

International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race Starts Friday, January 30, 2009

Jackson, Wyoming—January 29, 2009—Twenty teams will leave the starting line in Jackson's historic Town Square at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 30 for the start of the 2009 International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race (IPSSSDR). This year's roster includes three previous IPSSSDR champions: three-time champion Melanie Shirilla from Lincoln, Mont., won in 2008, 2006 and 2002; Wendy Davis from Lander, Wyo., in 2007; and Jeff King of Denali Park, Alaska, 1999.

In addition to previous IPSSSDR competitors, this year's race hosts nine newcomers to the event, from Scotland, Canada, Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado. A complete roster is printed below.

The Pedigree® brand actively supports a wide range of programs that promote responsible pet ownership and highlight the contributions dogs make to society. The International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race, the largest dog sled race in the lower 48 states, was founded in 1996 by Frank Teasley to make sled dog racing more accessible to the public. For a complete schedule, visit the race website at www.wyomingstagestop.org, contact the race via e-mail at wystagestop@blissnet.com, or telephone at (307) 734-1163.

Teams entered in 2009 IPSSSDR:

1. Stacey S. Teasley (Jackson, Wyoming)
2. Jean Wise (Sand Coulee, Montana)
3. Lloyd Gilbertson (Chatham, Michigan)
4. Mary Gilbertson (Chatham, Michigan)
5. Wendy Davis (Lander, Wyoming)
- 6 Grant Beck (Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada)
7. David DeCaro (Denali Park, Alaska)
8. Bruce Magnusson (Manchester, Michigan)
9. Melanie Shirilla (Lincoln, Montana)
10. John Stewart (Scotland)
11. Sam Perrino (Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada)
12. Debbie Moderow (Anchorage, Alaska)
13. Jerry Bath (Lander, Wyoming)
14. Sandy Burke (Quesnel, British Columbia, Canada)
15. Sean Hard (Olney, Montana)
16. Dennis Tremblay (Saint-Michel-des-Saints, Quebec, Canada)
17. Krista Halsnes (Steamboat Springs, Colorado)



18. Megan Routely (British Columbia, Canada)
19. John Barron (Boulder, Montana)
20. Jeff King (Denali Park, Alaska)

EARLY SEASON CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS OPEN

Salt Lake City – It may be winter, but it's almost Memorial Day Weekend to many anxious campers and Utah State Parks reservation agents.

Campers may begin reserving for Memorial Day Weekend Thursday, January 29 beginning at 7 a.m. Individual campsite reservations are accepted up to 16 weeks in advance from park departure date. If campsites are available, reservations can be made a minimum of two days in advance of arrival date. Group reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance.



“Despite the snow on the ground, we suggest campers plan early for the upcoming season,” commented Emily DeBois, reservation manager. “Reservations are always recommended for summer weekends.”

Utah's 30 state parks offer more than 1,500 campsites statewide. For reservations, call (801) 322-3770 within Salt Lake, toll-free at (800) 322-3770 or go online at stateparks.utah.gov.

Customers may reserve up to three campsites per call or Internet session. An \$8 reservation fee is charged per site. Group reservations fees are \$10.25 along with a per-person fee.

Reservations for Easter Weekend are available, but are filling quickly. These state parks have campsites available: Antelope Island, Dead Horse Point, East Canyon, Green River, Millsite, Kodachrome, Otter Creek, Palisade, Quail Creek, Sand Hollow, Snow Canyon, Utah Lake, Willard Bay, and Yuba.

Orienteering Meeting Scheduled

Monday, February 9 at 8:00 pm. Meet at InterPlan offices in Midvale for a short meeting to plan 2009. (Directions on the www.o-utah.org website)

Agenda:

Evaluate 2008 season
We'll decide on the 2009 schedule
Define volunteers to run the events
Identify new areas to map



Discuss publicity
Decide on extra classes

If you haven't noticed, we're a very casual group. We welcome anyone, experienced or not, who'd like to help keep Orienteering alive in Utah. My guess is there will be 4 or 5 of us at this meeting so there's opportunity for YOU to contribute and get more involved.

JOIN THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Count for Fun, Count for the Future

New York, NY and Ithaca, NY—Bird and nature fans throughout North America are invited to join tens of thousands of everyday bird watchers for the 12th annual Great Backyard Bird

Count (GBBC), **February 13-16, 2009.**

A joint project of the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#) and the [National Audubon Society](#), this free event is an opportunity for families, students, and people of all ages to discover the wonders of nature in backyards, schoolyards, and local parks, and, at the same time, make an important contribution to conservation.



Participants count birds and report their sightings online at www.birdcount.org.

“The Great Backyard Bird Count benefits both birds and people. It’s a great example of citizen science: Anyone who can identify even a few species can contribute to the body of knowledge that is used to inform conservation efforts to protect birds and biodiversity,” said Audubon Education VP, Judy Braus. “Families, teachers, children and all those who take part in GBBC get a chance to improve their observation skills, enjoy nature, and have a great time counting for fun, counting for the future.”

Anyone can take part, from novice bird watchers to experts, by counting birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the event and reporting their sightings online at www.birdcount.org. Participants can also explore what birds others are finding in their backyards—whether in their own neighborhood or thousands of miles away. Additional online resources include tips to [help identify birds](#), a [photo gallery](#), and special materials for educators.

The data these “citizen scientists” collect helps researchers understand bird population trends, information that is critical for effective conservation. Their efforts enable everyone to see what would otherwise be impossible: a comprehensive picture of where birds are in late winter and how their numbers and distribution compare with previous years. In 2008, participants submitted more than 85,000 checklists.

“The GBBC has become a vital link in the arsenal of continent-wide bird-monitoring projects,” said Cornell Lab of Ornithology director, John Fitzpatrick. “With more than a decade of data now in hand, the GBBC has documented the fine-grained details of late-winter bird distributions better than any project in history, including some truly striking changes just over the past decade.”

Each year, in addition to entering their tallies, participants submit thousands of digital images for the GBBC photo contest. Many are featured in the popular online gallery. Participants in the 2009 count are also invited to upload their bird videos to [YouTube](#); some will also be featured on the GBBC web site. Visit www.birdcount.org to learn more.



Businesses,
schools,
nature clubs,
Scout troops,
and other
community

organizations interested in the GBBC can contact the Cornell Lab of Ornithology at (800) 843-2473

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Audubon at
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The
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Backyard Bird Count is made possible, in part, by support from Wild Birds Unlimited.

UTAH STATE PARKS SNOWMOBILE GROOMING REPORT

Please find below, current grooming conditions as of January 26. Utah State Parks encourages all riders to carry appropriate avalanche gear and get an avalanche advisory at 1-800-OHV-RIDE or utahavalanchecenter.org.

BEAR RIVER SERVICE/ WHITNEY – North Slope parking lot to Mirror Lake

BEAR LAKE/ LOGAN CANYON– Sinks, Amazon, Beaver Creek, Franklin Basin, Tony Grove, Garden City, Temple, Swan Flat

HARDWARE RANCH – Grooming postponed due to slushy trail conditions

MONTE CRISTO - Ant Flat, Highway 39, Curtis Creek Loop, Millie Springs, Arbs Basin, Wasatch Ridge

WASATCH – Alpine Loop, Cummings Parkway, Snake Creek Canyon, Narrows, Soldier Hollow

MIRROR LAKE/MILL HOLLOW – North Fork Trail, Soapstone Basin Road, Highway 35 from Nobletts to Hanna Trailhead, Wolf Creek Summit, Mill Hollow to Lake Creek Summit,

Mirror Lake Highway, Soapstone to Nobblets, Highway 150 to warming hut, Highway 35

STRAWBERRY

- Clyde Creek, Mud Creek, Strawberry Marina, Co-op Creek, Lake Creek Trail, Strawberry River, Lew's Cutoff, Indian Creek, Sheep Creek, Trail Hollow NOTE: Sheep Creek is private property; day-use fee required

SCOFIELD COMPLEX – Fairview Trailhead, Fish Creek Ridge, Miller's Flat, White River, Joe's Valley

EPHRAIM – Snowcat under



repair

MT. NEBO – Snowcat under repair

FISH LAKE – Junction to Kents and Puffer lakes, Monroe Mountain to Koosharem, Cove Road, Big Lake, Monrovia Park

CEDAR MOUNTAIN - Cedar Breaks, Brian Head, Lava Beds, Strawberry Point

UINTAH BASIN – No new report

Utah State Parks is the state off-highway vehicle authority, providing access, education, and search and rescue on Utah's trails.

Bighorns fly to Desolation Canyon

In mid-January, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources net-gunned 40 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in east-central Utah and took them for the ride of their lives.

A string of five bighorn sheep are slung under a helicopter against the rugged cliffs and evening sky. Photo by Brad Crompton.



Hobbled and bagged, each animal was clipped one-by-one onto a long cable, dangling from a helicopter. After a maximum of five had been safely attached, the chopper pitched and swung into the air with a bunch of wide-eyed sheep swinging from its underside.

In all, three rams, 33 ewes, and 4 lambs flew about 30 miles up the Green River, before touching ground in Desolation Canyon. As its name implies, the canyon is rugged and remote a perfect place for a seed population of bighorn sheep.

The transplant's objective, improving the distribution of bighorn sheep throughout the Green River corridor, is a step closer to realization.

According to Acting Wildlife Manager Brad Crompton, there are sustainable bighorn sheep

populations in the upper Green River below Flaming Gorge and in Gray Canyon just north of Green River.

Before the transplant, the middle portions of Desolation Canyon supported only small, isolated groups of bighorn sheep. The transplant of 40 new animals will bolster sheep distribution in the canyon as well as connectivity between isolated populations along the Green River corridor.

About three years ago, a wild fire in Desolation Canyon burned approximately 5,000 acres. Several years of new vegetative growth has created some ideal bighorn sheep habitat, assuring plenty of feed for the new transplants. The combined life requirements of food, water, cover and space are expected to result in successful reproduction and population growth.

This project was made possible in large part by funding and support from the Utah Foundation for North American Wild Sheep.

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

February 1 – March 20 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Guided Snowshoe Hikes: The park naturalist is available Wednesday through Saturday for guided snowshoe hikes within the park. Beginners are welcome and will receive basic snowshoeing instructions, as well as a little taste of winter ecology. Please call to arrange date and time. (435) 654-1791

February 1 – March 31 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Art Gallery: Enjoy the artwork and photographs created by Antelope Island State Park employees and volunteers. (801) 725-9263

February – July Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

Art Exhibit: View the innovative native art of students and instructor Toni Trusdale from the Santa Fe Indian School. (435) 678-2238

February 6 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

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

February 7 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

My Canyonlands - The Adventurous Life of Kent Frost: Join park staff for a special screening of the documentary *My Canyonlands* by filmmaker Chris Simon. The film documents the life of regional icon Kent Frost, a man who was responsible for the protection and designation of Utah's remote Canyonlands area as a national park in the 1960s. Simon will discuss the film and Frost will be available to sign copies of his book *My Canyonlands*. The event is free and open to the public. This event is funded through a grant from the Utah Humanities Council. (435) 678-2238

February 7 Jordanelle State Park - Heber

Track Me If You Can Series – Bears: Join the park naturalist from 10 a.m. to noon to learn how to live in harmony with bears. Bring snowshoes or borrow a pair from the park. Registration is required. Day-use fee is \$7 per vehicle with up to eight people or free to Utah State Parks passholders. (435) 782-3030 or (435) 649-9540

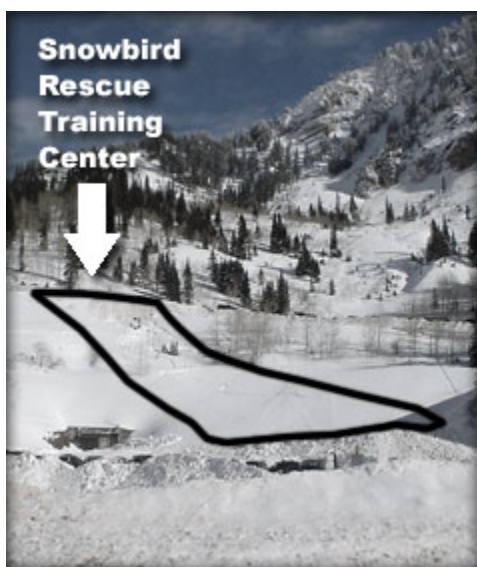
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Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Cinder Cone Hike: Learn about volcanoes and the volcanic activity responsible for the lava flows in the park. Hike to the top of the Snow Canyon cinder cone during this 1.5-mile roundtrip hike beginning at 10 a.m. Space is limited and registration required. (435) 628-2255

Avalanche Dog Rescue School in Little Cottonwood Canyon Through Jan. 30

More than 30 teams of highly-trained avalanche rescue dogs and their handlers from around the world have gathered in Little Cottonwood Canyon for avalanche victim search drills, beacon searches, helicopter training and classroom sessions conducted by Wasatch Backcountry Rescue (WBR). The weeklong training concludes this Saturday with the first-ever Backcountry Public Awareness Day covering topics related to avalanche equipment and safety techniques along with dog rescue demonstrations.



WBR hosts the biennial avalanche rescue dog seminar, which will feature instructors from some of the most elite training and certification organizations in the world for avalanche rescue groups. Participants include dogs and handlers from WBR, Canadian Avalanche Rescue Dog Association, Alaska Search and Rescue Dogs and the Swiss Alpine Club.

Training sessions include a highway rescue scenario with a buried car, a dog agility course, obedience and discipline training, a beacon rescue search and a helicopter transceiver search using new long-range receiver technology. AirMed and Life Flight helicopters will also be working with avalanche rescue dogs and their handlers.

Public attendance and participation on Saturday is encouraged. A variety of interactive demonstrations will take place from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the base of entry 4, adjacent to the Cliff Lodge.

Two Teams Withdraw from IPSSSDR Due to Injuries

Champion Musher Jeff King enters teams in their place.

Jackson, Wyoming - January 28, 2009 - Two teams have withdrawn from the 2009 International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race (IPSSSDR) because of injuries received in recent races, announced Race Director Frank Teasley. Jamie Nelson from Togo, Minn., withdrew with a shoulder injury, and Emil Inauen of Switzerland sustained an injury racing in France's Grand Odyssee. Alaska's champion musher Jeff King will enter two teams in the race to replace Nelson and Inauen.

“It’s very unfortunate that Jamie and Emil won’t be racing with us this year,” said Teasley. “However, the addition of Jeff King will certainly bring additional excitement to the race.”

King’s victories include not only the 1,049-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race in 1993, 1996, 1998, and 2006, but also more than two dozen first place finishes in races all across Alaska. During the past 20 years, the champion musher has logged more than 100,000 miles on a dog sled.



The International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race begins in Jackson, Wyo., on Friday, January 30, 2009, and continues through 10 Wyoming communities before finishing in Park City, Utah, on February 7. For additional information visit www.wyomingstagestop.org.

Stein Eriksen Lodge Receives 5-Star Rating for Second Straight Year

For the second straight year, the Mobil Travel Guide bestowed the hospitality industry's most prestigious designations - the Mobil Five-Star award - upon Stein Eriksen Lodge today, continuing the Lodge's standing as the first and only Utah property to achieve this distinction. Stein Eriksen Lodge maintains its position on an elite list of 44 hotels, inns and resorts throughout North America to achieve the coveted honor.

In 2003, the Lodge was the first Utah property to be recognized with the AAA Five Diamond rating. The Mobil Five-Star award makes Stein Eriksen Lodge one of only 30 properties in North America to hold both Mobil Travel Guide's and AAA's highest accolades.

"It is a significant honor to continue to be Utah's only hotel to receive the Mobil Five Star award," said Russ Olsen, CEO of Stein Eriksen Lodge. "This distinction illustrates the unyielding dedication of our staff to provide the highest caliber of service. Without such dedication given on a daily basis, this honor would not have been possible."

With this award, Stein Eriksen Lodge joins a very exclusive group of properties capable of offering guests full assurance that they will consistently benefit from uncompromising, exceptional service. In addition to the Hotel being rated Five Star, its Glitretind Restaurant and The Spa both received Four-Star ratings, placing them in a unique category and among the best in the entire country. The Spa is the only spa in Utah to receive such as designation and the Glitretind is one of only two Utah restaurants to receive the award.

Primal Quest Ropes Course Training

One of highlights of the Primal Quest Expedition Adventure Race is its ropes course; big, exposed, airy and difficult. In the 2006 Utah race, the course consisted of 6 miles of rope at 5 separate locations, involving ascending, rappelling and traversing thousands of feet of vertical rock walls, canyons and desert towers. This was without a doubt, the world’s largest ropes course ever constructed. Only 24 teams completed the entire ropes section. Many called it the best part of the race while others called it the scariest thing they had ever done!

The 2008 ropes course in Montana presented new challenges with 5.7 free climbing and wild, via ferrata type ridge ascents up slender spires in a wild setting. Top teams proclaimed this was the most varied and awesome ropes course ever constructed, thus with this encouragement future races will take these trends to new heights, demanding greater skill levels and including more free climbing. The folks at Primal Quest want to help prepare you for these challenges.

Jay Smith, Primal Quest's ropes course director, in conjunction with Moab Desert Adventures, is offering training sessions in Moab, Utah. These 2 and 3 day programs will teach you all the necessary skills required to be safe and efficient while climbing hundreds of feet off the ground. We will show you the latest and lightest equipment, how to rig your systems and safe efficient techniques to ascend, traverse, rappel and free climb any terrain that you could possibly encounter not only in adventure racing, but in any vertical environment.

We will have a "real", spectacular and exciting multi-pitch ropes course set up, complete with a highline on which to practice and refine your skills. Through individual attention we can help dial in a system that works for you on any angle of terrain, including "overhanging" with a pack. These are proven techniques that are the most versatile and efficient used by climbers the world over and adapted to the sport of adventure racing.



Photo by Will Ramos

I have seen numerous types of systems used in my 18 years of involvement with AR and without a doubt our systems out perform all others in energy saving, speed, weight, versatility and safety. In 2008 there was a 9 - 10 hour difference between the fastest and slowest teams. It is our opinion that even the fastest team could shave hours off their time with proper techniques and practice. How much training time have you devoted to your rope skills? As much as paddling? Half as much as mountain biking? One whole day? We are the experts designing the ropes course and testing the competitors. We know exactly what will be required of you. Get that competitive edge and save valuable time and energy. Be safe and fast, and be winners! Get the training you need with the best qualified instructors in the nation. This ain't no party. This ain't no disco. We're not just playing games. **This is Primal Quest, the World's Most Challenging Human Endurance Competition!** Get with the program and be the first on the summit!

- Jay Smith
Primal Quest Ropes Course Director

Two-Day Program (full days)

- Instruction includes: -Equipment selection, and set up.
- Ascending fixed ropes with ascenders and use of Croll with chest harness option.

- Use of the Absorbaca and Basic Ascender
- Vertical, overhanging and low angle.
- Knot passing.
- Buddy system rappels with various devices.
- Highline and handline traverses
- Via ferrata type climbing
- Mini Traction free climbing

Three-Day Program

Includes everything taught in the Two0-Day Program with an additional day of free climbing, crack and face climbing.

Equipment: Same as PQ requirements for the ropes section, a medium daypack and appropriate clothing. Please inquire if you have any questions.

These courses are only offered during the following scheduled dates due to the preparation of a full ropes course being pre-rigged. We will take reservations on a first come basis and a non-refundable deposit must be paid at the time of booking. These programs are limited to 8 competitors (2 teams) per program and require eight people to participate to be cost effective. We will work with your team to schedule accordingly.

Moab is a great place to train! We have hundreds of miles of varied desert and mountain terrain, world-class mountain biking, rock climbing, river rafting, kayaking, base jumping, endless navigational challenges, beautiful landscapes and mild weather. Come and get the edge on the competition!

Programs are offered:

March 21 - March 29; and June 6 - 14

Prices:

Two-Day program – Team price \$1000 or \$125/person/day

Three-Day Program – Team price \$1500 or \$125/person/day

Please contact Jay Smith and High and Wild Mountain Guides:

highandwild@earthlink.net or call (435) 259-4271.

You can also book through Moab Desert Adventures:

dave@moabdesertadventures.com or call (435) 260-2774.

Citizen Lobby Training

The actions of the Legislature in 2009 will profoundly impact nuclear energy's future in Utah. EnergySolutions and Aaron Tilton will be exerting their influence. You can, too.

Join HEAL Utah and the Utah Rivers Council for our annual Citizen Lobby Training and make sure your voice is heard this legislative session.

Citizen Lobby Training

When: Thursday, February 5th, 6:30-8:30pm.

Where: Room 210, East Building, Utah State Capitol Complex (350 E Capitol Blvd).

Refresh your knowledge of the legislative process, learn the logistics of lobbying your legislators, and tour the Capitol. State Senator Scott McCoy will be there to talk about what the citizen lobbying process means to legislators. And we'll discuss upcoming legislation and ways you can get involved during the 2009 Legislative Session.



The economy, ethics reform, energy. Whatever your issue is, this is an important year for citizens to get involved in the legislative process. Our Citizen Lobby Training is our most popular training of the year and the best way to learn how to make your voice heard, so please take this opportunity to get involved!

Please RSVP for the training by going to: <http://healutah.org/lobbyrsvp>

For more information, email john@healutah.org or call (801) 355-5055.

Directions: UTA bus number 500 will drop you off directly in front of the East Building. To drive, follow State Street north from downtown Salt Lake and then bear right (east) around the Capitol. Free parking is available in the lot next to the East Building, or on the street. To get to room 210, walk through the cafeteria and then up the marble stairs.

We hope to see you on Thursday!

(S)heJumps into the Canyon teaches under-served kids how to ski

ALTA, Utah—Jesse Tronier, a member of the Sugarhouse Boys & Girls Club, will be on skis for the fourth time on Jan. 31, 2009. Jesse, an only child raised by a single dad, is a 12-year old who has “really found himself as a leader and a productive follower” through his two years at the Boys & Girls Club, says club director Ben Trentleman. Learning how to ski from professional skiers such as Rachael Burks and Lynsey Dyer, among others, is helping to take his empowerment one step further. Jesse is now making parallel turns thanks to SheJumps.

Jesse is just one of 20 participants in the first annual (S)heJumps Into the Canyon: Empowering SLC Teens in the Wasatch. SheJumps initiated exercise programs at the Murray and Sugarhouse Boys & Girls Clubs in early December to establish a “start-to-finish” program specifically investing in the teens’ long-term relationship with skiing as a healthy lifestyle. With help from U.S. Ski Team Nordic Jumper Lindsey Van (currently ranked No. 1 in the

world), pro skier Claire Smallwood, and ski journalist Vanessa Pierce, the kids practiced with squats, lunges, push-ups, and wall-sits, in order to get their legs strong and make the most of the four Saturdays. The last weekend of skiing on Jan. 31 will truly showcase the teens' improvement.



An added benefit of the four daylong camps at Alta Ski Area is to offer the SheJumps "network of athletes" a chance to give back to their community and give the kids "heroes" to look up to. Last weekend, SheJumps brought ski magazines for the kids to look through. "No way," said Toria O'Hearn, 16, after seeing a profile of her coach Rachael Burks in Powder magazine. "That is soooooo awesome."

Although the mission of SheJumps is to increase participation of women in outdoor sports through mentorship and coaching from female outdoor athletes, the Utah-registered nonprofit is tailoring this program service to use female and male coaches to help local teens find their passion for skiing in their nearby mountains. The program is also an effort to introduce the teens to the local ski community and lifestyle enjoyed by so many people who come to Utah. Started on Jan. 3, 2009, (S)heJumps Into the Canyon has four sessions, the last of which will be on Jan. 31st 2009. These events draw from the tenants of both SheJumps and the Billy Poole Ski Foundation to "help kids learn to find their passion and achieve their dreams through exposure to the natural beauty of nature and the mountains."

(S)heJumps into the Canyon is generously sponsored by Alta Ski Area, Rossignol, Alta Ski Shop, Deep Powder House, and the Billy Poole Ski Foundation. For more information, please contact SheJumps Executive Director Claire Smallwood (claire@shejumps.org) or visit www.shejumps.org.

State Director, Selma Sierra, Welcomes New Members to BLM's Resource Advisory Council

The Department of the Interior announced on January 16, 2009 the appointments of five new members to Utah's 15-member citizen-based Resource Advisory Council, which advises the Bureau of Land Management on public land issues.

"These new Resource Advisory Council members are to be commended for voluntarily committing their time and knowledge to the stewardship of our public lands," Sierra said. "Their advice and recommendations will be a substantial contribution to this collaborative effort."

The BLM's Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), composed of citizens chosen for the expertise in natural resource issues, help the agency carry out its stewardship of 256 million

acres of public lands. The Bureau, which manages more land than any other federal agency, has 24 RACs across the West, where most BLM-managed land is located.

The newly appointed members of Utah's RAC are: Franklin White, representing Off-Highway-Vehicle Use, resides in Bountiful; Francis Amendola, representing Energy/Minerals, resides in Park City; Charles Hawley, representing Dispersed Recreation, resides in Central Valley; Val Payne, representing State Agencies, resides in Salt Lake City; and, Dell LeFevre, representing Elected Officials, resides in Boulder.

The Council members will serve three-year terms that expire September 2012. Information about upcoming RAC meetings will be announced as soon as it becomes available.

The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

DATE: January 16th 2009

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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 and use the store locator feature.

SNOWSHOE 101

Thursday, February 5th, 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!

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAP & GPS CLINIC

Thursday, February 19th, 7pm

Jeff Caulfield of National Geographic will show you, step-by-step, how to use your GPS with TOPO! Outdoor Recreation mapping software to plan your next day hike or backcountry adventure. As Jeff takes you through a simple trip-planning exercise, he'll discuss the "on the trail" applications of GPS, and give you a variety of tips on how to use a GPS in the navigation process. You'll be surprised at how easy GPS navigation can be! Everyone who attends will a special "Buy One Get One Free" offer as well as a free CD, Basic Map and GPS Skills, courtesy of National Geographic.

GPS 101

Thursday, February 26th, 7pm

A Global Positioning System is a fun and accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join REI navigation expert Nick Faust as he unveils the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover an introduction to the GPS system, types of receivers and their common use, and basic GPS functions. An excellent primer for people looking to get started with GPS use.

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 and use the store locator feature.

CLIMBING EVEREST

Tuesday, February 3rd, 7pm

What does it take to climb Everest, the world's highest mountain? Super powers? Youth? Luck? An iron will? Sponsors with deep pockets? Carol Masheter, AKA the SilverFox, will show pictures and answer questions about the climb of a lifetime. Carol has been climbing big, glaciated peaks since 1972, including Aconcagua in January, 2007, Kilimanjaro in December, 2007, Cho Oyu in 2005 and over a dozen glaciated peaks in Bolivia, Ecuador and East Africa.

BACKCOUNTRY SKIING UTAH & BEYOND

Thursday, February 5th, 7pm

Join Backcountry Skiing Utah author and Utah Mountain Adventures senior guide, Tyson Bradley, for an evening of ski touring throughout the great state of Utah and beyond. Tyson will share images and stories from off-piste ski adventures in the Tushars, La Sals, Uintas, Logan Mountains, Stansburys, Deep Creeks, Abajo, Henrys, and more. In addition, the speaker will whet skiers appetites for spring skiing in the Cascade Volcanoes, Colorado, Wheeler Peak, NV, Alaska Range and the Tetons. A Q & A session will follow the talk, for those who want information on particular trips.

ALTA – 70 YEARS AS A SKIING MECCA

Tuesday, February 10th, 7pm at REI SLC

Skiing historian, National Ski Hall of Fame member, author and director of Skiing at Alta, Alan Engen, will recount the significant milestones – and the major players – of the evolution of the sport in Utah. Alan's presentation will discuss the dynamics which drove Alta to change from a mining town to a ski town, the principles involved, and the role Alta has played in contributing

to the skiing on the national scene, as well as its contribution to Utah's envied status as a skiing paradise.

COMMUNITY & REI SPONSORED EVENTS:



TUBBS ROMP TO STOMP Saturday, February 7th, 10am

Since 2003, Tubbs Snowshoe presented the Tubbs Romp to Stomp out Breast Cancer Snowshoe Series - a snowshoe walk series modeled after the highly successful Race for the Cure - to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure and its Affiliates. Since then the Romp to Stomp has raised nearly three quarters of a million dollars for Susan G. Komen and Affiliates and inspired thousands of to get out snowshoeing! The Romp consists of a 3K or 5K benefit snowshoe walk or a 3k fun run. Easy, well marked trails along with free snowshoe demos from Tubbs make this a great event for all sorts of ages and abilities- even if you've never

snowshoed before! Mountain Dell Golf Course located just off of I-80 in Parley's Canyon \$25 Early Pre-Registration. Visit www.tubbsromptostomp.com for more information or to register.

BRYCE CANYON WINTERFEST

February 15th, 16th & 17th

Takes place at Bryce Canyon at Ruby's Inn. Activities include cross country ski races, archery clinic, archery biathlon competition. Free snowshoe tours, free clinics in photography, snow sculpture, kids' events, offer entertainment for the entire family. Events may be subject to change due to snow and weather conditions. Call (435) 834-5341 or 1-866-866-6616 for more information.

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL TOUR

February 23rd, 24th & 25th 7pm at Kingsbury Hall

You'll be on the edge of your seat as you watch extreme athletes scale towering peaks, plummet down cliffs, kayak through man-devouring rivers, and travel the world in search of the best stories of outdoor feats and adventures. Presented by National Geographic and New Balance, it's your best route to a virtual adrenaline rush and a personal introduction to remote cultures and the world's last great wild places — all on the big screen. Tickets are available for \$8 at REI Salt Lake City and the University of Utah Outdoor program. Call 581-7100 for more information.

CLASSES: *The following educational opportunities are hosted by REI and available for a fee.*

AMERICAN AVALANCHE INSTITUTE LEVEL I AVALANCHE CLASS

February 13th-15th

This course presents basic information about weather, snowpack, and terrain factors which contribute to avalanche hazard. Students dig snow pits, identify weak and strong layers, and practice route finding. The Level I Course begins with an evening session, and then two full days with emphasis on field work. Level I classes involve 24 hours of classroom time and field work. Evening sessions run from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuition is \$200. Visit



www.avalanchecourse.com for more information or register by calling REI at 801-486-2100.

UTAH MOUNTAIN ADVENTURES LEVEL II AVALANCHE CLASS

February 19th-22nd

Instruction includes reviewing and expanding upon material learned in Level I. Learning to identify snow crystal types and processes leading to them; how to record and interpret information gained from snow pits, stability tests, weather and other factors contributing to snow strength. Practice complex, multiple-beacon rescues. Description: This 32-hour American Avalanche Association sanctioned course is oriented toward towards those who have taken a Level I, or equivalent course, and have significant backcountry experience under their belt. Ski patrollers, winter search and rescue personnel, mountain guides, and other serious winter mountain travelers often enroll in this intensive class. Classroom session will be held at REI Salt Lake City Thursday and in Alta Friday & over the weekend. Field sessions will be in the backcountry surrounding Alta. Register by calling Utah Mountain Adventures at 801-550-3986 or visit www.exum.ofutah.com. Tuition is \$340.

MEETINGS:

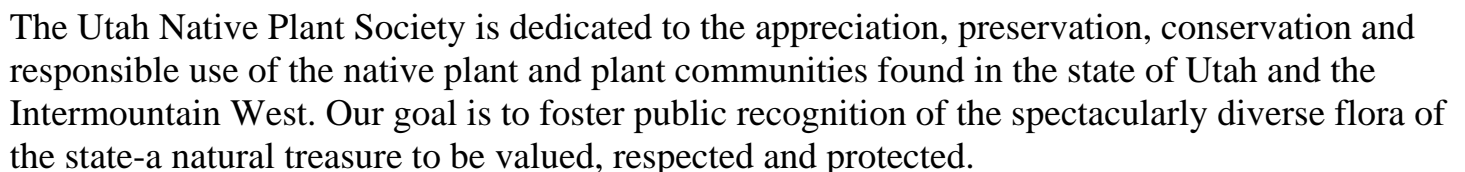
The following organizations offer presentations that are free & open to the public and all interested parties are encouraged to attend. Location is REI Salt Lake City's Wasatch Conference Room.

TEAM IN TRAINING

Monday, February 2nd, 6pm

We will help you to accomplish the goal of completing an endurance event! Come learn how you can help save lives while training to complete a Full or Half Marathon, an Olympic Distance Triathlon, a Century Bike Ride or an Adventure Hike on the Grand Canyon. Team In Training is the world's largest endurance training program and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's largest fundraising campaign. We provide professional coaching, a fantastic team atmosphere, transportation, accommodations and race entry to the team event and the opportunity to make a difference; in your own life and the lives of others. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Mission is to: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, non Hodgkin's disease and

UTAH NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
Wednesday, February 4th, 7pm



UTAH STATEWIDE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Wednesday, February 11th, 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.

<http://utaharchaeology.org/>

2009 Catch-A-Cure for Cancer Charity Tournament

The 9th annual Catch-A-Cure for Cancer Charity Tournament and Fundraiser will be held June 20th at Starvation Reservoir. **Please don't schedule an event or a club tournament on this date.**

We had a record number of teams participate last year. I would like to see us increase and set another record for attendance. As always we will have a fun filled event complete with competition, a barbeque, and lots of prizes! We'll see you there!!

Please support the businesses and people who helped us last year. For a complete list and the newsletter go to: www.utahbassfederation.org



Apply for a Bear Hunting Permit

Feb. 2 is the first day to apply

Utah's spring black bear hunt will start in less than three months. The opportunity to apply for a black bear hunting permit is even closer.

Apply starting Feb. 2

Starting Feb. 2, you can apply for a permit to hunt bears during Utah's spring or fall seasons. Applications will be accepted at www.wildlife.utah.gov.

To be included in the draw for permits, your application must be received through the Web site no later than 11 p.m. on Feb. 25.

Results of the 2009 Utah Black Bear Draw will be available by March 12.

Applying for a bonus point

If you're not going to hunt bears in 2009, you can still apply for a bonus point. Bonus points increase the chance that you'll draw a bear permit in the future.



Applications for bonus points will also be accepted at www.wildlife.utah.gov from Feb. 2 until 11 p.m. on Feb. 25.

For more information, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

Central Utah Pheasants Forever Chapter Hits the Ground Runnin'

PF's Central Utah Runnin' Ring-Necks will help area youth involvement and habitat

Ephraim, Utah – January 26, 2009 – Pheasant hunters and conservationists within Sanpete County have formed Utah's newest Pheasants Forever (PF) chapter. Known as the Central Utah Runnin' Ring-Necks Chapter of PF, the group plans to have an impact on youth involvement in hunting and wildlife habitat conservation practices.



"We need to give kids a chance to really experience the outdoors," explained Scott Evans, Runnin' Ring-Necks president and avid pheasant hunter, "If we can get youth involved in activities such as hunting, then they'll come to appreciate the importance of conserving wildlife habitat. I fear that without this understanding, future generations will lose hold of the natural world altogether."

In 2009, the chapter plans to build on Pheasants Forever's No Child Left Indoors® initiative, a new initiative that's part of a national movement aimed at getting youth unplugged from electronics and turned on to the outdoors, nature and wildlife. The Runnin' Ring-Necks plan on hosting youth hunts focusing on outdoors skills, safety and ethics. With current members having previous experience hosting such events, the chapter knows the positive influence these hunts can have on the lives of children. "It's vitally important that today's youth – the future land stewards of our country – know what's right and wrong while in the field and also how to get the most out of their experiences," stated Evans.

To date, the pheasant population in Sanpete County is relatively low and there is a need increase the amount of quality habitat. "We know there is plenty of work to do," Evans said, "But if we develop relationships with local farmers and help them create more habitat, then we're also creating more chances for our community – especially our children – to get outside and away from the TV. It's truly a win-win situation for all parties involved, especially for the pheasants!"

Currently, habitat improvement opportunities focus on private land owners in the Ephraim and surrounding area. "Working in the future with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and local Soil and Water Conservation District will provide additional opportunities for the Runnin' Ring-Necks chapter to enhance Pheasants Forever's wildlife habitat mission," said Ryan Storm, Regional Representative for PF in Utah.



The chapter has also elected Dean Olson of Ephraim as treasurer and Trent Taylor of Manti as habitat chair. For information about the chapter and upcoming meetings and events, contact Scott Evans at (435)445-9393 or via email at Clarissa84646@yahoo.com.

For more information on PF in Utah, to start a chapter or join one of the state's already existing chapters, contact Ryan Storm at (618) 351-1234 or via email at rstorm@pheasantsforever.org.



Historically, Utah's six PF chapters have spent over \$318,000 to complete nearly 500 habitat projects which have benefitted 4,400 acres of habitat for wildlife. PF empowers chapters with the responsibility to determine how 100% of their locally raised conservation funds will be spent - the only national conservation organization that operates through this truly grassroots structure. As a result, chapter volunteers are able to see the fruits of their efforts locally, while belonging to a larger national organization with a voice on federal and state conservation policy.

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are non-profit conservation organizations dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasant, quail, and other wildlife populations in North America through habitat improvement, land management, public awareness, and education. PF/QF has more than 130,000 members in 700 local chapters across the continent.

Hunter's Specialties Pro Staff Member Al Morris and Hunting Partner Garvin Young Win Second Consecutive World Coyote Calling Championship

Al Morris, a member of the Hunter's Specialties Pro Staff, and his hunting partner Garvin Young recently won the 2008 annual World Coyote Calling Championship in Cortez, Colorado. They are the only team ever to win back-to-back and to capture three World Championship titles.

Morris and Young came in first in a field of 128 two-man teams who entered the event.

The contest is held over a day and a half, where participants try to call in and shoot the highest number of coyotes. Al and Garvin managed to take 18. The second place team finished with 13 coyotes.

"This year we hunted an area south of Cortez in New Mexico on some Navajo Nation land," said Al. "We did some extensive scouting and found a location with plenty of coyotes that hadn't been pressured by hunters. We did some late evening and early morning howling on our Mac Daddy Howlers to locate the coyotes. According to our best guess there were around 100 coyotes in the area."

"We used the Johnny Stewart Preymaster-4 Caller with the authentic Johnny Stewart sounds.

The Grown Cottontail Distress sound proved most effective," stated Morris. "Garvin and I have worked hard to perfect our calling and set up techniques over the years. We like to use a set up that provides some elevation so we can see coyotes coming in from a distance. Since the Johnny Stewart PM-4 is a wireless remote operated caller we could set the speaker upwind of our location 50-60 yards to draw attention away from our set up."

"We used Hunter's Specialties Scent-A-Way products to remain scent free while we're hunting. It really makes a difference since coyotes will almost always circle down wind of your stand to try and smell you. Garvin and I always split up so that whether the coyote circled close or far away, one of us would be in range. We shot one coyote at 5 feet in front of us and 6 of them were less than 20 yards. With the HS Scent-A-Way, the coyotes didn't smell us, so we were able to get a considerably better shot."

"Learning to use the right calls and working to be scent-free with the Hunter's Specialties Scent-A-Way products definitely helped us win our third title. It takes a little more effort and attention to details, but at the end of the day it makes all the difference in the world."

This year's contest also saw Hunter's Specialties National Pro Staff member Steve Criner and his hunting partner Clay Owens take 9 coyotes for a 7th place finish in a tough field of top competitors.

"We spent five days scouting and sleeping out among the coyotes," said Criner. "We were the only team from the Midwest to enter the competition. This is truly a contest among the best predator hunters that are out there. I believe the combination of Scent-A-Way and the Johnny Stewart calls gave us a real advantage. Hunting coyotes in the Midwest is a lot different than it is in the west. We were looking for anything that would give us an extra edge and the Hunter's specialties products did just that. We're excited about where we placed this year and can't wait to get back in the hunt for a title next year."

For more information, log onto the Hunter's Specialties website at www.hunterspec.com, write to 6000 Huntington Court NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402, or call a Consumer Service Specialist at 319-395-0321.

Kids Stay and Eat Free at Alta Lodge in April

It's no vacation to plan to take the whole family skiing. Where to stay, where to eat, how to get there, and how to get the family from the lodge room to the mountain all seem like obstacles. Recognizing this, when Bill Levitt bought the Alta Lodge in 1959, he wanted the Lodge to be a place where families were always welcome and where parents could relax and enjoy their ski vacation with their children. Since then, multiple generations of many families have returned to Alta Lodge for their annual ski experience



together.

Beginning this season, families have another reason to return to Alta Lodge: kids ages 18 and under stay free April 12 to 19, 2009. With a reservation for a minimum of four nights, two kids stay in their parents' room at no additional charge. Full breakfast and four-course dinner are also included daily at no charge. With two kids, this is a savings of over \$200 per night.

In addition to this new value for families, Alta Lodge always has a free supervised Kids' Program with activities after skiing, a special kids' dinner, after dinner activities and shuttle service to and from the Alta Ski Area Children's Ski School, which also has a full-time day care



service for non-skiing children.

At Alta Lodge, no car is needed, either to get there or after you've arrived. Shuttle service can be arranged from Salt Lake City International Airport, bringing guests to the door of Alta Lodge in less than an hour. When it's time to go skiing, just head out the back door, step into your skis, and ski to the lifts.

For more information, visit www.altalodge.com, or call (800) 707-2582 for reservations.

Anti-Tobacco Campaign Hits Utah's Slopes to Reach High-Risk Youth



The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) is taking The TRUTH about tobacco to high-risk

youth through a sponsorship at Brighton Ski Resort in a creative approach: The TRUTH is using chairlifts as a marketing tool. Funny cartoon strips featuring talking cigarettes with captions that educate about tobacco's ill effects can now be found on chair safety bars at the Utah ski and snowboard resort.

"Skiers spend about ten minutes on the lift between runs," says David Neville, marketing coordinator for The TRUTH. "We are using this downtime to educate this high risk audience about the dangers of tobacco."

Monday nights are The TRUTH night all season long. Skiers may participate in half-priced night skiing on Mondays by printing a coupon from the www.FightTheUgly.com. By taking part in an anti-tobacco activity offered at The TRUTH booth, youth may enter to win prizes like an anti-tobacco snowboard or iPod.

The TRUTH commissioned internationally-known graffiti artists to paint Brighton's terrain park rails and wall ride with the theme "See through the smoke, don't be manipulated." The

artwork depicts images of corporate devils seducing others to smoke, burning money to represent the high costs of smoking and the satisfaction that can come from saying "no" to tobacco.



How to Clean Up Toxic Spills Promptly, Thoroughly, When Driving Outdoors

By Tom Severin

We four-wheelers are naturally conscientious folks, and are always concerned about our impact on the environment. Unfortunately, we sometimes are faced with leaks and spills from our vehicles.

Engine oil, transmission oil, gear oil, brake fluid and radiator fluid can have a devastating effect on the environment and wildlife. Radiator fluid is particularly hazardous, as its sweet taste makes it attractive to mammals. Worse, it doesn't take much to kill. One teaspoon of ethanol glycol will kill a cat; three tablespoons will put down a dog. I highly recommend you switch to a propylene-based radiator fluid like Sierra brand. If by chance you spill some and don't get it cleaned up thoroughly, there's less of a risk to native animals.

As with any exercise, planning and preparation are key. Essential clean-up items include a plastic container with a tight lid (Tupperware products work nicely), kitty litter, paper towels or rags, and a shovel. You probably already have paper or plastic cups in your vehicle. If not, grab some. High-tech absorbents and wipes are available for large oil spill situations and to wipe down rock surfaces. You may want to pick up some to help with those problems.

If you choose to build a spill kit, I highly recommend you include kitty litter. It is one of the most absorbent materials around. NewPig offers a variety of useful materials as well as complete spill kits.

Before dealing with any spill or leak, make sure that the vehicle is secure and that all passengers are safe.

First, catch any dripping liquid in a plastic container. Use a cup to scoop up pools of liquid. If need be, dam up the area to keep the spill from spreading. Use special absorbent rolls like the Pig Blue Socks, or build a mini earthen dike around the spill.

Next, spread kitty litter or other absorbent material to soak up the spill. Paper towels, rags, diapers, even a t-shirt or sweatshirt will do in an emergency.

You should also pack absorbents and wipes designed for oil spills. Two others that are particularly effective are PeatSorb and Oil-Dri. You may find these products locally, but look for a retailer who breaks down the bulk quantities and offers these materials in smaller units. You'll save money by buying larger quantities and breaking them down for yourself and friends into individual spill kits.

PeatSorb is ideal because it is very effective on grease and oil spots (even on rock), and it is naturally decomposing.

Everything is hauled out. Proper clean up means that the spilled liquid and contaminated soils are removed for proper disposal. All material and soil should be collected in plastic bags; double-bag, if possible. Place the bags on the rubber floor mats in case there's a



leak. Gear oil, in particular, leaves a nasty smell in your carpet that is very difficult to remove.

Remember to wipe down rocks with the proper absorbent pads available from PeatSorb and Oil-Dri.

Make sure the lid is secure on your container(s). You don't want the fluids and kitty litter spilling all over the inside of your vehicle.

When you get home, dispose of the mess in the proper manner. Call your local authorities if you have any questions about how to handle this material. You may be able to use PeatSorb-treated soil. The manufacturer claims that the soil is safe to use for planting in three weeks.

Toxic spills are a potential with off-road driving. Quick action on your part, using ordinary household products, will ensure you leave the area as you found it.

Tom Severin, 4x4 Coach and Tread Lightly! Master Tread Trainer, teaches 4WD owners how to use their vehicles safely and confidently over difficult terrain in adverse conditions. Visit www.4x4training.com to develop or improve your driving skill.

COMPREHENSIVE HANDBOOK ON EARTHQUAKES IN UTAH IS NOW AVAILABLE

Salt Lake City, Utah -- Living in Utah means living with earthquakes. Do you know where earthquakes are likely to occur in Utah and what kind of damage they can cause? If a large earthquake occurred right now, what would you do? Do you have a disaster plan and supplies? Have you taken simple steps, such as strapping down your water heater, to reduce your earthquake risk at home?

These questions and others are now addressed in a new publication released by the Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC) called *Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country – Your*

Handbook for Earthquakes in Utah. The “Roots” handbook is a comprehensive resource that provides a variety of information on earthquakes in Utah in an easy-to-read format.

The handbook outlines why Utah is seismically active, areas where strong earthquake shaking is expected to occur, and how earthquakes cause damage. In addition, it includes seven steps to follow to reduce your risk from earthquakes, and what you should know about the potential financial impacts of earthquakes. The handbook will be useful for Utah’s families, businesses, and schools, as well as planners and policy makers. “The Roots handbook will help Utahns prepare for and reduce the impacts of future quakes,” says Peter McDonough, chair of the USSC.

Utah has experienced 16 strong earthquakes (greater than magnitude 5.5), some of which caused considerable damage, since pioneer settlement in 1847. In addition, geologic studies of Utah’s faults indicate a long history of repeated “Big Ones” of magnitude 6.5 or greater prior to settlement. These large earthquakes can cause substantial loss of life and damage buildings and infrastructure. Therefore, “if you live or work in Utah, you need to know what you can do before, during, and after an earthquake to be safe and protect your property,” says Robert Carey of the Utah Division of Homeland Security.

Free print copies of the handbook are available in limited quantities at the Natural Resources Map & Bookstore (1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City), the Utah Division of Homeland Security (1110 State Office Building, Salt Lake City), and from city and county emergency managers (for more information see the government section of your local telephone book). The handbook is also available online at the USSC web site (<http://ussc.utah.gov/>). Circulation of the handbook in Wasatch Front newspapers is planned for April of this year.

The USSC developed and published the Roots handbook together with the Utah Division of Homeland Security, the Utah Geological Survey, the University of Utah Seismograph Stations, and the Structural Engineers Association of Utah. The handbook is adapted from California versions of the Putting Down Roots handbook developed by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Southern California Earthquake Center.

The USSC is a 15-member commission created by the Utah State Legislature and charged with reviewing and assessing Utah’s earthquake-related hazards and risks, providing information on earthquake safety, and promoting earthquake loss-reduction measures.

Cougar Country -- Ten Tips to Stay Safe

Dave Swenson has patrolled Utah’s backcountry for almost 30 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. “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 www.wildlife.utah.gov/cougar/pdf/cougar_brochure.pdf.

"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."



HUMMER and Tread Lightly! Fund Important Dust Abatement Project

Phoenix, ARIZONA (January 15, 2009) – The nonprofit organization Tread Lightly! and General Motor's HUMMER division have teamed up to fund an important research project in Arizona to help reduce the dust caused by off-highway vehicles (OHVs).

Although several trails across the country have dust-related problems, little research has been done to test the effectiveness, longevity, and cost of dust suppressants and dust abatement management, especially in Western environments.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, small dust particles kicked up by motorized vehicles can pose a health risk to riders and those nearby. Some riding areas are in danger of closing if dust is not reduced.

"This project is extremely important, not only for these Arizona trails, but also for all of outdoor motorized recreation," said Lori McCullough, Tread Lightly!'s executive director. "We are glad that HUMMER has stepped up to help us reduce health and environmental risks, while still keeping riding areas clean and open."

The Bureau of Land Management's Phoenix District and the Maricopa County Air Quality Division are testing three commercially available, non-toxic dust suppressants along sections of the popular L6 Trail, northwest of Phoenix. The testing began in October and will run through March 11, 2009. The trail will remain open to evaluate the longevity of each suppressant in a real world setting where vehicles drive on it daily. Results will be made public for other land managers to utilize.

The Arizona Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition and The HUMMER Club provided several volunteers to help with various aspects of the project. Additional work included the development and installation of an educational kiosk at the trailhead and the rehabilitation of grounds near the staging area.

The study was funded by a grant initiative called HUMMER's Restoration Rescue, which was created in 2008 under the umbrella of Tread Lightly!'s Restoration for Recreation program.



For more information on HUMMER's Recreation Rescue, please visit www.treadlightly.org. For maps and detailed information about the project, contact the BLM Hassayampa Field Office at 623-580-5500.

About HUMMER

HUMMER is a division of General Motors Corp. (NYSE: GM), the world's largest vehicle manufacturer, which employs about 252,000 people globally. HUMMER is a premium off-road vehicle manufacturer with sales in 37 countries and a product line-up that consists of the H2, H2 SUT, H3, H3 Alpha and all-new H3T. Information on HUMMER products is available at www.hummer.com.

About Tread Lightly!

Tread Lightly!, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization with a mission to proactively protect recreation access and opportunities in the outdoors through education and stewardship initiatives. Tread Lightly! is the nation's signature ethics message for outdoor enthusiasts that use motorized vehicles. The organization also offers unique training and restoration programs strategically designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts and the industries that serve them.

USSA Announces Nordic Junior World Teams

PARK CITY, UT (Jan. 29) - As the 2009 FIS Junior World Championships for ski jumping and nordic combined approach, 15 athletes from across the nation have been tapped to be on the Junior World Championship Team for jumping and nordic combined.

"We're excited to be able to name a team of such accomplished athletes to represent the U.S. in the Junior World Championships," U.S. Nordic Program Director John Farra said. "It's going to be a great year for the U.S. to showcase the future of the sport on an international level."

The U.S. Ski Team's Sarah Hendrickson, Abby Hughes and Avery Ardovino (all Park City,

UT), along with Nina Lussi (Lake Placid, NY), who was nominated for 2008 Sports Illustrated Kid of the Year, and Continental Cup competitor Karin Friberg (Roseville, MN) head up the women's jumping roster.

"Avery, Abby and Sarah are all clearly capable of being successful at Junior Worlds," Farra said. "Newcomers Karin and Nina both also represent the future of the sport and we're just excited about the opportunities for the women jumpers especially at Junior Worlds"

On the men's side, Anders Johnson (Park City, UT), who led the U.S. Junior World Championship team to a successful finish in 2008 as he jumped the fourth highest scored jump to land the U.S. to an eighth-place finish in the team event, highlights the team once again. Nick Fairall (Andover, NH) and Andrew Bliss (Lake Placid, NY) will also push the men's jumpers to the top. Both Johnson and Fairall have scored points on the World Cup this season.

In nordic combined, Nick Hendrickson (Park City, UT), brother of jumper Sarah Hendrickson, will compete among a squad that includes Taylor Fletcher and Brett Denney (both Steamboat Springs, CO).

"We feel like the future is really bright in nordic combined. These guys are going to go over there and do a bang up job," Farra said. "The same goes for men's jumping. We've got a bunch of guys that really want to put men's jumping back on the map for the U.S. and they're going to push for big results there."

2009 Nordic FIS Junior World Championships for nordic combined and jumping will be in Strbske Pleso, Slovakia, Feb. 5-8. World Junior and Under-23 Cross Country Championships will be held in Praz de Lys Sammand, France, Jan. 28 - Feb. 6. The cross country team was named earlier in January.

2009 U.S. Junior World Championship Team

Women's Jumping:

Sarah Hendrickson (8/1/94; Park City, UT)

Abby Hughes (6/21/89; Park City, UT)

Avery Ardovino (2/13/92; Park City, UT)

Nina Lussi (3/29/94; Lake Placid, NY)

Karin Friberg (11/17/89; Roseville, MN)

Men's Jumping:

Anders Johnson (4/23/89; Park City, UT)

Chris Lamb (6/21/89; Andover, NH)

Nick Fairall (7/6/89; Andover, NH)

Mike Glasder (3/27/89; Cary, IL)

Andrew Bliss (11/17/90; Lake Placid, NY)

Nordic Combined:

Brett Denney (2/26/90; Steamboat Springs, CO)

Nick Hendrickson (6/20/91; Park City, UT)

Taylor Fletcher (5/11/90; Steamboat Springs, CO)

Colin Delaney (2/21/91; Lake Placid, NY)

Cliff Field (9/29/92; Steamboat Springs, CO)

AAA OFFERS FREE RIDE HOME AFTER SUPER BOWL

“Tipsy Tow” Program Helps Keep Drinking Drivers off Roads

SALT LAKE CITY, January 29, 2009 – Don’t commit a party foul after the Super Bowl and wind up penalized with a trip to the hospital, or behind bars for drunk driving. If you’ve been drinking during the Super Bowl, AAA Utah will take you and your car home for free.

The Tipsy Tow program is open to everyone. You do not need to be a AAA member to take advantage of this service to the community.

AAA will offer the service to drinking drivers from 6 p.m. on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1st to 6 a.m. February 2nd in Utah. Drivers, potential passengers, party hosts, bartenders, and restaurant managers can call 800-222-4357 (AAA-HELP) for a free tow home of up to five miles. Just tell the AAA operator, “I need a Tipsy Tow,” and a truck will be on its way.

The service will provide a one-way ride for the driver and vehicle to the driver’s home. If there are additional passengers who need a ride, they will be taken to the driver’s home as long as there is sufficient room for them to be transported safely in the tow truck. You cannot make a reservation.

“Everybody wants to have fun at a Super Bowl party,” said Rolayne Fairclough, spokesperson for AAA Utah. “But if you’ve been drinking, don’t get behind the wheel. Give AAA a call and we’ll make sure you get home safely.”

In 2006, there were 2,674 alcohol and other drug-related crashes in Utah. These resulted in 1,966 injuries and 68 fatalities. These crashes are six times more likely to be fatal than other crashes. The number of alcohol and drug related deaths increased 51% from 2005. Drivers aged 20- 24 had the highest percentage (21%) of alcohol and other drug-related crashes. As little as one drink can impair vision, steering, braking, judgment, and reaction time.

AAA estimates that a first time DUI conviction can cost up to \$12,000 in fines, penalties, restitution, legal fees, and added insurance expenses. You can’t put a price tag on a crash that causes an injury or death.

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance, DMV, financial services and consumer discounts to more than 180,000 members. AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers since it was founded more than 100 years ago.

Outdoor Retailer Winter Market 2009 Closes on High Note

The outdoor industry's premier trade event continues to deliver high-quality buyers and valuable new events and venues for meeting attendee and exhibitor objectives, despite lighter attendance

San Juan Capistrano, Calif. and Salt Lake City - Jan. 26, 2009 - After a beautiful day of winter product demos at Backcountry Base Camp and four packed days of meetings and exhibits, participants of the Outdoor Retailer Winter Market trade show expect the outdoor market to maintain strength through the economic downturn.

This feeling continues to be part of the general mentality as the show added more than 110 new exhibitors and new areas/events to better meet its attendee and exhibitors business needs.

Despite these efforts, preliminary show numbers indicate the softening of the market did effect show numbers both in the number of attendees (approx. 16,500 attendees) and sold floor space (330,000 net-sold, square-feet). The overall attendance numbers were "down slightly," a decrease of approximately five percent from last year's Winter Market turnout.

"Historically, the outdoor industry has done well in economic downturns, and this trend appears to be holding true today as our overall numbers are down only slightly from last year's Winter Market," said Kenji Haroutunian, Outdoor Retailer show director. "Although some manufacturers and retailers sent fewer people to this year's show, the right exhibitors and buyers were in attendance, and orders were definitely being written on the show floor. I met several new retail attendees who were really surprised at the depth and quality of exhibitors at OR."

Many attending retailers agreed the show continued to be "the place to be" to do business for the coming year.

"Retailers need to be here," said Norman Cavallaro, president of Saybrook, Connecticut's North Cove Outfitters and winner of the 2009 SNEWS Backbacker 'Retailer of the Year Award.' "I come here to talk with people about what's new both from a business standpoint and product standpoint. Besides doing business with current suppliers, I also come here to do business with new suppliers. I require that each of my staff find at least one new product from a new company, and they did and more."

In addition to fairly healthy show numbers, Outdoor Retailer provided its exhibitors and attendees with valuable new and revamped events/venues for meeting their business and networking objectives during the show.

Backcountry Base Camp

Outdoor Retailer retailers gathered at Snowbasin Ski Resort to view hands-on exhibitor displays and test backcountry products including Nordic skis, snowshoes and accessories. Highlights from this year's BBC included a new, more realistic testing track for Nordic skiing and an avalanche safety product demo where Haroutunian was embedded in a six foot pile of snow for an hour.

Backcountry Village

A centralized community space located on the show floor, the Backcountry Village provided a

neutral forum and meeting space for the most relevant product, people and technologies in the winter hardgoods marketplace. Feature presentations in the village included the Winter Wildlands Alliance Film Festival, Save Our Snow with World Champion Freeskier Alison Gannett, and special celebrations for advocacy alliance, 1% for the Planet.

"I saw a number of manufacturers and attendees pull up a chair and take advantage of our nearly daily happy hours," said Kate Mitchell, program aficionado for 1% for the Planet. "Non profit organizations, like us, also benefited from the close proximity to existing and potential members and supporters."

OR "Winter Exposure" Industry Party & Fashion Show

Presented by Woolrich, the Winter Market Fashion Show "Winter Exposure," revealed dozens of the latest designs in the wintersports technical, casual, and endurance apparel categories, and brought products "to life" for a jam-packed ballroom of attending buyers and media.

"The fashion show was a huge success for us," said Jerry Rinder, vice president of sales and marketing for Woolrich. "It wasn't your typical fashion show. It brought the Woolrich Heritage line to life in an energetic and youthful way, and it brought buyers into our booth where we could discuss how we've updated our traditional products with technical fabrics and design."

Project OR

In its first year at Winter Market, Outdoor Retailer hosted the second cycle of "Project OR," a 48-hour concept-to-prototype student design competition meant to inspire innovative winter outdoor fashions. Ron Rod, a design student from Colorado State University, walked away with the title after designing and completing a woman's mid-layer jacket complete with a fully-integrated and working sound system.



Show attendees and exhibitors were encouraged to track their favorite contestant during daily episodes (available for viewing [online](#) and in the Design Center) and participate in a live voting component of the competition. Curt Sousa, a student from Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM), was the winner of the People's Choice award.

Scandinavian Village

In the Scandinavian Village, OR attendees were able to explore the product offering and culture of members of the Scandinavian Outdoor Group (SOG), 30 leading Scandinavian outdoor brands founded to serve and support retail customers and media in European markets.

"Scandinavian brands offer American retailers a whole new section of colors and styles from solid brands that have been around for more than 100 years," said Martin Kossler, chairman of the board for the Scandinavian Outdoor Group. "Beyond expanding distribution into U.S. storefronts, our exhibitors are giving us great feedback about the orders being written and the networking opportunities here at Outdoor Retailer."

The next Outdoor Retailer Winter Market, a trade-only event, will begin with Backcountry Base Camp to be held at Snowbasin Ski Resort on January 20, 2010, followed by the indoor

portion of the show at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, January 21-24.

"We got off to a great start at our Backcounty Base Camp at Snowbasin with hundreds of retailers and industry VIPs getting a first-hand opportunity to try out the latest and greatest in outdoor gear on some of the best snow on earth," Haroutunian said. "That vibe continued on Day One of the show itself at the Outdoor Industry Association breakfast, an industry gathering that featured world-famous filmmaker Ken Burns sharing a short clip from his fall 2009 documentary, 'The National Parks: America's Best Idea.' The film will inspire millions to get outside and use the lands their taxpayer dollars provide. And now, with snow falling here in Salt Lake City, I can say I feel very good about this year's Outdoor Retailer Winter Market."

DWR Witness Bags Trophy Elk

Richfield -- Good things happen to those who wait. Just ask Mary Moulton.

During most of the year, Mary lives and works at Fish Lake near Richfield. She's an

avid hunter, and she has hunted the area for years.

During the 2007 general season spike bull elk hunt, Mary was going about her business when she heard rifle shots above her home. She looked up in time to see a person shoot a branch-antlered bull elk and then abandon the animal. (Branch-antlered bulls may not be taken

during the spike bull elk hunt.)

Mary later saw the same person—rifle in hand—still hunting in the area. She contacted wildlife officers and let them know what she saw. The officers arrested the individual and later obtained a conviction in court.

Because the arrest resulted in a conviction, the Division of Wildlife Resources issued a poaching-reported-reward permit to Mary. The permit was good for the limited entry bull elk hunt on the Fish Lake unit in 2008.

On the opening morning of the 2008 hunt, Mary bagged an enormous bull elk.

The bull had five antler points on each of its antlers.

Mary named the bull "Last Chance." She named the animal this because she thinks it might be the last big bull she takes.



Mary Moulton is 72 years old.

Bald Eagle Day is Feb. 7 and Feb. 14

If you've ever seen a bald eagle in the wild, you know it's an experience that can take your breath away.

In February, you'll have two chances to not only see bald eagles, but to learn more about them.

You can see bald eagles at five different sites during this year's Bald Eagle Day. This is a photo of a live eagle taken at the Tracy Aviary. Photo by Brent Stettler.

The Division of Wildlife Resources is holding its annual Utah Bald Eagle Day.

The event will be held on two different Saturdays. On Feb. 7, eagle viewing will take place at sites in central, northeastern and southwestern Utah. On the following Saturday, Feb. 14, Utah Bald Eagle Day will be celebrated at two sites in northern Utah.

There is no cost to attend Bald Eagle Day. 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.

On Feb. 7, you can view eagles at the following locations:

Feb. 7

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.

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.

Rush Lake Ranch, located on the Minersville highway (SR - 130) about 12 miles north of Cedar City.

On Feb. 14, viewing will take place at the following locations:

Feb. 14

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. - (Io)wa 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 325. 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.

If you attend the event at Farmington Bay, you may want to drop by the Great Salt Lake Nature Center at the north end of the WMA. - In addition to participating in fun activities, you can learn more about becoming a volunteer at the WMA. - Volunteers lead birding tours and help with other projects.

Get a close look

"We'll set spotting scopes up at each viewing site so you can get a good look at the eagles," says Bob Walters, Watchable Wildlife coordinator for the DWR. - (Bi)ologists and volunteers will also be on hand to help you spot the eagles and to answer any questions you have."

Information about bald eagles, and wildlife watching and birding opportunities in Utah, will be available at each location. You can get the materials for free, or for a small cost.

The best time to attend

The best time to see eagles on Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 depends on two things.



If you want to attend during the warmest time of the day, attend late in the morning or early in the afternoon. "The warmer temperatures are especially important if you bring young children with you," Walters says.

Late morning and early afternoon is also the clearest time of the day to see the eagles.

If you want to see the greatest number of eagles, attend between 2 and 4 p.m. "In mid-afternoon, the eagles start flying to trees to roost for the night," Walters says. "If you want to see the greatest number of eagles, mid to late afternoon is usually the best time to attend."

Items to bring

If you attend Bald Eagle Day, dress in warm clothes and bring waterproof boots. Also, if you want to get pictures of the eagles, bring a telephoto lens.

"The eagles will be some distance from the viewing areas," Walters says. "In the past, we've had photographers try and get close to the eagles. They ended up scaring the eagles away."

Utah's most popular viewing event

Walters started Bald Eagle Day in 1990 as a way to introduce people to Utah's wildlife. "Bald Eagle Day 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 become Utah's most well attended, and one of its most enjoyed, wildlife-viewing events.

SCI Foundation Honors Two Extraordinary Sportsmen with the 2008 Pathfinder Award

Reno, Nevada – Safari Club International Foundation (SCIF) is pleased to announce that Camron Tribolet of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Louis Riccardi of Nutley, New Jersey are the 2008 Pathfinder Award recipients. They were formally recognized on January 23, 2009 at SCI's Annual Hunters' Convention in Reno, Nevada. This award is presented to individuals who are faced with overcoming a physical challenge or disability, discovering previously unexplored regions of self-esteem, self-worth, courage, persistence, and determination. The recipients are individuals who have a "never quit" attitude and who are recognized as ambassadors for other "pathfinders" seeking leadership when faced with similar challenges. In honor of this award, SCIF coordinates world-class hunting safaris for the annual Pathfinder Award recipients. "Hunters who are as passionate and dedicated about hunting as Tribolet and Riccardi should be commended for their hunting achievements, and their perseverance to continue participating in the sport they love should be a testament to all sportsmen and women," said SCI President Merle Shepard. "Both of these men represent the qualities that we see in true „pathfinders." They exemplify the leadership, determination and courage of those with similar challenges and should serve as an example to the entire hunting community" continued Shepard.

RV Dealers Association seeking support from Congress

The RVDA has urged its RV and motorhome members to get in touch with congress. They are asking for the support of the dealers as they actively support legislation that would extend the net operating loss (NOL) period for small businesses. The extension of the NOL period to 5 years would enable companies to carry back losses to earlier, more profitable, years.

The RVDA sees the extension of the NOL period as a viable option that will deliver the needed stimulus to the nation's struggling economy. Lack of capital for day to day operations leaves many small business owners looking for an out that will enable them to make it through and the ability to take advantage of a future tax benefit to get cash today could be the difference between open for business and "closed doors" for many in the RV industry.

The proposed legislation has received plenty of negative press so the RVDA along with other organizations from a variety of industries are doing what they can to make the benefits known. The RVDA requested action from its RV dealers. RV dealers were asked to get in touch with their congressman regarding the legislation and the benefits it would offer.

RV Dealers Support the RVDA by Getting in Touch with Congress RV dealers were asked to encourage Congress to include specific items in the economic recovery legislation including: 1) extending the current 2 year NOL carryback period to 5 years for 2008 and 2009, 2) NOL carryback is a proven tool for restoring jobs, 3) the proposed relief will offer cash flow immediately to NOL companies; these same companies would otherwise have to wait years to use their NOLs, and 4) the proposed relief is “Targeted, Timely, and Temporary” (many economists judge economic recovery proposals on this basis).

When asked about the RVDA’s request to support the proposed legislation, Clint Ethington of Pedata RV Center, said, “I haven’t heard of any other proposed solution, temporary or otherwise, that would benefit so many hard working people so immediately. The RVDA supports the dealers by supporting the legislation...so it’s only right that the dealers do their part, too.”

BLM and Forest Service Announce 2009 Grazing Fee

The Federal grazing fee for 2009 will be \$1.35 per animal unit month (AUM) for public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management and \$1.35 per head month (HM) for lands managed by the Forest Service. The grazing fee for 2009 is the same as it was in 2008.

An AUM or HM – treated as equivalent measures for fee purposes – is the occupancy and use of public lands by one cow and her calf, one horse, or five sheep or goats for a month. The newly adjusted grazing fee, determined by a congressional formula and effective on March 1, applies to nearly 18,000 grazing permits and leases administered by the BLM and more than 8,000 permits administered by the Forest Service.

The formula used for calculating the grazing fee, which was established by Congress in the 1978 Public Rangelands Improvement Act, has continued under a presidential Executive Order issued in 1986. Under that order, the grazing fee cannot fall below \$1.35 per AUM, and any increase or decrease cannot exceed 25 percent of the previous year’s level.

The annually adjusted grazing fee is computed by using a 1966 base value of \$1.23 per AUM/HM for livestock grazing on public lands in Western states. The figure is then adjusted according to three factors – current private grazing land lease rates, beef cattle prices, and the cost of livestock production. In effect, the fee rises, falls, or stays the same based on market conditions, with livestock operators paying more when conditions are better and less when conditions have declined.

The \$1.35 per AUM/HM grazing fee applies to 16 Western states on public lands administered by the BLM and the Forest Service. The states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho,

Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The Forest Service applies different grazing fees to national grasslands and to lands under its management in the Eastern and Midwestern states and parts of Texas.

TREAD LIGHTLY! INCREASING OUTREACH TO HUNTING, FISHING, AND SHOOTING SPORTS

OGDEN, UTAH (January 30, 2009)—Tread Lightly! will be working in 2009 to increase its outreach to the hunting, fishing and shooting sports communities.

“These recreationists have played a huge role in conservation efforts throughout history,” said Tread Lightly!’s executive director Lori McCullough. “We think hunters and anglers will embrace Tread Lightly!’s message and principles, further reducing impacts on public land and waterways. This will, in turn, help keep hunting, shooting and fishing areas open to the public.”



Tread Lightly!’s connection with these enthusiast communities was jump started when 40 organizations signed on to the Federal Lands Hunting, Fishing, and Shooting Sports Roundtable Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. A clause in the MOU encourages these organizations to promote outdoor ethics, like those developed by Tread Lightly! to their

constituents. Some of the organizations signed on the MOU Roundtable include Safari Club International, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Izaak Walton League of America, National Rifle Association, Delta Waterfowl Foundation and The National Wild Turkey Federation.

The Roundtable recently commissioned Tread Lightly! to develop a national shooting sports education and outreach campaign. The campaign will focus on reducing litter, property damage and environmental impacts from irresponsible shooting on public land.

A partnership between The U.S. Forest Service and Tread Lightly! provided \$10,000 for the campaign development and implementation. Yamaha Motor Corporation also donated an additional \$10,000 towards the project.

In developing the campaign, Tread Lightly! will draw from extensive shooting sports research conducted by a public opinion research firm called Responsive Management.

Tread Lightly! plans to unveil the campaign this spring or early summer.

Additionally, Tread Lightly! is forming strategic alliances with several of these hunting, shooting, and fishing organizations. Partnerships have already been established with The National Wild Turkey Federation and The Delta Waterfowl Foundation. These two conservation groups play key roles in preserving wildlife, habitat and hunting opportunities.

Wild turkeys released in Nine Mile Canyon

Turkey populations expand across the state

Don't be surprised if you start seeing wild turkeys in areas you've never seen them before. By the time this winter is over, more than 500 turkeys will be living in new areas in Utah.

DWR biologists Bill Bates (foreground) and Roy Marchant release turkeys into an area near Nine Mile Canyon. If you look closely, you'll see a bird running out of one of the turkey carrier boxes Marchant just opened. Photo by Alan Green.

That's how many turkeys Division of Wildlife Resources biologists are planning to move from one area of the state to another this winter. They're moving the turkeys to start new populations or strengthen existing ones.

Turkeys released in Nine Mile Canyon

One of the most recent releases happened on Jan. 15, when 26 wild turkeys were released on property owned by the Bill Barrett Corporation.



The property is in Nine Mile Canyon in southeastern Utah.

The turkeys came from southwestern Utah, where turkey populations have reached an optimal size. Once flocks have extra birds, some of those birds can be moved to other parts of the state.

In the past, the DWR partnered with the National Wild Turkey Federation to bring birds into Utah from outside the state. Now Utah's flocks have increased to the point that the state has extra birds that biologists can move within the state.

The 26 birds released on Jan. 15 were Rio Grande turkeys. This subspecies is prized for its ability to adapt to low-elevation areas that have pinyon-juniper trees, riparian areas and farmland. The new transplants will supplement a small flock of turkeys that were released in the area about 10 years ago.

The Bill Barrett Corporation partnered with the DWR to provide habitat and living space for the new flock. That will help the turkeys make a successful transition to their new range in southeastern Utah. The flock will eventually expand and move onto public land.

"The Bill Barrett Corporation and Hunt Oil Company are making a positive contribution to Utah's wildlife," says Brad Crompton, regional wildlife manager for the DWR. - (We) appreciate all they're doing."

Kearney Wins, Takes Cup Lead

PARK CITY, UT (Jan. 29) - The U.S. Ski Team's Hannah Kearney (Norwich, VT) led the way for three U.S. podiums, winning the moguls competition at the 2009 Visa Freestyle International at Deer Valley Resort in Park City Thursday to take over the World Cup freestyle standings.

Kearney, who marked her second win of the season, was joined on the podium by Michelle Roark (Denver), who was second, and Pat Deneen (Cle Elum, WA), who was third in the men's moguls.

"It's incredibly satisfying to have the lead back," Kearney said. "My first run was conservative and I skied defensively and when you ski defensively you generally make mistakes. I was tentative and not excited for my skiing. So the second run I just went for it. I had nothing to lose and I skied more aggressively."

According to Kearney, being a Vermonter may have given her an extra edge on the rest of the competition at Deer Valley.

"Going into both jumps was like a sheet of ice. Luckily I have a really good tune on my skis and I grew up in Vermont so I'm able to handle it," Kearney said.

Teammate Roark was right on Kearney's heels marking her first World Cup podium of the season, not to mention her first 720, as the U.S. pulled seven out of eight women into the finals.

"I was really nervous today. This is the first time I did a 720 in a long time. It reminds me of skating, which is my background. I hope I can just build on this," Roark said. "I love when it's a skier's course. It's long and challenging. The crowd is great and the volunteers are so good. Deer Valley always puts on such a great event."

In the men's, Deneen was at the helm of three U.S. men finishing in the top 10. Guilbaut Colas of France won.

"I feel really good. Everyone did a good job building the course and I gave it everything I had today," Deneen said. "I talked to my coaches and we made a plan and it worked out for me. I feel better physically now than I've ever felt after Deer Valley. It's such a tough course out here."

Landon Gardner (Missoula, MT) followed Deneen in seventh, while Dave DiGravio (Farmington, ME) was 10th.

"It was a pretty good day. I missed two finals this year so it was a really good feeling to make finals at Deer Valley. I'm pretty excited about where I ended up," Gardner said. "I've been working on the 720 truck driver over the summer and finally was able to put it all together and land on my feet today and it felt really good."

"We had seven out of eight women in finals. Hannah keeps rolling, and you couldn't be happier with what the women are doing now," Freestyle Head Coach Jeff Wintersteen said. "Dave DiGravio is coming back from injury. He got in finals and it's his first World Cup back in two years. Landon got a top-10, which is great and Pat is rolling on. I really thought we had a shot to win, but we're happy with third."

"We'll switch gears tomorrow for aerials and then go on to duals and halfpipe on Saturday."

The Visa Freestyle International turns the heat up Friday as aerials takes place at Deer Valley.

OFFICIAL RESULTS

2009 FIS WORLD CUP

Visa Freestyle International

Park City, UT - Jan. 29, 2009

Moguls

Men

1. Guilbaut Colas, France, 24.62
2. Alexandre Biloeau, Canada, 24.20
3. Pat Deneen, Cle Elum, WA, 23.99
4. Anthony Benna, France, 23.49
5. Yugo Tsukita, Japan, 23.15
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7. Landon Gardner, Missoula, MT, 22.76
10. Dave Digravio, Farmington, ME, 21.45
17. Sho Kashima, South Lake Tahoe, CA, 20.16
18. Michael Morse, Duxbury, MA, 20.09
22. David Babic, Washington, VT, 19.48
24. Joseph Discoe, Ridgway, CO, 18.91
25. Jeremy Bloom, Fort Collins, CO, 18.86
36. Jimmy Discoe, Ridgway, CO, 13.53
39. Bryon Wilson, Butte, MT, 10.92

Women

1. Hannah Kearney, Norwich, VT, 22.91

2. Michelle Roark, Denver, 21.75
3. Margarita Marbler, Austria, 20.80
4. Jackie Brown, Canada, 20.63
5. Miki Ito, Japan, 20.25
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6. Shannon Bahrke, Tahoe City, CA, 20.05
7. Kayla Snyderman, Winchester, MA, 19.88
8. Shelly Robertson, Reno, NV, 19.64
12. Emiko Torito, Denver, 14.38
14. Heather McPhie, Park City, UT, 10.73
30. Eliza Outtrim, Steamboat Springs, CO, 4.32

FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH

ABAJO MOUNTAINS: Tommi Budd fished some open water at Blanding #4 on Sunday. His limit of fish included a 21-inch tiger trout and a 16-inch albino. Tommi experimented with a



variety of spinners, flies and bubble, and PowerBait. He also observed ice anglers catching fish at Blanding #3. Recapture is a mixture of ice and open water. The ice fishing season is over

there. Tommi recommends PowerBait at Blanding #3 and #4, and brassy lures or Rapalas at Recapture.

ELECTRIC LAKE: Weekend blizzard conditions kept anglers at home. Open water occurs on the north end around the mine's water discharge. Springs or isolated pockets of open water may also be encountered. Caution is advised.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: Tom Ogden fished the creek on January 13, and caught 10 small browns along open water stretches below the forks. Tom used floating line and three different fly patterns. These included a size 12 bead head Montana, size 14 bead head hares ear (gray color), and size 12 bead head serendipity (green color). Tom reports very little fishable water along the creek at this time. He observed most trout in holes, resting on the bottom, and indicates that in winter months, a fly must be drifted past a trout a number of times, before it will bite. The bite will be very light, so an angler must watch for any hesitation in the drift of the fly.



HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR

(MAMMOTH): Blizzard conditions over the weekend put a stop to angler activity. The ice cover is thick, and snow-covered. Angler access is difficult, and drilling an ice hole is even harder.

HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVOIR: Slow fishing is expected.

JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR:

Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen reported

fair to good fishing on Saturday, January 24 for 10-12 inch splake. He checked 10 parties of anglers, all of whom were using jigs, tipped with chub meat. Casey recommends fishing west of the new boat ramp and south of Lowry Water.

Ron Sorensen of Mount Pleasant, who caught a 27-inch splake on January 3, caught another 27-inch on January 17. It weighed an estimated eight pounds. Ron fishes with a custom yellow/chartreuse jig, tipped with chub meat. On the 17th, Ron fished in 12 feet of water near the Lowry Water inlet on the north side of the lake. Ron reported catching a lot of small splake that moved around in schools, so the bite alternated between hot and cold all day long.

Regulations at Joes Valley Reservoir changed on January 1. The limit is four trout, and only one trout may be over 18 inches. Please take along a 2009 Fishing Guidebook for reference.

LAKE POWELL: Visit <http://www.wayneswords.com> for the winter fishing report from Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

LASAL MOUNTAINS: Mountain access is closed, except by snow machine. On January 28, Conservation Officer Tj Robertson stated that Kens Lake was now open. The ice fishing season is over.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR: Fishing success has slowed down.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR:

Sergeant Stacey Jones reported that Scofield Reservoir was rainy all weekend. Rain, slush and a slick surface made moving around the ice pack very difficult.

Fishing success was poor with all kinds of end tackle and on all parts of the reservoir.

On January 1, regulations changed at Scofield Reservoir. The limit is four trout in the aggregate. A slot limit is now in effect for tiger and cutthroat trout. No more than two may be cutthroat or tiger trout under 15 inches, and no more than one may be a



cutthroat or tiger trout over 22 inches. All cutthroat and tiger trout from 15-22 inches must be immediately released. The trout you take home should not be filleted or the head and tail removed. Any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat trout. It's a good idea to take along a 2009 Fishing Guidebook for reference.

BAKER RESERVOIR: (January 29) Open water. Generally slow fishing, though one angler reports fair success for rainbows and browns with wooly buggers on a sinking line. Fall and winter are good times to target nice browns at Baker. Try rapalas or other crankbaits, streamers, frozen minnows, or jigs tipped with cutbait (like chub or sucker).

BARKER RESERVOIRS (NORTH CREEK LAKES): (January 29) Access by snowmobile or ATV. All lakes except Barker and Lower Barker Reservoirs are closed to fishing until April 18.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES: (January 29) Access by snowmobile. All lakes are iced-over.

BEAVER RIVER, LOWER: (January 29) Some of the ice may have melted with the recent warm weather.

BEAVER RIVER, UPPER: (January 29) Anchor ice is making fishing difficult.



BOULDER MOUNTAIN:
(January 29) Most Boulder Mtn. lakes are closed to fishing until April 18. Check the Utah Fishing Guide (proclamation) for which lakes are still open. Access is limited to snowmobile or ATV.

CLEAR CREEK: (January 29)
Some ice along the banks. 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.

DUCK CREEK POND / ASPEN MIRROR LAKE:
(January 29) Closed Jan. 1 to April 18.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER, BLACK CANYON:
(January 29) The river in Black Canyon generally does not

freeze over. 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.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER IN KINGSTON CANYON: (January 29) Some of the ice has melted with the recent warm weather.

ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR UPPER: (January 29) The upper reservoir was not stocked in 2008 due to continued repair work on the dam. It will be stocked in spring 2009.



FISH LAKE: (January 29) The ice was weakening lately, especially at the pressure ridges. Use caution with ATVs and snowmobiles. Wet snow on top of weak ice makes for slush. Ice is 8 to 10 inches. Fast fishing for splake. Use jigs or Kastmasters tipped with perch, sucker, or chub. Smaller splake, along with perch and a few rainbows are caught just outside the weeds. Good success for larger splake (16 to 18 inches) at 50 to 60 feet. Get away from the crowds for best success. For lake trout, try larger white jigs tipped with sucker or chub in 50 to 60 feet.

FORSYTH RESERVOIR: (January 29) Generally slow fishing. Ice fishing is a good way to target splake. Try light-colored jigs or Kastmasters tipped with cutbait.

FREMONT RIVER: (January 29) The road above Mill Meadow is not plowed, so access can be difficult. 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.

GUNLOCK RESERVOIR: (January 29) The reservoir was drained in fall 2008 for dam repairs. Bass and bluegill will be stocked in spring 2009, but it will take a few years for populations to re-establish.

JOHNSON RESERVOIR: (January 29) Musky fishing will be slow until spring. The reservoir contains an abundance of suckers, Utah chubs, and small yellow perch.

KOLOB RESERVOIR: (January 29) Access by snowmobile only. There's not much ice fishing pressure due to the access issues.

KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR: (January 29) Ice weakened near the edges during recent warm weather. It is not certain how many fish survived low water this fall. Ice fishing will likely be slow at best this year.

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR: (January 29) Access is limited to snowmobile or ATV. Ice fishing is usually good if you can get there.

MAMMOTH CREEK: (January 29) 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.



MILL MEADOW

RESERVOIR: (January 29) Ice is 10 to 12 inches. Fast fishing for perch in 10 to 15 feet. A few browns and splake are also being picked up. Best success with jigs tipped with perch meat. Medium-sized brown trout are abundant. These brown trout are wild fish spawned in the Fremont River. It is very unique to find such a dense population of wild brown trout in a reservoir. Best techniques for the browns are flashy lures, streamers, and natural baits like night crawlers and minnows. Good-sized perch up to 10 inches are semi-abundant.

MINERSVILLE

RESERVOIR: (January 29) Ice weakened near the edges during recent warm weather. Wet snow on top of weak ice makes slush, so please use caution. Try white marabou

or tube jigs in 8 to 10 feet.

MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES: (January 29) Snow limits access. These lakes typically don't get much ice fishing pressure.

NAVAJO LAKE: (January 29) Plenty of ice but the gate is closed and access is limited to snowmobile or ATV. Not much pressure because of access, but ice fishing can be very productive here. Ice fishing is a good way to target splake. Try light-colored jigs or Kastmasters tipped with cutbait.

NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR: (January 29) Ice weakened near the edges during recent warm weather. Wet snow on top of weak ice makes slush, so please use caution. Ice is 10 to 12 inches and fishing is slow. A few small rainbows are being caught.

OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR & STATE PARK: (January 29) The recent warm weather has weakened the ice, and there is one to two feet of open water around the edges. The ice in the middle of the reservoir is 12 to 14 inches. Pressure has dropped off with slow fishing and

weakening ice. Slow to fair fishing for most anglers. Try to get away from the crowds at the most popular spots.



PANGUITCH LAKE: (January 29) Ice is 16 to 18 inches. Slow to fair fishing for most anglers though a few report good success. Better success for those who get away from the crowds at the popular spots. Try light-colored jigs tipped with mealworms or cutbait in 8-12 feet. Some fish are caught on the bottom, while others are suspended halfway up.

NEW REGULATIONS: Limit is four trout, no

more than two may be cutthroat or tiger trout under 15 inches and no more than one may be a cutthroat or tiger trout over 22 inches. All cutthroat and tiger trout 15 to 22 inches must be released. No size restrictions on rainbow trout. Trout caught at Panguitch Lake cannot be filleted, or the head or tail removed, until you get home or to a camp. For help with fish identification, refer to page 40 in the Utah Fishing Guide or go to wildlife.utah.gov/trout.pdf.

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, while digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks instead of treble hooks.

PARAGONAH RESERVOIR: (January 29) Access by snowmobile—trucks and ATVs not recommended. Ice fishing can be productive if you can get there. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base.

PINE LAKE: (January 29) Safe ice. Remember the road isn't plowed, so access may be difficult. Ice fishing should be good if you can get there.

PIUTE RESERVOIR: (January 29) The recent warm weather has weakened the ice, and there is one to two feet of open water around the edges. The ice in the middle of the reservoir is 10 to 12 inches. Fishing is generally slow, though one group reported good success very close to shore. Try to get away from the more heavily fished spots, and try the same techniques as Otter Creek. Don't go too deep—most fish are caught in 6 to 12 feet.



QUAIL LAKE: (January 29) Shore anglers are doing fair to good for rainbows near the inlet and the dam. PowerBait in shallow water has produced best. Slower action for trollers. Bass fishing slows down during the colder months though it is still possible to catch fish. Make sure you fish during the warmest part of the day. A very slow retrieve is key—even dead-sticking may help. Many bass anglers prefer drop-shot rigs in the winter. Don't be afraid to use larger plastics or even hardware. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR: (January 29) Bass fishing slows down during the colder months though it is still possible to catch fish. Make sure you fish during the warmest part of the day. A very slow retrieve is key—even dead-sticking may help. Many bass anglers prefer drop-shot rigs in the winter. Don't be afraid to use larger plastics or even hardware.

SEVIER RIVER IN MARYSVALE CANYON: (January 29) Some ice has melted with the recent warm weather.

THOUSAND LAKE MOUNTAIN: (January 29) Access is limited by snow. Ice fishing is usually good in Solomon Basin, if you can get there.

TROPIC RESERVOIR: (January 29) Snow may limit access. Winter is a good time to target brown trout. The local favorite bait is frozen minnows.

WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR: (January 29) The ice is thin around the edges.

YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR: (January 29) Access is limited to snowmobile and ATV. Ice fishing is usually good if you can get there.

BIG SANDWASH RESERVOIR: (January 28) Anglers report fair to good fishing near the boat ramp for up to 16-inch rainbows. Check the ice carefully before venturing out.



BROUGH RESERVOIR: (January 28) No new reports from anglers. The reservoir has ice. Check it before venturing out. The road to Brough is snow covered and can be quite rutted.

BROWNE LAKE: (January 28) Anglers report fair to good ice fishing. Check the ice carefully before

venturing out. The road gates are closed.

BULLOCK RESERVOIR: (January 28) The reservoir has ice, but there haven't been any recent reports from anglers. Check ice conditions carefully before venturing out.

CALDER RESERVOIR: (January 28) The reservoir has good ice, and anglers have been using snowmobiles and four-wheelers to access the area. Reports indicate slow to fair ice fishing. Check the ice before venturing out.

COTTONWOOD RESERVOIR: (January 28) The reservoir has ice, but there haven't been any recent reports from anglers. Check ice conditions carefully before venturing out.

CROUSE RESERVOIR: (January 28) The reservoir has good ice, and anglers have been using snowmobiles and four-wheelers to access the area. Reports indicate slow to fair ice fishing. Check the ice before venturing out.

CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR: (January 28) Anglers report 12 to 18 inches of ice, depending on where they placed holes. Fishing was slow by the dam even though fish were visible in the fish finders. Anglers who walked farther had better success, but the fish still weren't very active. You'll have to travel through snow and ice to access the dam. The road to the dam is maintained regularly, but at this time of year, a storm can quickly make roads treacherous and impassable.

EAST PARK RESERVOIR: (January 28) East Park Reservoir is ice covered, with no new reports of ice fishing success. Winter road gates have been closed, so access is now by skis or snowmobile.

FLAMING GORGE: (January 29)

All Utah boat ramps remain open, but this can vary each day. For example, a sheet of roughly 20 feet of ice formed off Antelope, but then winds cleared it within a couple of days. The ramps currently have snow and will be slick from this weekend's storm. Check the ice carefully as anglers report a wide range of ice thickness. In general, ice has formed from the river arms down past Marsh Creek. The ice was 8 to 10 inches thick in the confluence area, but farther south, the ice becomes irregular. In two separate reports, anglers who fished the southern ice drilled holes in eight or more inches of ice. Then, they took a few steps and realized the ice had changed, so they drilled again to find only three inches below them. Water temperatures remain in the mid to upper 30s in the lower end of the reservoir. Note the regulation changes for ice fishing and spearfishing for the Utah portion of the reservoir as of Jan. 1. See the [Utah Fishing Guidebook](#) for details.



Lake trout: Fishing continues to be fair to good. Linwood Bay is open to night fishing. Anglers report good fishing for 12- to 24-inch lake trout in the Canyon, Antelope and Lucerne areas. Some anglers report that they are catching their limits of lake trout in the canyon. Try points next to deep water in Sheep Creek, Red Canyon, the Skull Creeks and Jarvies Canyon, and in the Antelope Flat/Lucerne area. Fish are scattered

from 50 to 120 feet, with most in the 80- to 100-foot range. Smaller fish are suspending off the bottom while feeding on zooplankton. If you are jigging, try tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow or brown. Tipping it with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat may increase interest. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons are also working well. Using no-stretch line will help you feel strikes and set the hook better. Use a graph to see where fish are located and place the jig at the same depth. When trolling, check your graphs and use downriggers to get lures like needlefish, other spoons and Rapalas down near the bottom. Long lining near the surface with small or large fish-imitating lures may produce large fish that have spawned and are trying to fatten up on prey fish near the surface. Let out a couple hundred feet of line behind the boat or use planer

boards to get lures out to the side of the boat.

Kokanee salmon: Fishing for kokanee is typically slow this time of year. Try around Buckboard, Big Bend, Pipeline, Sheep Creek and Jarvies Canyon. You can find fish throughout the water column, so try a range of depths. Downriggers, long lining, lead weights and planer boards can get the small spoons (like needlefish, triple teasers or other erratic-moving lures) down to the right depths. Try trolling at speeds from 1.5 to 2.5 miles per hour. If you are ice fishing, watch for schools of fish on the graph and try to put jigging spoons like Crocodiles and Kastmasters in front of them.

Rainbow trout: Boat fishing is good in Utah, and ice fishing is good in Wyoming. There have been reports of larger fish (in the four-pound range) being taken on the Wyoming end of the reservoir. If you are ice fishing, look for fish from 10 to 30 feet deep and use typical rainbow gear. If you are fishing from a boat or shore, try casting lures or baits like a worm/marshmallow combination or PowerBait. Fish can be deep or shallow, so try different depths. Don't be afraid of harvesting some rainbows. They are really tasty from the cold waters of the Gorge.



Burbot: Anglers are catching burbot while jigging in 20 to 40 feet of water over rocky and shale bottom. Try fishing at night or early in the morning in waters from 20 to 40 feet deep. Try fishing off the points in areas like Antelope Flat, Linwood Bay or Sheep Creek in Utah and Firehole, Lost Dog, Sage Creek, Confluence, Buckboard, Holmes Crossing, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and

Marsh Creek in Wyoming. Use glow tube or curly tail jigs that are two to three inches in size and about 1/8 to 1/4 ounce in weight. Glow jigging spoons and jigging Rapalas also work well. Tipping your lures with sucker or crayfish meat and using smelly jelly or similar scents in crayfish also seems to help. Make sure you recharge your glow lures often. During the day, these fish will move deep (70 to 100 feet), so jigging in deep water may produce better daytime success. Anglers can now use up to six lines to fish through the ice on the Utah portion of the reservoir. Anglers will not need a two-pole permit to fish with more than one line. Please see the [Utah Fishing Guidebook](#) for more details.

Smallmouth bass: Smallmouth fishing is typically slow during the winter months. Try fishing the rocky areas where crayfish will be and adjust depth until you find the fish, likely 20 or more feet down. Crayfish-colored grubs on leadhead jigs or small plastic worms, senkos, twitch and crankbaits may work if you can get the lure right in front of the fish. If you're fishing in the canyon, keep a limit of 10 fish smaller than 10 inches to help thin out the population and increase growth on the remaining fish.

GREEN RIVER BELOW FLAMING GORGE DAM: (January 28) Daily flows on the river are averaging 1300 cfs through January and then changing to 1,100 for February. The double-peaking flows requested by Western Power Administration will continue. The peak of the morning fluctuation will be about 1600 cfs, and the afternoon fluctuation will reach approximately 1900 cfs with a base flow of about 800 cfs. Try fishing scuds, eggs patterns and attractor nymphs during periods when no hatches are occurring. Watch for midge hatches to occur during the warmer parts of the day. Streamer fishing is a good technique to use during the winter months. Spin fishermen should try Rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); spinners; spoons; black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and plastic jigs.

MATT WARNER: (January 28) The reservoir is ice covered, and it looks like anglers have been busy. You should find fair to good fishing. Access is limited by drifting snow.

MOOSE POND: (January 28) The Moose Pond is now being refilled, and the surface is frozen. It was drained to make some needed enhancements. If everything goes as planned, the pond should be ready and stocked by early next summer.

PELICAN LAKE:

(January 28) Pelican Lake is frozen, and the ice is close to a foot thick.

Anglers report fast fishing for bluegill. Smallmouth bass fishing has started to slow down, but you can still find some good spots. Check the ice conditions carefully, especially around the edges.

RED FLEET

RESERVOIR: (January

28) Anglers reported good fishing before the recent storms. Most fish were in the 12-inch range, with a few larger rainbows being taken. Ice thickness varies, thinning considerably the farther you are from the shore.



STARVATION RESERVOIR: (January 28) The main channel has frozen and thawed multiple times this winter. Consider all of the ice unsafe. If you do venture out, check it very carefully.

STEINAKER RESERVOIR: (January 28) Anglers report fair to good ice fishing for rainbows. You'll find 10 to 12 inches of ice near the shore, but the ice is considerably thinner in the middle. Check the ice carefully before venturing out.

BEAR LAKE: (January 20) Biologist Scott Tolentino reports that Bear Lake is completely ice-free and, in the mild weather, it's unlikely that Bear Lake will freeze anytime soon. You can launch boats at the Utah State Park marina and Cisco Beach ramps. There is no dock in the water at Cisco Beach. Fishing has been excellent for cutthroat trout, whitefish and some cisco off the east side at the pump house and 2nd Point in about 24 to 40 feet of water over the weedbeds. Anglers fishing off the rockpile are jigging up limits of cisco. As of Tuesday morning the cisco run has not begun, but we did see a few single cisco along the Cisco Beach area which means the run should begin within the next day or two. The next report will be on Thursday, January 22nd. We will update the Bear Lake office answering machine with the latest information and we ask that you **please, call after 5:30 p.m.** The phone number to call is: (435) 946-8501.

BIRCH CREEK RESERVOIR: (January 20) Conservation Officer Casey McVay reports little pressure, but those who do venture out are landing a fish or two on average.

EAST CANYON RESERVOIR & STATE PARK: (January 28) Josh Gibson reports poor ice conditions with water showing in the middle. Most anglers are catching small to medium rainbows. Conservation Officer Jonathan Moser reports 9 to 10 inches of ice covered by three inches of very wet slush. Use waders to access the ice. Anglers are having success with shrimp, an ice fly tipped with a wax worm, and PowerBait. Try fishing 15 to 20 feet down for a chance at fish up to 16 inches long. Volunteer Jim Morkin reports slow fishing. Morkin fished off the longest point directly across from the launch ramp area in 35 feet of water. He caught a few 13- to 15-inch rainbows using small jigs with a small Castmaster attractor spoon rigged about 12 inches above the jig.



ECHO RESERVOIR: (January 28) Dedicated Hunter Cody Gaskill reports fair success and that the ice is about 14 inches thick. Anglers were fishing right in the middle of the lake through 15 inches of ice, in about 30 to 35 feet of water. Try using a pink ice cutter and moving the pole up and down every five minutes.

LOST CREEK RESERVOIR: (January 28) Conservation Officer Jonathan Moser

reports slow fishing. There is eight to ten inches of ice, although there are a lot of puddles of standing water or slush from last weekend's storm. Anglers report success using a glow in the dark tube jig, glow rat-finky, or an ice fly all tipped with a wax worm. Fish are generally 16 inches or larger, but are few and far between.

MANTUA RESERVOIR: (January 28) Dedicated Hunter Cody Gaskill reports that anglers were having some success catching small rainbows using a bright pink jig with a wax worm. Volunteer Jim Morkin reports slow fishing. He caught a small perch, a few bluegills, a couple of trout and two bass. He used 2# test line in 15 feet of water using jigs less than 1/64th of an ounce.

PINEVIEW RESERVOIR: (January 28) As of Jan. 23 the entire reservoir is capped with eight inches of ice. The weekend rains may have changed ice conditions, however, so please use caution. Anglers are concentrated primarily on the north side of Cemetery Point and Browning Point, with few anglers in the Narrows because of poor catch rates. Anglers, with fish finders or cameras, are marking fish, but most report slow fishing. Black crappie action is extremely slow. Yellow perch action is fair. Stationary anglers had limited success. Try moving around and finding the active fish. Most anglers are using a combination of lures and bait, including assorted jig colors and ice flies tipped with a meal worm, wax worm, perch meat or perch eye ball. Some anglers are using a combination of 1/8 ounce Castmaster blade, Swedish Pimple or similar hardware, with a jig or ice fly as a dropper tipped with meal or wax worms. Anglers fishing 28 feet of water or deeper had the most success. Average catch rates on Jan. 23 were approximately 1.85 fish per angler per day with a 100% harvest rate. On average, anglers caught 1.8 yellow perch per day and 0 black crappie per day. Average length and weight of all harvested yellow perch was 8.65 inches=10.44 inches) and .342 pounds (min=0.29 pounds, max=0.62 pounds), respectively.



WEBER RIVER: (January 20) Biologist Paul Thompson reports fishing pressure continues to be light. The Weber River from Echo Dam downstream to Taggart is becoming difficult to fish due to ice conditions.

WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR: (January 28) Dedicated Hunter Cody Gaskill reports the ice is about 15 feet away from the shorelines. No anglers were fishing.

SOLES4SOULS™ INC., THE SHOE CHARITY, ANNOUNCES NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP WITH LIBERTY TAX SERVICES

Customers Can Save \$20 on 2008 Tax Preparation Services and Help the Non-Profit Collect Shoes for Those In Need Nashville, TN – January 28, 2009 – Soles4Souls, the international

charity dedicated to providing free footwear to those in desperate need, announced the creation of a national partnership with Liberty Tax Services. Customers can use coupons to receive a \$20 discount on their 2008 tax services and Liberty Tax will donate an additional \$20 to Soles4Souls for each coupon used. In addition, at participating locations customers will be able to donate their “gently worn” pairs of shoes. Visit our website www.giveshoes.org to find a participating location near you. All shoes donated to Soles4Souls will go directly to helping needy people in the United States and around the world.



"Soles4Souls is proud to work with Liberty Tax Services in this unique program," said Wayne Elsey, Founder and CEO of Soles4Souls Inc. "This program is exciting because it reaches thousands of people who may not have participated in one of our programs. We want to thank Liberty Tax Services for their partnership in helping us put shoes on the feet of people who need it most," he said.

"Our Liberty Tax team is energized to help this worthy cause by creating a buzz in our offices and communities that will generate collections, donations and further national awareness for Soles4Souls," said John Hewitt, CEO and Founder of Liberty Tax Service.

Customers can send an email with the location of your service and contact information to libtax@giveshoes.org. A Soles4Souls representative will email the customer a printable coupon. In addition, select Liberty Tax offices will host shoe drives during the tax season. Patriotic-themed shoe collection boxes will be at these locations and customers are encouraged to clean out their closets and donate their shoes to help those in need.

About Liberty Tax Service

Liberty Tax Service is the fastest growing retail tax preparation company in the industry's history. Founded in 1997 by CEO John T. Hewitt, a pioneer in the tax industry, Liberty Tax Service (www.libertytax.com) has prepared over 6,000,000 individual income tax returns and currently operates over 3,000 offices throughout the United States and Canada.

Liberty Tax Service provides computerized income tax preparation, electronic filing and refund loans. With an emphasis on customer service including audit assistance, a money back guarantee, and free tax return checking, Liberty Tax Service is well known for its strong commitment to its client base.

With 40 years of tax industry experience, Hewitt stands as the most experienced CEO in the tax preparation business, having also founded Jackson Hewitt Tax Service (NYSE: JTX).

About Soles4Souls

Nashville-based Soles4Souls™ facilitates the donations of both new and used shoes, which are used to aid the hurting worldwide. Soles4Souls has distributed more than 4 million pairs

(currently donating one pair every 17 seconds) to people in over 70 countries, including Honduras, Uganda, Romania, and the United States. The charity has been featured recently in Runner's World and the Green Guide by National Geographic. It has also appeared on CNN, NBC, ABC, FOX, CBS, and hundreds of regional outlets around North America. Soles4Souls is a 501(c)(3) recognized by the IRS; donating parties are eligible for tax advantages. Visit www.giveshoes.org for more information.

Safari Club International Recognizes Jim Shockey as the 2009 C.J. McElroy Award Winner

World-class hunter and outdoor television host is honored recipient

Reno, Nevada – Safari Club International (SCI) is pleased to announce that Jim Shockey is the 2009 winner of the prestigious C.J. McElroy Award, sponsored by Nikon Sport Optics.

Named for the late founder and chairman emeritus of SCI, the C.J. McElroy Award honors a member of SCI who has, achieved excellence in worldwide hunting, displayed a dedication to the conservation of wildlife, and has a history of service to the global hunting community and to SCI's goals. Award winners display exemplary ethics in the business of hunting and be committed to SCI's programs and mission statement. "All of us in SCI leadership offer our congratulations to Jim on this prestigious accomplishment," said SCI President Merle Shepard.

Jim Shockey hails from British Columbia and is a native of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Shockey learned the love of hunting from his father at an early age, and when the outdoor business beckoned, he entered the arena as an outdoor writer. Later, Shockey became an outfitter when he bought guide territory on Vancouver Island.

In the early 1990s, with the advent of hunting shows on cable television, Shockey found he had an easy and natural manner before the camera which landed him a spot on Bill Jordan's "Realtree Outdoors" where he hosted a weekly segment before getting his own show on the Outdoor Channel. "Jim Shockey's Hunting Adventures" has since become one of the world's best-known hunting shows and has helped propel Shockey to celebrity status in the hunting world.

Shockey is also known as a world-class hunter in his own right, is a definitive leader of the muzzleloading contingent, with SCI records for 37 species. SCI's C.J. McElroy and Professional Hunter of the Year Awards were conferred upon Shockey last week during SCI's 37th Annual Hunters' Convention, in Reno, Nevada.

Shockey's success at communicating the SCI mission and the positive image of hunters is supported by the following sponsors: Thompson/Center, Safari Club International, Stealth Cam, Leupold, Nosler, Caldwell Shooting Supplies, Cannon Safe, Cabela's, Walker's Game Ear, Primos, Robinson Outdoors Products, Sportsman's Warehouse, Tourism Quebec, American Pioneer Powder, Alpine Archery, ARGO, Heater Body Suit, SHE Safari, and Pioneer Log Homes of BC.

INVISTA EXPANDS COOLMAX® ECOMADE FIBER PRODUCT LINE TO ACTIVEWEAR

Wilmington, DE (January 2009) – INVISTA announces an expanded product line for its newest performance fabric development, **COOLMAX® EcoMade filament fiber**, made from 97 percent post-consumption recycled bottles, at the recent Outdoor Retailer show from January 22 to 24, 2009 in Salt Lake City.

The **new COOLMAX® EcoMade filament fiber** expands the fiber's end uses into performance sportswear, outerwear and tops. The innovation continues to deliver the COOLMAX® fabric brand promise as "The Ultimate Performance Fabric," as it is made with the unique 4-channel cross section for high-performance permanent moisture movement. Tests for absorbency, wicking, hand, dyeability, and abrasion resistance showed **COOLMAX® EcoMade filament fibers** can meet existing COOLMAX® fabric standards.

The process for making **COOLMAX® EcoMade filament fiber** begins with the collection of post-consumer bottles made of polyethylene terephthalate, or PET, which are cleaned and converted into polymer flakes. The flakes are then converted into chips, melted and extruded into fiber. This fiber can then be spun into yarn suitable for activewear. It takes approximately fourteen 20 oz. plastic bottles to produce an extra large men's T-shirt.

"INVISTA's commitment to creating sustainable innovations has resulted in the continuing evolution of **COOLMAX® EcoMade fiber** for the activewear industry. INVISTA is proud that we have created an exceptional performance product, and one that minimizes the environmental footprint of synthetic fibers," says Julien Born, INVISTA's Global Segment Director of Activewear & Outdoor Apparel."

In August 2008, **COOLMAX® EcoMade** fiber was introduced for performance socks and has quickly gained accolades for its performance and function from brands including **DeFeet** and **Injinji**.



Sportsmen's Coalition Urges Salazar to Revise Energy Paradigm

Hundreds of sportsmen's groups and businesses support responsible public-lands development, changed approach by federal government to management of natural resources

WASHINGTON – Sportsmen for Responsible Energy Development, a coalition of more than

350 businesses, groups and individuals working to balance energy development and conservation in the West, today sent a letter to Interior Secretary Ken Salazar thanking him for

his recent comments before the U.S. Senate in support of responsible energy development. The coalition also urged the secretary to undertake review and revision of federal laws, regulations and policies governing public-lands oil and gas development and offered its support in resolving conflicts between these policies and fish and wildlife habitat and sporting traditions.

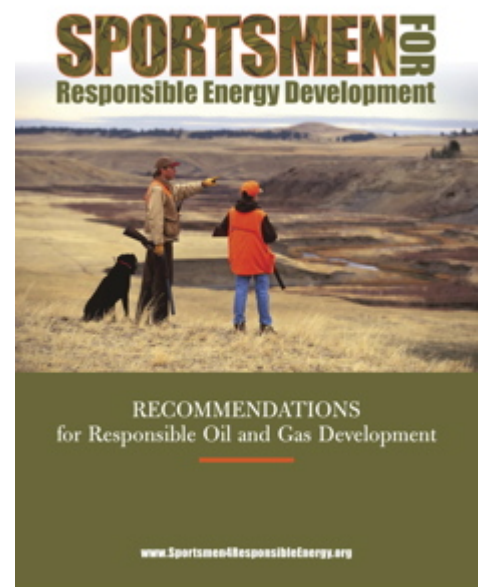
In its letter, the SFRED coalition cited two upcoming energy lease sales that exemplify problems in the current federal approach. On Feb. 3, the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management intends to sell development rights to 173,000 acres of federal lands, and on Feb. 12, the Colorado BLM could offer rights to 99,000 acres. Close to 150,000 acres of the Wyoming and Colorado leases contain critical habitat for fish and wildlife, including sage grouse habitat, Colorado River cutthroat trout waters, big-game migration corridors and crucial big-game winter range. The areas also provide opportunities for American sportsmen, whose presence helps strengthen rural economies and supplies stable jobs associated with hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreation.

“These two lease sales present an opportunity for the Department of the Interior to take a hard look at its current mineral leasing policies and implement changes,” said Kate Zimmerman, senior land stewardship policy specialist for the National Wildlife Federation. “Sportsmen encourage Secretary Salazar and his staff to evaluate both the sales themselves and the department’s overall leasing process before the sales are allowed to proceed.”

Members of the SFRED coalition already have formally protested the Wyoming sale and are deliberating whether to follow suit in the Colorado sale. Administrative protests such as these are the public’s only recourse for objecting to the federal leasing process and raising concerns about impacts to resources like fish and wildlife.

“Sportsmen have little confidence that these important public lands and the fish and wildlife resources they support can be sustained, given the present model and approach used by the BLM to manage the lands post leasing,” said Brad Powell, Trout Unlimited’s Western energy coordinator. “Unacceptable losses could result if the leases are issued as currently proposed.”

Over the past eight years, more than 26 million acres of federal public lands in the Intermountain West have been leased for oil and gas development. The accelerating pace of federal leasing gave rise to growing concerns of sportsmen and others that energy projects were not being planned in consideration of other natural resources and other public-lands uses. The SFRED coalition has formulated a series of recommendations concerning the laws, regulations and policies governing public-lands oil and gas development, offering a blueprint for improving the federal approach that can be achieved both administratively and legislatively.



“One of the SFRED’s primary recommendations entails reaffirmation, in policy and actions, of the multiple-use management of public lands to sustain fish, wildlife and water resources during energy development by addressing deficiencies in the federal leasing process,” said TRCP Energy Initiative Manager Steve Belinda. “The cultivation of public-lands energy reserves is important to our nation, but poorly planned and potentially damaging development proposals do little to achieve this objective.



“Conflicts between fish and wildlife and our sporting heritage can be minimized,” concluded Belinda, a former federal biologist. “But this new approach must start in Washington, and it must start now.”

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