

CLEARFIELD RESIDENT, PERSONAL WATERCRAFT INSTRUCTOR RECEIVES AWARD

Salt Lake City - Clearfield resident and Utah State Parks Personal Watercraft (PWC)



Instructor Jim Zocchi recently received the United States Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety Award. Zocchi was presented with the award for his outstanding volunteer service, educating Utah boaters, performing vessel safety checks and providing information to marine dealers.

Zocchi has served as a PWC instructor for 11 years and has taught 2,500 children how to safely operate this type of watercraft on Utah waters. He also assists with trade shows and

local events, and distributes boating safety information to boat dealers in Davis and Weber counties.

For safe boating information or to become a PWC instructor, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call (801) 538-BOAT. Utah Boaters...WEAR IT!

Calling all Utah Turkey Callers

The National Wild Turkey Federation Sanctioned Utah State Turkey Calling Contest will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2008, in conjunction with the International Sportsmen's Expo in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Registration is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. the morning of the event, while the competition runs from noon until 4 p.m.

Calling Divisions are:

- State Champion (Utah residents)
- Open
- Friction
- Hunter (never won a sanctioned turkey calling contest)
- Xtreme JAKES (13-17)
- JAKES (12 and under)



All competitors must be NWTF members, however, membership can be purchased the morning of the event. Cost to compete is \$10 per adult division, while JAKES/Xtreme JAKES can compete at no cost.

Download the Utah State Turkey Calling Contest flyer for more information at http://www.nwtf.org/images/calling_contest.pdf.

Southeastern Region Fishing Report offered

GENERAL: Some of the lower elevation waters have thawed. Others are soon to follow. Ice fishing in general is becoming more risky as spring advances. Please observe the "buddy system." Carry a rescue rope and floatation device. Keep ice picks handy. Follow trails made by others. When in doubt, drill a test hole close to shore.



GIGLIOTTI POND: The pond remains iced over. Little sign of winter angler use, suggesting slow fishing conditions.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: On May 5, Tom Ogden fished an open water stretch along the snowbound creek. Fishing wasn't very productive, but he caught two pan-size browns with a #14 beadhead hares ear.

HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK: During the past week, anglers have been

accessing the lake with extension ladders. Continued ice fishing is not recommended. Please wait until ice-off.

JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR: No recent report. This water has special regulations. Please refer to the Fishing Guidebook.

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

LOWER FISH CREEK: Tom Ogden fished just below the dam on March 7. He indicated the flow from the dam had increased to 50 cfs. Tom caught a mix of pan-size browns, tigers and rainbows on a #14 beadhead hares ear.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR: The ice-fishing season is over for the year. New patches of open water are appearing daily.

SAN JUAN COUNTY: The ice-fishing season is over, except for high elevation waters on the LaSal Mountains, where access is by snow machine only. Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Ken's Lake on May 9. He reported slow fishing with spinners, but fair success with bait.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: On May 7, Odell Cox of Fairview caught a four-pound two-ounce rainbow/cutthroat hybrid that measured 24 inches. Mr. Cox used egg sacs to ice his trophy.

On May 9, a thread on bigfishtackle.com reported steady action during morning hours for cutts and rainbows. Fish were reported to take all kinds of jigs and bait.

On May 10, Mike Milburn and party fished the west side in 12 to 14 feet of water. Each fisherman hooked a near limit of fish. Milburn used a small attractor with a 10-inch dropper and small ice fly, tipped with a piece of nightcrawler. Milburn also tried a small plastic minnow jig without any bait, but the jig had to be moving all the time to entice a strike. The ice is more than two feet thick.



UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

March 21 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway



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

March 21 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse
Full Moon Hike: Check out island nightlife by the light of the full moon. Join the park naturalist at the Buffalo Point Trailhead. Participants should dress for weather conditions, bring plenty of water and wear sturdy shoes. This event requires pre-registration by March 20. (801) 721-9569

March 22 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Rabbit Habitat: Animals must be creative and cunning in choosing their homes to insure survival. Join the park naturalist on an island search for rabbit abodes. Participants should dress for the weather conditions, wear sturdy shoes, bring plenty of water, sunscreen, bug repellent and meet at the visitor center at 8:30 a.m. This activity is intended for children ages six through 12, however all ages are welcome. For more information, please call (801) 721-9569.

March 22 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Easter Celebration: Join park staff for an egg hunt at 10 a.m. Other activities include a fishing pond, face painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and farm ball and gunny sack races. Prizes will be awarded for all activities. (801) 649-5742

March 22 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier

Easter Egg Hunt: Join park staff for an egg hunt at 9 a.m. sharp. This is a huge event with candy and prizes for children 12 and under. (435) 527-4631

March 23 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier

Easter Sunrise Service: The sunrise service at the visitor center on Easter Sunday is an annual tradition. The service begins approximately 45 minutes before sunrise. (435) 527-4631

March 22 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab

Junior Ranger Program: Join the park naturalist at the visitor center amphitheater at 5:30 p.m. for A Day in the Life of a Raven. Children six through 12 may earn a Junior Ranger badge. (435) 259-2614

5 Tips to Tread Lightly! When Camping



1. Whenever possible, use existing campsites. Camp on durable surfaces and place tents on a non-vegetated area. Do not dig trenches around tents.

2. Camp a least 200 feet from water, trails and other campsites.

3. Do not wash in streams and lakes. Detergents, toothpaste and soap harm fish and other aquatic life.

4. Observe all fire restrictions. For campfires, use only fallen timber. Gather firewood well away from your camp. Also, consider using a camp stove for cooking instead of a fire—they have less impact on the land.

5. Leave your campsite better than you found it or as if you were never there.

Camp Floyd State Park hosts Geocache Treasure Hunt

Fairfield - Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunt using a global positioning satellite (GPS) unit. Camp Floyd State Park is hosting a geocache treasure hunt in locating various sites within in the park of various historical interests. The event will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2008, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Visitors who complete the treasure hunt will be awarded a Utah State Parks Postcard Booklet, while supplies last.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own GPS units. However, a GPS unit with

instructions will be available if needed. Park staff will be on hand to assist with the GPS coordinates. Participants will be given the coordinates to the first cache and each subsequent cache will provide the next coordinates.

The geocache treasure hunt is included with paid admission of \$2 per person, or \$6 per family. Hamburgers, chips, hot dogs, and drinks will be available for purchase between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with proceeds supporting the programs and activities of Utah State Parks.

Camp Floyd was established in 1858 to quell a Mormon rebellion, which never took place. Soldiers were stationed here until they were recalled to the Civil War in 1861. Today, the park and museum tells the story of this historic event.



Camp Floyd State Park is located in the town of Fairfield, 22 miles southwest of Lehi on Highway 73. The park and museum are open Monday - Saturday from 9a.m. to 5p.m. For more information, contact the park at: 801-768-8932.

Utah's "Life Elevated" Spring Campaign to Launch in March

Salt Lake City – Utah's "Life Elevated" spring advertising campaign will be launched by the Utah Office of Tourism later this month. The \$3.2 million campaign will include ads on cable television; local stations in the Denver, Phoenix, and Los Angeles markets; in targeted travel magazines; and on the Internet.

"Tourism is an important element of the governor's economic plan," said Jason Perry, executive director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development. "The Tourism Marketing Performance Fund, approved by lawmakers to promote the state, has allowed us to open up new markets for visitors to Utah."

The Utah Office of Tourism's "baggage claim" spot, created by advertising agency Struck in Salt Lake City, will air on nine cable channels for six weeks, beginning in March. The channels include: MSNBC, Travel Channel, Bravo, Discovery Channel, HGTV, A&E, History Channel, FSN, and National Geographic Channel. The spots will

begin airing the week of March 17 on cable. They will also run on local stations in Denver, Phoenix, and Los Angeles through August.

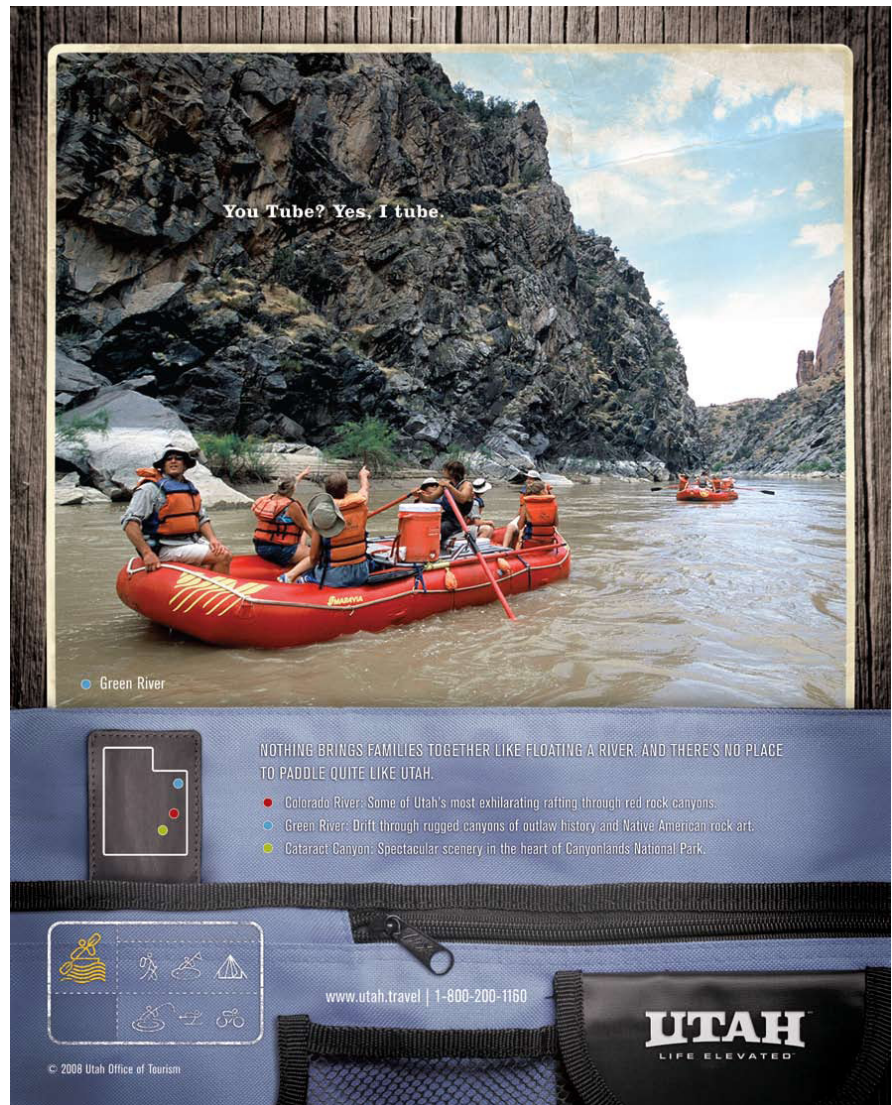
“No matter the economic conditions, travel is an investment for your family’s memories and your quality of life,” said Leigh von der Esch, managing director of the Utah Office of Tourism, an agency of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development.

Five magazines have been selected for Utah print ads, including Sunset, Condé Nast Traveler, Outside, National Geographic Traveler, and Backpacker. The print ads will appear in the magazines from April through August.

Interactive ads will appear on many Web sites on the Burst and Outside Hub Networks, and on AmericanParkNetwork.com, YellowstonePark.com, Youtube.com, Gorp.com, and Backpacker.com.

The advertising will generate 210 million impressions, according to Blitz, Struck’s media buyer. The advertising buy for the non-winter campaign was approved by the Board of Tourism Development during its February meeting held in Ogden.

For more information on Utah’s marketing program, contact the Utah Office of Tourism at Council Hall, 300 N. State, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114, (801) 538-1900, (800) 200-1160 or by visiting www.utah.travel.



Templeton Thompson to give benefit concert in Ogden for EAGALA

EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association) is near and dear to the heart of Nashville recording artist and songwriter Templeton Thompson. The concert will be held Friday, March 14, from 8 – 10 pm at the Peery’s Egyptian Theater in Ogden.

“My hope is that this concert will raise money for EAGALA and awareness of the healing power of horses,” said Templeton.



Templeton is well known in the horse industry for her equine inspired tunes and also is a sought after session artist and songwriter in the country music world. Templeton and her partner / husband Sam Gay have penned songs for Reba McEntire, Montgomery Gentry, Bryan White, Sherie Austin, JoDee Mesina and more. Additionally, Templeton’s song “Settle Down Cinderella” was featured in the film “Dr. Doolittle 3” with Disney Channel phenom Raven Symone, and her single “If I Didn’t Need the Money” made the Top 40 on the Texas Music Chart. Recently she was a featured entertainer at both the National Reining Horse Futurity, the American Quarter Horse Congress and she just finished taping an episode of “Horse Master” with Julie Goodnight for RFDtv.

“Horses are not only my best muses but they are natural therapists,” Templeton explains. “EAGALA takes that innate healing power and expands on it by adding a human element that can really help a person transcend difficult situations, overcome tragedy and grow emotionally, sometimes spiritually, too.”

Money raised from the concert will support the international efforts of the non-profit organization to continue to spread the power of horses and provide equine assisted therapy services around the world. EAGALA efforts help not only the local community through several programs, but they have now promoted the effectiveness of horses helping people in places like Bosnia, Israel, South Africa, and Latin America.

The concert is open to anyone. Tickets are \$20 and available through the Peery’s Egyptian Theater box office, 395-3227, www.peerysegyptiantheater.com. For more information on EAGALA – www.eagala.org, and Templeton, www.templetonthompson.com.

A “WHITE,” “BRIGHT,” AND “WELLS” OF A DAY AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL WORLD SUPERPIPE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Shaun White, Torah Bright and Jossi Wells Win First Place

Park City, Utah (March 8, 2008) – Park City Mountain Resort is proud to announce that Park City All-Star, Shaun White, defending champion, Torah Bright, and New Zealand skiing phenomenon, Josiah (Jossi) Wells have been crowned the 2008 World Superpipe Champions today, March 8th, in Park City, Utah. White clinched the men’s snowboarding championship with a top score of 93.00, Bright secured the women’s snowboarding championship with a best run of 96.67, and Wells took the men’s skiing top honors with a best run of 96.33. They each took home a \$15,000 prize purse.

“This year, the World Superpipe Championships were better than ever with the skiers and snowboarders astonishing thousands of spectators all on one day,” said Paula Fabel, spokesperson for Park City Mountain Resort. “The pipe was cut perfectly, the athletes

went huge and the snow started falling in true Utah style just as the winners were announced.”

The female snowboarders kicked off the day in a best of three-run format. Bright, with back-to-back sevens, won her third World Superpipe Championship in a row. Kelly Clark, 2002 Olympic Gold Medalist, claimed second place with a top score of 93.00, followed by Soko Yamaoka (85.00) for third. Ellery Hollingsworth (79.33) and Sophie Rodriguez (71.00) followed in fourth and fifth place. Following the women’s competition, men’s snowboarding took center stage. White defended his 2007 World Superpipe Championship title with back-to-back 1080s and clean runs. White’s top finish was followed by Mason Aguirre with a best run of 90.33 for second place. Janne Korpi (85.33), Luke Mitrani (85.00) and Keir Dillon (81.33) took third, fourth and fifth respectively.

The day wrapped up with the men’s skiing competition and a serious display of amplitude. Wells height in the superpipe coupled with a 1260 sealed his first place victory. Justin Dorey of Canada secured second place with a top score of 91.00, followed by Mike Riddle (89.67) for third. Simon Dumont (88.67) and Tucker Perkins (83.00) took fourth and fifth place respectively.



With this win, White moved into the top 40 on the SWATCH TTR World Tour due to only having three results. Bright maintains her lead as SWATCH TTR World Nr 1.

SWATCH TTR World Snowboard Tour represents the largest group of independent freestyle snowboard events in the world. Riders participating in these events earn TTR



Ranking Points and a position on the TTR Ranking List. Park City Mountain Resort's World Superpipe Championship is a Swatch TTR FIVE(5)STAR Event.

For complete competition results and photos from the 2008 World Superpipe Championships, please visit www.worldsuperpipe.com.

Kelty sponsors Daren Wendell and his walk around the world

Dubbed The Earth Expedition, Daren's trip will mix 18,000 miles, 36 million steps, 14 countries and one Kelty backpack to raise awareness for the international water crisis

BOULDER, COLO. (March 5, 2008) – Kelty, cornerstone brand for the outdoor world, will be an official gear sponsor for Daren Wendell and his Earth Expedition walk around the world to raise awareness, generate funds, and call people to action regarding the international water crisis.

Starting on March 8, 2008 when Daren takes his first step from North Georgia College and University in Dahlonega, GA, the Earth Expedition will span the course of the next seven years and take Daren over 18,000 miles through 14 countries. Kelty will supply Daren with a Soar 5200 backpack, Corrie 2 tent, and Light Year Down 20° sleeping bag to start, with regular equipment upgrades to follow as seasons change and newer gear is released.

“Without a doubt, this is one of the most ambitious undertakings I’ve ever heard of and we’re excited to be a part of it,” said Christian Mason, marketing manager for Kelty. “I’m looking forward to receiving updates from Daren during his trip and his feedback on how our Kelty gear is performing.”

When it came to selecting gear sponsors, Daren knew exactly the sort of equipment he was after.

“I’m a minimalist,” said Daren of Earth Expedition. “I’m looking for high quality, lightweight gear to meet my under 40 lb pack limit. The Kelty Soar, Corrie, and Light Year will certainly help me attain that goal.”

With 5200 cubic inches of storage space, the Soar is the largest pack Kelty’s Backcountry Light series of packs, tents, and sleeping bags. Weighing in at 4 lbs., 2 oz., the Soar represents the best blend of lightweight and large volume across all of Kelty’s backpack lines.

New for Spring 2008, the Corrie 2 is the lightest two-person tent currently offered in the Kelty line. Tipping the scales at a scant 3 lbs., 10 oz., the three-season Corrie is easy to carry, easy to pitch, and provides ample protection from the elements.

Also new for Spring 2008, Kelty’s Light Year Down 20° sleeping bag will accompany Daren until colder temps demand a warmer bag. Light, comfortable and compact, the mummy-style Light Year Down is a great choice for lightweight, three-season backpacking.

Starting with a hike of the entire Appalachian Trail, Daren will ultimately cover over 18,000 miles during his seven-year trip with time spent walking through a variety of different countries, including Spain, France, Italy, Hungary, Austria, Russia, and Canada.

Regular updates on Daren’s progress and the Kelty gear he is using can be found at www.Kelty.com in the “How Do You Use Kelty” section as well as in Daren’s blog, located at www.theearthexpedition.com.



KELTY is based in Boulder, Colorado, and uses the natural backdrop of the Rocky Mountains to test, create and continually innovate within their diverse outdoor product families of Light & Fast, Trail, Basecamp and Travel gear. Kelty combines the best in new technology with a healthy dose of common sense to create exceptionally made, affordably priced outdoor products. For more information on Kelty, please go to www.kelty.com, or call 800.423.2320.

Book Review for Billy Goes Hunting

Provided are a few reviews for the text, *Billy goes Hunting*, by Matthew N. Butler.

"The children of avid hunters routinely face questions and criticisms about the hunting lifestyle they cherish. "Billy Goes Hunting" is the story of a young boy whose hunting beliefs have been challenged by his peers. In response to those challenges, on a trip to visit his Grandfather's farm Billy asks the question - "Why do we hunt?" and his Grandfather explains the many reasons behind the heritage, sport and tradition of the hunting lifestyle. Reading this book to your children will allow you as a parent to explain all of these reasons in detail and provide a great platform to discuss any other questions they might have. "

"As a parent and a hunter concerned about the future of our sport, I invite you to get a copy of "Billy Goes Hunting" for your children. They'll love the story and it will give them straightforward information to defend a heritage that as hunters, we hold dear to our hearts."

- Mark Kayser

Whitetail Columnist, North American Hunter Bowhunting Backyard Whitetails Columnist,

Bowhunt America "Matt Butler has created an important educational tool for America's youth with his book "Billy Goes Hunting." Matt's honest approach and genuine instinct as steward for our precious life giving natural resources needs only a reminder to be fired up. Conservation is in our blood and this book will fan the flames."

-Ted Nugent

Award winning author, editor and publisher Founder of Ted Nugent's Camp for Kids National Anti-drug spokesman

Billy Goes Hunting

A boy's journey to discover the values and traditions of hunting



Matthew N. Butler

Servicewide Harry Yount Award Nominees for 2008 Announced

Excellence in "Rangering" Award Recognizes and Honors Rangers

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Park Service today announced the finalists for the 2008 Harry Yount Park Ranger Award. The award, named after the first known park ranger, recognizes excellence in the field of "rangering."

The award is an integral part of the National Park Service's employee recognition program. The peer-based honor is presented annually to an individual whose overall impact, record of accomplishments and excellence in traditional ranger duties has created an appreciation for the park ranger profession. The award was pioneered in the Midwest Region in 1992 and initiated Servicewide in 1994 by President and Mrs. Clinton at a White House ceremony.

"It is always a great honor to announce the nominees for the Servicewide Harry Yount Award," said Mary A. Bomar, Director of the National Park Service. "These award recipients are the best of the best and exhibit the highest qualities of rangering in their daily activities of protecting park resources and serving the visitor. I am proud of them, and all of our rangers, who do so much every day to make national parks special places for our visitors."

The award program is sponsored by the Washington Office, Division of Law Enforcement, Security and Emergency Services, in partnership with the National Park Foundation. Each nominee has already been honored with a 2008 Regional Harry Yount Award accompanied by a custom designed plaque and cash award of \$1250. The Servicewide honoree will receive an original sculptured bust of Harry Yount and a \$3,000 cash award during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on May 7, 2008.

Recipients of the Harry Yount Award represent the heart of the Ranger Corps, reflecting its tradition, high standards, and commitment to the Service's mission. They are knowledgeable of, and sensitive to, the natural, cultural and recreational resources that make up the National Park System, placing them foremost in their priorities. Their ability and willingness to do the tough jobs well, with style, grace, and humor make them role models for all Rangers.

This year's nominees are:

Wendy R. Bredow, Alaska Region, Park Ranger, Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve

Gary Moses, Inter-Mountain Region, Lake McDonald Sub-District Ranger, Glacier National Park

Lindel Gregory, Midwest Region, Park Ranger, Ozark National Scenic Riverways Memorial

Todd Stanton, National Capital Region, Chief Ranger, Monocacy National Battlefield

Gary Hartley, Northeast Region, Chief Ranger, New River Gorge National River

Les Inafuku, Pacific West Region, Chief Ranger, Pu‘uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park/Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park

Jon Murphy, Southeast Region, Plateau District Ranger, Blue Ridge Parkway

Jeff Sullivan, Washington Office-Pacific West Assignment, Assistant Special Agent in Charge

\$6 Million approved for Ash Meadows NWR, NV Visitor Center



Thanks to a \$6 million grant from the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, visitors to Ash Meadows NWR will be able to see the endangered Ash Meadows pupfish - located nowhere else in the world. © USFWS

A collaboration between NWRA and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) has resulted in the selection of Ash Meadows NWR - one of the units in Nevada's Desert NWR Complex - to receive a \$6 million grant from Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA) to support construction of a Visitor Center.

The 23,000-acre refuge is undergoing intensive restoration of its wetlands, springs, and desert upland habitats. No fewer than 24 of the species of plants and animals found at Ash Meadows, including the endangered Ash Meadows pupfish are endemic, a distinction held by no other location in the United States. Just 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Ash Meadows receives more than 50,000 visitors annually, who arrive to find little in the way of interpretative materials beyond the popular Crystal Springs

Interpretative Boardwalk Trail.

The funding will be used to construct a visitor center building; NWRA and FWS will apply for a follow-on SNPLMA grant to fund the interpretive exhibits and complete the kiosks and boardwalks. Funds from SNPLMA are collected through the sale of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands within the city limits of Las Vegas. Federal land management agencies can apply for funding for specific projects that will enhance the conservation efforts of the region.

NEW CRUDE RECORD AS GAS PRICES TIE HIGH MARK

AAA Utah Reports Commodity Traders Run Up Prices

SALT LAKE CITY, March 11, 2008 – The price of crude oil set a new record price of \$109.20 a barrel today, while the average price of gasoline in the United States tied the highest recorded price at \$3.23 a gallon. The previous high mark for gasoline was on May 24, 2007, when the price for a barrel of crude oil was \$65.

“With the downward trend in the economy and soft stock and real estate markets, investors are turning to commodities to shore up their investment packages,” said Rolayne Fairclough, AAA Utah spokesperson. “These heavy investments push prices to extreme highs. For example, over 700 million barrels are traded each day while only 15 million are actually used.”

According to AAA Utah, which tracks gasoline prices as a service to the consumer, Utah’s current average price is \$3.13. This is a 14-cent increase from last month’s report and an 80-cent increase from a year ago. Only nine states have prices lower than Utah’s current average. Utah’s highest price was \$3.28, recorded on May 31, 2007. The national average price for regular is \$3.23 a gallon. This is a 27-cent increase from last month’s report and 69 cents higher than a year ago.

Refineries are in good repair, and two major refineries that did not produce last year are now on line. Supplies of both gasoline and ethanol are robust, so barring an unforeseen situation, prices should not be unduly impacted because of supply shortages this year.

“High gasoline prices have had a major impact on consumers, especially in this time of economic downturn,” said Fairclough. “Family budgets have been hard-hit and people are cutting back on their driving, and making serious decisions about vehicle choices and overall purchases.”

Drivers in the Intermountain States endured double-digit increases for regular, self-serve gasoline prices this past month. Currently, Idaho motorists pay \$3.20 for a gallon of gasoline. This is 19 cents higher than last month. Montana prices jumped 18 cents to the current average of \$3.18. Wyoming’s price jumped 17 cents to \$3.06 a gallon. Colorado’s average price is \$3.10, a 17-cent increase from February’s report. Arizona’s current average price is the highest ever recorded. It is \$3.15 a gallon. This is 28 cents higher than last month. Nevada also set a new record as their price increased 29 cents to the current average of \$3.29. California has the highest average price in the continental United States and set a new high record. The current average price in California is \$3.58, a 46-cent increase from last month. Hawaii records the highest average in the country at \$3.61 a gallon. New Jersey has the lowest average price at \$3.01.

Utah’s motorists in the cities surveyed by AAA saw dramatic increases in gasoline prices over the past month. St. George’s current average price for regular, self-serve is \$3.21. This is 18 cents higher than last month. Ogden’s average price is \$3.11, a 15-cent

increase from February's report. Logan and Provo both reported 14 cent increases over the month. The current average price in Logan is \$3.15. Provo's average price is \$3.12. The price increased 12 cents in both Salt Lake City and Moab. Salt Lake motorists are now paying an average of \$3.05. Moab's average price is \$3.18. Vernal's average price increased 9 cents this past month. The average price in Vernal is \$3.18.

AAA Tips for Saving Money on Gas

·Avoid Luxury Gas

Premium fuel costs about 20-25 cents a gallon more than regular. If your car doesn't need premium grade fuel, don't buy it. You're just wasting your money. Check your owner's manual. If the manufacturer does not require high octane fuel, your car will run just as well on the least expensive gas.

·Shop Aggressively

Since prices change overnight, the gas station that offered the best deal last time you filled up may be the most expensive the next time your tank is empty. AAA of Northern California has a tool that can help. Located online at www.aaa.com/gasprices, the AAA Fuel Finder has real time information on gas prices at more than 85,000 gas stations throughout the United States.

·Check Your Tires

For every pound of pressure your tires are under-inflated, you could be losing up to 2 percent of your gas mileage. Tires could be down by five pounds or more and still appear to be properly inflated, but you could be buying 10 percent more gas than you actually need. If you don't want to do it yourself, ask the service technician to check the tires the next time you have your oil changed.

·Drive Conservatively

A lead foot can add significantly to your fuel bill. By driving the speed limit, accelerating slowly, anticipating stops by taking your foot off the gas pedal and taking excess weight out of your vehicle, you can often improve your fuel economy.

·Use Discounts

Take advantage of credit cards offer discounts on gas purchases. With the AAA Rewards Visa card, customers earn 5 percent back on gas purchased at the pump. More information is available online at aaa.com/creditcard or your local AAA office.

AAA's Fuel Finder can help motorists shop aggressively for the lowest prices on fuel. Located online at www.aaa.com/gasprices, the Fuel Finder has real time information on gas prices at more than 85,000 gasoline stations throughout the United States.

AAA's Fuel Gauge Report is the most comprehensive retail gasoline survey available, with over 85,000 self-serve stations surveyed everyday nationwide. Data is provided in cooperation with OPIS Energy Group and Wright Express, LLC.

A Valley Tan Music Party featuring



Charlie Parr

**Wednesday,
March 12
8:00pm**

**@ The Outer Rim
996 S. Redwood Rd.**

w/ Maybelle's Music Box

**Bring a picnic &
drinks of choice.**

\$10: Valley Tan
Temporary Memberships
available @ door.

www.valleytan.org



BAKER RESERVOIR: The reservoir is full but the water is very murky. Fishing is generally slow, though a few hold-over rainbows have been caught on PowerBait. Catchable-sized rainbow trout will be stocked during the last week in March.

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

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

BEAVER RIVER, LOWER: Flows are low and clear, so fish are easily spooked. Fishing is fair to good for rainbows and browns using streamer patterns in the deep holes. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with respect. Much of the private land is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass so watch for signs.

BEAVER RIVER, UPPER: Some of the anchor ice is breaking up. May be fishable soon. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

BOULDER MTN LAKES: Most Boulder Mtn. lakes are closed to fishing through April 20. Check the Utah Fishing Guidebook (proclamation) for which lakes are still open.

Access on most of the mountain is limited to snowmobile and ATV. No recent reports. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

CHALK CREEK: Small stream east of Fillmore. Access can be difficult in winter. Wild rainbows are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Best fishing is away from the campground and more heavily fished spots. The North Fork provides a good spot for those



willing to hike. Meadow Creek and Pioneer Creek are other small streams in the area that contain populations of small, wild trout.

CLEAR CREEK: The lower section in Fremont Indian State Park is getting muddy some days with afternoon runoff.

CORN CREEK: Access can be difficult in winter. Wild brown trout are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits.

DUCK CREEK SPRINGS/ASPEN MIRROR LAKE: Closed to fishing until April 20. This closure includes Duck Creek stream.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER KINGSTON CANYON: Water releases from Tropic Reservoir are making the entire East Fork turbid. Water levels will be fishable until May 1. There is public access on a section of Kingston Canyon midway through the canyon that was purchased through the Blue Ribbon Program. Look for the signs. Most of the remainder of the canyon is private and posted, so ask permission first.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER BLACK CANYON: Water releases from Tropic Reservoir are making the entire East Fork turbid. For the section of river from the BLM property boundary (about four miles south of Antimony) upstream to the confluence with Deer Creek, special regulations include the use of artificial flies and lures only and a limit of two trout. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.



EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER ABOVE TROPIC RES: Ice may be breaking up soon. No word on access.

ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR: (Upper and Lower): Work on the dam is about finished and the upper reservoir should fill soon. Catchable rainbows will be stocked in both reservoirs in April. The lower reservoir is almost full. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Upper Enterprise

Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to one eight-ounce portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one two-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.

FISH LAKE: Ice is 15 to 20 inches thick. Splake fishing continues to be good to excellent for 12- to 18-inch fish. Jig on the bottom just off the weedline in 15 to 25 feet of water. If fishing in deeper water, fish are suspended at about the same depth. Tip your jigs with sucker or perch meat for best success. A few rainbows also being caught while jigging for splake. Perch fishing can be fast around the weedline using small jigs tipped with meal worms or perch meat. Remember that the perch limit here is 50 and harvest of perch is encouraged. A few lake trout are being caught by very patient anglers. If you are not having success, vary your location and depth to find the fish. Note: A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limits on tiger muskie apply here - one fish, which must be over 40 inches.

FORSYTH RESERVOIR: State Road 72 is still closed just past the Mill Meadow turnoff. No word on when the snow will be plowed. Access by snowmobile and ATV. Ice is still safe. Very little fishing pressure and slow to fair success for splake. Slow for tiger trout. Try jigs tipped with sucker meat. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

FREMONT RIVER: Access is closed past Mill Meadow Reservoir. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.



GUNLOCK RESERVOIR:

Water temperature is in the mid 40s. Fishing is slow. Remember special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches. A fish consumption advisory was issued for largemouth bass from Gunlock due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption of largemouth bass to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women,

nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.

JOHNSON RESERVOIR: No road access past Fish Lake. Musky fishing will be nonexistent until spring. The reservoir contains an abundance of suckers, Utah chubs, and

small yellow perch. Special regulations: Whole fish and amphibians are not allowed as bait. Cut bait must be no longer than one inch in any dimension and only one piece per hook. Limit one tiger musky over 40 inches all tiger muskies less than 40 inches must be immediately released.

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

KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR: Not much pressure. Plenty of ice, but fishing is slow.

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR: Limited access due to snow. Ice should be coming off soon.

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

MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR: Ice is unsafe at the edges and anglers are getting very wet trying to get on the ice. Open-water fishing should be fair to good as the ice recedes. Remember that the perch limit is 20. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR: The reservoir is filling. Mostly open water and the remaining ice should be gone within a week. The water is fairly murky but should start to clear up soon. Fishing pressure is increasing. Fly anglers are doing fair to good for rainbows from shore. Best success with midge patterns or wooly buggers about six feet below a strike indicator. A very slow retrieve is the key. Most fish are being caught very close to shore, so a float tube isn't necessarily an advantage right now. Fish should be feeding aggressively this spring after poor conditions last fall. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 22 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching



hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

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

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

NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR: The reservoir is filling. Mostly open water and the remaining ice should be gone within a week. Anglers are catching a few eight-inch rainbows from shore using bait. One angler reports catching a three-pound rainbow a week ago. Catchable rainbows will be stocked the first week of April. Note: Dead golden shiners are no longer legal to use as bait. See the Utah Fishing Guidebook (page 27) for details. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.

OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR: Lots of open water, and the ice is melting quickly. Stepping out on the remaining ice is not recommended. A few anglers are having fair to good success for rainbows in the open water. Fishing should pick up as the water warms and trout come into the shallows to feed. Try natural baits, as well as lures and flies. Please

prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to

other waters.

PANGUITCH LAKE: Ice is over two feet thick, so plan on some exercise if you use a hand auger. Access is best along the southeast shore and at the north boat



ramp, so most people are fishing these two areas. The best fishing seems to change location from day to day and even during the day, so if you're not catching fish, move to a new area. Recent observation is that fishing was better on stormy, windy days, or when the wind picks up on sunny days. Rainbows are 14 to 16 inches and cutthroat are running 17

to 21 inches. Best success with white or light-colored jigs tipped with mealworms, night crawlers, or minnows. Stillfishing with PowerBait is not as consistent and is not recommended because it is more likely to injure fish that you need to release. All fish are very fat and healthy but most are in the slot, so don't plan on keeping a limit. Special Regulations: Limit is four trout, which must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. All trout 15 to 22 inches must be released. Trout caught at Panguitch Lake cannot be filleted, or the head or tail removed, until you get home. Some tributaries are closed until July 12 check the Utah Fishing Guidebook for which streams are closed. **TIPS FOR RELEASING FISH IN THE SLOT (15 to 22 inches):** If a fish swallows the hook, please cut the line to avoid mortality. A fish can pass a swallowed hook and survive, while digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks instead of treble hooks.

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

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

PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR: No recent reports, but the ice should be coming off soon. Catchable rainbows will be stocked in May.

PIUTE RESERVOIR:

Mostly open water and the remaining ice should be gone within a few days. Shore anglers are reporting good success for 18-inch rainbows using night crawlers and Power bait, as well as wooly buggers and flashy lures.



QUAIL LAKE: Not much pressure. Fishing is good for rainbows both for recently stocked catchables as well as quite a few larger fish held over from last year. Bass fishing

is slow. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

SAND COVE RESERVOIRS: Both reservoirs were drawn low this winter while Pacificorp made repairs to the canals. No fish kills were ever reported, however, and it is likely that the bass and bluegill populations made it through just fine. Though the lower reservoir is currently down to a one-acre puddle, a biologist managed to catch two bass earlier this week and both were in very good condition. The upper reservoir is being refilled now and the lower reservoir should begin filling by the end of the week. Both reservoirs are very murky and water temperatures will likely remain low for another one to two weeks. Catchable rainbows will be stocked in the upper reservoir at the beginning of April.



SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Water temperature is in the low 50s. Bass fishing should pick up within a couple of weeks as the water temperature gets up into the mid-50s. A few bass are being caught dropshotting by experienced anglers. New regulations bass limit is six, with one over 12 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park.

SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK: The river is generally low and clear, but it can get turbid at any time with runoff. Fair fishing reported for browns and rainbows fishing in the deep holes. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream

(south) from the town of Hatch. Intermittent sections of good habitat are present above Hatch and easily accessible from Highway 89. Asay Creek west of Highway 89 is on private land and access is restricted.

SEVIER RIVER MARYSVALE CANYON: The river is ice-free and access is good. Fishing is fair to good for browns and rainbows. Spinners and rapalas have produced a few nice browns.

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

TROPIC RESERVOIR: Water is being released down the East Fork, so ice is likely no longer safe. Be cautious with spring road conditions. There may be a few catchable rainbows left, though most would not have survived the previous low water levels. Catchable rainbows will be stocked in May. Spring is a good time to target large brown trout. The local favorite technique is a dead minnow fished on the bottom.

URBAN PONDS: Washington County ponds: Trout have been stocked several times since early November in all the ponds. Lots of pressure on the weekends, moderate on weekdays. Fishing is good with any technique, though adults are encouraged to use flies or lures. Stratton (Hurricane) Pond was refilled and fish have been stocked. Also, the pond has a fishing pier now.

WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Mostly open water and the remaining ice will be gone soon. Fishing is fairly slow. Catchable rainbows will be stocked in April.

YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR: Ice condition is unknown, but access is limited.

Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson
Lake Elevation: 3588

March 12, 2008
Water Temperature: 50-52 F

The big flood event is over. Lake Powell dropped 2.8 feet. With good mountain snow pack now the only way for the lake to go is up. Access for launching is still decent. Bullfrog ramp is restricted to 4 lanes. Antelope Ramp has just enough water to float a boat off the trailer, while Wahweap and Halls Crossing are in full use. Primitive launching at Hite or Blue Notch should wait until the lake level comes up 20 feet.

Fish are just waiting for warming. That is happening too. The sun comes up earlier each day and provides a few more minutes of warming. Water temperature is now 50 degrees. That is still just a few degrees short of good fishing. When the temperature range resides between 54 and 57 we can declare the spring season to be officially open. That is likely to happen next week.



Right now there is a bit of activity on warm afternoons. Striped bass are found near Glen Canyon dam in modest numbers. They can be caught on bait with a constant amount of chumming effort applied. Don't hesitate to fish near the marinas after dark with a fish attracting light to increase the chance of encountering more stripers than possible during daylight hours.

Most stripers are still in the backs of canyons searching for shad schools. Their feeding periods are short now but will increase with warming water. Expect them to be foraging along the shoreline as individuals or in 20-40 feet of water in schools. Find shad schools and stripers will be near by. That habit never changes.

Largemouth bass are the best game in town. They will be active on warm afternoons in shallow brushy coves. Now is a good time to study the shoreline for brush lines, tumbleweed piles and other brushy shelters that will provide perfect ambush structure when the lake starts to rise. Expect the lake to rise 40 feet this spring and plan future trips and fishing locations based on structure that will be inundated next week and next month.

Smallmouth bass feed on warm afternoons now, but they will bite so much better in April. Walleye are spawning now and will be more likely to bite in April and May.

Fishing is getting ready to take off. Hope you can make a spring trip.