

See bald eagles Feb. 2 and Feb. 9

Two chances to see bald eagles are available in February.

Utah's annual Bald Eagle Day will be held Feb. 2 at sites in central, northeastern and southwestern Utah. On the following Saturday, Feb. 9, viewing will be offered at two sites in northern Utah.

Admission to Bald Eagle Day is free. Viewing times are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. except at the Salt Creek Waterfowl Management Area site, where viewing will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Photo by Lynn Chamberlain

On Feb. 2, you can view eagles at the following locations:

Fountain Green State Fish Hatchery, located east of Nephi. If coming from the north, take I-15 and exit the freeway at the second Nephi exit (Exit 225). After exiting the freeway, turn east on SR-132 and travel about 10 miles. About one mile before the city of Fountain Green, a Bald Eagle Day sign will point you to an access road that leads to the hatchery.

Once you reach the hatchery, you'll be given a driving map of the Sanpete Valley that highlights the best areas in the valley to view eagles. Literature, displays and bathroom facilities will also be available at the hatchery. If eagles are near the hatchery, Division of Wildlife Resources staff will set up spotting scopes so you can view them. Spotting scopes will also be set-up at a viewing location about one mile from the hatchery.

Split Mountain/Green River, located north of Jensen and below the Dinosaur Quarry in Dinosaur National Monument (DNM). To reach the site, drive north from Highway 40 in Jensen on the road (SR 149) to the Dinosaur Quarry. Your first stop should be at the staging area located just inside the DNM boundary where displays, spotting scopes and possibly bald eagles and other raptors await. From the staging area, biologists will direct you to other sites where you may have better views of eagles and other wildlife of interest. In past years, visitors have seen bald

and golden eagles hunting and feeding, as well as prairie falcons, hawks, mule deer, river otters, pheasants, turkeys, sandhill cranes, porcupines, mergansers, Canada geese and other wildlife.

If you'd like a closer look at some of the features in the monument and the surrounding area, members from the Uinta Mountain Club will lead two nature walks. The walks will leave from the main staging area at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

During your trip, you may also want to stop and visit the Dinosaur National Monument. The monument's dinosaur quarry is closed, but you can see a few dinosaur bones at a temporary visitor center near the quarry. The visitor center also includes a small bookstore.

Cedar Valley, located on the northwest side of Cedar City. To reach the site, exit I-15 at Exit 59 and travel west on SR-56 to 3900 W. Turn right on 3900 W. and travel north to 2800 N. The viewing site is located at 3900 W. and 2800 N.



On Feb. 9, viewing will take place at the following locations:

Salt Creek Waterfowl Management Area (Compton's Knoll), located about 10 miles northwest of Corinne. To reach the WMA, take Exit 365 off of I 15 and travel west on SR-83 through Corinne. Stay on SR-83 until you get to 6800 W. (Iowa String). Travel north to 6800 N. Travel west on 6800 N. until you reach the Salt Creek WMA–Compton's Knoll Watchable Wildlife site.

Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area, located on the west side of Farmington at 1325 W. Glover Lane (925 South).

If you're traveling north on I-15, coming from Salt Lake City and other areas south of Farmington:

To reach the WMA, travel north on I-15, and exit the freeway at Exit 324. Turn left on Park Lane and travel west. The road will angle to the south, and you'll come to Clark Lane at the first traffic light. Turn right. Travel west to the first stop sign, which is at 1525 West, and turn left. Travel south to Glover Lane, and turn right. Travel west on Glover Lane for about two blocks until you come to 1700 W. Turn

left on 1700 W. and travel south to the Great Salt Lake Nature Center. You can park in the parking lot.

If you're traveling south on I-15, coming from Ogden and other areas north of Farmington:

To reach the WMA, travel south on I-15 and exit the freeway at Exit 325. Go to the stoplight and turn right on Park Lane. Travel south to the next light, which is at Clark Lane, and turn right. Travel west to the first stop sign, which is at 1525 West, and turn left. Travel south to Glover Lane, and turn right. Travel west on Glover Lane for about two blocks until you come to 1700 W. Turn left on 1700 W. and travel south to the Great Salt Lake Nature Center. You can park in the parking lot.

"Spotting scopes will available at each viewing site," says Bob Walters, Watchable Wildlife coordinator for the DWR. "Division of Wildlife Resources biologists and volunteers will also be on hand to help you spot eagles and to answer your questions."

Displays will also be set up at each location, and pamphlets and other materials about bald eagles will be available for free, or for a small cost.

Seeing eagles



The best time to view eagles on Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 depends on the individual, Walters says.

The most comfortable time is late morning and early afternoon. That's when the temperature is the warmest and visibility is the best. The warmer temperatures are especially important if you're bringing young children with you.

You can expect to see eagles during the late morning and early afternoon but not as many as just before sundown, when eagles fly to trees to roost for the night. At most of the sites, the best time to see the greatest number of eagles is probably from 2 to 4 p.m., Walters says.

Walters encourages you to dress warmly. And if there's snow on the ground, make sure you wear waterproof boots.

If you'd like to photograph the eagles, bring a telephoto lens. The eagles will be some distance from the viewing areas. Photographers who don't bring the proper equipment and try to get close to the eagles for a better shot will probably scare them away, Walters says.

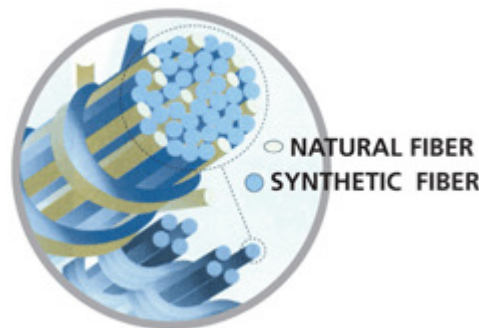
Walters started Bald Eagle Day in 1990 as a way to introduce people to Utah's wildlife. "It was started as a way to arouse people's interest, whet their appetite and make them aware of the wildlife around them," Walters says.

Since it began, Bald Eagle Day has grown into Utah's most well attended, and one of its most enjoyed, wildlife-viewing events.

For more information about Bald Eagle Day, call Walters at (801) 538-4771 or Division of Wildlife Resources offices in Ogden, Springville, Vernal or Cedar City.

KEEN Inc. Launches First Sock Containing Dri-release® E.C.O.

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2008 Hybrid.Sox collection.

Fall Hybrid Sox collection employs more sustainable performance features, materials and processes

Portland, OR -- January 18, 2008 – KEEN Inc., a leader in hybrid footwear, socks and bags, is pleased to be the first manufacturer to utilize the new environmentally friendly technology, **Dri-release E.C.O.**, Environmentally Correct Origins™ in their Fall

In accordance with its Hybrid.Think initiative, a self-imposed challenge to recycle,

repurpose and rethink sustainability when possible, the Fall collection also incorporates 100% recycled polyester and employs procedures that minimize the amount of dye used in the manufacturing process.

The off-road **Mt. Airy** sock features Dri-release E.C.O., a 'green' version of Dri-release with FreshGuard®. This blend of recycled polyester and renewable natural fibers forms a patented moisture management technology that dries four times faster than natural cotton. Made with 85% recycled polyester and 15% organic cotton, the Mt. Airy incorporates Dri-release E.C.O. to deliver superior moisture management and minimize abrasion while being environmentally conscious.

The Mt. Airy also features the 'Vent Dri-release System,' which speeds airflow to the foot and wicks away moisture to reduce the development of blisters. The ventilation system also facilitates heat release for increased comfort and performance. Mr. Airy is available for women and men in Ped, Quarter and ¾ Crew silhouettes.

With the new **Concord** sock, KEEN introduces a 100% USA post-consumer recycled polyester leg and a sustainably farmed Australian Merino wool footbed. Needle-injecting dye directly into the yarn creates a colorful, space dye pattern that differs slightly from sock to sock—and minimizes the use of excess dye in the manufacturing process. The result is a breathable, quick-drying sock that's unique inside and out. The Concord collection is available in Crew Lite for women and Quarter Lite for men.

Cougar country—ten tips to stay safe

Dave Swenson has patrolled Utah's backcountry for more than 28 years. During that time, the veteran wildlife officer has seen a cougar only five times.

And each time, the cougar was running away from him.

Photo by Lynn Chamberlain

"It's very, very rare to see or come in contact with a cougar," the



Division of Wildlife Resources officer says. "Cougars usually go out of their way to avoid people."

Swenson says cougars are also secretive animals. And they usually come out only at night.

While it's very rare to see a cougar, if you do see one, it will probably be in the winter.

"Deer are the main animal that cougars prey on this time of the year," Swenson says. "In the winter, the snow covers the vegetation in the higher country. That forces the deer to travel to lower elevations to find food. And the cougars come right down with them."

Tips

If you live in cougar country, Swenson provides the following tips to lessen the chance that you come in contact with a cougar:

- Do not feed wildlife. Feeding wildlife attracts deer and other animals to your yard that cougars prey on.

- Do not feed pets outside. The food could attract cougars to your yard. And keep your pets indoors at night. Pets are easy prey for cougars.

- Outdoor lighting and motion-sensitive lighting are a deterrent for the secretive cougar. Lights also make cougars that are approaching your home visible.

- Keep a close eye on your children when they're playing outside. And bring them in before dusk. That's when cougars begin to hunt.

- Make your yard deer-proof. If your landscaping is attractive to deer, cougars will follow the deer and stay close to your property.

Here are three things you can do if you encounter a cougar:

- Do not run from a cougar. Running can provoke a prey response in the cougar, and the cougar may pursue you.

- Make yourself look intimidating. Make yourself look big by opening your jacket, and raising your arms and waving them. Speak loudly and firmly.

- If you have children, pick them up. Try to pick children up before the children panic and run. When you're picking your children up, keep an eye on the cougar but avoid making direct eye contact with the animal. Try not to bend over too far or turn your back to the cougar.

Here are two things you can do to avoid encountering a cougar in the first place:

Hike with other people and make noise. Cougars will not usually bother groups of people.

If you're hiking with pets, keep them on a leash and close to your group. Roaming pets are open to cougar attacks, or they could irritate a cougar that's trying to avoid your group. A dog on a leash is also a good warning system that will let you know if a cougar is nearby.

Free brochure

More tips about how to stay safe in cougar country are available in the DWR's "Living in Cougar Country" brochure. The free brochure is available at wildlife.utah.gov/cougar.

"As Utah's population grows, we're moving more and more into areas where wildlife live," Swenson says. "It's important that we learn about the wildlife that live in our area and how we can minimize causing them problems. If we do that, both us and the wildlife will benefit."

Big game applications due by Jan. 31

Don't wait until the last day to apply

If you're going to apply for a permit to hunt big game in Utah this fall, a Division of Wildlife Resources official has some advice—apply before the final day of the application period.

Applications will be accepted at wildlife.utah.gov until 11 p.m. on Jan. 31. You can also phone your application in at (801) 538-4700.

Phone-in applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 31.

Applying on the Web

"When you apply depends a lot on how much patience you have," says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the DWR.

"If you apply before Jan. 31, you should get your application in fast," she says. "If you wait until Jan. 31, it could take longer. Thousands of hunters wait until the last day to apply, and that really slows the Web site down."

Tutorow says if you do wait until Jan. 31 to apply, make sure you start applying before 11 p.m. "Even if you haven't finished your application by 11 p.m., the system will still let you complete your application as long as you don't log out before it's completed," she says. "If you log out after 11 p.m., and then try and get back into the system, you'll be out of luck."

Applying over the phone

DWR staff have received hundreds of calls from hunters this month. They're doing everything they can to get hunters through the phone-in application process as fast as possible, but the large number of hunters who are calling to apply, or to ask questions, has slowed the process down. "And it's only going to get worse as Jan. 31 gets closer," Tutorow says.

You can phone your application into the DWR's Salt Lake City office, or any of the DWR's five regional offices, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, for Martin Luther King Day.

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.

Poached buck found on Henry Mountains

PRICE, UTAH—The Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is seeking information about the illegal shooting of a large buck deer, which was left to waste on the Henry Mountains, which is a premium limited entry deer hunting unit in southeastern Utah.



A large poached buck was found beneath a pile of branches, which were used by the perpetrator to conceal the crime.

DWR personnel located the buck's carcass in the Coyote Benches–Mud Springs area of the Henry Mountains. The animal had been shot, and the antlers and skull plate removed. The rest of the

buck was left to waste. The perpetrator(s) covered the carcass with branches in an

attempt to conceal the crime. Although the size of the antlers is unknown, analysis of the deer's teeth places the age of the buck at approximately 7 years, suggesting a prime-age, trophy-class animal.

Poaching is a crime that victimizes all Utahns. Whether you hunt, watch or photograph wildlife, it is a valuable resource, held in public trust. A poacher is guilty of natural resource robbery. Not only are human values at stake, but the deer herd has been robbed of the fawns, which might have been sired by this prime-age male. Law-abiding sportsmen, who wait years for the opportunity to draw a permit, lose the opportunity to hunt a fine specimen like this during future hunting seasons.

At the time of the incident, a bison hunt was taking place on the Henry Mountains. The DWR urges anyone with information about this incident to call the Utah Turn-in-a-Poacher Hotline at 1-800-662-DEER or contact Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen at (435) 820-6010. A reward of \$1,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and successful prosecution of the person(s) responsible for this act. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

Towns Roll Out Red Carpet for Sled Dog Race

First 2008 IPSSSDR stage stop mushes through Jackson, January 25

Jackson, Wyoming—January 17, 2007—What has 1,216 legs, travels nearly 350 miles, and stops in 12 towns and two states over eight days? The 2008 International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race (IPSSSDR), which races from Wyoming to Utah, January 25 to February 2.

Nineteen teams have registered for the 2008 event, with each team bringing up to 16 dogs. With its unique “stage stop” format, the race stops in a different town every night, allowing teams to rest and earning the IPSSSDR the moniker “the dog friendly race.” The format also allows host communities to show their hospitality to mushers and spectators with a variety of lively, family-friendly events from fireworks to dog shows, torchlight parades to pancake breakfasts.

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.

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 or telephone at 307.734.1163; for complete team bios and daily race results visit www.wyomingstagestop.org.

2008 IPSSSDR – Schedule of Events

Friday, January 25	Jackson	<p>5 – 6:30 PM Pre-Race Headquarters, Wort Hotel</p> <p>5 – 8 PM Winter Fest, Town Square/Pig Roast</p> <p>6:30 PM Race Start, Town Square to Snow King</p> <p>8 – 10 PM Musher Reception Party, Snow King</p> <p>8 PM Torchlight Parade/Fireworks, Snow King</p>
Saturday , January 26	Lander	6 PM Rotary Spaghetti dinner
Sunday, January 27	Lander Pinedale	<p>9 AM Race Start, Lander to Irish Canyon</p> <p>6:30 PM Pinedale Banquet</p>
Monday, January 28	Pinedale	9 AM Race Start,

	Big Piney/Marbleton	<p>Cora to Pinedale</p> <p>Let Your K9 Shine Dog Show</p> <p>6 PM Dutch Oven Reception, Big Piney</p>
Tuesday, January 29	<p>Big Piney/Marbleton</p> <p>Alpine</p>	<p>9 AM Race Start, Middle Piney parking lot</p> <p>6:30 PM Community Center Dinner</p>
Wednesday, January 30	<p>Alpine</p> <p>Kemmerer</p>	<p>9 AM Race Start, Greys River</p> <p>6:30 PM Banquet, Eagles Hall</p>
Thursday, January 31	<p>Kemmerer</p> <p>Evanston</p>	<p>7 AM Breakfast on the Trailhead</p> <p>9 AM Race Start</p> <p>6 PM Meet & Greet/Finger Food, Uinta County Complex</p>
Friday, February 1	<p>Bridger Valley</p> <p>Mountain View</p>	<p>10 AM Race Start, North Slope Road, 30 miles south of Evanston on the Mirror Lake Scenic Byway</p> <p>4-6 PM Musher Mania, Mountain View Town Hall</p>
Saturday, February 2	Lyman	<p>7 – 9 AM Flapjack Frenzy, Heritage Barn in Lyman</p>

	Park City	on Business Loop 80 across from Lyman High School 10 – 11:45 AM Meet the Mushers, Quinns Junction Sports Complex) 12 Noon Race Start 3 – 4 PM Jr. Stage Stop 6 PM Awards Banquet
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NOTE: For more in-depth information on the history and management of these Southern Utah waters, check out the [Hotspots](#) page.

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BAKER RESERVOIR: The lake is covered with thin ice, but is not safe for ice fishing. Ice should remain until the weather warms up. Winter is a good time to target large brown trout at Baker, as long as there is open water. Try minnow-imitating lures and flies, or dead minnows.

BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES: All lakes except Barker and Lower Barker Reservoirs are closed to fishing through April 20. Dougherty Basin is closed until July 12. All lakes are frozen over. Access is limited to snowmobile and ATV. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four, of which only two may be over 14 inches.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES: All lakes are frozen over. Access to most lakes by snowmobile only.

BEAVER RIVER, LOWER: Much of the river is frozen over. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with respect. Much of the private land is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass so watch for signs.

BEAVER RIVER, UPPER: Most of the river is iced over, making fishing difficult. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

BOULDER MTN LAKES: Most Boulder Mtn. lakes are closed to fishing through April 20. Check the [Utah Fishing Guidebook \(proclamation\)](#) for which lakes are still open. Access on most of the mountain is limited to snowmobile and ATV. One report of good success at Blind Lake for 17- to 19-inch splake. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four, of which only two may be over 14 inches.

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

CLEAR CREEK: Water is clear and low. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months.



Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

CORN CREEK: Wild brown trout are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months.

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DUCK CREEK SPRINGS/ASPEN

MIRROR LAKE: Closed to fishing until April 20. This closure includes Duck Creek stream.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER KINGSTON CANYON: Much of the river is frozen over, making fishing difficult. There is public access on a section of Kingston Canyon midway through the canyon that was purchased through the Blue Ribbon Program. Look for the signs. Most of the remainder of the canyon is private and posted, so ask permission first.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER BLACK CANYON: Unlike Kingston Canyon, the river here doesn't freeze over and can provide some good winter fishing. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs and

spinners. For the section of river from the BLM property boundary (about four miles south of Antimony) upstream to the confluence with Deer Creek, special regulations include the use of artificial flies and lures only and a limit of two trout. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER ABOVE TROPIC RES: Much of the river is covered with ice, making fishing difficult. Access is limited.

ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR: (Upper and Lower): The upper reservoir was drained for dam repairs. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Upper Enterprise Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to one eight-ounce portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one two-ounce portion per month. For further details, see fishadvisories.utah.gov.

FISH LAKE: 10 to 12 inches of ice with up to a foot of snow on top. Some slushy spots near the edges. Fishing is good to excellent for 12- to 17-inch splake by jigging just off the weedline in 20 to 25 feet of water. Tip your jigs with sucker or perch meat for best success. A few rainbows also being caught while jigging for splake, but more are found suspended about 10 feet below the ice. Perch fishing can be fast around the weedline using small jigs tipped with worms or perch meat. Remember that the perch limit here is 50 and harvest of perch is encouraged. A few lake trout are being caught by very patient anglers. Note: A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limits on tiger muskie apply here—one fish, which must be over 40 inches.

FORSYTH RESERVOIR: One angler reports fast action for fat and healthy 14- to 19-inch splake in 10 feet of water. Anglers fishing deeper had little success. Try jigs tipped with sucker meat. Action was steady through the middle of the day. A few tiger trout also caught. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. Do not transport any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

FREMONT RIVER: Flows above Mill Meadow are low and clear. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive



throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

GUNLOCK RESERVOIR: Fishing is slow. Remember special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches. A fish consumption advisory was issued for largemouth bass from Gunlock due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption of largemouth bass to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, see fishadvisories.utah.gov.

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

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

KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR: Plenty of ice, but fishing is slow.

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR: Limited access due to snow. Fishing could be good if you can get there.

MAMMOTH CREEK: Flows are generally low and clear. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs and spinners. Public access is possible on some of Mammoth Creek west of Highway 89 please watch for and respect private property postings. Special regulations apply to a section of Mammoth Creek check the proclamation for details. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR: Ice is 10 inches thick. Fishing is good to excellent for nice-sized perch. Try small jigs tipped with worms or perch meat. Anglers fishing in deeper water are catching numerous small browns, with an occasional rainbow. Remember that the perch limit is 20. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR: Ice is six to eight inches thick with some slushy spots on the edges, especially on warm days. Success ranges from slow to good for 16- to 21-inch rainbows. Most fish are found suspended 10 feet below the ice in 15 to 20 feet of water. Larger, but fewer, fish found up to three feet off the bottom. Best fishing was early (before 10 a.m.) and late. One angler reports fast action after 7 p.m. A variety of jigs (marabou to plastics) in 1/8-ounce or 1/16-ounce are producing well. The key seems to be almost constant action. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 22 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

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



NAVAJO LAKE: The gate is closed access by snowmobile. Ice is safe. Ice fishing is a good way to target splake. Try jigs tipped with sucker meat or stillfishing dead minnows.

NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR: Ice is six to eight inches thick. The top may be soft to slushy on warm days. Much of the ice

on the south shoreline may not be safe. Fishing is generally slow, though one angler reports fair success for eight- to 10-inch rainbows using small white jigs tipped with mealworm.

Note: Dead golden shiners are no longer legal to use as bait. See the [Utah Fishing Guidebook](#) (page 27) for details. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, see fishadvisories.utah.gov.

OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR: Ice is eight to 10 inches thick. Use caution on the north end springs in this area can make the ice thin. Lots of pressure. Fishing is fair to good for rainbows in eight to 10 feet of water. Best success with white jigs tipped with mealworm or nightcrawler. Many anglers have reported catching three- to four-pound fish. Fishing slows down by noon, so try moving over to Piute Reservoir, which tends to be better in the afternoon. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

PANGUITCH LAKE: 14 inches of ice with some slushy spots. Fishing is fair to good before 10 a.m., much slower the rest of the day. Fish are being caught on the bottom in eight to 10 feet. Best success with white or light-colored jigs tipped with mealworms or night crawlers. Stillfishing with PowerBait is much slower. All fish are very fat and healthy but most are in the slot, so don't plan on keeping a limit.

Special Regulations: Limit is four trout, which must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. All trout 15 to 22 inches must be released. Trout caught at Panguitch Lake cannot be filleted, or the head or tail removed, until you get home. Some tributaries are closed until July 12—check the [Utah Fishing Guidebook](#) for which streams are closed.



TIPS FOR RELEASING FISH IN THE SLOT (15 to 22 inches): If a fish swallows the hook, please cut the line to avoid mortality. A fish can pass a swallowed hook

and survive, but digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks.

PARAGONAH (RED CREEK) RESERVOIR: Access is limited to snowmobile or ATV. Larger vehicles are not recommended. Ice fishing could be productive, if you can get there. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base. Bait is not as successful for wild fish, so try flashy lures or flies.

PINE LAKE: Should have safe ice. The road is not maintained in the winter, so you may need a snowmobile, ATV, or 4WD. Fishing could be good, if you can get there.

PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR: No recent reports. Use caution on the ice.

PIUTE RESERVOIR: Ice is six to eight inches thick. Much less pressure than at Otter Creek. Fishing is fair to good for 14- to 18-inch rainbows using light-colored jigs tipped with mealworms. Fair success with frozen minnows. Fish near the bottom in eight to 10 feet. Fishing tends to be faster in the afternoon, so this makes a good second destination when the morning bite ends at Otter Creek.

QUAIL LAKE: Not much pressure. Fishing is good for rainbows, both for recently stocked catchables as well as quite a few larger fish held over from last year. Bass fishing is slow. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

SAND COVE RESERVOIRS: Slow.

SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Bass fishing slows down during the colder months, though it is still possible to catch fish during cooler weather. The keys to success are a slow retrieve (often "deadsticking") and moving around to find the fish. Also fish deep. New regulations: bass limit is six, with one over 12 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park.



SEVIER RIVER (UPPER),

ASAY CREEK: Ice often forms and melts off and on in this stretch. Whitefish will be concentrated in some of the deeper pools and runs through the winter and will take a nymph pattern or wax worm on a dead drift. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream (south) from the town of Hatch. Intermittent sections of good habitat are present above Hatch and easily accessible from Highway 89. Asay Creek west of Highway 89 is on private land and access is restricted.

SEVIER RIVER MARYSVALE CANYON: Ice covers much of the river, making fishing difficult.

THOUSAND LAKES MTN: Access is limited by snow. Ice fishing can be productive in the Solomon Basin lakes.

TROPIC RESERVOIR: Ice should be safe, but the road is not maintained in the winter, so don't try it without at least 4WD (may need ATV or snowmobile). There may be a few catchable rainbows left, though most would not have survived the previous low water levels. Winter is a good time to target large brown trout. The local favorite technique is a dead minnow fished on the bottom.

URBAN PONDS: Washington County ponds: Trout have been stocked several times since early November in all the ponds, with the latest stocking this week. Fishing should be good with any technique, though adults are encouraged to use flies or lures. Stratton (Hurricane) Pond has been refilled and fish were stocked earlier this week. Also, the pond has a fishing pier now.

NOTE: Stratton (Hurricane) Pond was drained in order to locate and evaluate an apparent leak in the pond. Fish stocking was temporarily suspended until the leak can be fixed and the pond refilled.

WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Thin ice.

YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR: Ice is safe. Access is limited to snowmobile and maybe 4WD. Fishing could be good, if you can get there.

BEAR LAKE: Surface water temperature at Bear Lake is 32° F. The only boat ramp that is available for launching boats at this time is at Cisco Beach. The lake is over 80% ice-free due to consistent windy conditions this past week. Just be careful of ice chunks when boating. The Bear Lake State Park is running the deicers 24/7 at the marina, but it remains frozen and boat launching is not possible at this time. For real-time weather (wind speed, water temp, air temp, lake

elevation) see bearlakewatch.com. If you want to see what the actual weather conditions and ice conditions in the marina are in real-time, see utahlakeview.com and then click on Bear Lake.

There are no cisco running as of today. The waves were over three feet and crashing in at Cisco Beach this morning. We will continue daily monitoring for cisco and will update the Bear Lake office answering machine (435) 946-8501 daily. PLEASE ONLY CALL AFTER 4:00 P.M. Once the cisco run begins, it should last about 10 days. Fishing for cutthroat was good in 60 to 80 feet of water with three- to four-inch tube jigs tipped with cisco. Best luck has come from areas off the east side at Second Point. Fishing pressure was extremely light and no reports have come from the west side of the lake, including the rockpile area.

Fishing regulation changes for 2008 include recognizing both Utah and Idaho licenses and the respective state's second pole permits on either side of the lake. What this means is that either a Utah or Idaho license holder can fish on either side of the lake. In addition if an angler also has purchased a second pole permit (two pole permit) then you can fish with two poles on either side of the state line too. For those interested the GPS coordinates for the new rockpiles using WGS84 datum going from south to north are: 41 degrees 58.097 minutes; 111 degrees 23.682 minutes; 41 degrees 58.187 minutes; 111 degrees 23.728 minutes; 41 degrees 58.292 minutes; 111 degrees 23.765 minutes; 41 degrees 58.418 minutes; 111 degrees 23.798 minutes;

CAUSEY RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer Chad Wilson says that on weekends he sees very few people fishing at Causey. "That's an indication to me that fishing's not very good there," he said. Regional Aquatics Manager Craig



Schaugaard says that despite good results from gillnetting surveys, fishing continues to be slow.

ECHO RESERVOIR: Fishing for rainbow trout and perch was good.

HYRUM RESERVOIR: Fishing has been reported as being good for perch.

LOST CREEK RESERVOIR:

Officer Jonathan Moser says access to the dam is good and people are on the ice with snow machines. Fishing was reported to be fair.

NEWTON RESERVOIR: Fast action for small perch has been reported.

PINEVIEW RESERVOIR: Fishing was spotty. Some success for small perch out from Browning Point was reported.

ROCKPORT RESERVOIR: Perch fishing continues to be good for fish up to ten inches.

GENERAL: Want to share your fishing experience? If so, give me a call: (435) 613-3707.

FAIRVIEW LAKES: Access by snow machine. Take along swedish pimples and worms.



GIGLIOTTI POND: For Carbon County residents, a short drive will take you to some good fishing for pan-size trout. Use small jigs, tipped with worms, mealworms or salmon eggs.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen reports slow to moderate fishing, depending on time of day. Casey recommends worms in open-water zones. Anglers may need snowshoes to access the creek. Three good patterns for fly fishermen include a Montana nymph, San Juan worm or hares ear. Expect a light bite for browns ranging from 10 to 14 inches.

HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVOIR: Fishing pressure was light. The ice is 12 to 14 inches thick. Based on an angler survey, Randall Stilson recommends ice flies, tipped with a nightcrawler or mealworm. Rainbows are generally pan-size. Browns get up to 16 inches.

HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR: (also known as Mammoth Reservoir) Deep snow and thick ice require the use of an auger extension, snow shovel and snowshoes or snow machine. Tigers generally run from 12 to 18 inches, although a six-pound trophy was

landed earlier this winter. A swedish pimple, tipped with a dead redside shiner can be effective.

JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR: Fishing continues to fluctuate between slow and fair. Splake are mostly within or below the slot limit. Biologist Justin Hart and a party of associates fished the reservoir during the week. Everyone caught five to six fish and a few iced a dozen or so. Their biggest fish measured 18 inches. The party used small jigs and spoons, tipped with chub meat. The bite came in waves. Justin recommends fishing in five to 25 feet of water. Leave the PowerBait at home. Splake and tiger trout are predatory and uninterested in commercial cheese baits.

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

LASAL MOUNTAINS: All mountain lakes are snowbound. Access is by snow machine only. Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Ken's Lake last weekend. He reported good success with jigs and nightcrawlers. Color and presentation didn't seem to make much of a difference. The bite was light. Rainbows ranged from eight to 12 inches.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR: State Park Manager Dan Richards reports good fishing for 12- to 14-inch rainbows and pan-size splake. The hot spots have been on the north side of the dam and just out from the boat ramp. Dan recommends small ice flies, tipped with a piece of nightcrawler. Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen reported good results with green marshmallows and worms. Randall Stilson interviewed one angler who was catching fish with a marabou jig, tipped with a mealworm.

SAN JUAN COUNTY: Sergeant J. Shirley checked anglers at Blanding #3 and #4, where fishing was good. Jigs tipped with bait are recommended. Good baits include mealworms, nightcrawlers and PowerBait. Ice conditions appear safe, but anglers should observe ice safety precautions.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: Lieutenant Carl Gramlich and his son fished Scofield on January 13. They fished in the dam cove and along the southeast side. The ice was 13 inches thick. Carl fished in nine to 11 feet of water, using green ice flies baited with worms. The best fishing occurred between 8 a.m. and noon. After finishing up, Carl interviewed other anglers. Everyone rated fishing as slow. The bite was sporadic and no specific tackle seemed to out-fish any other. Dedicated Hunter Bruce Sherman, Sr. fished on Sunday and reported 10 to 12 inches of ice under eight inches of water and topped by a foot of snow. He cautioned against using a 4-wheeler. A lot of folks were getting stuck. Bruce's fishing party caught 10 trout. One measured over 20 inches. They

used Foxy jigs with mealworms. Bruce described fishing as slow to fair.

DWR Volunteer Services Coordinator Randall Stilson performed a creel survey on January 14 and reported slow fishing. Randall recommends a jig and mealworm. He noted that one angler had good luck with a Jakes Spin-a-Lure, tipped with chub meat.

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 draw a strike.

PUBLIC INVITED TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR ENERGY CORRIDORS ON FEDERAL LANDS

The Department of Energy, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service will host a public hearing on Thurs., Jan. 17, to gather comments on the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) proposing to designate energy corridors on federal lands in the West.

The hearing in Salt Lake City will be held at the Hilton Airport, 5151 Wiley Post Way, and will include two sessions, one from 2 to 5 p.m. and another from 6 to 8



p.m. Representatives from the three agencies will be present at each session to hear comments from those attending. In most cases, comments being made at the hearings will be available in real-time Webcasts and for later on-demand replay. Information on Webcasts is available on the project Web site

<http://corridoreis.anl.gov> .

The Draft PEIS is available for review at libraries and BLM and Forest Service field offices in the 11 western states, at the agencies'

Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and in electronic form (PDF) online at the project Web site <http://corridoreis.anl.gov> . Members of the public wishing to participate may register in advance to provide oral comments at one of the hearings on the Web site or you may register onsite the day of the hearing.

As directed by Congress, in Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy and the Interior are proposing to designate corridors on Federal land for locating future oil, natural gas and hydrogen pipelines and electricity transmission and distribution infrastructure in the West. These corridors would be the agency-preferred locations where pipelines and transmission lines may be sited and built in the future.

Designating such corridors would improve inter-agency coordination in reviewing and approving energy transport projects proposed for Federal lands, and reduce environmental effects and conflicts with other uses of Federal lands. Individual projects proposed for these corridors would undergo further, project-specific environmental analysis before being granted permits or rights-of-way.

The public may also submit comments in written form to this mailing address:
Westwide Corridor DEIS;
Argonne National
Laboratory; 9700 S. Cass
Ave., Bldg. 900, Mail Stop

4; Argonne, IL 60439. Written comments also may be faxed (toll free) to 1-866-542-5904 or submitted electronically using the email form on the project Web site <http://corridoreis.anl.gov> . All comments must be received by February 14, 2008 to receive full consideration.



Written comments and those submitted orally at public hearings will be given

equal weight when revising the Draft PEIS into a final document. The Records of Decision on the Final PEIS will amend relevant land use plans for lands managed by the BLM and the Forest Service.

Hearing facilities are wheelchair accessible. Please call (202) 586-1056 if you need other accommodations in order to attend the hearing.

MERRELL APPAREL'S FALL 2008 COLLECTION EMPHASIZES 'ATHLETIC OUTDOOR'

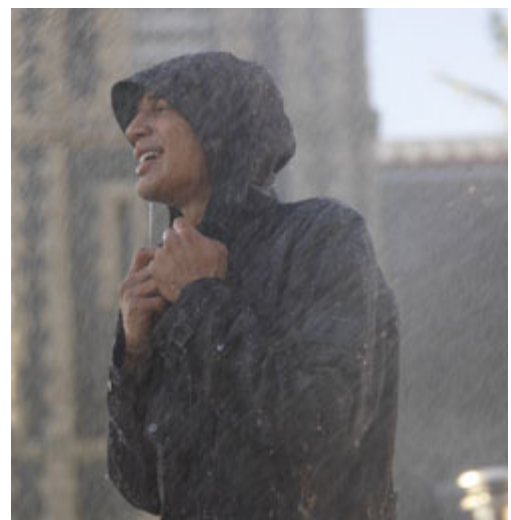
Outventure's Technical Functionality Merges With Fusion's Innovative Style For Outdoor Pursuits

Portland, Oregon – January 14, 2008 – Reinforcing its presence in 'athletic outdoor', Merrell Apparel's fall 2008 collection features new proprietary technologies and functional new fabrics, providing performance and style engineered for movement during outdoor pursuits. The collection focuses on two product categories, Outventure and Fusion, showcasing stylish products and high performance apparel technology to improve the outdoor experience. The company will debut the men's and women's fall 2008 collection at the upcoming Outdoor Retailer tradeshow in Salt Lake City, January 23-26, 2008.

The entire fall 2008 collection was conceived with outside performance and great looks in mind while offering protection and comfort in almost any environment and weather condition. The **Outventure** style category represents the heart and soul of Merrell – pure, technical outdoor functionality. The **Fusion** product category features stylish products meant to transition seamlessly through life, play and work.

“Our goal for fall 2008 was to elevate ultimate performance technology and athleticism and deliver superior benefits to inspire outdoor athletes,” says Merrell Apparel Vice President and General Manager, Jordan Wand. Women's AeroBlock™

Since Merrell believes that every outdoor experience should be enhanced by great gear that provides premiere technical performance as well as inventive style, new proprietary insulation, **Merrell Opti-**



Warm™ launches for fall. Merrell Opti-Warm™ is a lightweight, synthetic insulation that's hydrophobic so it stays warm even in wet conditions. Merrell Opti-Warm™ also provides excellent loft retention, to keep the jacket's shape during extended use without sacrificing its high compressibility for pack-ability.

“Our intent at Merrell Apparel is to inspire others to get outside,” says Merrell Apparel Creative Director, Tobin Teichgraeber. “Each season, our design team starts with a discussion about macro trends, market tendencies and general design ‘inspirations.’ For fall 2008 in particular, our theme revolves around delivering the ultimate performance technologies for adventures in nature.”

New for fall 2008, Merrell Apparel features a number of interesting new fabrications including an ultra-fine, 19-micron Merino wool in the company's propriety **Merrell CopperTec™** fabric. Merrell CopperTec™ is a knit blend of 2/3 merino wool and 1/3 copper infused nylon, plaited together to enhance the performance and benefits of both yarns. An additional benefit of Copper in apparel includes a built-in moisture management system. **Merrell AeroBlock™** expands from spring 2008, as seen in the women's “Iso” and men's “Atlas”, as a lightweight fleece that is wind resistant and breathable. Merrell AeroBlock™ is seven times more wind resistant than traditional fleece and maintains a high breath-ability compared to laminated products. Also expanding from spring 2008 is the light and durable **Merrell Opti-Shell™**: a 2-layer waterproof, breathable fabric featured in the premium Merrell Opti-Shell™ jackets, “Task” for men and “Scope” for women. **Merrell Bio-Blend™** naturally continues to play an important role for fall 2008 as well. A combination of organic cotton, merino and Cocona™ provide performance as well as comfort that only a sustainable fabric choice can provide. As in seasons past, Merrell Apparel continues its branded partnerships including: **Gore-Tex® Pro® Shell, Gore-Tex® Paclite®, PrimaLoft® One Insulation, Polartec® Thermal Pro® Fleece** and **Cocona™**, which uses a natural technology™ derived from coconut shells allowing for higher levels of comfort and better performance during high aerobic, outdoor pursuits.

As always with Merrell, the collection boasts optimistic, athletic outdoor colors that look great and inspire us to get outside. Both Outventure and Fusion categories address gender-specific and seasonally appropriate color needs. The fall 2008 color palette focuses on two distinct color stories: “**Lucid Sky**” and “**Retreat.**” The “Lucid Sky” story pairs aquatic blues for men and women with tonal grey and blues, completing the trend-right, athletic outdoor feel. The “Retreat” story captures the warmer, earthier color palette in combination with strong olive, putty

and espresso neutrals, while also mixing wisteria purples to scarlet reds and egg-shell white.

The complete, yet focused apparel collection features jackets, fleece vests, long and short sleeve shirts, pants and beanies and hats in an accessory category, introducing a new collection of bags and packs. Additionally, several new product ideas support the collection's athletic outdoor positioning. Specifically, the men's "Cornice" and women's "Spruce" are new, waterproof, breathable, Merrell Opti-Shell™ pants that are perfect for multi-sport and winter/snow activity.

Merrell Apparel products will be sold through a limited and exclusive group of retail partners and throughout the U.S. as well as through its subsidiaries and distributors in over 114 countries worldwide and also at www.merrell.com. Products will retail for \$29 for graphic tees - \$399 for the collection's premiere jackets.

Aspen Aerogels' Outdoor Gear Insulation Delivers Highest Thermal Performance in Ultra-Thin Material

NORTHBOROUGH, Mass., Jan. 14, 2008 – Aspen Aerogels is bringing nanotechnology to outdoor apparel, footwear and other gear. Aspen's aerogel insulation, with its nano-sized air pockets that block cold and heat, offers higher thermal performance than any other insulation material – at a fraction of the thickness and weight.

Aspen has proven its aerogel insulation in boots, jackets, and sleeping pads tested in the most extreme environments on Earth – from the frigid summit of Mt. Everest to the blistering floor of Death Valley. Now, that extreme protection is available for consumer outdoor gear through Aspen's line of versatile, affordable aerogel insulation products.

Benefits of aerogel insulation for outdoor gear include:

- Thermal performance up to eight times more effective than traditional insulation
- Minimum weight and thickness
- Loft not required to maintain R value
- Doesn't compress or lose performance under load

- Waterproof yet allows vapor transmission
- Increased fashion and design elements



- Durable in normal wash/dry cycle

Aerogel has the highest R value of any insulation, translating into the highest practical Clo value (thermal resistance of clothing as it relates to human comfort). This reduces the relative weight of a garment required to meet a given Clo value.

Other insulation materials require loft to achieve their insulation value. Pressure causes these materials to compress dramatically and lose their loft along with their insulating capacity. Aerogel does not need loft to deliver its high insulation value. And it barely compresses, even in a footbed under adult weight. At 15 psi pressure, aerogel insulation retains over 85% of its original thickness and over 97% of its original thermal performance. No other insulation can match this performance.

About Aspen Aerogels, Inc.

Aspen Aerogels supplies nanotechnology-enabled aerogel insulation products that are up to eight times more effective than traditional insulation materials. Aspen Aerogels' solutions deliver thermal and other benefits that enable customers to conserve energy and save money in a variety of industries including outdoor gear, oil and gas production and processing, LNG shipping and storage, building and construction, appliances and transportation. Visit www.aerogel.com for details.

Teko Socks Announces Organic Wool for Fall 2008



Boulder, CO – January 7, 2007 – Teko, a performance sock company specializing in environmentally-sustainable materials and manufacturing processes, announces that they will be using certified organic merino wool in their fall 2008 socks.

The high-performance, organic merino wool comes from a group of 20 farms in Argentina, all of which have been farming wool organically for many years in accordance with GOTS (Global Organic Textile Standard) and/or IVN (International Association Natural Textile Industry) guidelines. In fact, Teko's supplier for organic wool is currently the only combing company in the world, which is certified and accredited with GOTS.

No mulesing, pesticides, fertilizers, herbicides, vaccinations or chemical drenches are used on these farms. Water conservation methods are employed, the sheep are grazed on large pastures and no motorized vehicles are utilized.

Teko's organic wool still bears the EcoMerino™ trademark which indicates that it is processed using the most eco-friendly treatments available in the industry, including chlorine-free, AOX shrink-resistant treatment. Teko's organic wool is extremely soft, durable, itch-free and machine washable/dryable.

By using sustainably-farmed organic wool, Teko continues to choose balance between people, animals, and the planet instead of maximum profit margins. To learn more about Teko organic wool go to www.tekosocks.com

Utah's Resorts reach 100 inches of Snow

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

SNOWMOBILER RECOVERING AFTER BURIED IN AVALANCHE

Wasatch County – A Pleasant Grove man is recovering from minor injuries after being buried in an avalanche north of the Co-Op Creek Trailhead in Wasatch County at approximately 3:40 p.m. Sundayafternoon.

Jeremy Kallas, 30, was snowmobiling with friends when the avalanche buried him. Kallas, who was wearing an avalanche beacon, was believed buried for 10 to 15 minutes before friends located him.

Utah State Park Rangers and Wasatch County Search and Rescue arrived on the scene and called for medical transport. Kallas was taken to an area hospital by ambulance.

At this time, Utah State Parks Ranger Dawn Larsen is unsure whether Kallas or another snowmobiler triggered the avalanche. She urges snowmobilers and all winter recreationists to be aware of avalanche dangers, carry proper gear, and wear a beacon.

Utah State Parks is the snowmobile authority for the state of Utah, providing access, education, enforcement, and search and rescue.

News from Utah County Beekeepers

Greetings everyone.

In our meeting last Saturday it was decided to combine our Valentine's Dinner with our meeting on February 1st. We will have a speaker for the meeting/dinner and

 **CONCERT** 
A Guitar Double Feature

Austin Weyand
Fingerstyle Guitarist

Rich Bischoff
Guitarist/Singer
Songwriter

Friday January 18, 2008 -- 7:30 p.m.
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"In concert, Austin creates an atmosphere of appreciation - for his guitar technique and creative compositions, for the effect of his influences, and for the pure art of music."


"The guitar and vocal styling of Rich Bischoff are a delight. His fun and witty songs appeal to a wide audience, and you can sense his love of the music and guitar."

the dinner will be catered. The cost of the food has yet to be determined, however, it should be between \$5 and \$10 a plate. You are welcome to bring your families and anyone else who may be interested. Please RSVP no later than January 25th so that we can have an accurate count. If you do not want to purchase a dinner, you are welcome to bring your own and participate in the meeting. As we have more information, we will send out

another email and this event will appear on our website (www.utahcountybeekeepers.org) hopefully by this weekend.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions for games or activities for all.

Have you ever wanted to take your bees to California for Almond pollination? Now may be your chance. Rex Wilkerson of Payson is taking bees down and has

room for about 150 more hives. If you are interested, please contact him for the details at either 801.465.2306 or 801.465.9347.

BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH: REGISTER FOR UTAH'S PERSONAL WATERCRAFT COURSE

Salt Lake City -- Though snow is still on the ground, now is a good time to register for a Personal Watercraft Education Course. Courses are offered year-round and can help boaters get an early start on summer recreation plans.

Utah law provides the opportunity for youths 12 through 17 to operate a personal watercraft (PWC, i.e. Sea Doo, Jet Ski, and Wave Runner) if they meet the following conditions:

1. Persons 12 through 17 must successfully complete Utah's PWC Education Course and carry their certificate with them whenever they operate.
2. Youths, ages 12 through 15, must also operate under the direct supervision of a person who is 18 years of age or older.
3. PWC operators who are less than 18 years of age, who have not met the above requirements, may not operate a PWC unless a person who is at least 18 years old accompanies them on board the PWC.

The course is designed to have the students study the materials at home, then come to a central location for the classroom portions of the course. The 1.5-hour classroom portion of the course includes instruction and review of important Utah boating laws and rules, viewing a PWC safety video, addressing common boating courtesies, identification of buoys and hazards, and passing a written test. Upon completion, the PWC operators are better prepared to safely enjoy Utah's waters.

To register and enroll in Utah's PWC Education Course, or to take a safe boating course, contact the Utah State Parks and Recreation Boating Hotline at 801-538-BOAT (2628) from within the Salt Lake calling area or 1-800-RIDE-PWC (743-3792) from areas outside of the Salt Lake calling area, or visit www.stateparks.utah.gov.

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

January 25 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Full Moon Snowshoe Hike: Join Friends of Wasatch State Park at 7 p.m. for our annual snowshoe hike under the light of the full moon. Hikes for beginners, intermediate and advanced snowshoers are available. Members of Friends are free, \$5 for non-members. Snowshoe rentals are available for \$5/pair. Registration is required by calling (435) 654-5150.



January 26 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Junior Ranger Program: Join the park naturalist on a tracking adventure. Participants should dress for the weather conditions, bring plenty of water, sturdy shoes and meet at the visitor center at Noon. This activity is intended for children ages six to 12, however all ages are welcome. For more information, please call (801) 721-9569.

January 26 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Scenic Great Salt Lake Slide Show: Audiovisual tour of scenic Great Salt Lake featuring the photographs of Charles Uibel and Keith Vaught. Feel the desolation, energy, solitude, and excitement of the Great Basin on this photographic tour of Great Salt Lake. Participants should meet at the visitor center at 3 p.m. For more information, please call (801) 721-9569.

January 26 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Avalanche Safety Class: Join park staff from 1 - 4 p.m., for a free three-hour clinic to learn how to recognize and avoid potential slide areas, as well as basic avalanche safety equipment and how to use it. Meet at the Educational Yurt. Registration is required by calling (435) 654-1791.

Public comment needed for Resource Management Plan

We wanted to remind you about the upcoming deadline for public comments on the BLM's Richfield Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan (DRMP) / Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS). **We only get these every 15-20 years so it is important. As you may know this is the area that contains the spectacular Factory Butte and Caineville Badlands.**

USA-ALL, Wayne County, surrounding counties, and many dedicated locals have been heavily involved in efforts to keep these amazing places open to motorized recreationists. Over \$50,000 have been spent on litigation to challenge BLM's decision to close nearly all of the Factory Butte area to motorized travel. Radical environmentalists have seen this area as one more important piece to their goal of a vast unbroken wilderness area. There are already hundreds of thousands and counting the National monument to the south Millions of acres of land off limits to ANY motorized travel. We don't think it is asking too much to leave this area open to cross country travel.

What you can do:

Put in your 2 cents! Send comments via email, USPS Mail, courier, hand delivered or fax. Include your input on the management of this area, be polite, if possible use specific examples of issues you have. The following quoted italicized text is from the BLM, *"Comments may include those on inaccuracies and discrepancies within the Draft EIS. Comments may discuss the adequacy of the analysis presented; interpretations of analyses should be based on professional expertise. Comments may identify new impacts, recommend reasonable alternatives, or disagree with the determination of significance. Expression of personal preferences, while not requiring a response, will be summarized. Please include a reference to the page number and/or section number of the document when commenting."*

***Bureau of Land Management
Richfield Field Office
150 East 900 North
Richfield, Utah 84701
(435)896-1500***

Email: UT_Richfield_Comments@blm.gov

Why you should comment:

- ✓ Because it is your right and we should exercise our rights.
- ✓ Because we want BLM to know that the motorized community cares and will not stand by and allow our land to be taken from us.
- ✓ Because your comments can make a difference in the final plan.
- ✓ Because it preserves and establishes your right to sue the BLM on this issue in the future if you needed it.

What happens next:

- BLM will assemble and compile all the comments
- Review them
- Condense them down into general concerns were possible
- Formulate responses
- Make final determination from plan alternatives and consider comments, guidelines, and politics, etc.
- Issue a final plan.
- This plan will be the guiding document for all future detailed plans for the next 15-20 years.

The public will have about 30 days to digest it but public involvement at this point is pretty much over, the governor will also have 60 days to review it and ensure that it is consistent with state and local plans and raise any issues with it (we need to hold the governors feet to the fire on this and demand his office it's job and serve the public) and then the plan will be finalized and go into effect on a determined date.

The deadline for your comments is next Wednesday the 23 of January, 2008. Please pass this email along to others so they can get involved also.

P.S. Even if you don't use this area you should be concerned that if they can close a place as barren as Factory Butte what can't they close? We need all your comments, stay tuned for some comment talking points.

ARE YOU READY TO RUMBLE? Okay maybe not rumble but USA-ALL is very excited to begin yet another legislative session. The legislature will be in session beginning Monday January 21 and ending on March 05, 2008. Coming off our amazing success last year of getting a donation check-off box on all Utah motor vehicle forms, this year promises to be just as big. We have a number of key bills we are tracking and working on. USA-ALL will be spending almost everyday on Utah's Capitol Hill monitoring the issues that matter to you. Please respond quickly to opportunities to help as outlined in future email alerts. Things often develop blazingly fast, painfully slow and everywhere in between during the madness of the session.

We also wanted to wet your appetite for our motorized user's legislative voice day. Last year was great; we had a good turnout for the middle of a work day. We will let you know the exact day and time with plenty of notice, this is one event worth

taking a day off of work. Remember to bring the whole family. We need a big crowd for this. We need a few hundred people. We especially want the governor to get the message that our community is strong and we are serious about state officials protecting our access to public land. We will have a quick run down on the important current bills, a quick speech by a state legislator and a chance to sign one of our petitions that we intended to give to all elected officials.

Also new this year we will be including one of our partner organizations, Western Counties Alliance (WCA), in this rally. WCA has been the brains and drive behind a bill (*H.R. 308: R.S. 2477 Rights-Of-Way Recognition Act*) that is before the United States Congress and if passed would fix the road ownership mess all over the western U.S.. We want to vigorously support them in their efforts and try to encourage Utah's congressmen Bishop, Matheson, And Cannon and senators Hatch, and Bennet to get on board with this bill. Strangely they seem reluctant. Perhaps they have forgotten who they work for. We intend to remind them. So get ready for the session and the public rally, it is sure to be exciting. If you have any questions, ideas, or willingness to help us in our efforts on Utah's Capitol Hill please don't hesitate to call. Thank you.

Classes scheduled at Museum

The Utah Museum of Natural History begins its winter and spring schedule of Discovery Classes for kids and field trips for adults and families on Saturday, Jan. 26. Classes for children in kindergarten through third grade will be held on Saturdays through March 8 and four field trips are slated through March 29. Classes include sessions on dinosaurs, volcanoes, insects, animals, and forensic science. Field trips will range from an elk



tour at Hardware Ranch in Cache County to dog sledding in West Yellowstone. Cost is \$20 per child for the Discovery classes and various rates for the field trips.

For schedule and registration information, call 801-581-5567 or go online at www.umnh.utah.edu.

NATION'S WILDLIFE REFUGES FOCUS OF NEW EXHIBIT AT UTAH MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Millions of acres, including three refuges in Utah, help preserve wildlife and habitat

In 1903, by executive order, President Theodore Roosevelt created the first National Wildlife Refuge System. Since those modest early beginnings, the system has grown to include hundreds of refuges, coordination areas and production areas across the United States and its territories. The system cares for countless species and populations and oversees the conservation of nearly 95 million acres of critical habitat.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History have partnered to create *America's Wildest Places: Our National Wildlife Refuge System*. The Utah Museum of Natural History at the



University of Utah will host this exhibit January 26 through May 26 to introduce visitors to the wonders of

the refuge system's diverse locations, to inspire an appreciation for these places, and to educate the public about the habitats, ecosystems, and the work of keeping them viable to support wildlife populations.

The exhibit offers a close-up view of several of the system's refuges, including the first one established just over a century ago—Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge. Today, the refuge preserves the mangrove islands, provides habitat for threatened and endangered species, and is restoring marsh and lagoon habitat. Many refuges are spread throughout the open spaces of the Intermountain region.

America's Wildest Places will give you a taste of what the refuge system does, the vast number of animals, plants, and habitats that it protects, and its conservation success stories.

Utah is home to three national wildlife refuges: Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge at the Great Salt Lake in Box Elder County, Fish Springs National Wildlife Refuge in Juab County, and Ouray National Wildlife Refuge in Uintah County.

Whether preserving populations, protecting endangered habitat, or restoring damaged ecosystems, National Wildlife invite visitors to participate in outdoor pursuits. They are places for wildlife and bird watching, fishing, hunting, photography, and learning about the environment.

The Utah Museum of Natural History, located at the University of Utah, is the state's natural history museum and cares for over 1.5 million objects. In addition to providing unique natural history experiences through exhibits, special events, and programs on site, the museum offers a variety of outreach programs to the community and schools, reaching every district in the state during the year.

New Aviva Fishin' Buddy Hooks Kids With Non-Stop Fun

An innovative remote controlled boat just hit the market, adding a new dimension to the age-old sport of fishing.

This month, Aviva Sports launched the Fishin' Buddy, a dual-prop remote controlled boat that comes completely outfitted with hooks, bobbers and fishing line. The boat is equipped to catch fish up to 2 pounds but still provides hours of fun whether or not there's a fish on the end of the line.

"Kids' patience can wear thin when nothing is tugging on their lines, often bringing a day outdoors to an early end long before others are ready to quit and go home," said Chad Brewer, Aviva founding member and vice president of operations. "The Fishin' Buddy adds non-stop action to any fishing outing and provides a new opportunity to keep, or even get, kids interested in the sport."

Powered by a 27 MHz rechargeable battery, the 18-inch Fishin' Buddy maneuvers into hard-to-reach spots with a simple, ergonomically designed remote control. A unique twin engine design helps keep propellers free from obstructions and debris. It also comes with a 9-volt remote battery, AC adapter and a 41" telescoping retrieval hook.



The easy-to-use Fishin' Buddy is recommended for ages 8 and up, and its successful debut at the 2007 National Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship proved that the innovative toy is built for "kids" of all ages.

Product demonstrations may be viewed at www.avivafishinbuddy.com. It retails for around \$59.99 and can be purchased at Wal-Mart and other local retailers or online at www.goaviva.com.

Recreation Group Wins Forest Service Appeal to Protect Access to Motorized Trails In Roadless Areas

EUREKA, CA - On January 10th, an Appeal Deciding Officer for the USDA Forest Service reversed a decision that would have closed over 14 miles of historic off-highway vehicle (OHV) motorized trails in a Northern California Forest. This decision was in response to appeals filed by the BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) and Del Norte County to the Smith River National Recreation Area (NRA) Road Management and Route Designation Project on the Six Rivers National Forest.

In early November, the County and BRC filed appeals based on concerns that the Six Rivers National Forest's Decision Notice and FONSI approving Alternative 2, as modified, would close many important motorized trails to local users. BRC believed the Ranger District had misinterpreted the 2001 Clinton Roadless Rule as prohibiting the designation of motorized trails in roadless areas.

Currently, the 19 National Forests in California are in various stages of route designation as required by the nationwide Forest Service Travel Management Rule. The NRA's process was one of the first projects completed where a final decision notice had been issued.

Don Amador, Western Representative for the BlueRibbon Coalition, states, "I think our main goal in filing this appeal was to champion the concept that important OHV travelways in roadless areas should not be arbitrarily and summarily excluded from the route designation process. Some of the most highly valued and scenic motorized trails in our National Forests exist in roadless areas."

"This decision clearly supports BRC's continuing legal viewpoint that the 2001 Clinton Roadless Rule allows for motorized trails to be designated in roadless areas. As the route designation process continues on other Forests it will be important for local user groups to highlight important OHV routes that already exist in roadless areas so they may be included as meaningful options in the travel management plan," Amador concludes.

The appeal decision is available at:

www.sharetrails.org/files/SmithRiverNraBrcAppealDecisionJan14.pdf

NSSF Sponsorship Starts 2008 Celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Day

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. -- Wonders of Wildlife museum, official home of National Hunting and Fishing Day, has announced a major sponsorship from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) to kickoff the 2008 celebration of the annual holiday, set for Sept. 27.



NSSF founded National Hunting and Fishing Day and urged Congress to formalize the concept nearly 37 years ago. In 2006, NSSF launched a partnership with Wonders of Wildlife to ignite new energy for the commemoration. The 2008 sponsorship from NSSF will underwrite the museum's national awareness campaigns and coordination of events.

"It's all about helping Americans understand and appreciate the conservation benefits of traditional outdoor sports. Hunting and fishing fees and excise taxes generate \$100,000 every 30 minutes for wildlife and wild places. National Hunting and Fishing Day is a public reminder that conservation programs in our country are funded primarily through hunters and anglers," said Chris Dolnack, senior vice president of NSSF.

He added, "We're pleased to renew our partnership with Wonders of Wildlife. Together, and with a growing list of interested sponsors, we're ensuring that outdoor traditions will continue into the future."

Recent surveys show three of every four Americans support legal hunting and nine in 10 approve of recreational fishing, even though many do not participate every year.

Unquestionably, this public acceptance is due in part to the annual holiday considered the most effective grassroots campaign ever undertaken to promote hunting, fishing and conservation. Overall, more than 34 million Americans hunt or fish.



"We're grateful for NSSF's historic leadership and ongoing sponsorship," said Denise Wagner, National Hunting and Fishing Day coordinator for Wonders of Wildlife.

Located in Springfield, Mo., Wonders of Wildlife is the only hunting- and fishing-focused museum that's both affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution and accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

For more information, visit www.nhfd.org.

NWRA questions new negotiations at National Bison Range - calls upon Assistant Secretary Lavery to publish tribal AFA policy

Washington, DC- The National Wildlife Refuge Association (NWRA) today called into question this week's renewed talks for an Annual Funding Agreement (AFA) at the National Bison Range in Montana between the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). In a letter to Lyle Lavery, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks for the Department of the Interior, NWRA pressed for completion of a national AFA policy for FWS prior to conducting further negotiations.

"It is inappropriate for such negotiations to take place absent a FWS policy governing such agreements," said Evan Hirsche, President of the National Wildlife Refuge Association, in the letter. "We again urge the Department of the Interior to expeditiously publish a draft FWS AFA policy in the Federal Register so as to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed conduct of the Service relative to creation of such agreements."

Under the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994, native tribes can enter into AFAs with agencies within the Department of the Interior, including the FWS at national wildlife refuges. The NWRA has repeatedly called for a national AFA policy for the FWS that would guide how such agreements are managed, and ensure that such agreements advance the mission and purposes of the refuge and Refuge System. The lack of such a policy contributed to the breakdown of a previous AFA at the Bison Range between the CSKT and the FWS in December 2006.

Without guidance from a national FWS AFA policy, it is unclear how the same issues that plagued the first AFA will not condemn a future one. In November, Assistant Secretary Lavery instructed FWS Director Dale Hall to complete a new AFA at the Bison Range by March 28, 2008. Initial negotiations are set to begin this week between the CSKT and the FWS. The NWRA has adopted good governance principles that should be reflected in an AFA policy and any agreement arrived at in connection with the National Bison Range. These were provided to the CSKT, FWS and Assistant Secretary Lavery in anticipation of this

week's meetings. To view NWRA's letter to Assistant Secretary Lavery, and NWRA's AFA principles, visit www.refugeassociation.org.

Oklahoma Makes Commitment to Increase Fishing License Sales

RBFF Direct Mail Marketing Workshop Kicks off This Week to Help States Increase Fishing License Sales



ALEXANDRIA, VA (January 15, 2008) – The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF) today announced that the [Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation](#) (ODWC) will participate in a direct mail marketing effort to increase fishing license sales. Oklahoma joins 26 other states in a direct mail marketing initiative designed by RBFF to increase participation in the

sport and generate

awareness of the connection between fishing license sales and conservation efforts. The direct mail training workshop for participating states kicks off this week in Dallas, Texas.

"We are looking forward to the training workshop in Dallas," said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson. "This forum will allow participating states to share ideas and discuss the best ways to reach out to lapsed anglers. We hope our partners leave the workshop with the tools they need to implement a successful direct mail effort and ideas to boost their funds for conservation."

"Communication and outreach to our customers has always been important to our agency," said ODWC Director Greg Duffy. "We also think the agency has an important role in encouraging and fostering participation in fishing and other outdoor recreational activities. Fishing is one of the most wholesome, fun, family-oriented ways to spend time, and sometimes it's our job to remind people of that."

"Partnering with the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation was a natural fit for us," added Duffy. "It will enhance our efforts to predict who will become a lapsed angler, and we'll focus special attention on communicating with them."

The product includes direct mail templates, instructions to implement a direct mail campaign and marketing assistance from RBFF. Oklahoma joins 26 other states who have already committed to RBFF's States Initiative. A full list of participating states is available [online](#).

Safari Club Boosts Hunting Heritage Funds by \$250,000

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- Safari Club International Foundation has announced that it will contribute \$250,000 to the Hunting Heritage Partnership (HHP), a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). The donation increases annual grant money available by 50 percent, from \$500,000 to \$750,000 to address critical issues affecting the future of hunting.

HHP awards annual grants to individual states for effective, new projects aimed at the successful recruitment and retention of hunters. States and local grassroots partners provide funds and/or in-kind services to match the critically needed HHP funds.

"This is one more way to highlight that hunters, including SCI members, give to conservation on many levels," said SCIF President Dennis Anderson. "From their contributions that support the SCIF's global activities, to their local chapter conservation projects, to their support of game and fish agencies through the purchase of licenses and hunting gear. SCI is looking forward to building upon our conservation and education work through this collaboration with NSSF and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies."



Doug Painter, NSSF president, expressed the appreciation of the Foundation: "We are delighted to have SCIF as a major new partner in the Hunting Heritage Partnership and their generosity is taking the program to a whole new level. In just a few years, HHP has gained national recognition as one of the key efforts in the country to increase hunting opportunity and access at the local level. We couldn't be more pleased that SCIF is joining with us to help state wildlife agencies across the country 'open the door' for both today's and tomorrow's hunters."

To date the HHP has awarded more than \$2.1 million to state agencies, with positive and tangible results for hunters and conservation. To learn more about HHP and its impact, visit www.nssf.org/hhp.

CHILD SAFETY SEAT LAWS TURN 30

AAA Says Utah Still Needs Stronger Protection for Kids

SALT LAKE CITY, January 17, 2008 – It's been 30 years since the first child safety seat law took effect in the United States, but safety advocates at AAA say Utah still falls short when it comes to protecting children from preventable injuries and death.

According to a new survey released by AAA to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the first child safety seat law, more than half of all parents (54 percent) look to their state law for guidance on how to restrain their children.

“Parents expect the law to tell them what to do to protect their children,” said Rolayne Fairclough, spokesperson for AAA Utah, “but following the law isn’t always enough.”

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends using a booster seat until the child is 8 years old, unless they are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall. Current state law only requires children to be in a safety seat until they are 5 years old.

“Five, 6 and 7-year-olds are too small to benefit from safety belts designed for adults,” said Fairclough. “These kids continue to be killed and injured in vehicle accidents at higher rates than other children.”

According to the Partners for Child Passenger Safety, using a booster seat with a lap and shoulder belt instead of a seat belt alone reduces a child’s risk of injury by 59 percent.

AAA supported a proposed change in the law which would have required children up to 8 years old or 4 feet 9 inches tall to be properly restrained in a booster seat. HB209, Child Restraint Device Amendment, sponsored by Rep. Tim Cosgrove, failed in last year’s legislative session. Rep. Cosgrove is bringing the issue back to legislature this year.

“Most state laws today still fall short of what we know are the best practices, especially for 4-to-8-year-old children who should be riding in booster seats,” said National Transportation Safety Board member Deborah A.P. Hersman.

AAA released the survey data in conjunction with the 30th anniversary of the first state child passenger safety seat law, which took effect in Tennessee in January 1978. In the decade that followed, all 50 states passed some form of child passenger safety law. Research for AAA’s child safety restraint survey is based on a national Internet survey of 1,000 parents with children younger than age 8.