftw.org](http://www.dftw.org)

### **Snowbasin Resort Partners with Utah Winter Games – Friends and Family Race Series – January 19, 2008**

**Snowbasin Utah** –Snowbasin Resort is pleased to partner with the Utah Winter Games for the new Friends and Family Race Series. Over the last 20 years, the Utah Winter Games and partners have produced recreational alpine ski races for individuals of all ages. Generations of Utahans have enjoyed these “Friends and Family” races and found them to be non-intimidating points of entry into the worlds of recreational and competitive racing.

Join us at Snowbasin Resort and participate in the third of the progressive race series. The first race was held in Brighton, second race in Alta and the fourth race in Brianhead. The series consists of four open qualifying races. Entry fee to

participate is \$12.00 per racer. Participants must race in a minimum of two qualifiers to be eligible for an invitation to the finals.

Race Start 10:30 AM. Ages 3 through 65+ Registration No Name Lounge Earl's Lodge

From 8:00 AM until 9:30 AM. Discounted lift ticket prices for race participants will be \$39.00 for adults and \$27.00 for youth. Awards ceremony outside on the Plaza at 3:00 PM.

For further information contact Stew Marsh at 801-620-1016.

## **HELMETS, SAFETY, AND EDUCATION ARE TOPICS OF SNOWMOBILE SAFETY WEEK**



Salt Lake City -- National Snowmobile Safety Week is January 13 through 19. For this seven-day observance, and throughout Utah's snowmobile season, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Education Specialist Ann Evans is stressing helmets, safety, and education.

“Because of the recent snowstorms, thousands of Utahns are headed to the mountains,” said Evans. “We want everyone to ride safely and know the laws

and rules before they go. Be educated and be prepared.” She encourages riders to check avalanche, trail and weather conditions, and share itineraries with family and friends.

Utah law requires youth eight to 15 to complete the Utah State Parks and Recreation Know Before You Go! OHV education course before operating on public lands, roads or trails. Anyone 16 or older must have a valid Utah driver's license or a safety certificate to operate snowmobiles on public land. It is illegal for



any child under age eight to operate an OHV on public land.

All youth under age 18 are required by law to wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet approved by the Department of Transportation. Utah Department of Health (UDOH) and Utah State Parks strongly recommend that all riders wear helmets, especially parents who set an example for children and other riders.

In addition to helmets and education, Evans offers the following safety tips:

- Never ride alone. Always ride with a companion and let others know your plan.
- Watch your fuel supply carefully.
- Check weather reports and avalanche advisories. Be prepared by wearing an avalanche beacon and carrying a shovel and probe.
- Dress for changing weather conditions. Wear layered clothing to adjust for changing conditions.
- Never drink and drive.
- Always wear an approved helmet designed for motorized use. It's the law for anyone under 18 to wear their helmet at all times. Utah State Parks encourages everyone to wear a helmet.
- Know basic maintenance procedures. Carry spark plugs, drive belts, tool kit and a survival kit, which contains a map, compass, flashlight, extra food, extra clothing, sunglasses, first aid kit, pocket knife, waterproof matches, and candles or fire starters.

For registration materials or more information, call the OHV Information Center at 1-800-OHV-RIDE (1-800-648-7433).

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

Salt Lake City - Utah State Parks Boating Education Specialist Chris Haller reminds Utah boaters about the need to carry motorboat liability insurance.

“This law was enacted two years ago and until now, Utah State Park Rangers have taken an educational approach to informing boaters. This upcoming boating

season, park rangers will be more proactive in encouraging Utah boaters to become insured,” stated Haller.

Boat owners are required to carry owner’s or operator’s liability insurance on all motorboats, including personal watercraft. Motorboats equipped with engines less than 50 horsepower is exempt from this requirement.

Proof of insurance must be carried on board whenever the boat is in operation. The minimum requirements are \$25,000/\$50,000 bodily injury/death and \$15,000 property damage or \$65,000 combined minimum per accident.

A motorboat owned by a non-Utah resident and registered in the non-resident’s state, must meet its state’s insurance requirements or have 90 days to comply with Utah’s liability insurance requirements.

For more information or to take a safe boating course, contact [www.stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov) or (801) 538-BOAT.

## **UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS**

January 1- 31 Antelope Island State Park – Syracuse Art Gallery: Charles Uibel displays color photographs featuring Great Salt Lake in the visitor center art gallery. (801) 725-9263

January 12 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway Wonderful Winter Wildlife: Join park staff from 10 a.m. to noon to learn about animal tracks and scat. Winter is a great time to look for signs of wildlife. Many animals stay active all winter long, and learning to recognize tracks and scat can help make any winter outing more enjoyable. Meet at the Educational Yurt. Snowshoes are available. (435) 654-1791

January 19 Wasatch Mountain State Park – Midway Basic Snowshoe Clinic: Join park staff for a free basic snowshoe clinic from 9 a.m. to noon and explore the roots of snowshoeing, types of snowshoes, health benefits, and techniques. Begin with an indoor discussion at the Educational Yurt, followed by practical experience in the park to learn the basics of moving on snowshoes. Bring your own snowshoes, or rent a pair from the park. (435) 654-1791

January 19 Hyrum State Park – Hyrum Polar Plunge: Jump into the icy waters of Hyrum Lake or stay warm and just watch others take the plunge at this fundraising

event for the Special Olympics. Visit [sout.org](http://sout.org) for registration and more information. (435) 245-6866

January 19 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield  
In celebration of the Camp Floyd's sesquicentennial, author and historian Curtis Allen entertains visitors with stories of the Camp Floyd officers who were later generals in the Civil War, both Union and Confederate. The lecture is free and begins at 1 p.m. (801) 768-8932

**"Lucky 13" 13 Days - 13 Resorts - 13 Great Deals. Lucky for You! Jan. 19-31**  
Salt Lake City, UT- January is national "Learn-A-Snowsport" month declared by SnowSports Industries America (SIA), the national nonprofit association for snowsport suppliers. Utah resorts have created the following offers to make it easy and affordable for Utahans to play in The Greatest Snow on Earth.

Skiing and snowboarding are great ways to get off the couch this winter and achieve those holiday fitness goals. Fortunately, Utah is home to 13 world-class ski resorts, all waiting for riders young and old to come out and get lucky. Whether learning for the first time or simply brushing up unpracticed skills, these offers are the jackpot for people looking to ski or snowboard.

Locals can also enter to win a free beginners ski or snowboard lesson at a different Utah resort each day by logging on to [www.myfoxutah.com](http://www.myfoxutah.com), January 19th-31st. One lucky person will win each day.

Get lucky this January with one of the following great offers:

Alta

Learn to Ski

Where: Alf Engen Ski School at Alta Ski Area

When: January 3rd through February 14th, excluding January 18,19, 20, 21

What: Learn to Ski for first- time skiers

- 4 x 2hr class lessons

- 4 x ski equipment rentals

- 4 x beginner area lift tickets

How Much? \$149

Contact: 801-799-2271

### Ski Free After 3

Alta will continue with "Ski Free After 3" every day on Alta's Sunnyside detachable triple lift. To participate in this year's "Ski Free After 3", skiers just show up at the lift at 3 p.m.

### Beaver Mountain



With the rental of a high performance package, the renter receives a Beaver Mountain t-shirt and \$5 off an All-area day pass. Valid January 19-31, 2008, excluding January 21.

### Brian Head

Learn to Ski or Snowboard Package: All-inclusive Package for just \$79. Includes an All-Day Lift Ticket, All-Day Equipment Rental (ski package or snowboard package), and a 2 1/2 hour lesson. Please purchase your package at the Navajo Lodge Learning Center or call: 435-677-2047 for more information.



### Brighton

\$13 discount on a lift ticket when purchasing a lesson. Offer valid January 19-31, 2008.

### The Canyons

First timers can enjoy a \$99.90 package including full-day lift ticket, rentals and group lesson. Offer valid January 19-31, 2008. To reserve your space, call 435-615-3449.

### Deer Valley Resort

Date: January 26 and 27, 2008

Program: "Ski Utah Lucky 13"- First Timers and Locals only (Local is anyone with a current Utah driver's license. Without a Utah driver's license, a photo ID accompanied by a current Utah property tax form, Utah utility bill or Utah business paycheck stub)

Clinic Time: 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.



Check-in time: 7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Age: 13 and older

Maximum - Limited to the first 55 registrants per day

Cost: Free clinic, lift ticket and rentals

What is included in your clinic: Clinic, lift ticket, rentals and locker token or basket check

Must make reservations by calling 888-754-8477 or 435-645-6648 and mention "Ski Utah Lucky 13". One lesson per person only please.

No Show Fee: \$25 per person

Check in location: Snow Park lodge lower level basket check area. There will be a Skier Service Rep and a Deer Valley Marketing department rep meeting the group.

Park City Mountain Resort

Night ski or ride Park City Mountain Resort for \$20 January 19 - January 31, 2008. Ticket is valid from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Enjoy terrain located off of



PayDay and First Time lifts. Must show Utah ID or proof of residency.

### Learn to Telemark Clinic

Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Time: Clinic is offered from 5 to 7 p.m.

Cost: \$25 for lift ticket and lesson. Telemark gear will be provided by White Pine Touring.

Details: Purchase lesson/ticket at the PayDay ticket Window and meet at the bottom of the PayDay lift at 5 p.m. Lesson will be taught on the First Time and PayDay lifts.

### Powder Mountain

An evening beginner's lesson 13 times in January. \$28 will include a 2-hour lesson, rental and lift pass. Lessons begin at the Sundown Lift at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. January 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30.



When you purchase a Learn to Ski or Board lesson in January from Powder

Mountain, you receive a coupon for 13% off a ski or board package at Canyon Sport Riverdale.

#### Snowbasin

\$39 for a learn-to-ski or ride package. (\$13 for Little Cat lift pass, \$13 for rental and \$13 for Snowsports lesson). That makes it a LUCKY 13. Offer valid for 13 days beginning Jan 19 and ending Jan 31, 2008.

#### Snowbird

\$130 for a regularly \$145 program; includes two 2-hour lessons (same day), lift, and rentals. Chickadee lift only. Reservations requested, not required. Mention Lucky 13 for pricing. Valid Jan 22-31, 2008.

#### Solitude

Lucky 13 Beginner Lesson & Lift at Solitude..\$32.50

Learn to ski in the Greatest Snow on Earth, "true" beginner group lessons, first 13 participants to pre-register for an AM or PM lesson each day, receive a beginner lift ticket and a 2-hour group lesson for \$32.50! Phone 801-536-5730 to reserve your space.

#### Sundance

Twilight mid-week skiing \$13. Jan. 19-31, 2008. Call 801-223-4849 for more details.

#### Wolf Mountain

First Timers special - Pay \$13 for one, 2-hour beginner group lesson at Wolf Mountain. Offer valid from Jan 19 through Jan 31, 2008.

Call the Wolf Mountain Learning Center to make a reservation at 801-745-3511 and mention "Lucky 13".

Ski Utah will also be joining in the fun by offering a 'Ski Utah 13 Resort Logo T-shirt' for \$13 (reg. \$18) when ordered between January 19-31, 2008. T-shirts may be ordered on [www.skiutah.com](http://www.skiutah.com).

#### **Contra Dance scheduled**



We have a great new venue for the Ogden Contra Dance.□ Our new home is in the gym behind the First Presbyterian Church of Ogden located at 880 28th Street.□ It is a wonderful dance venue with a wood floor and plenty of parking.

This is an excellent time of year to shake off the winter blues by getting out of the house for a dance! □

Whether your interests lie in dance, folk music, history, or just plain socializing, contra dance offers something for you; it's America's folk/community dance.□ We "walk through" each dance before it begins, so no dance experience (or talent!) is needed. Come out and bring some friends! It's a good time for all...

Please pass this on to your mailing lists as we are trying to spread the word and get the Ogden, Box Elder, and Davis area communities more involved!□ We'd also love to see some folks from the Logan and Salt Lake dances as well...

### Ogden Area Contra Dance

First Presbyterian Church 880 28th Street, Ogden, Ut (Dance is in building to the north west in the parking lot)

Music By The Blue Sage Trio   Calling By Mike Cottle

Saturday, January 12th. (And continuing on the second saturday of each month)

Beginner Workshop 7:30

Dance 8:00 - 10:30

Recommended donation is \$5.00 Adults and \$3.00 Children

Please bring separate dance or gym shoes to protect the floor!

For More Information Contact: Mike or Shauna Iverson at 801-782-0534

### **NEW LANDSLIDE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAP OF UTAH**

Salt Lake City, Utah -- A new digital map is now available which shows areas of Utah that are vulnerable to landslides. The Utah Geological Survey (UGS) map is a statewide landslide susceptibility map at 1:500,000 scale. "Landslides have caused significant economic loss in Utah and the exposure to landslide hazards

increases as development continues to expand into landslide-prone areas,” said Richard Giraud, UGS Senior Geologist. “The map is at a statewide scale and designed for general planning to determine areas where landslide hazards may exist and more detailed landslide-hazard studies are needed for planning and development.”



Landslide susceptibility categories for the map were established using mapped landslides, geologic units, and statistic-derived landslide slope-angle thresholds in each geologic unit. A 10-page digital booklet summarizes the methods used to produce the map. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) spatial data files are provided as geodatabase

(gdb) and shape file formats. Commercial software is required to fully utilize GIS files.

This map is a cooperative project of the Utah Geological Survey and the Utah Division of Homeland Security funded through the federal Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. The map took 18-months to complete. The next review is tentatively planned for five years from now after additional geologic mapping has been completed.



Map 228DM is available for \$19.95 at the Natural Resources Map & Bookstore, located at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City (801-537-3320 or 1-888-UTAHMAP; [geostore@utah.gov](mailto:geostore@utah.gov)). The map can also be viewed on the UGS website at <http://geology.utah.gov/online/m/m-228.pdf>.

The Utah Geological Survey provides timely scientific information about Utah’s geologic environment, resources, and hazards.

**BRC IMPORTANT ACTION ALERT PRIORITY LEVEL: CRITICAL**  
**ACTION REQUESTED BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2008**

**U.S. FOREST SERVICE ATTEMPTS FIRST SITE SPECIFIC  
IMPLEMENTATION OF "DE-FACTO WILDERNESS" POLICY.**

"If this is not successfully changed, such a policy has the very real potential to go far beyond just closing areas with 'wilderness character.' If federal land managers are allowed to apply this sort management, America's spectacular scenic backcountry will become the exclusive playground of the politically well-connected."

- Brian Hawthorne, Public Lands Policy Director, BlueRibbon Coalition

Dear BRC Action Alert Subscriber,

Idaho's Clearwater National Forest has released a "Proposed Action" for the summer and winter motorized and mountain bike Travel Plan. It is the first time a National Forest in Region 1 (in northern Idaho and Montana) has attempted site-specific implementation of their new (and unlawful) de-facto Wilderness policy. The "Proposed Action" proposes removing all motorized and mountain bike uses from "Recommended Wilderness Areas" (RWA).

In the "picture = 1000 words" department, take a look at this:

[http://www.sharetrails.org/uploads/PL/Clearwater/Maps\\_Legends\\_1.pdf](http://www.sharetrails.org/uploads/PL/Clearwater/Maps_Legends_1.pdf)

Congressionally designated Wilderness and "Recommended Wilderness Areas" all shown on the *same map, in the same color*. -- Same map. Same management.

Speaking specifically for the Clearwater NF, implementation of this lousy policy will result in closure of 44%, or 178 miles of single-track motorcycle trails and some of the best backcountry snowmobile trails left in these parts.

But that's just for the Clearwater. If allowed to continue across the Region, or worse, become a National policy, this de-facto wilderness management will be the *single greatest threat to motorized and mountain bike recreation... ever.*

Fortunately, at this early stage in the process, a "cut and paste" email effort can be effective. Please take just a second to send a quick email to the Forest Service. The simple instructions are below.

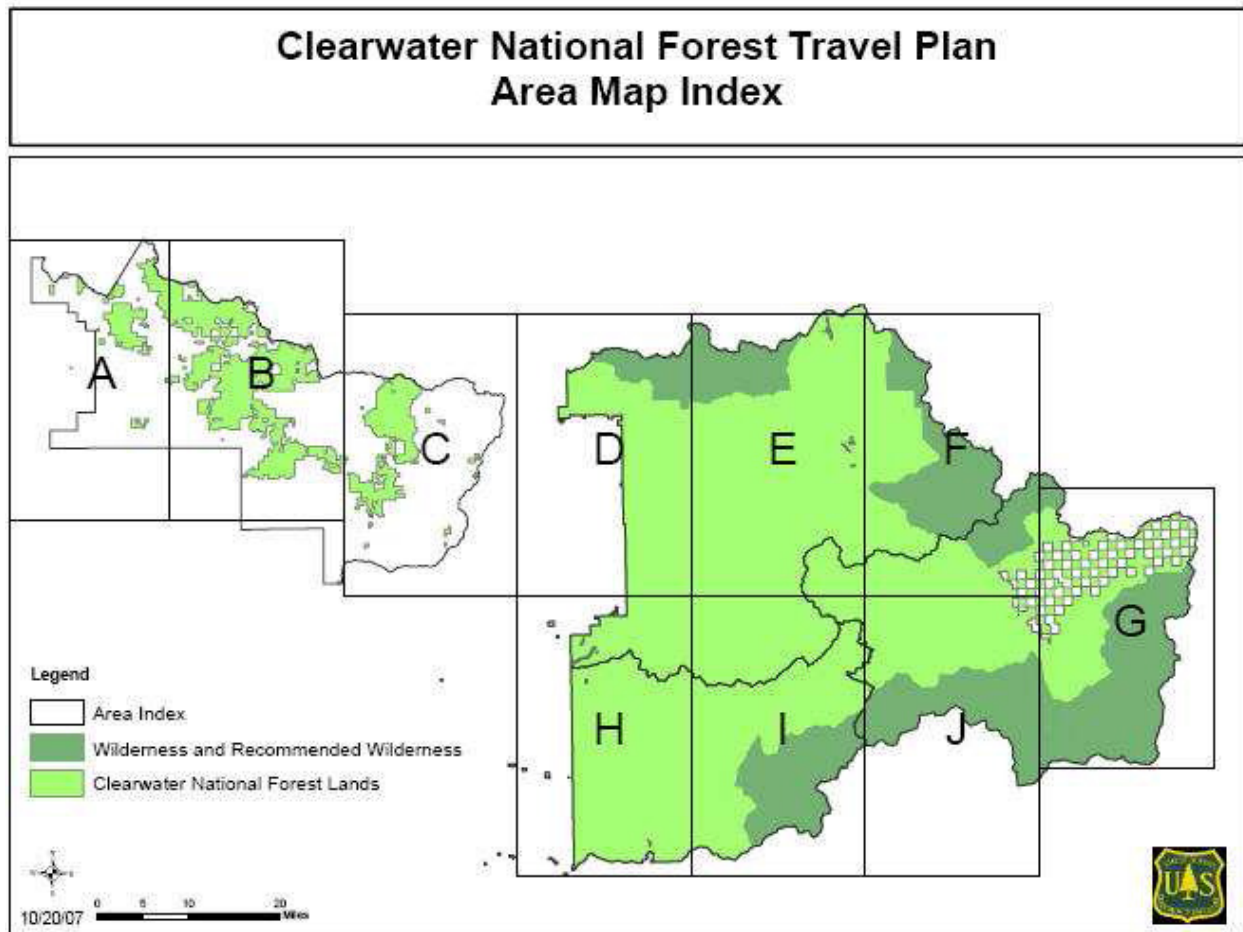
*Please help us fight this policy.*

Brian Hawthorne  
Public Lands Policy Director  
BlueRibbon Coalition  
208-237-1008 ext 102

*PS: I want to stress the importance of this issue. If you've never responded to a BRC Action Alert, please make this your first time. Please take action today!*

Clearwater National Forest Action Alert:

SITUATION:



The deadline to comment on a draft winter and summer Travel Plan for the Clearwater National Forest is set for January 11, 2008. This is the first time a National Forest in Region 1 has attempted site specific implementation of their

new (and unlawful) de-facto Wilderness policy. COMMENTS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

#### WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT:

Obviously, any de-facto Wilderness policy is bad enough. But the situation here is even worse. I've been trying to find a clever way to explain exactly why this policy concerns BRC so much. Let me try to explain it this way:

The inventory criteria used by the FS to determine which of their lands they recommend for congressional Wilderness designation allows motorized and mountain bike uses to exist. But the management direction for lands recommended for congressional Wilderness designation mandates the elimination of motorized and mountain bike uses.

This, valued BRC member, is the very definition of arbitrary and capricious.

If this is not successfully changed, such a policy has the very real potential to go far beyond just closing areas with "wilderness character." If federal land managers are allowed to apply this sort management, America's spectacular scenic backcountry will become the exclusive playground of the politically well connected.

More info on the web: [http://www.sharetrails.org/defacto\\_wilderness/](http://www.sharetrails.org/defacto_wilderness/)

#### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

Send a simple email comment to the Clearwater.

Here is a link to Clearwater's Travel Plan webpage:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/clearwater/Projects/TravPlan/ClwTravel.htm>

The email address is: [comments-northern-clearwater@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-clearwater@fs.fed.us)

**IMPORTANT:** Put "Comments on Clearwater National Forest Travel Plan" in the subject line and be certain to include your name and address at the end of the comments. A return email address is NOT sufficient! (FS often discards "anonymous" email comments.) Copy the text below and paste into your email.

Lois Foster, Travel Plan Interdisciplinary Team Leader  
Lochsa Ranger District, Kamiah Ranger Station  
Rt. 2 Box 191  
Kamiah, ID 83536



I would like to make the following comments on the Clearwater National Forest Travel Plan. The comment is made using the "issues in the form of questions" format. Please consider these questions in the Alternative development and please also include a full discussion of each question in the EIS. I also request the EIS include a discussion and brief analysis of previous Congressional Wilderness designations so the public may understand how the existence of motorized uses actually impacts Congress's ability to designate Wilderness.

Question 1) In *Montana Wilderness Assoc. v. U.S. Forest Service*, the U.S. District Court of Montana found that Congress required the Forest Service to strike-and maintain-a balance between wilderness character and motorized use in WSAs established by that Act. Given that Congress envisioned motorized uses in Wilderness Study Areas they established, what is the Forest Service's rationale for excluding motorized uses in Recommended Wilderness Areas (RWAs)?

Question 2) If the existence of motorized uses does not preclude an area from being designated as an RWA, then what is the Forest Service's rationale for eliminating motorized uses in RWAs?

Question 3) What level of motorized or mountain bike use would disqualify an area from being a RWA?

Question 4) In the Eastern Wilderness Act, Congress designated areas Wilderness that contained motorized uses, structures, maintained roads and even sections of paved roads. Has the Forest Service studied the level of motorized uses that actually precludes Congress from designating an area Wilderness?

YOUR NAME  
YOUR ADDRESS

### **New Year, New Gear License Plate Poker Can Still Be Won**

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - A new winning hand has been submitted to Ski Utah's License Plate Poker contest. Orval Dorius of Murray, Utah currently holds the highest hand of A03 0AW, full house - aces and 10s (W = wild card). This hand could end up winning him a new pair of skis or a snowboard but the competition is by no means over.

"We have seen lot of impressive hands in this competition," said Ski Utah president Nathan Rafferty, "However, there is still a lot of room to win. We have yet to see four of a kind." Four of a kind would be possible in the

competition if three of a kind was dealt with a "W", the wild card.

License plate poker is simple to play and all Utah vehicle owners are eligible to enter. Contestants must email a picture of their new plate with their name and city to [poker@skiutah.com](mailto:poker@skiutah.com) in order to enter. License plate letters and numbers are scored like poker hands. The player with the highest plate will hit the slopes next winter with a brand new pair of Rossignol skis and bindings or a Burton snowboard with bindings. Ski Utah will accept new contestants throughout the 2007-08 winter season.

For more information or to enter, visit [www.skiutah.com](http://www.skiutah.com).

Ski Utah is the marketing organization owned and operated by the 13 statewide ski resorts that make up the Utah Ski and Snowboard Association. The organization has been creating brand awareness of and demand for the Utah wintersports product since its inception in 1978.

For media information, contact Jessica Kunzer at 801.433.2016 or by email at [jessica@skiutah.com](mailto:jessica@skiutah.com).