

UPCOMING WINTER TRAILS DAY OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TRY A NEW SNOW SPORT

Salt Lake City, January 2nd, 2009. Mountain Dell will host Winter Trails Day on January 10th, 2009 from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Winter Trails is a national event that offers those new to snow sports an opportunity to try snowshoeing and cross country skiing FREE. During this time, equipment, instruction, classes & tours will be available to the public.



Local retailers REI & Wild Rose and outdoor non-profit organizations The Utah Nordic Alliance and The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation will be presenting this one day event of guided snowshoeing, cross country & skate ski instruction and outdoor interpretation.

Demo equipment will be provided at no charge by the top brands in the snow sports industry. Activities include hour long snowshoe interpretive tours, and introductory classes to cross country skiing and skate skiing.

According to REI spokesperson Celeste Eppler, "There are few better activities for one's health or personal enjoyment than snowshoeing or cross country skiing. Winter Trails Day is a great opportunity to make that first step into these endeavors both fun and memorable."

Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are excellent forms of low-risk, low impact aerobic exercise, according to SnowSports Industries America (SIA), a national non-profit trade association that represents product suppliers. Information provided through SIA indicates that both activities can help improve or maintain cardiovascular fitness as well as burn calories.

Activities are as follows:

SNOWSHOE INTERPRETIVE TOURS

The Cottonwood Canyons Foundation will provide basic snowshoeing instruction and insight into winter ecology. Tours are beginner and family friendly. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

INTRODUCTION TO CLASSIC CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Participants will be introduced to cross country skiing for the first time while exploring Mountain Dell's beautiful groomed track. Taught by the experts from The Utah Nordic Alliance (TUNA) & REI. Recommended for ages 12 and up.

BEGINNING SKATE SKI LESSON

Skate skiing takes classic Nordic style up a notch in speed and cardiovascular exertion. This introductory skate ski lesson builds on classic style, and will be taught by the instructors from the Utah Nordic Alliance & REI. Basic Classic skiing experience is required for all participants. Recommended for ages 14 and up.



GEAR DEMO

Participants can try out the newest in snowshoes, Nordic skis boots & poles from the leading manufacturers of snow sport technology. Tubbs, MSR, Atomic, Fischer, Salomon, Rossignol, Swix & more will be on hand with the latest & greatest gear all day long.

Activities will generally begin on the hour & half hour. Participants will be served on a first come first served basis. No advance registration is required. Participants should allow ample time for registration and equipment fitting.

When: Activities begin at 10am and will run through 3pm on Saturday, January 10th 2009.

Where: Mountain Dell Golf course is located in lower Parley's Canyon on I-80 east of Salt Lake City at exit 134 (6.5 miles from the mouth of the canyon).



Disclaimer: Participants must be at least 10 years of age and in good physical health. All participants must sign a waiver before participating in any activity or using demo gear. Any participants under the age of 18 must have a parent/legal guardian present. Mountain Dell is located in a protected watershed area. Sorry, dogs or other pets are not permitted by law.

More information can be found these sponsor's websites:

www.cottonwoodcanyons.org

www.utahnordic.com

www.rei.com

For information about cross country skiing, snowshoeing and other snow sports, log onto www.winterfeelsgood.com. Winter Trails is

organized nationwide and in Canada by SnowSports Industries America (SIA), the Cross Country Ski Areas Association (CCSAA) and the American Hiking Society.

COLD WATER IMMERSION STEPS TO SURVIVAL

Salt Lake City - As air temperatures drop and ice begins to form on reservoirs, Utah State Parks boating officials remind everyone to be aware of the dangers of sudden winter storms and cold water temperatures.

“You never know when you might end up in the water. Life jackets not only keep you afloat, but provide an extra layer of warmth,” said Assistant Boating Program Manager Chris Haller. “The combination of additional heat and flotation might mean the difference between life and death.”

According to the 1-10-1 Principle, someone in cold water has one minute to get their breathing under control, 10 minutes to have enough strength and dexterity to self-rescue, and up to one hour of consciousness. After this time, survival chances decrease dramatically.

Haller also recommends the following cold water boating safety tips:

- Have a ladder or a method to re-board your boat
- Carry a signaling device, such as a mirror or flare gun
- Carry a cell phone or marine band radio with service where you boat
- Always tell someone your boating plans including where you are going and what time you will return
- Check local weather conditions before heading out
- Carry the proper equipment onboard your boat



For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

HELMETS, SAFETY AND EDUCATION ARE TOPICS OF SNOWMOBILE SAFETY WEEK

Salt Lake City -- National Snowmobile Safety Week is January 10 through 18. For this eight-day observance, and throughout Utah’s snowmobile season, Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Education Specialist Ann Evans is stressing helmets, safety and education.

“Because of the recent snowstorms, thousands of Utahns are heading to the mountains,” said Evans. “We want everyone to ride safely and know the laws and rules before they go. Be educated and be prepared.” She encourages riders to check avalanche, trail and weather conditions, and share itineraries with family and friends.

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

All youth under age 18 are required by law to wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet approved by the Department of Transportation. Utah Department of Health (UDOH) and Utah State Parks strongly recommend that all riders



wear helmets, especially parents who set an example for children and other riders.

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

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

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

AVALANCHE SAFETY STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

Salt Lake – As Utah continues to receive large amounts of snow, Utah State Parks off-highway vehicle managers strongly encourage people to be prepared when riding snowmobiles in the backcountry.

There are many factors that can trigger avalanches including weak snow layers, wind drifts and slope. Almost all avalanches occur on slopes between 35 and 45 degrees. Check snow conditions, as well as recent avalanche activity, before heading out.



Remember the following tips when heading into the backcountry:

- Check avalanche conditions and information before venturing outdoors
- All snowmobilers should carry a beacon, shovel and probe. Know how to use them!
- Take an avalanche training course

- Never ride alone and always tell someone where you're going and when you plan to return

On Saturday, January 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., join Utah State Parks, the Utah Avalanche Center, and area snowmobile dealers and clubs for an Open Air and Safety Demo at the Monte Cristo Recreation Area.

Test ride the newest snowmobiles and check out winter recreation accessories. Learn avalanche safety, brush up on your beacon and probe skills, and enjoy a day in the snow.

Fees are \$5 per vehicle and annual parking passes are accepted. The Monte Cristo Trailhead is located 17 miles northeast of Huntsville off State Highway 39. For more information, please call (435) 734-9494.

For avalanche information, please contact the Utah State Parks and Recreation OHV Education office at 1-800-OHV-RIDE.

UTAH STATE PARKS SNOWMOBILE GROOMING REPORT

Please find below, current snowmobile grooming conditions as of January 5:

LOGAN - Groomed December 31

HARDWARE - Groomed Temple Flat, Mill Hollow to Elk Valley Guard Station, most of Cottonwood

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

WASATCH - Big Flat, Snake Creek, Pole Line Pass, Cascade Springs, Soldier Hollow

SOUTH MIRROR LAKE HIGHWAY – Extreme avalanche danger!! Mirror Lake Highway, Soapstone to Nobblets, 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

SCOFIELD - No grooming report

EPHRIAM - No grooming report

MT. NEBO - No grooming report

FISH LAKE - Monroe Mountain, Bowery Haven, Land Ledges

CEDAR MOUNTAIN - Cedar Breaks, Brian Head, Navaho Lake

For updated grooming and avalanche conditions, please call 1-800-OHV-RIDE.

APPRAISAL SHOW AT CAMP FLOYD STATE PARK AND MUSEUM

Fairfield – On Saturday, January 24, museum staff host an appraisal show from 12 to 4 p.m., at the historic Fairfield Schoolhouse at Camp Floyd State Park and Museum. Appraisers from the Utah Antique Dealers Association help evaluate the treasures hidden in your home. Appraisers specialize in old photographs, books, fine art, furniture, silver and glassware, and other antiques.

The appraisal ticket is \$5 and all proceeds go directly to funding Camp Floyd's educational programs. Participants are encouraged to bring one or two items.

Camp Floyd State Park is located in the town of Fairfield, 22 miles southwest of Lehi on State Highway 73. For more information, please call (801) 768-8932.

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

January 16 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Stars and Snow: Join park staff in the visitor center at 6:30 p.m. for an evening learning about the winter night sky. Program includes an indoor discussion, followed by outdoor constellation observation. Hot chocolate is served. Registration is required. (435) 654-1791

January 17 Edge
of the Cedars State Park
Museum – Blanding
Coyote Tosses the Stars: Join
park staff from 9:30 a.m. to 3
p.m., for a day of traditional
winter stories, games, and
activities. Learn string games
from Lucille Hunt and listen to
ancient stories told only during
the winter months. (435)
678-2238



January 17
Jordanelle State Park -
Heber

Track Me If You Can Series- Cougars: Join the park naturalist from 10 a.m. to noon to learn about living with cougars. 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 pass holders. (435) 782-3030 or (435) 649-9540

January 22 Utah Lake State Park - Provo

Winter Sailing Seminar: Utah Lake, Facts, Figures and History- Join U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologist Robert Baskin from 7 to 8:30 p.m., for a presentation on the unusual cartography of Utah Lake. (801) 375-0731

Seedlings for Wildlife offered

West Point, MS - Just as Toxey Haas' passion for hunting spawned the creation of Mossy Oak Brand Camo, his passion for resources and the management thereof has sprouted another branch of the Mossy Oak Enterprise, Mossy Oak Nativ Nurseries.

For years one of Toxey's favorite hobbies has been collecting special seed and hand growing many plants and trees in his backyard. It became his obsession to discover rare species and naturally occurring hybrid varieties never before offered to the public.

As Mossy Oak grew, a larger source was needed for plants and trees; one that carried the many wildlife varieties that you couldn't find readily available. Not only was a source for these "naturally beneficial" plants and trees needed, but a source was needed that would provide genetically advanced varieties from superior parent trees - varieties that had preferred characteristics like taste, vigorous growth, health and early abundant mast production - characteristics that wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts prefer.



Mossy Oak Nativ Nurseries is dedicated to providing the most naturally beneficial plants to landowners and land managers. Whether its White Oaks or Crabapples for whitetails, American Beautyberry for songbirds, native flowers for butterflies or hummingbirds, landscaping the cabin, or our incredible collection of rare oak hybrids, it's all about taking care of things for the future and benefiting nature. Toxey Haas, Founder of Mossy Oak stated " Not only has the team here at Mossy Oak Nativ Nurseries identified and hand cultivated the very best genetically superior species available today, we have opened the door to never before offered naturally occurring hybrids, most of which are vastly superior to the traditional species. It is with great excitement that we offer many of these rare and genetically exceptional plants through Mossy Oak Nativ Nurseries."

We are picky! Our plant species are hand selected from superior trees that exhibit the traits we desire, hand grown and cared for with special attention to be sure each species is getting the care it deserves. Look for Mossy Oak Nativ Nurseries plants at your local nursery or Lowes in Spring '09, visit www.monativnurseries.com or call 662.494.4326 for more information.

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting January 7-8, 2009, 9:00 A.M., Quality INN

1659 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

AGENDA

Wednesday, January 7, 2009 – DNR Complex room 1010

1. Board Appeal – Rex Powell – Time Certain 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 8, 2009 – Quality INN

1. Approval of Agenda **ACTION** – Paul Niemeyer, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes **ACTION** – Paul Niemeyer
3. Old Business/Action Log **CONTINGENT** – Rick Woodard, Vice-Chair
4. DWR Update **INFORMATION** – Alan Clark, DWR Assistant Director
5. Deer Feeding Policy **INFORMATIONAL** - Justin Dolling, Game Mammals Program Coordinator
6. Bear Study **INFORMATIONAL**- Kevin Bunnell, Mammals Program Coordinator
7. Bear Proclamation and Rule R657-33 **ACTION** - Justin Dolling, Game Mammals Program Coordinator
8. Statewide Pronghorn Management Plan **ACTION** Kevin Bunnell, Mammals Program Coordinator
9. Falconry Rule R657-20 **ACTION** - Kevin Bunnell, Mammals Program Coordinator
10. Drawing Application Procedures Rule R657-62 **ACTION** - Kenny Johnson, Wildlife Licensing Specialist
11. Wildlife Convention Permits Rule R657-55 **ACTION** - Kenny Johnson, Wildlife Licensing Specialist
12. Habitat Management Plans – **CRO ONLY ACTION** - Ashley Green, Habitat Program Coordinator
13. CWMU Advisory Committee Member Replacement **ACTION** - Boyde Blackwell, Wildlife Program Coordinator
14. Wildlife Board Variance Request – Mr. Trevor Smith **ACTION**
15. Other Business **CONTINGENT** – Paul Niemeyer

BLM SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR VACANT POSITION ON UTAH'S RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL



Utah residents interested in the management and conservation of public lands have an opportunity to become directly involved through participation on the Utah Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Resource Advisory Council (RAC). Council members provide advice and recommendations to BLM concerning the use and management on 22 million acres of public land in Utah.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the position of elected official on the RAC. The incumbent will fill the seat until September 19, 2010, the remainder of this position's term. The deadline for sending nominations and letters of support to the BLM is February 5, 2009.

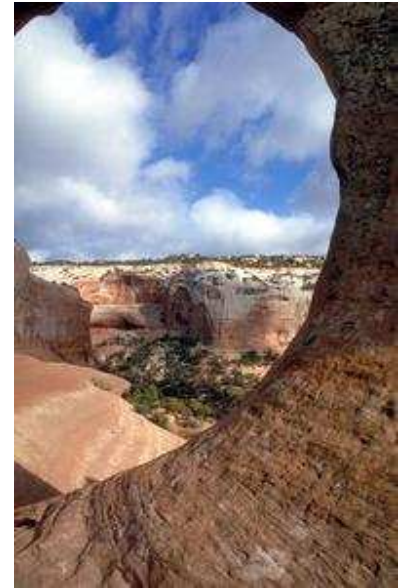
The Utah RAC consists of 15 members. The RAC charter provides for members to serve 3-year terms, on a staggered basis, with one-third of the council subject to appointment or reappointment each year.

Nominees will be evaluated on their education, training, and experience of the issues involving public lands in Utah. They should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision making.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from the interests or organizations to be represented, a completed nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. Nomination forms are available from BLM offices, and from BLM's website at <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en.html>

BLM consults with the Governor's Office before forwarding its recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior for the final decision.

All nominations and letters of reference should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84101, Attn: Sherry Foot, by close of business February 5, 2009. For additional information, contact Special Programs Coordinator, Sherry Foot at (801) 539-4195.



BLM Director Names New National Landscape Conservation System Director

Bureau of Land Management Director James Caswell today appointed Carl Rountree to lead the National Landscape Conservation System. Rountree, a natural resources civil servant for more than 30 years, currently serves as the budget officer in the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters.

"The breadth and depth of Carl's experience makes him an ideal fit for this critical position," Caswell said. "His thorough understanding of BLM programs will help him develop strong bonds with communities, advance science and partnerships, and craft creative ways to conserve, protect, and restore these special resources."

Since its inception in 2000, the National Landscape Conservation System has been a showcase for managing special areas in a multiple-use context. The NLCS consists of 866 areas comprising nearly 27 million acres in 11 Western states, plus Alaska and Florida. Congress and the President have the authority to designate these areas, which include National Monuments, National Conservations Areas, Wilderness Areas, Wilderness Study Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and

National Scenic and Historic Trails.



Before serving as budget officer in Washington, D.C., Rountree was the BLM's associate state director in Arizona. He also served in a number of management positions in the BLM's California State Office including deputy state director for natural resources, assistant director for ecosystem science, chief of biological resources, and chief of planning and environmental coordination. Rountree began his Federal career as a land use planner for the Forest Service's Washington Office. He was a senior land use planner for the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments in South Carolina prior to that.

While in California, Rountree played an active role in the creation of the California Biodiversity Council and served as the chairman of its Executive Council for several years. The Council was formed in 1991 to improve coordination and cooperation among resource management and environmental protection organizations at the Federal, state, and local levels.

Rountree holds a bachelor's degree in political science from The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., and a master's degree in city and regional planning from Clemson University. He served as a U.S. Army helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War. He lives in Washington, D.C., and has three grown children.

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.

New High Definition Flashlight Produces Square Beam of Light

Overland Park, KS - The HD™ Torch from Bushnell shines a new light on flashlight technology. While conventional flashlight produce circular patterns of light that are uneven and irregular, the new HD Torch projects a perfectly square and uniform beam of light. The benefit is that the light beam is consistent from center to edge without dim areas or doughnuts of light.

Without the shadows that are typical with traditional flashlights, the HD Torch makes objects stand out from their background for better definition and clarity. It is a great tool when searching for lost objects because the square beam lets the user search by quadrant or zone for more precision and efficiency. The HD torch can easily light up an entire wall without moving from side to side.

The HD Torch is constructed of aircraft-grade aluminum and produces 165 Lumens of light with its powerful LED. Run time is 1.5 hours and it is powered by two 3-volt lithium batteries. There are two operating modes: high and safety-strobe for emergency use.

For convenience, the HD Torch includes the "Find Me" feature, a glowing "B" rear button that allows serves as a battery life indicator. The flashlight comes with two batteries and a lanyard.



The new HD Torch will be available at Bushnell dealers nationwide. Suggested retail price is \$79.99.

For more information on Bushnell Products visit www.bushnell.com or call 800-423-3537 for consumer inquiries.

Statewide Fishing Report

BEAR LAKE: Biologist Scott Tolentino reports Bear Lake is completely ice-free. Boats can be launched at the Utah State Park marina and Cisco Beach ramps. However, there is no dock in the water at Cisco Beach due to it becoming ice covered by waves and unusable. There has been very little fishing pressure on Bear Lake this past week due to high winds. The fishing should be good for cutthroat trout and lake trout on the east side and just south of Gus Rich Point—jigging over weed-beds in 20–30 feet of water. Also, the pump house on the east side is typically very good fishing this time of year. Expect the cisco run to take place approximately Jan 20th. Daily checks of the status of the cisco run begin on January 15th.

CAUSEY RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer Dave Beveridge reports fishing is fair to slow.

EAST CANYON STATE PARK: Conservation Officer Jonathan Moser reports the ice thickness ranges between six inches and open water. Taylor Hollow and Dixie Hollow had the most ice but there were fishermen in Rocky Hollow and near the boat ramp. Try wax worms, PowerBait, or shrimp as bait on a tube jig or ice fly.

ECHO RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer Bruce Johnson reports ice thickness is six to seven inches. Success is very low.

HYRUM STATE PARK: Sergeant Mitch Lane, Conservation Officer Matt Burgess and Park Ranger Floyd Powell all report fishing has been slow. Only a few trout are being caught. Some perch also. Ice is not safe for fishing on yet. There's about five inches of ice near the dam, but still some open water on the upper end.



LOST CREEK RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer Jonathan Moser reports the ice was about 5–6 inches thick at the dam. Please use caution when traveling on ice. Thinner ice is out in the middle but people were out having a fun time catching some cutthroat trout. Try fishing 20–25 feet down with a tube jig or an ice fly tipped with a wax worm or night crawler.

MANTUA RESERVOIR: Anglers are reporting six to eight inches of ice. Fishing success has been fair. Anglers are using pink sparkle PowerBait, ice flies tipped with wax worms and ice jigs with a small piece of night crawler in seven to ten feet of water.

NEWTON RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer Matt Burgess reports Newton has ice on it and people have been fishing it. Logan angler Kyle Hollingshead caught a 20-inch largemouth bass through the ice on New Year's Day— happy New Year Kyle!



PINEVIEW RESERVOIR: Biologist Kent Sorenson reports Pineview is fairly slow fishing for perch and crappies. Ice conditions range from good (4–5 inches) to treacherous depending on where you are. The Narrows is pretty good, but Middle Fork arm still had some open water. Extreme caution is advised and use of any type of non-floating motorized vehicle is not recommended.

Parking is a real fiasco. There are maybe a dozen or so spots plowed on the north side of the Narrows— maybe that many on the south side as well (be aware of the very steep access on the south). The lot on Cemetery Point has been plowed but is very icy. There was little action off the Cemetery Point beach and those that were there were getting skunked. The north side of Cemetery Point is unsafe as of today (Saturday). Biologist Ben Nadolski reports biologists are conducting a creel survey at Pineview Reservoir. This survey will take place for one year and is designed to survey fishing pressure, angler success and harvest rates. Biologists are also hoping to survey public opinion of current and future management strategies at Pineview Reservoir. Your participation in this survey is greatly appreciated.

As of Jan. 2 most of the reservoir was capped with ice. Some open/thin areas remained near the dam and in each of the main inlet areas. Due to these conditions, use extreme caution when venturing onto the ice. However, in most other areas ice thickness was 4–6 inches and anglers were concentrated in the Narrows. Parking near the Narrows is limited due to heavy snow accumulations. Ice access is easiest and safest on the north side. A small area has been plowed so park close together to maximize access for others.

Most anglers report moderate fishing success. All anglers that were interviewed used a combination of lures and bait— including assorted jig colors and ice flies tipped with a meal worm, perch meat or perch eyeball. Some anglers used a combination of 1/8–1/4 oz. Kastmaster

blade or similar hardware. They used a jig or ice fly as a dropper that was tipped with bait. Most fish were caught in water deeper than 40 feet. Most anglers report having to move around to find fish, but once found, their success was good.

Average catch rates on Jan. 2, 2009 were approximately 7.4 fish per angler (min: zero, max: 22) and 41% of all fish that were caught were harvested. Most yellow perch were concentrated on the bottom and some anglers with fish finders were having success catching black crappie suspended in the water column. On average, anglers caught 6.3 yellow perch per day (1.47 per hour), .28 bass per day (.06 per hour), .67 black crappie per day (.15 per hour), and .11 bluegill per day (.03 per hour).

PORCUPINE RESERVOIR: Access to Porcupine is limited.

ROCKPORT STATE PARK:

Conservation Officer Bruce Johnson reports very few perch are being caught by anglers. Fishing success is poor. Ice thickness is 4–5 inches.



WEBER RIVER: Biologist Paul Thompson and Conservation Officer Bruce Johnson report fishing pressure continues to be light. Fishing success along the Weber River is very poor. No fish are being caught by anglers from Wanship to Coalville. The Weber River from Echo Dam downstream to Taggart is becoming difficult to fish due to ice conditions.

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR: This reservoir formed a skiff of unsafe ice this weekend. No fishing will take place until safer ice forms. The yellow perch limit is 10 fish. From Jan. 1 through Apr. 30, you must keep all the yellow perch you catch. Remember that the bass limit is six, and you should immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. The walleye limit is 10 fish, but you may keep only one over 24 inches.

JORDANELLE RESERVOIR: Some ice has formed on the Rock Cliff arm (about four inches) and some anglers have been seen on the ice. It is advised to wait for thicker ice to form. The bass limit is six fish, and you should immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Please remember not to fillet bass or remove their heads or tails because of the size restriction (for law enforcement purposes). Perch success is slow, but the perch limit is 50.

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR: Very cold and snowy on the reservoir. Ice thickness varies with some folks reporting up to 12 inches. Although some snow machines have been on the ice, please use caution and check ice depth before venturing onto the ice. Success has been reported as spotty to fair. Fish tend to be suspended at 10 to 20 feet in depth so raise your jigs if bottom fishing is slow. Download a PDF of the Strawberry Reservoir Fishing Regulations and Fish Identification brochure at wildlife.utah.gov/strawberry. Special regulations for the reservoir

include: An aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two of the fish may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches, and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches. All cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released. (Any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat.) Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish.

UTAH LAKE: A thin layer of ice has formed on much of this lake; however, this area is prone to hazardous ice conditions. Please pay attention to the ice— especially on warm days. Some ice anglers have been spotted, but success is reported as slow to fair for panfish (blue gill & crappie). The largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, and you should immediately release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions, call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

YUBA RESERVOIR: Ice has capped the reservoir but unsafe sections still exist. Painted Rocks side has safer ice at about 5 to 8 inches in several areas. Perch success has been fair and good at times by using small bait-tipped jigs. For more information, call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.



BURRASTON POND: Anglers report slow to fair success with traditional baits.

MILL HOLLOW: Mill Hollow was drained. No fishing until 2009.

PAYSON LAKE: Canyon-access gates are closed.

SALEM POND: Anglers report slow to fair success for trout and catfish using traditional baits. The park closes at 10 p.m. every night. Remember that regulations include a daily bag and possession limit of four fish for all species. For example, you could catch and keep one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill.

SALT LAKE COMMUNITY WATERS: Most anglers report slow to fair success using traditional baits.

SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR: Closed for the season

SPRING LAKE: Anglers report slow success for trout.

TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR: Tibble Fork has several warm springs that create pockets of thin ice. It is not advised to ice fish here.

VERNON, GRANTSVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIR (TOOELE CO.):

Grantsville has some ice; anglers report about four inches on the northeast side, but fishing success has been slow. No report on the other two waters.

AMERICAN FORK RIVER: There's light fishing pressure, and fair fishing success with worms or small flies.

DIAMOND FORK RIVER: Snowy conditions. Light fishing pressure. Fair success with small flies or traditional baits.

HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN:

Snowy conditions with few areas to park. No anglers were seen this week.

PROVO RIVER: Anglers report fair success using spinners or small dark flies. Some browns may exhibit the white, cloudy patches on their sides that occasionally results from spawning. Read the [2008 Fishing Guidebook](#) to learn more about the different regulations on the river. Some areas allow bait and others do not. And some stretches have size restrictions and reduced limits (like "two brown trout under 15 inches").



THISTLE CREEK: Snowy conditions with light pressure. Expect fair success with flies, lures or worms under snowy conditions.

ABAJO MOUNTAINS: On Dec. 29, Tommi Budd reported that Blanding #4 was partially frozen, but unsafe around the edges. Blanding #3 is frozen, but the ice is very thin. Recapture Reservoir is mostly open, and anglers report picking up small- to medium-sized pike with gold spinners, Rapalas or minnow-imitating lures.

CLEVELAND RESERVOIR: The reservoir is frozen and snow-covered. No fishing report.

ELECTRIC LAKE: There is a small amount of open water on the north end around the mine's water discharge. There may be springs or pockets of open water elsewhere as well. There are no recent reports on angling success.

HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR (MAMMOTH): The ice pack is solid, thick and snow-covered. Kevin Phillips of Huntington reports that he fished the reservoir five times during the past week and caught tiger trout every day. Kevin normally fishes just off the bottom, using a chartreuse ice fly tipped with a piece of night crawler. He prefers to fish with the line held between his fingers to heighten his sensitivity to bites. In the past few years, Kevin has caught his share of big tiger

trout, including one that weighed five pounds, two ounces and a whopper that tipped the scale at six pounds, nine ounces.

HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVOIR: The reservoir is frozen with very little pressure. No report on fishing success.



JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR: The reservoir has finally frozen with about two inches of ice. Since the minimum recommended thickness is three inches, it may be best to fish another reservoir for a week or two. There's an additional unseen hazard at Joes Valley. There are underwater springs, which thin out the ice pack, on the west side. In past years, springs in Seeley Creek Bay and further south have been responsible for

near drownings.

LAKE POWELL: Please visit [the Lake Powell section](#) for more information.

LA SAL MOUNTAINS: Conservation Officer TJ Robertson reports that mountain access is closed, except by snow machine. Kens Lake has seen a fair amount of fishing pressure. Anglers have been using PowerBait, Rooster tails and Jakes lures. The lake is edged with ice in the morning, but usually opens up around midday.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR: The reservoir is frozen. There are no recent fishing reports.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: Aquatics Program Manager Paul Birdsey fished on Dec. 21 and reports better fishing in the dam channel. He indicated that fishing was unusually slow this winter. Paul recommends fishing early in the morning in the dam cove using either a small white tube jig tipped with chub meat, or a chartreuse jig tipped with a meal worm or night crawler. On Dec. 27, Scofield State Park hosted its third annual Ice Tournament with 175 registered applicants. The winning fish weighed 2.5 pounds. According to Randall Stilson of the DWR, who assisted with the event, fishing was slow.

After interviewing some of the more successful anglers, Randall recommends a chartreuse ice fly tipped with a meal worm or earth worm, a black jig tipped with a wax worm, or a Paddle Bite tipped with an earth worm. On Dec. 29, Ryan Leonard reported that he caught five trout at the Mountain View unit using a white jig tipped with PowerBait. Ryan fished in 10 feet of water. Conservation Officer Mike Milburn fished on Dec. 30 and said the bite was best before 10 a.m. and almost shut down by noon. Mike had his best luck in 14 to 15 feet of water. He used a shiny attractant about 18 inches over a Ratfinky and tipped the



hook with a piece of night crawler. Mike said the bite was light, which makes it easy to lose fish. Mike suggests keeping hold of the rod, paying attention to the line and jigging the bait regularly. On Dec. 31, Randall Stilson interviewed seven parties of anglers at Scofield. Only one fish was caught across all parties—including those who began fishing at 7 a.m. Randall described fishing success as terrible. Fish were being seen on graphs, but they refused to bite.

Pro Bull Riders Take Elk Foundation's Trophy Bull Challenge

MISSOULA, Mont.—Over 100 million fans of Professional Bull Riders (PBR) have something new to cheer about in 2009—the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Trophy Bull Challenge. The



challenge pits riders against stock contractors for elk hunts and other outdoor adventures.

The special competition is part of PBR's Built Ford

Tough Series events being held around the country and televised on VERSUS.

“This is the latest and greatest in our ‘Cowboys for Conservation’ partnership with PBR, which over the past year has produced tremendous visibility for our mission of wildlife habitat stewardship,” said David Allen, president and CEO of the Elk Foundation.

In the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Trophy Bull Challenge, PBR selects three bulls for each long round of competition. If a selected bull bucks off the rider, the stock contractor wins a point. If the rider successfully rides the bull, the rider wins a point. At the 2009 PBR Built Ford Tough World Finals, the three riders or stock contractors with the most Trophy Bull points wins an outdoor adventure of their choice presented by RMEF.

Randy Bernard, PBR CEO, said, “Over 50 percent of our fans have expressed a love for the outdoors. The Trophy Bull Challenge is a great, fun way to help them get acquainted with the Elk Foundation and how it makes a difference for elk and other wildlife.”

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2009, RMEF has helped conserve or enhance over 5.4 million acres of habitat.

In 2008, the “Cowboys for Conservation” partnership generated over \$145,000 for the Elk Foundation's mission. For 2009, RMEF is again offering PBR Built Ford Tough Series World Finals packages at fundraising events around the country. Winning bidders receive tickets and other prizes including a VIP reception with PBR stars.

“More and more Elk Foundation supporters are being exposed to PBR—the Toughest Sport on Earth—and they’re loving it! Both outfits are benefiting from the partnership, which was founded on the concept of ‘different kinds of bulls, same kinds of people,’” said Allen.

About the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation:

Snowy peaks, dark timber basins and grassy meadows. RMEF is leading an elk country initiative that has conserved or enhanced habitat on over 5.4 million acres—a land area equivalent to a swath three miles wide and stretching along the entire Continental Divide from Canada to Mexico. RMEF also works to open, secure and improve public access for hunting, fishing and other recreation. Get involved at www.rmef.org or 800-CALL ELK.

NEXT GUN SHOW IN SANDY THIS WEEKEND January 10-11

Sandy- South Towne Expo Center (Crossroads of the West) This is the big show at South Towne Expo Center, 9400 South State Street. Bring along those guns you would like to learn more about, or get an appraisal on, or maybe sell. Get a \$1.00 off coupon for show admission from <http://www.crossroadsgunshows.com/guncoupon.htm>

Numerous reports from all over the country suggest that people are stocking up on guns and ammo, in anticipation of the Obama administration passing bans on various types of guns or ammunition. Also, the Obama team wants to close down gun shows entirely.

JOIN USSC AND GET INTO THE GUN SHOW FREE! MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Stop at the USSC table in the lobby at the Sandy Gun Show, and join USSC. New members get **FREE ADMISSION** to this show, thanks to our friends at Crossroads of the West. Your membership helps "the powerful gun lobby" here in Utah as we work to improve gun rights and stop any new infringements.

If you are already a member, or just get USSC Email Alerts, stop by and say "Hi" to the volunteers working the USSC Table.



We can use a couple more volunteers to work the show. Email volunteer@UtahShootingSports.com with your phone and preferred day and Bill Scott will work out a schedule.

CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT CLASS AVAILABLE AT THE GUN SHOW

One highly respected instructor is Curtis Spain of Concealed Carry Specialists. He will teach four classes at the Crossroads Gun Show, providing the photos and fingerprinting as well as the classroom training. We recommend that anyone even considering applying for a permit take a course like this, to find out about the limits, obligations, advantages and disadvantages of carrying a concealed weapon for self defense. Classes will start promptly at 9:30 and 12:30, and take about three hours. Registration can be done in person, but be there at least 15 minutes prior to class to take care of the paperwork. Cost is \$50 for complete package with class, fingerprints and photos. This instructor has probably taught more CWP holders than any other instructor in Utah, and does an excellent job. The classroom near the entrance to the show, and you do not need to get into the show to attend the class. Call (801) 568-0197 with any questions. USSC appreciates the continuing support from Curtis and his classes!

UTAH 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION STARTS IN 2 WEEKS

The Utah Legislature will meet for 45 days (January 26th through March 12th) to spend money and pass new laws. For the last several years, gun rights have been protected and we have even made some gains, thanks to the vociferous participation of USSC members and gun rights supporters across the state. WE ALL NEED TO WORK HARD AGAIN IN 2009!

This year we will need to be alert to stop attacks on concealed weapons permits, ostensibly to "fix" problems with non-residents getting Utah permits, as well as the usual plague of well-intentioned but worthless gun control schemes misleadingly sold as "sensible gun safety laws." The anti-gun forces may even try to introduce backdoor gun control like the "Ammunition Accountability Act" which would ban most ammo. Be ready to act when we contact you to oppose bills!



USSC WILL BE WORKING HARD TO PASS GOOD LEGISLATION:

USSC goals for 2009 include:

(1) A "Parking Lot Bill" to allow law abiding citizens to possess legal weapons in their personal vehicles regardless of employer parking lot restrictions. This has already passed in several other states, and will eliminate the de facto disarmament of permit holders all day merely because they park somewhere for a while. This has twice passed in the Senate, but shenanigans by House

Speaker Greg Curtis kept it from passing in the House. Curtis got kicked out, so we think we can get this done this year, **WITH YOUR HELP!** Some big businesses oppose this move, so it will be a fight to get it passed and signed into law.

(2) A "Lawful Transport of Firearms Bill" to bring Utah law into agreement with most other states that law abiding citizens can carry guns in their cars without need for a concealed weapon permit.

(3) A "Public Range Access Bill" to guarantee public access to shooting ranges built with public money. (E.g. many police and military ranges). Several other states do this and "joint use" of ranges is a mutually beneficial and cost effective use of resources.

(4) A "Gun Dealer Amendments Bill" to fix minor conflicts between Utah laws and federal laws regulating Federal Firearms Licensees. (Already introduced as HB 25 by gun rights champion Representative Curt Oda.)



UNDERSTANDING THE LAWMAKING PROCESS

The state has a good description of the lengthy process at

<http://www.le.state.ut.us/documents/aboutthelegislature/billtolaw.htm>

but here is the short version:

A bill is introduced in the House (or Senate) and then sent to a Committee for a hearing with public input. The Committee can kill it, or amend it, or pass it unchanged and then it goes to the full House (or Senate). The full body can then kill, amend, or pass the bill. If it passes the House, then it goes to the Senate (or vice versa) where it goes to another Committee for hearings and votes before finally getting voted on by the full Senate (or House). If the Senate makes changes to the House version, then it has to go back to the House for approval of the changes. After the House and Senate **BOTH** agree on a final version, it goes to the Governor who can veto it, or allow it to become law.

There is a lot that gets done behind the scenes working on changes, and lining up supporters (or opponents) for a bill. That is where lobbyists get involved and can make a big difference. Most legislators know very little about gun issues, so a good lobbyist can help educate them on the facts.

However, Joe and Jill Gunowner get a chance to make their views heard to the Committee members and their Representatives or Senators as well. **YOUR** phone calls and emails or attendance at a Committee hearing may help a bill pass or fail. Politicians like to get re-elected, so they tend to listen when a lot of people want a bill passed or failed. They listen a lot better if these are the same people who show up and help them get elected (or re-elected) at the local precinct caucus or convention and work on their election campaigns!

USSC tries not to bother you if a bill does not need everyone to get involved. But, if it looks like we need to get the "powerful gun lobby" up in arms over a bill, we will send a "USSC URGENT ACTION ALERT" asking you to make calls or send emails, or show up.

Remember, we have been pretty successful with bills in the last several years, and this year USSC members and supporters helped defeat an anti-gun zealot Judge who had been nominated for a promotion. When we work together, we can win.

PERMIT HOLDER KILLS PIT BULLS THREATENING FAMILY IN MAGNA

A permit holder noticed two pit bulls roaming his neighborhood, and when the dogs appeared to be a serious threat to the safety of a family, he killed the dogs. While shooting any threat (human or animal) is always a last resort, it is much better to be prepared to defend yourself. Remember, when seconds counts, the police are only minutes away. Full story at

<http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,705274549,00.html>

SELF DEFENSE IN A CARJACKING

There are a number of carjackings in Utah every year. Have you thought about how you could defend yourself and your family in such a situation? There is a pretty good article on the subject at the U.S. Concealed Carry Association site we mentioned in the last alert. Check it out at

<http://deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,705274549,00.html>

G3 Introduces New AT binding - The ONYX

Vancouver, BC, January 5, 2008 - G3 Genuine Guide Gear today unveiled the ONYX, the world's new standard for Alpine Touring usability and performance. The ONYX offers up uncompromised uphill and downhill performance in an easy-to use tech-compatible design. Incorporating a series of intuitive and innovative features including the ability for skiers to change from ski to tour mode on-the-fly, an easy step-in toe, oversized high strength forged aluminum jaws and chassis, topped only by its lightweight design, the ONYX is a binding built for those who are not willing to sacrifice.

"With an unsurpassed degree of engineering and complete attention to detail, the ONYX represents G3's commitment to industry-leading innovation," says Oliver Steffen, G3's President. "This product is built for skiers who want outstanding uphill usability and rock-solid downhill performance from the same binding."

To meet the ONYX, please visit www.g3onyx.com.

WE'RE CHANGING THE GAME

Dead Down Wind introduces 10 game changing products for 2009

Pleasant Valley, MO – Dead Down Wind®, an industry leader in scent prevention, introduces 10 new products to help hunters go undetected in the woods. The new products include: 12 oz concentrated laundry detergent with UVe Ultraviolet inhibitor, 60 oz ScentPrevent Field spray with 12 oz sprayer, Field Wash Cloths, Pac-it Concentrated Field Spray, Checkmate Wind Checker, Totally Odorless Oil, eLive Down Stream Odor Terminator, and Scent Prevent Dryer Sheets.

12 Oz Concentrated Laundry Detergent

The concentrated formula of Dead Down Wind's Scent Prevent Laundry Detergent utilizes enzymes to target and eliminate scent. In addition, the exclusive formula unclogs carbon molecules so it is the perfect choice for carbon suit users. It also features an exclusive UV Inhibitor – UVe to knock out UV glow. Because it utilizes enzymes, the HE washer approved concentrated laundry detergent is easier on apparel fibers and will not cause camouflage patterns to fade.



Field Wash Cloths

Perfect for pack and/or spot and stalk hunting, the new 20 count of field wash cloths are easy to use

and offer convenient scent elimination. Each 100% all natural, organic, and biodegradable wipe is heavily saturated with Dead Down Wind's bio-engineered enzymes that prevent human odor from developing on the skin. The Field Wash Cloths utilize DDW's new Evolve broad spectrum formulation to prevent other common odors as well.

Pac-It Concentrated Field Spray

The new Pac-It is a highly concentrated ScentPrevent field spray that when mixed with water produces 36 ounces of effective scent prevention and elimination spray. Pac-It was designed especially for travelers and pack in hunters when minimizing weight and space is critical. Pac-It utilizes Dead Down Wind's proprietary ESP Enzyme Technology to eliminate and prevent a wide range of odors from animal and gasoline odors to odors commonly created by humans. The ScentPrevent concentrate is the only natural, organic, biodegradable product that effectively eliminates odors without harsh chemicals, masking agents, or potentially damaging effects on the environment.

Checkmate Wind Checker

In its relentless effort to improve hunter success, Dead Down Wind has taken a technical, bio-engineered approach to developing its latest product CheckMate – a superior powder based wind indicator. Every consideration, every detail, even ESP Enzyme ScentPrevent™ Technology went into the design, specifications and formulation of CheckMate. With its ergonomically designed package and large 4 oz. size, Checkmate is designed for serious Elk hunters or avid archers. In addition, the quality controls on particle size are within a single micron, 1.5 - 2.5 microns insuring consistent delivery of the perfect wind indicating cloud. As a frame of reference, a human hair is 50-75 microns thick.

Totally Odorless Oil

Dead Down Wind® extends scent control beyond the body and into the gear with its latest product, Totally Odorless Oil®. This new odorless oil provides optimum protection, cleaning, anti-corrosion and lubrication for all your outdoor gear while limiting wildlife alarming scent on

your gear. Ideal for bows, firearms, fishing equipment and even photo gear, Totally Odorless Oil helps hunters, anglers, and wildlife photographers insure and maintain a scent free environment.

eLive Down Stream Odor Terminator

eLive Down Stream® is new line of scent eliminating and scent preventing products designed for the marine and fishing industry. eLive Down Stream utilizes the same proven odor eliminating and odor prevention ESP™ Enzyme Technology found in other Dead Down Wind products.

eLive ScentPrevent™ spray is a natural, organic, and biodegradable product that not only prevents human odors, but also eliminates odors such as gasoline, fish smells, and other odors that are commonly found in the fishing world. From musty carpets, coolers, smoke, and foul footwear, eLive eliminates a wide range of odors, while the ESP™ Enzyme Technology prevents future odors from forming.



About Dead Down Wind®: Dead Down Wind® has revolutionized the scent elimination industry through a bio-engineered process known as ESP® (Enzyme Scent Protection). Through this process a strand of enzymes is created that target human bacteria – the source of human odor. Without intervention your body produces bacteria that create human odor. Cover sprays can only attempt to mask these odors. Carbon clothing only attempts to contain it. The enzymes in Dead Down Wind® actually PREVENT odor-causing bacteria from forming – allowing you to maintain a zero scent environment.

Johnson Outdoors Inc. Completes Amended Debt Agreement

RACINE, Wis., Jan. 2, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Johnson Outdoors Inc. (Nasdaq:JOUT), a leading global outdoor recreation company, announced today that it has completed an amendment to its existing debt agreements. Among other items, the amendment provides for greater flexibility with respect to financial metric covenants through the end of the Company's 2009 fiscal year.

Helen Johnson-Leipold, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are pleased to have completed this amendment, which provides us with added flexibility to operate through the

current challenging economic and market conditions. The continued support of our bank group demonstrates their confidence in Johnson Outdoors' ongoing business."

Under the amended facility, the maximum amount available under the combined credit facilities will be reduced from \$135 million to \$95 million as of January 2, 2009, and reduced to \$90 million as of January 31, 2009. Borrowings under the facility are subject to the value of a borrowing base consisting of certain receivables and the Company's inventory. The amendment in its entirety is available on Johnson Outdoors Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 2, 2009.

NIE SKI DAY BENEFIT

Canyon Sports and Sundance Ski Resort are combining their efforts to raise money and awareness for the Christian and Stephanie Nielson family.

On Saturday, August 16, 2008, Stephanie and Christian Nielson were in a small plane crash along with their flight instructor, Doug Kinnear, near St. Johns, Arizona. Doug Kinnear passed away soon after arriving at the Maricopa County Hospital. (Christian sustained burns on over 30% of his body, his wife Stephanie's body was burned over 80%.) Their hospital expenses have far exceeded their insurance coverage.



For the past four years, Stephanie has maintained a blog, the NieNie Dialogues about her life at home as a wife and mom. It has become very popular and since this accident it is now receiving 30,000 hits per day. KSL did a story about this on their evening newscast, the Today Show aired a similar story and People Magazine published an article, so there has been a lot of interest both locally and nationally about this family's plight.

We are hoping to do something substantial with this event and raise enough money to alleviate some of the financial concern and hardship on the family. We are organizing a ski day with Sundance Ski Resort, to be held on January 8, and all proceeds will be donated to the Nielsens' recovery fund. (Stephanie was a ski instructor at Sundance)

With a donation of \$100 an individual can enjoy a day on the slopes at Sundance with complimentary lunch from the Pizza Factory and ski/snowboard rentals from Canyon Sports.

I hope you will consider this a worthwhile endeavor and help us in promoting this event to benefit this family.

https://www.canyonsports.com/ski_for_nie.php

PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT AWARDED TOP ENVIRONMENTAL HONORS IN 2008

Park City, Utah (January 8, 2009) – Park City Mountain Resort ends 2008 being recognized by numerous green advocate groups for its environmental initiatives. Most recently, the Resort received an Energy Star Business Certification for its Team Building as well as an “A” ranking from the Ski Area Citizens Coalition (SACC), and the Clif Bar Silver Eagle Award for Excellence in Energy Conservation and Clean Energy. Park City Mountain Resort shares the honor of the 2008 Green Power Leadership Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) with its parent company, Powder Corp.

“Park City Mountain Resort is overjoyed to be recognized with such prestigious awards for our work towards environmental sustainability,” said Brent Giles, director of environmental affairs for Park City Mountain Resort.

“Everyone from our team members to our guests has contributed to the success of the resort’s environmental stewardship. The acknowledgement from these green leaders is a great indicator that the environmental work we do is a true step towards becoming more carbon neutral and we hope to continue to lead by example.”

Park City Mountain Resort’s Team Building, located at 1310 Lowell Avenue, was awarded the Energy Star for Business Certification. Energy Star is the mark of superior energy performance and identifies a building as one of the most efficient in the nation. Park City Mountain Resort’s Team Building is the only building in Park City that is currently listed under this prestigious designation.

Park City Mountain Resort once again scored an “A” ranking from the Ski Area Citizens Coalition (SACC). The SACC gives grades to western U.S. ski resorts based on their environmental policies and practices. The scorecard was created to allow skiers to choose a resort based on its genuine positive environmental stewardship records. This is the second year in a row that Park City Mountain Resort received an “A” ranking.

Park City Mountain Resort received one of the nation’s top environmental awards, the Silver Eagle Award for Excellence in Energy Conservation and Clean Energy. After Park City Mountain Resort completed the first-ever comprehensive scientific study of global warming’s effect on a resort and the greater Utah snow sports industry, it began an on-going effort to reduce its electricity use, which accounts for 86 percent of its carbon footprint. Through initiatives that include the purchase of more energy-



efficient snowmaking equipment, lighting retrofits, and bio-diesel use in its snowcat fleet, the resort reduced its energy consumption by 23 percent.

Following the win of the Silver Eagle Award, Park City Mountain Resort in conjunction with Powdr Corp, furthered its commitment to being a conservation leader with the purchase of renewable energy credits to offset power consumption by 100 percent. The Resort's purchase of 13.9 million kWh of renewable energy credits (RECs) avoids nearly 19 million pounds of CO₂ emissions annually, which is equal to removing 1,853 passenger vehicles from the road or powering 1,100 average American homes for a year.

As a result, Powdr Corp was one of only nine organizations nationwide to receive a Leadership Award in the Green Power Purchasing category by the U.S. EPA. This award recognizes EPA Green Power Partners who distinguish themselves through purchases of green power from a utility green-pricing program, a competitive green marketer, or a renewable energy credit (REC) supplier.



“The annual energy consumption of a ski resort is substantial, and we have a responsibility to reduce the carbon footprint of our resorts to help preserve their pristine settings for generations to come,” said Giles. “While this switch to renewable energy will be invisible to the guest, skiers and riders can

enjoy peace of mind knowing that all of Park City Mountain Resort's electricity is now coming from 100 percent renewable sources.”

Since 2005, Park City Mountain Resort's environmental initiatives have reduced and offset 30 million pounds of CO₂ emissions, reducing its carbon footprint by 97 percent. To learn more about all of Park City Mountain Resort's environmental initiatives, visit www.saveoursnow.net.

About Park City Mountain Resort

Park City Mountain Resort, the most accessible mountain resort in North America, is located in the heart of Park City, Utah and is only a 40-minute drive from the Salt Lake City International Airport. With 3,300 acres of unspoiled terrain, the Resort offers groomed Signature Runs™, bumps, powder, trees, eight peaks, nine bowls, four terrain parks, and the Eagle Superpipe. Park City Mountain Resort was once again ranked a Top-five resort by the readers of *SKI* magazine and a Top-ten resort by the readers of *Skiing*, *Freeskier* and *Transworld Snowboarding* magazines. As part of its overall environmental commitment, Park City Mountain Resort is powered by 100 percent renewable energy. The Resort invested \$10.5 million in improvements for the 2008-09 winter season, adding a new high-speed lift, renovations to on-mountain dining, expanded snowmaking and a new run. For more information, visit parkcitymountain.com or call (800) 222-PARK.



WILD TURKEYS COME TO CASTLE COUNTRY

PRICE, UTAH—During the past several months, the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has released nearly 150 wild turkeys at sites in Carbon and Emery counties. Release sites have included the Fuller and Hambrick Bottoms in Emery County, and Gordon Creek, Hiawatha and Miller Creek in Carbon County. Turkeys came from southwestern Utah, where wild turkeys have become so abundant that private property owners have begun to complain. Their loss is our gain.

2008 Director's Report Highlights NPS Activities

WASHINGTON – There are more national parks than you've heard of, and there is more to the National Park Service than parks. Want to find out the whole story? Check out the National Park Service *2008 Director's*

Report for highlights of what the agency's 23,188 employees accomplished with a \$2.7 billion budget last year.

“Nearly 100 years ago, the American people entrusted us with the care of our nation's most special places,” said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. “Each year, Congress renews this trust by providing funds to carry out our mission in nearly 400 national parks and in community preservation and recreation projects across the country. The *2008 Director's Report* includes some of our best work, the accomplishments of our employees, our volunteers, and our partners who together ensure that we live up to this trust each and every day.”

The 60-page report opens with a statistical breakdown of National Park Service activities by state. Did you know that national parks in California have almost 20 million items in their museum collections? Or that Iowa has 24 national historic landmarks? Or that New York has more than 5,000 listings on the National Register of Historic Places?



Photographs and brief narratives provide information about the variety of preservation activities, special events, green projects, conservation efforts, and employee and volunteer accomplishments that took place in parks and associated areas last year.

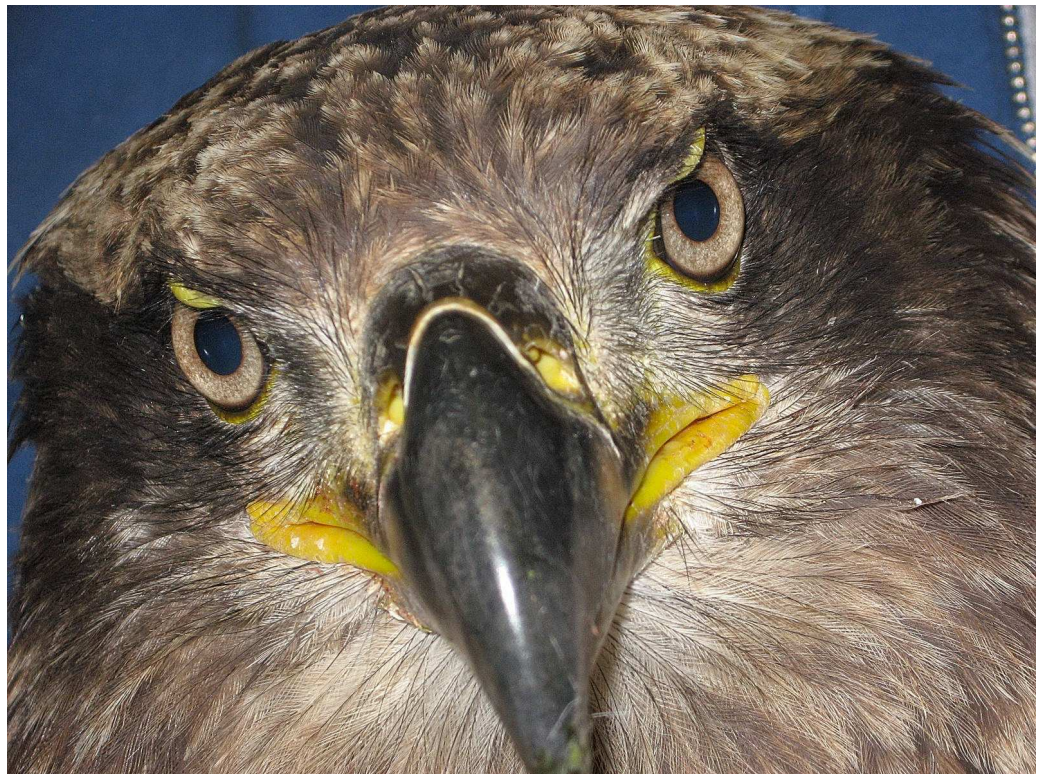
The National Park Service *2008 Director's Report* is online at www.nps.gov/2008DirectorsReport.

REWARD OFFERED FOR SHOOTING A BALD EAGLE

PRICE, UTAH—The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for shooting an immature bald eagle found on the Green River near the town of Green River. The bird had been shot on or about December 18.

The bird was found under a cottonwood tree by a landowner, who reported the incident to the UDWR. Upon examination by a veterinarian, it was found to have been hit with steel shot. Investigator Roger Kerstetter believes the bird was shot by waterfowl hunters, who are required to use steel shot while hunting for geese and ducks.

Debbie Pappas of Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation indicates that the bird is non-



releasable due to the permanent nature of its injuries. Veterinary expenses have already amounted to more than \$2,000, and the bird will require a lifetime of care.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call Officer Kerstetter at: 435-820-6013 or the Help Stop Poaching hotline at: 1-800-662-DEER. The caller's identity will be held in strict confidence or may remain anonymous. We ask that the caller provide enough detail to substantiate the validity of the information provided.

Fort Washington, PA – Eastern National will release a Kids' Passport® To Your National Parks Companion in January, 2009.

The Kids' Passport® To Your National Parks Companion is a supplement book to the original Passport® To Your National Parks book, which was introduced in 1986. The companion book is to be used with the original passport to enrich a child's experience while visiting America's National Parks. The companion helps kids to understand the types of parks and to keep track of what programs they have taken part in and what they have seen during their trips. Most importantly, the Kids' Passport® To Your National Parks Companion fosters an interest in America's National Parks as children explore the parks and learn about the history and the nature the parks contain.



The Kids' Passport® To Your National Parks Companion book (EN item number 258633) will be available for sale through Eastern National's online bookstore, www.eParks.com, and at most national parks sites nationwide. The price for the Kids' Passport® To Your National Parks Companion is \$5.95 and the book is for use by kids ages 6-12.

Cooperating Associations interested in obtaining review copies or placing an order for Kids' Passport® To Your National Parks Companion can contact the eParks.com warehouse at 877-NAT-PARK (1-877-628-7275) or fax to 215-591-0901.

Eastern National is a non-profit organization that provides quality educational products and services to the visitors to America's national parks and other public trusts. Eastern National operates educational outlets in over 130 national parks and public lands in 30 states. Since 1947, Eastern National has donated over \$95 million to the National Park Service. For more information, visit www.easternnational.org and www.eParks.com.

APPLY FOR A 2009 BIG GAME HUNTING PERMIT

Applications accepted starting Jan. 22

If you enjoy hunting big game in Utah, the time you've waited for since last year's hunting season ended is almost here.

Starting Jan. 22, you can apply for a permit to hunt big game animals in Utah in 2009.



"Big game hunting in Utah is very popular with people across the country," says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "We expect to receive more than 230,000 applications this year."

Start applying on Jan. 22

You can apply for a 2009 permit at www.wildlife.utah.gov starting Jan. 22. Your application must be received through the Web site no

later than 11 p.m. on Feb. 26 to be entered in the draw for permits.

If you have questions or need help completing your application, please call any DWR office before 6 p.m. on Feb. 26.

Results of the 2009 Utah Big Game Draw will be available by April 30.

Applying for a point

If you're not going to hunt in 2009, you can still apply for a bonus point or a preference point. These points increase the chance that you'll draw a permit the next time you apply.

You can start applying for a point on Jan. 22. Your application for a point must be received through www.wildlife.utah.gov no later than 11 p.m. on March 9.

Please remember that you must have a hunting license or a combination license to apply for a point or a hunting permit.

Bear hunting permits approved

Wildlife Board sets permit numbers for 2009

Eight more black bears might be taken by hunters in Utah this year.

At their Jan. 8 meeting in Salt Lake City, members of the Utah Wildlife Board approved 319 hunting permits for Utah's 2009 spring and fall seasons. In 2008, a total of 299 permits were available.

A black bear in southwestern Utah.

Based on a five-year average success rate of 41 percent, the extra 20 permits should result in hunters taking about eight more bears this year.

In 2008, hunters took a total of 134 bears.

More permits for spring hunt

Bear hunts are held in Utah in the spring and the fall. All of the additional permits the board approved are for the spring hunt.

"In the spring, bears kill a lot of sheep and other livestock," says Justin Dolling, mammals program coordinator for the DWR.

"Federal officers end up killing many of these bears," he says. "Instead of officers taking these bears, we'd like to give hunters a chance to take them."

To give hunters a better chance to take bears in the spring, the board also extended the spring season one week on the units where most of the incidents of bears killing livestock occur.

In addition to helping reduce the amount of livestock killed by bears, there's another positive to hunting bears in the spring fewer female bears are taken.

"Female bears usually come out of their dens later in the spring," Dolling says. "During most of the spring hunt, most of the females are still in their dens."



Dolling says when female bears do come out of their dens in the spring, many of the females have cubs with them. "Having the cubs right there with their mom makes it easier for hunters to know that the bear they've found is a female," he says.

Black bear plan

In 1999, the DWR put a discussion group together to draft the state's first black bear management plan. Membership on the diverse 12-member group ranged from people opposed to bear hunting to ranchers and hunters.

"The plan set certain safeguards or performance targets to protect Utah's bear population," Dolling says. "For example, one of the performance targets says that not more than 40 percent of the bears taken each year can be females.

"The performance targets have been met every year since 1999," Dolling says. "That tells us Utah's black bear populations are doing well and that it's safe to offer a few more permits."

The black bear management plan is available at www.wildlife.utah.gov/bear/pdf/00bearplan.pdf.

Apply starting Feb. 2

You can apply for a 2009 black bear hunting permit starting Feb. two at www.wildlife.utah.gov.

The number of permits for each unit can be found in the 2009 Utah Black Bear Guidebook. The guidebook should be available at www.wildlife.utah.gov during the week of Jan. 19.

Bighorn sheep from Montana get new homes in Utah

60 bighorn sheep released on Jan. 5

Cheers from sportsmen, wildlife watchers and wildlife biologists greeted 60 Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep on Jan. 5.



Bighorn sheep are routinely transplanted to re-establish herds throughout the state.

Photo by Phil Douglass

The cheers came as the crowd watched the sheep leap from trailers that brought them from Montana to their new home in northeastern Utah.

Biologists with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) released the sheep in the Avintaquin unit, an area southwest of Duchesne.

The 10 bighorn rams and 50 ewes and lambs were captured earlier near Augusta, Montana. The biologists then transported them roughly 800 miles to their new home.

"Those [bighorns] are nice, big and healthy," said Charlie Greenwood, regional wildlife manager, as he watched the last group race from the trailer. It was a perfect ending or maybe a great new beginning following years of planning, negotiations and hard work.

"This reintroduction of bighorns has taken several years to accomplish," Greenwood said. "Land purchases, habitat improvements, conservation easements, management plans and public meetings all had to be accomplished [for us to release sheep here today]."

Greenwood said the DWR, the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, The Nature Conservancy, the U.S. - Forest Service and the Ute Indian Tribe are among the groups that made the release possible.

Bringing bighorns back

Bighorn sheep, once the most abundant big game animal in Utah, were nearly wiped out by settlers and others who moved into the state. Diseases introduced by domestic livestock;

unrestricted hunting; habitat degradation; the conversion of bighorn habitat to other uses and competition for resources all took their toll on these majestic animals.

"This was a new transplant location," Greenwood said of the area where the sheep were released on Jan. 5.

"We started releasing sheep in this region in 1982. We've been working on it for 27 years."

Since bighorn sheep were first released into the Flaming Gorge/Green River area, several additional releases have been conducted to supplement the herd or start new herds. Now the northeastern corner of the state has several small, established herds.

"We felt it was time to start working in a new area," Greenwood said. "We'd feel real good if we could get a well-established herd of roughly 200 head in here. There are also some other locations in the region where we'd like to reintroduce bighorn sheep. This effort will keep us busy for another 20 years."

Northeastern Fishing Report

BIG SANDWASH RESERVOIR: Anglers are reporting fair to good fishing for up to 16-inch rainbows near the boat ramp. The reservoir had eight or nine inches of ice near the ramp as of last Saturday. There may still be open water near the inlet. Check ice carefully before venturing out.

BULLOCK / COTTONWOOD RESERVOIRS: Both reservoirs have ice cover. There was a report of an angler out on the ice, but no contact has been made with any anglers who have fished



either reservoir. Check ice conditions carefully before venturing out. Remember the special regulation on tiger muskie: you may keep one fish that's 40 inches or over; anything less than 40 inches must be released. These reservoirs are located approximately five miles north of the town of Gusher.

BROUGH RESERVOIR: There are no new reports from anglers. The reservoir likely has 8 to 10 inches of ice, or more. Please check the ice before venturing out. The reservoir is

being filled and may be murky. To get to Brough, take SR-88 south from US-40 (Ouray Road). Turn west at the second dirt road past the high power lines; it should be signed. Follow this road approximately two miles and pay attention to the signs. The road is snow covered and can be quite rutted.

BROWNE LAKE: Anglers report fair to good ice fishing. The ice thickness is unknown, so check the ice condition carefully before venturing out. The road gates have been closed. Warning:

whirling disease was found in this area. Do not move fish or fish parts from one water or area to another. Cleaning fish: Biologists now believe the disposal of fish parts, especially the head and skeleton, is one of the primary reasons whirling disease has spread to new waters. To avoid moving whirling disease and other undesired organisms, you should clean fish at home and send the parts to a landfill. If that isn't possible, please clean the fish and bury the parts at least 100 yards away from the water where the fish were caught.

CALDER / CROUSE RESERVOIRS: Both reservoirs have good ice cover and anglers report slow to fair ice fishing. Anglers have been gaining access on snowmobiles and four-wheelers. Check the ice condition before venturing out. The area received several inches of snow last week and more storms are predicted. Under the new regulation, Calder is managed with fewer fish so they will grow faster and larger, while Crouse received catchable rainbows to provide a faster

fishing put-and-take fishery. Calder special regulations: flies and lures only, no baits; all fish less than 22 inches must be released immediately; the bag limit is one fish over 22 inches.



CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR: There are no recent reports from anglers. The reservoir should have fishable ice, however, Current Creek is a deep reservoir and you should check the ice carefully before venturing out. The area received more snow last week, so access will be on snow and ice to the dam. The road to the dam is maintained regularly but, this time of year, a storm can

quickly change road conditions to impassible.

EAST PARK / OAKS PARK: East Park and Oaks Park reservoirs are ice covered with no new reports of ice fishing success. Area received more snow last

week with more expected. Winter road gates have been closed so access is now by skis or snowmobile.

FLAMING GORGE: As of Jan. 5, all Utah boat ramps remain open. Ice has formed from the river arms down to the Marsh Creek. Ice is 8 to 10 inches thick in the confluence area. Water temperatures remain in the upper 30's in the lower end of the reservoir. Note the regulation changes for ice fishing and spear fishing for the Utah portion of the reservoir as of Jan. 1st. Please see the [2009 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 the Antelope Flat /Lucerne area. Fish are scattered from 50 to 120 feet with most being 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. A 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 out and are looking 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.

Unlike their larger relatives, the smaller lake trout are excellent table fare when grilled. There's an overabundance of lake trout smaller than 28 inches in the Gorge, so do your part to help the fishery and keep a limit of eight fish. Larger lake trout fishing has been fair to good this fall at traditional structure spots (from Big Bend south to Sheep Creek Bay). Big lake trout eat big food, so try larger lures and jigs. Remember, you may keep only one fish over 28 inches.

Kokanee: 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 in any depth, so try different depths from 40 to 50 feet to the surface or anywhere you see fish on the graph. 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 Crocodile and Castmaster in front of them.

Rainbow: Anglers report good fishing on most areas of the reservoir, with 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. Try 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 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 some fish. Beginning Jan. 1, anglers can 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 [2009 fishing guidebook](#) for details about this regulation change.

Netting in the reservoir has shown a large increase in the number of burbot present. Larger fish are more than 30 inches long and weigh between four and five pounds. If caught in Utah, these fish must be harvested. They were illegally introduced to the upper Green River drainage and could have a major impact on other fish species. There is no limit on burbot. You cannot waste the burbot in the Wyoming end of the reservoir, and they can be released there. However, please don't release any of these fish. They have been eating large amounts of crayfish and are also consuming kokanee salmon, smallmouth bass and critical food sources for other fish species. They could have an extreme impact on the reservoir fishery and should be removed by anglers whenever possible.

Burbot are delicious. They have white, flaky flesh that is similar to a perch. They can be breaded and fried, or boiled and dipped in melted butter.

Smallmouth bass: Smallmouth fishing is typically slow during the winter months. Try fishing the rocky areas (where the crayfish are) and adjust your depth until you find the fish, likely more than 20 feet down. Crayfish-colored grubs on lead-head jigs or small plastic worms, sinkos, 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 remaining fish.



GREEN RIVER (UPPER): Average daily flows on the river are averaging 1300 cfs. Double-peaking flows requested by Western Power Administration will probably continue through February depending on water availability. Visit the [Bureau of Reclamation Web site](#) for the latest information on flows.

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 when no hatches are occurring. Watch for midge hatches during the warmer parts of the day. Streamer fishing is a good technique 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. Please check to see that your tube jigs do not contain fish-attracting scents—they are illegal to use in the river.

New Zealand mudsnails have been documented in most areas of the river. Please thoroughly clean mud and vegetation from waders, boats and fishing gear. If possible, completely dry

equipment before leaving the area. A hot water bath (120°F) will kill mudsnails, and spraying equipment with 409 or a similar soap solution before drying will increase effectiveness.

GREEN RIVER (LOWER): The water level remains low with a few peaks due to the rains or snow. There are no new reports from anglers. Most areas have frozen but, for your safety, it is best to not trust river ice.

MATT WARNER RESERVOIR: There are signs that anglers have been out on the reservoir, but there has been no contacts with any anglers who have fished Matt Warner. Fishing should be fair to good, but access is limited by snow and large snow drifts.

MOON LAKE: There are no new reports. The area has received snow and other waters at similar elevations are frozen, but please carefully check the ice before venturing out.



MOOSE POND: 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, Moose Pond should be ready and stocked by early next summer.

PELICAN LAKE: Pelican Lake is frozen and the surface is around a foot thick. Check the ice conditions carefully, especially around the edges, before venturing out. Anglers report good fishing for bluegill and

small bass, although it has started to slow down. Pelican is a reservoir and, like most reservoirs, the ice lifts and exposes new water around the edges when it is filled.

RED FLEET RESERVOIR: Anglers were observed catching rainbows over the weekend. Fishing should be fair to good. Ice thickness varies greatly. The ice is thinning considerably the farther out from shore, and there is unsafe ice in the middle of the reservoir.

STARVATION RESERVOIR: As of the night of Jan. 1, the main channel is iced over. On Jan. 3, the ice in front of the boat ramp was about four to five inches. Ice in some of the smaller bays is up to nine inches. Anglers have been out on the ice, but there are no recent reports. The Division will host the Starvation Perch Search again on January 17th. Perch are hard to find in Starvation, so the idea is to saturate the reservoir with anglers to see if we can locate perch hotspots. The search will start at 8:30 a.m. at the State Park boat ramp.

STEINAKER RESERVOIR: Anglers report fair ice fishing for rainbows but warn that the ice is unsafe in the middle. Carefully check the ice before you venture out. The reservoir is being filled so, in order to avoid the thin ice in the center, you should check the ice thickness as you go out further from the shore.

UINTA MOUNTAIN LAKES AND STREAMS: Fishing was fair to good for browns, rainbows and mountain whitefish on the lower elevation streams. The lower-elevation, larger streams have some open areas while the higher elevation lakes and streams have ice. Carefully check the ice conditions carefully. The ice is fresh and may not be thick enough yet. The



mountain roads are closed, so access is by ski or snowmobile only. The Uintas have had several snow storms over the last few weeks and more are expected. Always go prepared for serious weather. The Uintas are known for frequent, unexpected storms and high winds. The Uinta Mountains have a four-trout limit with a bonus of four more brook trout—see the [2009 Fishing Guidebook for details](#).

4th Annual Top of Utah - Ready Your Business Conference scheduled

The 4th Annual Top of Utah - Ready Your Business Conference is now accepting registrations. Choose from a full day to include the "12 Point Program to Business Continuity Planning"

workshop and conference or just join us for lunch and the plenary conference sessions. See attached for more workshop and conference information.

Participants of the workshop will receive their "Recognition of Readiness" awards during lunch along with presentations by our major sponsors and prize drawings. An application for Exhibitors and Sponsors is also attached!

Keynotes:

Keeping Commerce Moving Daniel B Kuhn, Utah Dept of Transportation, Freight Planner
Critical Supplies and Resources may be detoured or unavailable following a major event. A look at Utah's transportation corridors and options will be discussed.

Avoiding a Financial Crisis Brian Van Camp, KeyBank, Sr. Vice Pres. / Business Banking Manager
Knowing the risks of an economic downturn combined with a comprehensive continuity plan can provide your business with additional tools to avoid a possible closure.

Register on-line <http://www.echamber.cc/conferencereg.html>

Ogden/Weber Chamber 801-621-8300

Division of Homeland Security 801-538-3400 or jessev@utah.gov

We want to hear from you!

Complete the Ready Your Business Survey and assist us in planning future training topics.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=LzTsD3SU_2bEue_2bUL11s9X_2fQ_3d_3d



Never Run Out of Juice Again - The 10-Minute Fix Has Arrived! ZipCharge™

Las Vegas, NV, USA, January 7, 2009: Freeplay Energy announces the launch of the ZipCharge™ mobile power accessory. A revolutionary pocket-sized product that will store enough power in just 10 minutes to fully charge a mobile phone, iPod™ or other portable device. Now, there are quite a few things that mobile device manufacturers have failed to improve in recent years and battery life is one of them. The race for more features, rich UIs and applications to encourage greater user interaction means that many top 3G phones struggle to last even a day. If you are on the move or forgot to charge your phone overnight, that can be a disaster!

The ZipCharge™ emphatically addresses this issue. Ten minutes is all it takes to store enough power in the ZipCharge™ to fully charge a mobile phone while you are on the go. Even if you only have five minutes to charge, the ZipCharge can still store enough power to charge your

phone to at least 50%.

It's very similar numbers for the iPod™. The ZipCharge™ breaks the mould of so called 'slave' chargers in so many ways. Key benefits include: a female USB output connector; a cable with a range of adapter tips so the ZipCharge™ works out the box and is compatible with more than 85% of phones (Apple connector also included); and an in-line charge function enabling the ZipCharge™ to act as a universal mains charger. All of this is wrapped up in a sleek black and aluminium finish with blue LED indicators and is constructed to exacting standards.

David Floyd, Freeplay's Managing Director says "The ZipCharge™ range is an awful long way away from the world's very first wind up radio that we developed back in 1996, but I'm pleased to say that at Freeplay we are back to our innovative best and this is only the first of a raft of exciting new products for 2009".

The ZipCharge™ combines cutting edge nano-particle battery technology developed initially for hybrid automotive applications with an ultra-fast intelligent charge circuitry. The cell inside the ZipCharge™ can be charged and discharged over 2000 times (equivalent to over 5 years of daily usage) at 4 times the speed of a standard lithium cell and without any loss of performance. Furthermore, the current controlled output to intelligent tips offers enhanced compatibility with over 85% of the installed base of mobile phones. Tips supplied include Nokia, iPhone/iPod, Samsung, Blackberry, Motorola, Sony Ericsson, LG, HTC plus a mini USB for other portable devices.

"Freeplay has always been positioned as a provider of energy solutions for mobile or remote applications" says Richard Wharton, Commercial Director at Freeplay, and he continues "to this end, significant investment has been made over the last 2 years into new technologies which exponentially broaden the needs, applications and product categories that we can address both in emerged and emerging markets. It's nice to be ahead of the curve again".

National Wild Turkey Federation and Tread Lightly! Form Strategic Alliance to Educate Off-Highway Vehicle

OGDEN, Utah (January 7, 2009) — Because access to healthy public lands and waters for the enjoyment of responsible recreation is of paramount importance to both organizations, the National Wild Turkey Federation and Tread Lightly! will work together to educate outdoorsmen on the ethical use of off highway vehicles (OHVs).

Industry statistics say that four out of every five all terrain vehicles owners actively engage in hunting or fishing or both.

"A major goal for Tread Lightly! is to further incorporate our important message of responsible OHV use into the hunting, fishing and shooting sports communities," said Tread Lightly!'s executive director Lori McCullough. "With its extensive membership and quality, in-depth educational programs, NWTF is a perfect partner for Tread Lightly!."



The NWTf will help distribute information through its chapter system, which totals 2,350 chapters in North America, to educate people on the ethical use of OHVs.

"We want to help educate hunters and anglers on how they can use their vehicles and ATVs off of the paved road to enjoy the great outdoors without damaging critical wildlife habitat or important watersheds," said Joel Pedersen, NWTf's Director of Land Access Programs. "Hunters are still the original and greatest conservationists. We think this partnership will raise awareness and continue to motivate positive behaviors — which will in turn help keep trails and hunting areas open."

As part of the strategic alliance, both organizations will work to motivate hunters, anglers and all OHV users to continue to keep their vehicles on designated trails, pick up litter, volunteer for public land projects and to act as ambassadors for their sport.

The NWTf is a national nonprofit conservation organization founded in 1973 and has worked with wildlife agencies to restore wild turkey populations from 1.3 million wild turkeys to nearly 7 million today. Now, NWTf's volunteers raise funds and work daily to improve critical wildlife habitat, increase access to public hunting land and introduce new people to the outdoors and hunting. NWTf has nearly 500,000 members and reaches out to all types of hunters including women, kids, and the disabled through its popular programs such as *Women in the Outdoors*, *JAKES*, and *Wheelin' Sportsmen*.

Tread Lightly! is considered the nation's signature outdoor ethics message for forms of outdoor recreation involving the use of motorized or mechanized vehicles on both land and water. Tread Lightly! has developed quick tips, guidebooks, public service announcements and hunter education curricula to help hunters minimize their impact on the environment.

Presidential Powder Packages



SALT
LAKE
CITY,
UTAH- In
observance
of the
inauguration
of the
United
States of
America's

44th president, Utah ski and snowboard resorts are rolling out some presidential packages. Nothing should raise the nation's spirits more than bluebird skies, fresh air and powder snow. These great packages will allow people to experience the "white house" like they never have before - made of snow.

Martin Luther King Size Package

This package at Alta Ski Resort includes nightly lodging in a room with one or two beds, complete breakfast and gourmet dinner daily, all taxes and service charges, a two day Alta lift ticket and round trip airport transfers. Rate is \$420.00 per person per day. Double occupancy and three-night minimum stay required. Room type is assigned by Rustler Lodge at time of check-in. Available from 01/15/09-01/20/09. More information available at www.altavacations.net.

Park City Mountain Resort's Presidential Package

Includes a ski-in/out two-bedroom luxury condo with private hot tub at Silver Star from 1-19-09 for 5 nights with 4 days of adult lift tickets. Kids stay and ski for free. Based on 2 adults and 2 kids (7-12 years). \$549 per adult per night, taxes and fees included. Subject to availability. Restrictions apply. For reservations call 800.331.3178.

Secret Service Package

Powder Mountain, one of Utah's better kept secrets, enables access to secret stashes only known by Powder Mountain's elite force of Adventure Pros via snowcats, helicopters and buses. This powder-full package includes three nights lodging in a luxury slopeside log home (sleeps 10, one day of in-bounds guided snowcat skiing on over 5,500 acres of terrain, 18,000 vertical in one day of heli-skiing with Diamond Peaks Heli-ski Adventure and a Powder Snowcat Safari accessing 2,500 private acres of powder. \$1,645 per person plus tax- Based on 10 guests. Offer available throughout 2008-09 season conditions permitting. Reservations can be made by emailing columbineinn@powdermountain.com or calling 801.745.1414.

For information on Ski Utah or its 13 resort partners visit www.SkiUtah.com or call

The advertisement features a black and white photograph of two skiers descending a snowy slope, kicking up a cloud of powder. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the text "SKI FREE" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, in smaller white text, it says "from \$135 per person, per night, double occupancy, includes lodging and lift tickets". At the bottom left of the image, it says "Image taken Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009". At the bottom right is the Snowbird logo, which consists of a black circle containing a stylized bird shape formed by two overlapping triangles, one blue and one green, with the word "snowbird" in white lowercase letters above them. Below the image, there is a red horizontal bar containing the text "(800) 232-9542 or click here" in white.

801.534.1779.

Utah's Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort has received 217" of snow this year and conditions are fantastic. Don't miss another epic season at Snowbird.

The \$135 SKI

FREE lodging package is an affordable way to enjoy Little Cottonwood Canyon powder. The package includes a Snowbird Tram and Chairs lift ticket. This is a limited time offer for select dates and select room types. Some restrictions apply. For more information call 1-800-232-9542 lodging@snowbird.com

RED-TAILED HAWK REHABILITATED

MOAB, UTAH—

In partnership with Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation, the Division of Wildlife Resources released a red-tailed hawk south of Moab near Kens Lake on January 6, 2009. A month earlier, the injured hawk had been found by a concerned citizen, who called Moab area Conservation Officer Tj Robertson. He transported the bird to Second Chance Wildlife Rehabilitation, where it was treated for a broken leg and malnutrition. Under the care of rehabilitator Debbie Pappas, the bird was ready for release after only 28 days. Officer Robertson released the hawk in the same area it had been found.



Beaver County Communities Benefit from BLM Wildfire Protection Project

BEAVER, Utah- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Color Country District is working to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire to various communities in Beaver County. The 1,000-acre hazardous fuels reduction project is located approximately one mile south of Beaver. The project is designed to provide rangeland health improvements by meeting natural resource management objectives in conjunction with community wildfire protection and will continue through May 2009.

This project is a partnership vegetation management effort that will improve watershed conditions, improve crucial mule deer winter range and reduce hazardous fuels within the wildland urban interface area of Beaver, the Grove, and North Creek communities. The current project will be visible from the city of Beaver and from all major roads systems south of the community. Vegetation will be removed in a mosaic pattern, leaving islands of treated and untreated vegetation, primarily in the flat terrain east of Interstate 15. The mechanical thinning of pinyon and juniper trees is one of many treatment options used by the BLM and will provide similar resource benefits to that of a prescribed fire.

Vegetation will be reduced by a mechanical chipper/shredder, often referred to as a “Bullhog.” Removal of encroaching pinyon and juniper will allow for more productive, desired grasses, forbs and shrubs to return to the site. To facilitate this, a mix of fire resistant grasses and forbs suitable to the site will be seeded. Seeding will also reduce soil erosion, improve wildlife habitat, improve water quality and quantity, reduce the risk of invading cheatgrass, and lower the risk of wildland fire negatively impacting these communities.

This is a cooperative project between BLM and Utah Partners for Conservation and Development, a statewide consortium of local sportsmen groups, landowners and other state and federal partners. For additional information, please contact Paul Briggs at (435) 865-3002.



Legendary Film Released

Ocala, January 9, 2009 – Glen Lau Film & Video has announced the February 2009 release of *BIGMOUTH-The 35th Anniversary Edition*. This legendary film narrated by Rod Serling describes the lifecycle of the largemouth bass in and

around it's natural habitat. Glen Lau's underwater cinematography captures the complete birth to death odyssey of bigmouth that is a definitive, one-of-a-kind study of this popular freshwater fish.

"I dedicated over two years making Bigmouth says director Glen Lau, and most of that time was spent underwater befriending the bass so that I was given access to their fascinating world."

The original film, theatrically released in 1974, has been digitally transferred with new material from Glen Lau and renowned bass expert "Uncle" Homer Circle. The DVD will be unveiled at the Bassmaster Classic in February and will be available for sale shortly thereafter through www.reelbass.net There is also a broadcast/broadband version of Bigmouth that will be released early in 2009. This film has never been televised in its 35-year history.

Rally at The Capitol

Let your voice be heard.

This is an annual event. It is important that we have a good showing. The main purpose is to show elected officials that public land use issues are important to voter and we expect better representation and more action on land use issues. Parking is limited but can be found on the streets adjacent to the capitol building. The event will start sometime between 12-1P.M. This time range is due to tentative availability of legislators who will speak to us. As the date draws near we will be better able to pinpoint the exact start time.

Event Info

February 6, 2009

12:00-1:00 P.M.

Utah Capitol Building Rotunda

About Us

USA-ALL is a non-profit organization dedicated to defending access to public land in Utah. Our organization was established in 1999. We have had over 10,000 separate donors since that time.



Wendover High becomes the first Utah school to receive NASA downlink from the International Space Station

Wendover—On January 15, students from Utah's only NASA Explorer School will receive a special call from low Earth orbit. At 10:50 a.m. MST on Thursday, Expedition 18 commander Mike Fincke, and flight engineer Sandra Magnus, will take 20 minutes to answer student's questions during a live educational downlink from the space station. Wendover High School will become the first school in Utah to receive a live educational downlink with members of the crew of the International Space Station since the program began in 2001.

Wendover High's relationship with astronaut Sandra Magnus and NASA began in 2004 when math teacher, Carolyn Bushman, stayed up through the night to write a proposal asking that Wendover High be awarded a NASA Explorer School grant. Bushman's sleepless night paid off. In April 2004, she flew to Florida and accepted the honor on behalf of Wendover High to become Utah's first NASA Explorer School.

Bushman credits astronaut Sandra Magnus and the NASA Explorer School program with broadening the dreams of her students. "Until our involvement with NASA, many of my students didn't see many opportunities beyond the casinos of Wendover. With Sandra's involvement, they

have learned that the opportunities available to them are limited only by their desires.” The involvement with NASA helped Bushman develop the motto that she encourages her students to live by: “Reach for the stars, dreams do come true.”



Precis Communications, LLC of Price, Utah, has provided the school with the capabilities to receive the downlink from the space station. The school lacked the capabilities until Shane Baggs, the director of operations for Precis, stepped in to help the school.

Wendover High is a Title I school with 180 students in grades 7 – 12. The school was a NASA Explorer School from 2004 – 2007, during which time the school received teacher training, student opportunities, and \$17,500 for science and technology.

With companies like USU’s Space Dynamics Laboratory and ATK already heavily involved with NASA and space exploration, Thursday’s downlink with Wendover High will expand Utah’s connection with NASA and the space community.

The downlink will air live on NASA Television and will be streamed on the NASA website at <http://www.nasa.gov/ntv>

JANUARY & FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES AT THE OGDEN NATURE CENTER

Beginning Kundalini Yoga

Mondays, January 12 - March 2 (8 week course)

6:30-7:45 pm

Ages: Adults

Cost: \$45 for members / \$50 for non-members (for all 8 classes)

Invigorate your body and mind with a beginning course in Kundalini yoga and meditation with certified yoga instructor Bruce Fisk. Please bring a mat or blanket. Call 621-7595 to register.

Motionless Marvels Preschool Program

Geared for ages 3-5

Cost: \$4 per child

Tues. Jan. 27th; 9:30, 11:00, 1:00

Weds. Feb. 18th; 9:30, 11:00

Thurs. Feb. 26th; 9:30, 11:00, 1:00

From towering trees to tiny rocks, many of nature’s wonders hardly move at all. Preschoolers will sing songs and hear stories about trees, do some rockin’ geology yoga and make a tree to take home.

Please call 801-621-7595 for reservations.

Great Backyard Bird Count

Saturday, February 14/ 9:30 am

Ages: All

Cost: ONC admission, plus \$3 for binocular rental

Come to the Ogden Nature Center and participate in the national Great Backyard Bird Count. Bring your binoculars and meet in the Discovery Room to choose your area, then head out to count! ONC will provide tally sheets and will have a limited number of binoculars available for rental. Count as long as you like. ONC staff will log the day's results on the Great Backyard Bird Count website.

New Moon Night Hike

Wednesday, February 25/ 7 pm

Ages: 12 and up

Cost: \$8 for members / \$10 for non-members

Start the new year by joining an Ogden Nature Center naturalist for a night hike under a new moon. We'll look at the stars and for signs of nocturnal critters, share some hot chocolate and, if weather permits, share stories by an outdoor fire. Space is limited. Pre-registration required, 621-7595.



Wild Wednesdays

Wild Wednesdays program every week at 3:30 pm. Wild Wednesdays are held every week at 3:30 pm, open to the public, with regular admission rates of \$3.00 for ages 12-64, \$1.25 for seniors and children ages 2-11, and Ogden Nature Center members are free. Reservations are not required and drop-ins are always welcome. January's programs include:

January 7 at 3:30 pm

Hiding Habitats

Guided Habitat Walk – Venture out on Nature Center's wintery trails to look for signs of wildlife and discuss what happens to animals and plants during the winter.

January 14 at 3:30 pm

Whoooo Eats Whom

Learn about predator prey relationships with Chitters the Great-horned Owl. Meet Chitters in person and get an up-close look at skulls, pelts, teeth, eyes and more. All of these body parts show signs of animal adaptations. Learn about traits that help animals survive in the wild.

January 21 at 3:30 pm

Mammal Mia

Learn about the many cool mammals that live in the Great Basin region. Touch skulls and pelts and learn what makes mammals unique. Learn what makes YOU a mammal! Take a short walk with a naturalist to observe live deer at the Nature Center.

January 28 at 3:30 pm

Scaley Tales

Get an up close look at the Ogden Nature Center's resident reptiles.

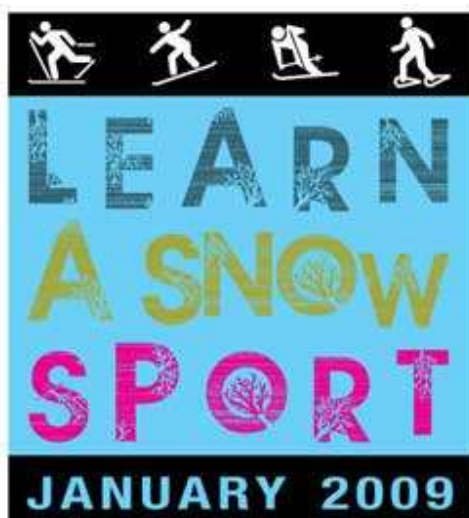
Learn what makes reptiles special in the animal world. Meet and learn about the endangered desert tortoise.

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th Street, Ogden, Utah. For more information, please call 801-621-7595 or visit our website at www.ogdennaturecenter.org.

Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. Declares January Learn a Snow Sport Month

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH- Utah Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. has officially declared January Learn a Snow Sport Month in the state of Utah. This declaration is in conjunction with a national effort to promote the learning of snow sports during the month of January. Starting this year alpine resorts, Nordic centers, and state and national parks in twenty-three states are offering special learn to alpine ski, snowboard, cross-country and snowshoe packages to locals.

Participating states include: California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin.



Learn a Snow Sport Month has also been supported by SnowSports Industries America(SIA), Professional Ski Instructors of America -American Association of Snowboard Instructors (PSIA-AASI), National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) and Cross Country Ski Areas Association (CCSAA).

As America battles an obesity epidemic, the snow sports industry hopes to motivate youth and adults to be active in winter months when exercise is most difficult. "Ski Utah is thrilled to have the Governor support efforts which make skiing and snowboarding feasible for Utah's local population," remarked Ski Utah President Nathan Rafferty. "After all, everyone should be able to take advantage of Utah's most famous resource, its incredible snow."

Utah has served as a leader in this initiative and will once again be offering great beginner deals with its Lucky 13 promotion. Utah's 13 alpine resorts have put together special packages for Utah residents that are fun and affordable. Whether learning for the first-time, or simply brushing up unpracticed skills, these offers are the jackpot for people looking to ski or snowboard this January.

Locals are also invited to win a 'learn to ski or snowboard' package for their family (two adults and two children) by visiting www.skiutah.com/lucky13/. Simply log on, fill out the entry form and hope to be one of the Lucky 13 selected to win.

For more information on opportunities to learn a snow sport visit www.winterfeelsgood.com or www.skiutah.com.

The Case of the Missing Perch

“Starvation Perch Search” set for Jan. 17

Duchesne -- Would you like to step on the ice, wet a line and help solve a mystery? If so, meet at the Starvation State Park boat ramp at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17. It’s time for another “Starvation Perch Search.”



what’s going on at Starvation?

Where’s the fish?

It’s easy to catch yellow perch at Starvation Reservoir in the summer. The fish seem to be everywhere. Trend-net surveys conducted by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) indicate the reservoir has a large, expanding population of perch, with several strong age classes.

But when the reservoir freezes over in the winter, the perch at Starvation disappear.

Fishing is usually good in the winter at other perch-fishing waters in Utah. So

Find an answer, have some fun!

To answer this mystery, the UDWR is organizing another “Starvation Perch Search.” And you’re invited. It doesn’t matter how much ice-fishing experience you have—all you need to participate is a current Utah fishing license.

(The first Perch Search was held in 2008.)

The idea is to put as many anglers as possible on the reservoir to try and find where the

perch have moved to. To do this, biologists need the help of anglers—lots of anglers.

If you’d like to help, meet at the Starvation State Park boat ramp at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17. And bring all of your ice-fishing equipment. Powered ice augers, portable fish finders and underwater cameras will make it easier to find the fish.

When you arrive at the boat ramp, biologists will show you a map of the lake. They’ll also keep track of where anglers fish and collect information from anglers as they leave the ice.



Starvation Reservoir is just west of Duchesne on US-40. For more information, call (435) 781-9453, and ask for Ed, Ron or Roger.

New Product That Solves one of the Most Common Dilemmas for Outdoor Enthusiasts.



HitchSafe announces its innovative HitchSafe Key Vault. Not only is the HitchSafe great for spare key storage, it

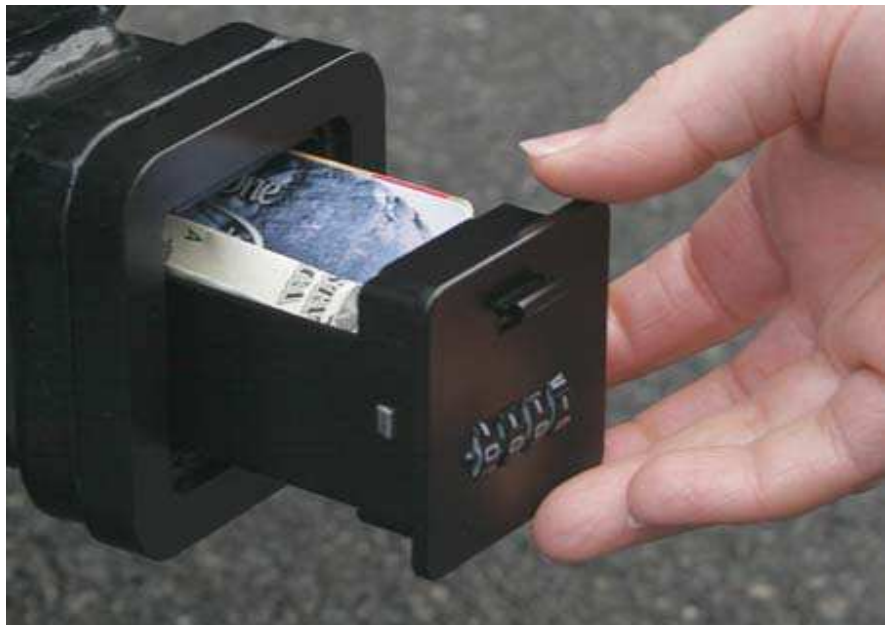
also addresses the dilemma of securing keys during outdoor activities where carrying keys is a hassle or they can become lost. The HitchSafe stores spare keys that will always be there when needed most. It offers the best secure key storage for when locked out or simply when sharing access with others. It is also great for outdoor activities where carrying keys is a hassle and credit cards/cash left inside the vehicle would otherwise run the risk of being stolen.

The HitchSafe is secured with two hitch pins INSIDE the hitch receiver via two sliding metal bolts. The bolts can only be removed when the 10,000-combination drawer is removed. The HitchSafe takes only seconds to install/uninstall with no tools required.

The 10,000-combination HitchSafe spring-loaded drawer secures keys, license, cash and up to two credit cards. The HitchSafe is great for active lifestyles where items can be stored during outdoor sports with no need to hassle with carrying or losing keys/cards. The combination drawer is concealed and protected with an attractive dust cover.

HitchSafe is a division of the Frank J. Martin Company. The Frank J Martin Company is the manufacturer of

security products such as the ShurLok Key Storage, Combi-Cam Cabinet Locks, Combi-Ratchet, Key Cabinets, Viper Steering Wheel Lock, Combi-Bolt and SOBO High Security Padlocks. Our parent site is www.fjmsecurity.com



Inauguration Celebration to be Held During Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah
Kevin Rudolf, Art Alexakis of Everclear, and Radius to Perform Live

PARK CITY, UT – In the midst of the Sundance Film Festival glitz, the world's attention will be turned to a momentous occasion in history – the inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States. Nation-wide celebrations will mark this event, and Utah is no exception. On January 20, 2009, festival attendees and locals are invited to an Inauguration Celebration at The Sidecar at 333 Main St., beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Park City, located in Summit County, is one of Utah's most progressive and forward-thinking counties. Despite the state being the recent target of backlash over the passing of Proposition 8 in California, Summit County was one of only two Utah counties to vote against a similar gay marriage ban by nearly 62 percent in 2004.

Joanna Charnes, Summit County Democrats' Executive Committee Vice Chair says, "One of the goals of this celebration is to foster a more positive image of Utah. We are so appreciative to have nationally acclaimed musicians on the bill performing for what will be a most memorable evening for both locals and visitors."

Cash Money/Universal Republic recording artist Kevin Rudolf will make his Utah debut at the Inauguration Celebration. Rudolf is the music industry's latest sensation as a result of the hit single "Let it Rock" featuring Lil' Wayne which recently reached #5 on the Billboard charts. His debut album, *In the City*, is now available. www.kevinrudolf.com

"I visited Park City for the first time last winter to go skiing and snowboarding," says Rudolf. "I was really struck by how open-minded people are. There's a lot of nightlife which I didn't expect given the conservative reputation Utah has." He adds, "I'm excited for my first Sundance experience and to perform in celebration of our new President."

Art Alexakis, lead vocalist of multi-platinum recording artist Everclear, will perform an acoustic set, including some of the band's hit songs. The politically active front man supported Obama and is eager to participate in the inauguration festivities while in town for Sundance. www.everclearonline.com

The Los Angeles-based independent band, Radius, rounds out the lineup. Radius' music has been licensed for highly rated television shows and the Victoria's Secret "Dream Angels" TV advertising campaign. The band has three songs featured in "Finding Bliss," a film screening for the 2009 Slamdance Film Festival on Jan. 18 and 20. www.myspace.com/radiusband

"We are proud of Summit County's revolutionary spirit," says Laura Bonham, Summit County Democratic Party Chairperson. "As ardent supporters of the arts, the environment, and outdoor recreation, we're thrilled to host this exciting celebration during Park City's busiest, most high profile period."

A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit Summit County Democrats. Tickets are available in advance for \$50 each and may be purchased online at

<http://www.actblue.com/page/parkcityinauguralbash>

Only 250 tickets are available due to limited capacity. The Sidecar is a 21 and over venue.

Ski Utah Attempts to Ski All 13 Utah Ski Resorts in One Day on January 13, 2009

SALT LAKE CITY, UT- On Tues., Jan. 13, Ski Utah and a team of skiers will attempt to ski all 13 Utah ski resorts in a single day. The mission will begin at Brian Head Resort in Southern Utah and will end 360 miles north at

Beaver Mountain. To Ski Utah's knowledge, this feat has never been accomplished before. Ski Utah did manage to ski 11 resorts in one day during the 2003-04 winter season, but this mission aims to break that record.



Utah is famous for having The Greatest Snow on Earth and some of the most accessible resorts in North America. In fact, seven resorts ranked in the top ten for access in the 2008 SKI magazine reader survey. The Ski Utah team will only require the use of a van and ski lifts in order to successfully complete the feat.

"This attempt aims to demonstrate the incredible accessibility of Utah's resorts," said Ski Utah President Nathan Rafferty. "The convenience of Utah resorts is becoming an equal strength to our world famous snow."

Ski Utah will blog its progress in real time, which can be followed at www.skiutah.com/blog.

Radio interviews can be arranged with team members Jake Bogoch, editor of Skiing magazine, or Jessica Kunzer, Ski Utah communications director, by calling 801.647.2510.

Television stations must schedule interviews in advance.

Ski Utah's itinerary on Jan. 13, 2009 is as follows:

- . 4:30 a.m.- Brian Head Resort
- . 5:00 a.m.- Depart for Sundance
- . 8:00 a.m.- Arrive and ski at Sundance Resort
- . 8:30 a.m.- Drive to Deer Valley Resort
- . 9:00 a.m.- Board Jordanelle Gondola and ski to Snow Park Lodge
- . 9:30 a.m.- Drive to Park City Mountain Resort
- . 9:55 a.m.- Arrive and ski at Park City Mountain Resort
- . 10:10 a.m.- Drive to The Canyons Resort
- . 10:25 a.m.- Arrive and ski at The Canyons Resort
- . 10:55 a.m.- Drive to Little Cottonwood Canyon
- . 11:45 a.m.- Board Snowbird tram and ski over to Alta
- . 12:30 p.m.- Drive to Solitude

- . 1:30 p.m.- Arrive at Solitude and ski to Brighton
- . 2:10 p.m.- Drive to Snowbasin
- . 3:30 p.m.- Arrive and ski Snowbasin
- . 3:50 p.m.- Drive to Wolf Creek, UT
- . 4:10 p.m.- Arrive and ski Wolf Creek, UT
- . 4:30 p.m.- Drive to Powder Mountain



- . 5:00 p.m.- Arrive and ski Powder Mountain
- . 5:15 p.m.- Drive to Beaver Mountain
- . 6:30 p.m.- Arrive and ski Beaver Mountain. Thirteen resorts in one day!

This mission has been made possible with support from Utah's 13 ski resorts and Whole Foods Market.

Gun Sales Continue to Increase

24 Percent Jump in December Amid Gun-Owner Concerns

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- Despite a weak economy, gun sales are continuing to increase amid concerns that incoming lawmakers will institute a new gun ban on law-abiding Americans. Data derived from the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) show a 24 percent increase in firearm purchaser background checks for the month of December 2008 (1,523,426 checks) over December 2007 (1,230,525 checks). This increase follows a 42 percent rise in NICS checks for the preceding month, the highest number of checks in NICS history. FBI background checks are required under federal law for all individuals purchasing firearms from federally licensed retailers. These checks serve as a strong indicator of actual sales.

A recent poll of hunters and target shooters by [Southwick Associates Inc.](#), in which 80 percent of respondents said they expect it will become more difficult to purchase firearms under the incoming administration and congress, explains the increase in sales.

"Sales of firearms, in particular handguns and semi-automatic hunting and target rifles, are fast outpacing inventory," said NSSF President and CEO Stephen L. Sanetti. "It's clear that many people are concerned about possible gun bans under the incoming Congress and are reacting accordingly."

According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the large increase in demand for firearms has led to a shortage of Form 4473s -- the Firearms Transaction Record which must be filled out any time a person buys a firearm from a licensed retailer. As a temporary

measure, ATF is allowing FFLs to photocopy the form 4473 in its entirety until they receive their orders from the ATF Distribution Center. NSSF has reminded retailers of the newly launched



Electronic Form 4473 which is free and downloadable from the ATF Web site.

Final year-end NICS data reveals a total of 12,709,023 background checks reported in 2008, up 14 percent from 2007.

CYPRUS HIGH STUDENT WINS AAA ESSAY CONTEST

Winning Driving Safety Message: "We Need to Care"

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 7, 2009 – "We need to care." This simple message was at the heart of the winning entry by Anabel Alvarado in the AAA Utah & Katelyn Gabbitas Essay Contest.

The essay contest asked high school students to discuss the responsibilities of young drivers and passengers in an effort to increase awareness of *attitude* as a vital safety component.

"AAA Utah sponsors the essay contest as a way to encourage young drivers to think about the responsibilities and ramifications of driving," said Rolayne Fairclough, AAA Utah spokesperson. "It is named after Katelyn Gabbitas, who was killed along with two other friends when the driver of their vehicle sped down a canyon road. Irresponsible driving changed the lives of four families that day, and it tragically impacts families each and every day."

Anabel captured the essence of the contest as she wrote, "The answer is obvious, we need to care. When we get into the car with friends, family, loved ones, we need to show them we care. Tell them to buckle up. Tell them why. Tell them they can trust you with their lives, because that is what they are handing you on a silver platter. That's a lot of responsibility and you accept it each time you get into the driver's seat of a car."

AAA Utah will present Anabel Alvarado and John Welburn, Principal of Cyprus High, each a check for \$1,000 on Thursday, January 8 during a school television broadcast at 10:20 a.m. It is hoped Cyprus High will use their award money to further the message of safe and responsible driving among their students.

A 2006 study by the Utah Highway Safety Office shows that although teenage drivers represent only 8 percent of the licensed drivers in Utah, they were involved in 26 percent of all motor vehicle crashes. These crashes injured 7,817 people and killed 49 people. In fact, 17 percent of fatal crashes in Utah involved a teen driver, and a teen driver crash occurred in Utah every 36 minutes.

"In addition to increasing awareness about driver and passenger responsibility, AAA wants to remind parents about the state's Graduated Driver Licensing law and urges them to enforce this law with their teens," said Fairclough. "The law has a nighttime restriction between midnight and

5:00 am for drivers under 17 years and a restriction against teen passengers for the first six months of licensure. It also requires 40 hours of driving experience before licensure, including 10 hours of night driving experience.”