

Long Winter Claims Fish in Crouse and Calder Reservoirs

Vernal -- Two popular fisheries in northeastern Utah have suffered major winter fish kills.

Biologists with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources have confirmed major fish die-offs in Calder Reservoir and Crouse Reservoir.

“It’s likely a complete winterkill in Crouse Reservoir,” says Ed Johnson, UDWR fisheries biologist. “Calder also had a major die-off, and it may also be a complete kill. We will know more after we can set a few nets. But that won’t be for a little while. We need the water to warm up so the fish are more active.”

Johnson says biologists do not expect to find a winter fish kill at Matt Warner Reservoir, another popular fishery in northeastern Utah.

“Matt Warner is much larger and deeper, so there is more water to hold oxygen,” Johnson says. “Unlike the other reservoirs, it has not had a winterkill since its dam was remodeled.”

Biologists tried to reach Matt Warner recently to survey it, but a large snowdrift blocked the road leading to the reservoir.

Matt Warner is the third and highest reservoir on the Pot Creek drainage.

Crouse and Calder

“Crouse Reservoir wasn’t much of a surprise,” says Roger Schneidervin, regional aquatics



manager. “The water level in Crouse was quite low because Diamond Mountain has been in a severe drought for years. Because Crouse is the lowest reservoir in the drainage, it doesn’t get the water.

“Calder is much more of a surprise,” he says. “There has been only one other time in the last 18 years [that fish died in the winter], and the reservoir was lower that year than it was this time.

Schneidervin says the kill at Calder might be an incomplete kill. “The two biologists who checked the reservoir each saw or heard something they [thought might] be a fish jumping,” he says. “We are hoping some of the fish made it through the long winter.”

Winterkill – what is it?

Winterkill happens when fish die from either a lack of oxygen or a build up of lethal chemicals in the fish. Both of these things can happen when ice on the surface of the water doesn’t allow oxygen to be exchanged between the water and the air.

A variety of factors can cause this to happen.

Fish and other aquatic animal life use oxygen. When ice covers the surface of the water, most of the plants die. The plant decomposition process uses oxygen. The decomposing plant material can also give off toxic chemicals.

Sometimes other toxic chemicals are released from the mud at the bottom of the water. Other natural or human-made sources can also cause toxic chemicals to be in the water.

“Some lakes and reservoirs survive long winters because streams bring in a supply of dissolved oxygen,” Johnson says, “but in the case of Calder and Crouse, no waters were flowing in.

“Water depth and total water volume also play a role in winterkill,” he says. “Small, shallow lakes cool down quicker. That causes them to freeze earlier, which makes them more likely to winterkill. Larger, deep lakes also have the advantage of holding more dissolved oxygen to begin with.”

Bringing the waters back

UDWR aquatic managers are checking other reservoirs in Utah to see if they may have suffered a similar fate. The managers will likely readjust fish-stocking schedules to provide catchable-sized fish to restart or enhance these fisheries. That should make these waters good places to fish in 2008.

MORE ANTLERLESS BIG GAME HUNTING PERMITS

Apply for a permit starting June 2 More permits will be available in Utah this year to hunt big game animals that don't have antlers.

At their May 8 meeting in Salt Lake City, members of the Utah Wildlife Board increased the number of cow elk, cow moose and doe pronghorn antelope permits available for this fall's hunts.

You can apply for an antlerless big game permit starting June 2. Applications must be received no later than June 30.

Antlerless permit numbers

The number of antlerless permits available in 2007, and the number that will be available in 2008, are as follows:

Doe deer: (2007) 1,730; (2008) 1,170
Cow elk: (2007) 7,931; (2008) 10,529
Doe pronghorn: (2007) 392; (2008) 727
Cow moose: (2007) 89; (2008) 109

Doe deer

Most of Utah's doe deer permits are used to limit the number of deer that live in and near urban areas through the year. However, on some units, such as the East Canyon and Chalk Creek units in northern Utah, the permits are also used to control the number of deer across the entire unit.

The East Canyon and Chalk Creek units are mostly private property. Sometimes the number of deer on the units climbs higher than the population objective for the units.

"It might be hard to remember, but before all of the snow fell this past winter, Utah was starting to slide back into a drought," says Anis Aoude, big game coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"The drought conditions affected the habitat the deer rely on. As a result, fewer fawns were making it through their first year of life," he says. "Reducing the number of doe permits on the East Canyon and Chalk Creek units, and a few other units, will allow the deer populations on these units to grow."

Cow elk

While the number of deer in Utah has declined a bit, the number of elk continues to climb. That's the main reason the wildlife board approved 10,529 cow elk permits for this fall's hunts.

"Several of the state's elk herds are getting close to their population objective. We want to slow their growth a bit so the herds don't overshoot their objective. If they overshoot it, then we'll have to offer a lot of cow elk permits in 2009. We'd rather increase permit numbers slowly than all at once," Aoude says.

Aoude says several herds are also at or over their population objective. "Offering more



permits will help us keep these herds at or near their population objective," he says.

Doe pronghorn

DWR biologists have worked for years to reduce the number of pronghorn in the large herds on the Parker Mountains in southwestern Utah. Lots of hunting permits have been issued, and animals have been taken off the unit and transplanted elsewhere.

Biologists conducted an aerial survey of the unit earlier this spring. They found there's still a large number of pronghorn on the unit and more work to do.

For that reason, the board approved 350 doe pronghorn permits for the Parker Mountains. The Parker Mountains are part of the Plateau unit.

The remaining 377 doe pronghorn permits the board members approved will be split among the rest of the state's pronghorn units to deal with depredation issues.

Cow moose

Utah's moose herds, including those along the Wasatch Front, continue to flourish. For this reason, board members approved 109 cow moose permits for this fall's hunts.

CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT AT CAMP FLOYD STATE PARK

Fairfield – Camp Floyd State Park in conjunction with the Utah Civil War Association are hosting a Civil War Encampment on Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 and 26, 2007 at Camp Floyd State Park. The event will allow visitors to experience camp life and participate in several activities performed by soldiers of Johnston's Army. Events include reenactments, encampments, storytelling, stagecoach rides (12pm – 2pm),



firearm and cannon

demonstrations, marches, drills, 1861 period games, and photos in period uniform. The events will be conducted 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both Saturday May 24th and Monday, May 26, 2007.

All events are free of charge. Standard museum entrance fees of \$2 per person or \$6 per

family still apply. Food concession will be available to purchase at the event.



Established in 1858, Camp Floyd housed the largest concentration of U.S. troops then in the United State. The troops were sent to Utah to suppress a rumored Mormon rebellion which never took place. The army was recalled back east in 1861 for the Civil War emergency. Today, the park

museum houses artifacts and exhibits from this historic event.

Camp Floyd State Park is located in the town of Fairfield, 22 miles southwest of Lehi on State Highway 73. For more information about the event or park, please contact the park at 801-768-8932.

Spring Fishing Report

BAKER RESERVOIR: Catchable-sized rainbow trout have been stocked and fishing should be fair to good using bait, lures, and flies.

BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES: All lakes are now open to fishing except Dougherty Basin, which is closed until July 12. Access is still limited, but should open up by June. 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: Access on the mountain is still restricted to Little

Reservoir. Fishing is slow. There are still snowdrifts blocking the Kent's Lake Road about two miles below Kent's Lake, so access is probably still a week or two away. All other lakes will be longer.

BEAVER RIVER, LOWER: Irrigation releases from Minersville Res. have begun. Flows should still be fishable, though turbidity can be a problem. 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: Flows are low and clear. Not much pressure. 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: All Boulder Mtn. lakes are now open to fishing. Access on most of the mountain is still limited, but should open up by June.

Access to the Boulder Top will be later. Most lakes are still frozen. 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: Expect high spring flows. 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: Flows have increased and water has a little color to it but is still very fishable. Reports of fair to good fishing for small rainbows and browns.

CORN CREEK: Flows are high and turbid. Wild brown trout are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies.

DUCK CREEK SPRINGS/ASPEN MIRROR LAKE: Now open to fishing. Catchable-sized rainbows will be stocked soon.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER KINGSTON CANYON: Flows are low and only slightly turbid. A fair amount of pressure lately, but fishing was slow to fair. Recent sampling found that trout numbers are down from recent years. Irrigation releases from Otter Creek Res. could begin at any time, making flows high and turbid. 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: Flow and turbidity can vary with runoff from higher elevations. Fishing action should pick up whenever the water is clear. 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: No word on access or fishing conditions.

ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR: (Upper and Lower): The upper reservoir will not be stocked this year. The reservoir will not be filled past its current level because work on the dam will not be finished until later this summer. Irrigation needs will drain the reservoir again by summer. The lower reservoir is full and was stocked with catchable-sized rainbow trout. Extra fish have been stocked in the lower reservoir to help compensate for the loss of the upper reservoir this year.

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 8-oz portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 2-oz portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.



FISH LAKE: 20 to 50 feet of open water around most of the lake, with a little more at Twin Creek and on the south end. Fishing was slow to fair at the mouth of Twin Creek, but should pick up soon. The lake will probably not be ice-free for a couple more weeks. Remember, no boats are allowed on the lake until ALL of the ice has melted. Very little pressure. When the ice melts a little more it can be a good time to catch splake from shore. Try jigs tipped with sucker or perch meat. Note: A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limits on tiger muskie apply here - 1 fish, which must be over 40 inches.

FORSYTH RESERVOIR: Recent sampling found that tiger trout and splake are abundant and in good condition. Good numbers of 20-inch tigers are present. Fishing is fair to good from shore with lures and streamers. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

FREMONT RIVER: Flows are a little high and turbid above Mill Meadow Res. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

GUNLOCK RESERVOIR: Fishing was slow lately, but could pick up as the water temperature warms. 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 8-oz portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 4-oz portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.

JOHNSON RESERVOIR: Musky fishing will be nonexistent until late May or early June. 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: One angler reports that the road is open through Zion National Park. No word on ice conditions. 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: Moderate pressure, even on weekdays. Bait fishing from shore is slow. Recent sampling found that medium-sized cutthroat trout are abundant. Fishing is fair for these fish and the best method for targeting cutthroat will be trolling or casting chub-imitating lures or streamers. A few large 4- to 5-lb fish are present.

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR: The lake is now accessible. Fishing should be good for rainbows using bait, lures, and flies.

MAMMOTH CREEK: Flows are high and often muddy, especially from Hatch Meadow down. 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: Recent sampling found that medium-sized brown trout are abundant. These brown trout are wild fish spawned in the Fremont River. It is very unique to find such a dense population of wild brown trout in a reservoir. Best techniques for the browns are flashy lures, streamers, and natural baits like night crawlers and minnows. Good-sized perch up to 10 inches are semi-abundant. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR: Fishing is slow and pressure has dropped off. Water clarity is low, with visibility only about one foot. Irrigation release have begun, so the water level has started to drop. 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: Access still limited by snow. The Box Creek reservoirs may be accessible in a couple of weeks. Manning Meadow Reservoir is closed to fishing until July 12.



NAVAJO LAKE: The gate is open, but the road is still snowed over. The lake is still ice-capped, though it is getting thin. A little open water may show up in the next week, but it's still probably a few weeks away from ice-off.

NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR: Catchable-sized rainbows have been stocked. Sampling in April found that 3- to 4-pound wipers are abundant and spread out through various depths.

Try trolling minnow-imitating lures for wipers. Experiment with various speeds and depths. Fishing may still be tough with the abundance of shiners. 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 8-oz portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 4-oz portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.

OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR: Shore fishing has slowed down, though a few 1- to 2-pound fish are still being caught. Trolling has not yet picked up. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

PANGUITCH LAKE: Fishing from shore varies from slow to very good, depending on technique and weather. Worm and marshmallow combo is the best bait for rainbows. Cutthroats are being caught on lures. Fly anglers have done well fishing against the shoreline in

the wind with olive wooly buggers and nymphs drifted below a strike indicator. Boat fishing is still slow as most fish are in very close to shore.

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 Guide for which streams are closed. **TIPS FOR RELEASING FISH IN THE SLOT (15-22"):** 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: The road is open and dry. The water is a little turbid. Mixed reports on fishing, with slower fishing on windy days. Remember that the rainbows here are wild fish, so bait usually doesn't produce as well as flies and lures. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Lots of rainbows run up Red Creek to spawn. Take some time to walk along the creek and observe the fish, but please do not harass or chase the fish. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base.

PINE LAKE: The ice is off and access is good. Catchable-sized rainbows have been stocked, so fishing should pick up. The lake had a small winterkill, so you will notice a few dead fish.



PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR: Catchable rainbows will be stocked soon.

PIUTE RESERVOIR: Shore fishing is still good and has recently been better than Otter Creek. Lots of wind every day.

QUAIL LAKE: Bass fishing should pick up at any time. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over

20 inches.

SAND COVE RESERVOIRS: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in the upper reservoir. 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. Both reservoirs have been refilled.

SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Water temperature is approaching 60 F and bass should be on nests soon. Fishing was fair to good for smaller fish with the standard popular baits in dark colors. New regulations bass limit is six, with one over 12 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park.

CHANGE IN ACCESS: Access to Sand Hollow State Park changed on Friday, April 4, 2008. The new access is at 3700 West (Sand Hollow Road). The road that previously accessed the park, 4300 west (Turfsod) was closed. The new road is a half-mile east on SR 9 from the old entrance.

SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK: Turbidity was up lately. 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:** Water is now being released from Piute Res. and flows are very high. No fishing pressure.

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LAKES MTN:**

Solomon Basin is accessible from Emery County. Snowdrifts still block the road from Forsyth, just past Riley Spring.

TROPIC RESERVOIR: Should be ice-free. 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 soon. 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: Catchable rainbows have been stocked. Lots of pressure on the weekends, moderate on weekdays. Fishing is good with any technique, though adults are encouraged to use flies or lures. Iron County: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in Parowan Pond.

WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Catchable rainbows have been stocked. Lots of wind lately and fishing was slow. Action for bluegill and bass could pick up anytime.

YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR: The road is completely open and the reservoir is ice-free. Pressure has increased. Rainbows are very close to shore, so don't cast out too far. Bait fishing varies from slow to fair. Best bait fishing success is with nightcrawlers early in the morning. PowerBait is not producing as much. Lure fishermen are doing well with Jake's and Kastmasters. Fly anglers are having good success with beadhead nymphs drifted below a strike indicator. Most hookups are within a few feet of shore. Most fish caught are 12- to 17-inch rainbows in very good condition. A few nice brook trout have also been caught.

BRENN HILL TO PERFORM WITH RENO PHILHARMONIC 5/17/08

(May 8, 2008 - Nashville, TN) Award winning Utah singer-songwriter **BRENN HILL** makes his debut with a symphony orchestra when he appears with the Reno Philharmonic at the sixth annual Wells Fargo Rhythm & Rawhide Benefit Concert on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the new Tuscany Ballroom in the Peppermill Hotel Casino in Reno, Nevada. Hill eagerly anticipates this significant moment in his career. "I am honored and excited to be part of this year's Rhythm & Rawhide concert," Hill explains. "It will be my first time performing with an



orchestra and I look forward to presenting my tunes with Barry Jekowsky at the podium and all those talented musicians around me. It will be wonderful to hear my material from this new perspective, especially with the magnificent arrangements provided by my fellow Utahn Sam Cardon, who seems really to understand where my songs come from."

Hill, who is thirty-one years old and lives in Hooper, Utah, has been called "the future of cowboy music." Billboard magazine says, "Hill is a bridge between western music's best traditions and the future of the genre as cowboys and cowboy singers evolve with the changing times." With six albums and numerous music industry awards and accolades to his credit, Hill has a career that's on the move. Like his previous albums, Hill's current Red Cliffs Press CD, *What A Man's Got To Do*, contains songs that speak boldly of life in the modern mountain west, songs punctuated by crisp cinematic imagery and confident melodies. But while the central themes present in Hill's other CDs are once again

apparent in his new material, *What A Man's Got To Do* reveals a new maturity in Hill's songwriting as he offers his deepest exploration yet of the core values of the cowboy.

The Reno Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted for the last time as music director by Barry Jekowsky, will perform with Hill and also with cowboy poet Rod Nelson. Over the years Rhythm & Rawhide, which is a collaboration of the Reno Rodeo Foundation and the Reno Philharmonic Association, has brought together unique music combinations of the symphonic orchestra with western singers and cowboy poets. Rhythm & Rawhide's funds go to the Reno Rodeo Foundation and the Reno Philharmonic Association to benefit children and the arts in northern Nevada. Last year, the event raised over \$200,000.



The Peppermill Hotel Casino is located at 2707 South Virginia Street in Reno, Nevada. The gala evening begins with a VIP cocktail party at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner and concert at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available by phoning The Main Event at 775-323-2380 or by ordering online at themaineventreno@aol.com.

Elk Foundation Announces New Mexico Conservation Grants

MISSOULA, Mont.—The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has announced its 2008 grants for conservation projects in New Mexico.

Seven grants, totaling \$109,000, have been awarded. Grants will affect Catron, Lincoln, Mora, Otero and Taos counties.

“This is all about ensuring the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat in New Mexico,” said David Allen, Elk Foundation president and CEO. “Grants are based on revenues from Elk Foundation fundraising banquets as well as auction proceeds from special hunting tags in New Mexico.”

Elk Foundation grants will help fund the following New Mexico conservation projects, listed by county:

Catron County—Prescribe burn 38,042 acres of BLM lands to remove pinion and juniper and enhance habitat for elk and other wildlife.

Lincoln County—Thin encroaching pinion/juniper to improve forage for elk, deer and other species on 800 acres in Lincoln National Forest.

Mora County—Install structures to divert runoff water for wetting a wildlife foraging area,

improving the region's elk habitat; prescribe burn 200 acres to enhance habitat in Santa Fe National Forest; restore cottonwood, willow, currant, chokecherry, wild plum and other browse



plants on 50 acres of year-round elk habitat.

Otero County—Create five-acre openings in pinion/juniper-choked area, improving a total of 800 acres of forage for elk in Lincoln National Forest.

Taos County—Re-seed native grasses to improve summer and winter range for elk on up to 2,243 acres of BLM lands.

Since 1984, the Elk Foundation and its partners have completed more than 200 conservation projects in New Mexico with a value of nearly \$16 million. Partners for 2008 projects in New Mexico include Bureau of Land Management (BLM), New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, U.S. Forest Service, other agencies, corporations, landowners and organizations.

Wrangler Rugged Wear® Fishing and Outdoor Tips

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Tune crankbaits to swim crooked

Woo Daves of the Wrangler Rugged Wear Outdoor Advisory Team tunes his crankbaits to run crooked. “When I’m fishing boat docks I know the bass are usually going to be on the shady side,” says Daves. “So I will tune my Bagley’s crankbait to run off to the side just a little so it can bump each piling, triggering strikes as it comes off. This little trick catches a lot of bass other fisherman miss.”

Talk to the fishes

From world champion Woo Daves of the Wrangler Rugged Wear Outdoor Advisory Team comes this savvy advice. “After you catch the first fish of the day, let the fish tell you how to catch the next one. In a manner of speaking, ask him where he was. Was he on a point? Was he on a shaded bank or warming up in the sun? Was he on a rock, clay, sand? Was he in stained water or clear water? Did he react to the lure in anger or eat it for food? Put all this information together and a lot of times you can determine a pattern quickly and have a great fishing trip.”

Don't fish and hunt alone

One sees fishing and hunting differently with advancing age. Bodie McDowell, the dean of outdoor writers and a sage on the Wrangler Rugged Wear Outdoor Advisory Team, offers this perspective. “There was a time when many of us fished or hunted alone. For safety and enjoyment, fish or hunt with a friend. Not only will it be safer but you may pick up a fresh tip or two, proving that old sportsmen, as well as old dogs, can learn new tricks.”

Get permission to fish farm ponds

Farm ponds offer terrific fishing. Look for them as you drive around. But, before you wet a line, get permission from the owner. Sometimes such permission will not be granted because the owner has a commitment or a lease arrangement with somebody else. Bodie McDowell of the Wrangler Rugged Wear Outdoor Advisory Team explains how important it is to speak with the owner of the pond. After receiving permission, Bodie says you should discuss their policy for keeping or releasing fish, offer to catch and clean a few for them, and also offer payment or services to help maintain the pond.

From Woo: Flipping grass?

When flipping heavy grass, world champion Woo Daves recommends anglers use a small crawdad imitation because it slides through the heavy cover to the bottom more efficiently. “Some craws have big flappers which prevent them from dropping through the grass to the bottom,” Daves said. A member of the Wrangler Rugged Wear Outdoor Advisory Team, Daves typically uses a craw with small pinchers like the Zoom Crittercraw. He also sprays it with a fish scent. “It makes the lure slick so it goes through heavy mat a lot better and fish hold on to it longer, too,” said Daves.

Offshore, use the current to position boat and bait

Two of the biggest obstacles to successful offshore reef fishing are stiff currents and big waves. For a natural presentation in rough water, Texas professional Larry Bozka of the Wrangler Rugged Wear Outdoor Advisory Team, uses a light egg weight above the swivel. He slowly pays out line until the rig reaches the desired depth. The bait will suspend in the strike zone instead of bouncing up and down with the wave action. Bozka also anchors the boat well up current from the reef and then lets the tidal current carry the bait back to the precise location where the fish have been marked.

Night time is the best time, angler

Big fish put on a feed before winter. Ron Tussel, Wrangler Rugged Wear professional and host of "The Pennsylvania Sportsman" TV series, says trophy fish – stripers, walleyes, bass, muskies – will tend to feed at night and anglers should take advantage of that. "I think the wall-hangers are a little less cautious at night and, of course, there's less pressure on them at night," said Tussel. "Anglers need to change little in the way of gear or tactics," Tussel said. "Except they'll want to wear a good headlamp and bring a strong beam flashlight or spotlight for navigation."

Ron Schara: Cold weather hiking dos and don'ts

Ron Schara is from the land of sky blue waters and really (really!) cold fronts. Schara is a member of the Wrangler Rugged Wear Outdoor Advisory Team and host of the TV series "Backroads with Ron and Raven." He offers these dos and don'ts for cold weather hikers:

- ~ Clothing can make or break your fall hike. Wear layers with wicking fabrics close to your body, insulating middle layers and breathable water and wind-proof layers outside.
- ~ Fall hikes offer some of the year's best scenery and most challenging weather conditions. Always let someone know where you'll be and when you'll be home.
- ~ Hiking poles keep you upright and relaxed on the trail. Poles help you navigate tough stretches of trail and water. They also make solid tent poles should you need an emergency shelter.
- ~ A good rule for your fall hike: Take only pictures. Leave only footprints.
- ~ If you plan to hike this fall, keep an eye on the forecast. Autumn weather changes quickly. Rain, sleet and snow can create hazardous conditions.
- ~ Stay hydrated on your autumn hike. You may not feel as hot and thirsty in cooler temperatures, but wind and cold weather can dry you out.

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MILPITAS, CA (May 5, 2008) – SPOT Inc., the pioneer behind the award-winning SPOT Satellite Messenger™, today announced its sponsorship of the Primal Quest Montana Expedition Adventure Race. Called the “The World’s Most Challenging Human Endurance Competition,” Primal Quest 2008 Presented by SPOT is scheduled to take place in Big Sky Country, Montana June 23 through July 2, 2008.



Primal Quest fans can follow their favorite teams at www.ecoprimalquest.com, through real-time GPS tracking and custom leader board technology provided by SPOT allowing for up-to-date viewing on SPOT enhanced Google Maps™. This technology is based on new SPOT services that allow users to broadcast their location and messages to others over the web. The SPOT satellite messenger will be worn by each of the 70 plus teams of adventure racers during the 10 day, multi-sport competition.

“We have been looking forward to the innovative technology that SPOT is bringing to Primal Quest for many years,” said Don Mann, Primal Quest Director “SPOT is a lightweight personal satellite messenger that won’t slow the racers down and will provide continuous position updates of the teams along the Primal Quest course making it the most interactive Primal Quest in history.”

Primal Quest is the largest human-powered, multi-discipline, multi-day event of its kind in the world. Since its inception in 2002, the race has attracted world-class athletes and established itself as the leading event of its kind in the world. The extraordinary demands on the Primal Quest teams, means that they need a rugged, easy to use tracking product – and a way to update their location reliably.

“Unlike other GPS units, SPOT sends the users’ GPS location and message to others and provides real-time tracking, making it a natural fit for the world’s most demanding adventure race, Primal Quest,” said John Dark, Senior Marketing Manager for SPOT Inc. “SPOT is small, rugged and reliable enough for the world’s most extreme athletes, so we can offer a unique solution that will enhance the experience not only for the adventure racers and Primal Quest staff but the supporting community around the world.”

For every day use, SPOT has just released SPOT share pages, a software upgrade allowing any SPOT user to share their adventure and messages with others – perfect for that personal sea kayak trip or weekend hike. SPOT share pages automatically create a customized web page with sophisticated real-time tracking and mapping.

The SPOT Satellite Messenger gives users a way to alert responders of their GPS location independently of cellular coverage. SPOT enables users, to send their location and message to friends, family, or emergency responders, and to visually track the location of the SPOT satellite messenger through four simple functions:

- Alert 9-1-1 notifies the emergency response center of your GPS location
- Ask for Help sends a request for help to friends and family
- Check In lets contacts know where you are and that you are OK
- Track Progress sends and saves your location and allows contacts to track your progress using Google Maps™



Weighing just over 7 ounces with a SRP of \$169.95 (US), the SPOT Satellite Messenger provides a new level of safety and peace-of-mind for anyone who spends a considerable amount of time in the outdoors or just wants the comfort of knowing that help is available at the push of a button.

To learn more about 2008 Primal Quest Presented by SPOT, visit www.ecoprimalquest.com

About SPOT Inc.

The SPOT Satellite Messenger, the world's first satellite messenger, uses both the GPS satellite network to determine a customer's location and the SPOT network to transmit that information to friends, family or an emergency service center. SPOT Inc., a subsidiary of Globalstar, Inc. (NASDAQ: GSAT), provides lifesaving communications technology that allows users to communicate from remote locations around the globe. Thanks to this affordable, cutting-edge personal safety device, the company offers people peace of mind by allowing customers to notify friends and family of their location and status, and to send for emergency assistance in time of need, completely independent of cellular phone or wireless coverage. For more information on how SPOT Inc. is helping users live to tell about it(SM) – from disaster preparedness to outdoor adventure purposes – visit www.findmespot.com.

Southeastern Fishing Report

BENCHES & BOULGERS RESERVOIR: These small ponds remain hidden by snow and ice.

CLEVELAND RESERVOIR: This reservoir remains completely frozen. Further ice fishing is not recommended.



ELECTRIC LAKE: The lake remains frozen. Please stay off until the spring thaw.

FAIRVIEW LAKES: Both lakes are covered by snow and ice.

GIGLIOTTI POND: A fair number of large albino trout may still be seen. The bright yellow torpedo-like fish are easy to spot in the water column. Kids have been having the time of their lives, trying to entice the behemoths to their bait. Randall Stilson conducted a creel survey and reported rainbow PowerBait to be the best fish-getter. Next best was nightcrawlers. The best lure was a Jakes Spin-

a-Lure. It's best to fish in the morning. By early afternoon, the wind picks up, and angling success falls off.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: The creek is open from top to bottom. Patches of snow still linger along the shoreline at higher elevations. The water is picking up color, due to increasing runoff. Fly fishermen should try a #10 beadhead Montana. Nightcrawlers and PowerBait are recommended for baitcasters. Most trout are 11- to 14-inch browns. Lower elevation campgrounds are starting to open, although the higher elevation grounds remain snowed in.

JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR: The reservoir is ice-free. Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished last Saturday and Sunday. He landed 25 fish in the two days. Most were small splake between 10 and 14 inches with the occasional larger trout. His biggest fish was a 21-inch cutthroat. Darek recommends chub meat or jigs tipped with chub meat. Crankbaits can also be effective. Darek fished by the dam, at the mouth of Seely Creek and north of the creek and caught fish at all locations. Joe's Valley Reservoir has special regulations. Please refer to the 2008 Fishing Guidebook.

LAKE POWELL: Visit www.wayneswords.com for the latest fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader. The above link reports on the multi-agency effort to keep quagga and zebra mussels from populating the lake.

LASAL MOUNTAINS: Conservation Officer TJ Robertson reports that Ken's Lake fishing is picking up, and was good in the past few days with an assortment of baits. Darek Elverud fished Ken's Lake on May 6. In two hours, he landed 9 largemouth and 4 sunfish. All bass were less than 11 inches. He used gray or orange plastic worms.

Hidden Lake is now accessible and angler success was fair to good with nightcrawlers and salmon eggs. Don's Lake is only accessible by 4-wheeler, due to lingering snow drifts, which could melt this next week. Medicine Lake and Dark Canyon remain inaccessible. The gates to Oowah and Warner are closed.

LOWER FISH CREEK: Early in the week, Tom Ogden fished the lower stretches from the confluence with the White River, upstream to the first railroad bridge. The water was fairly clear and a chilly 39 degrees. In 3.5 hours, Tom caught 3 tigers, 1 cutt and 6 browns. All fish ranged from 13 to 16 inches. Tom used floating line and a size 14 hares ear nymph. The water below the confluence is unfishable, due to heavy run-off.

HUNTINGTON (MAMMOTH) RESERVOIR: This water remains covered with multiple layers of thick rotten ice and several feet of snow. Ice fishing is definitely not recommended. Please wait for ice-off.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR: No recent report. Rainbow PowerBait has worked well in the recent past. Trout range from 11 to 13 inches.

SAN JUAN COUNTY: Conservation Officer Paul Washburn reports that both Monticello and Foy reservoirs are ice-free. Fishing success was fair at Foy and at Blanding 3 and 4, where marshmallows seem to be the best bait. Fishing was slow at Recapture, where the inflow of cold water has kept water temperatures low.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: The ice cover is receding day by day and a lot of open water is available for shoreline angling. All of the angler reports indicate excellent fishing with egg sacs. With the possible exception of minnows, other baits don't perform nearly as well. Fly fishermen have been most successful with trout egg imitations. Frank Atwood of the Division of Parks and Recreation indicates that the campgrounds are not open yet, but will be by next weekend. Ramps are expected to open in a week or so. Frank announced a fishing tournament taking place at Scofield on May 17. For information on the tournament, call: 435-448-9449 or 435-686-2491.



Bob Olson interviewed anglers on May 6 and reported good fishing from boat or shore for 16- to 18-inch trout with a few measuring over 20 inches. Successful anglers were using dead minnows or egg sacs.

Randall Stilson conducted a creel survey on May 4. The west side was muddy and fishing was slow. The dam cove and east side offered excellent fishing for a mix of tiger and rainbow trout from 1 to 3 pounds. Randall ranked egg sacs as number 1, followed by minnows.

Lieutenant Carl Gramlich and Conservation Officer Ben Riley visited the reservoir last weekend and reported good fishing with heavy angler pressure. Due to dam spillway reconstruction, traffic delays of several minutes can be expected around the dam cove. Anglers are reminded that Scofield tributaries are closed to fishing until the second Saturday in July.

Black-footed ferrets

Back from the brink of extinction

It's a warm August night, and the moon is almost full. Biologists walk through the tall prairie grass, swinging bright spotlights and avoiding burrow holes. We are searching the darkness for one of Utah's most endangered mammals, the black-footed ferret.

Suddenly, a flash of emerald eye-shine gives away the location of a ferret. The long weasel-like mammal chatters loudly and dashes off, trying to avoid the closest biologist.

The ferrets don't know it, but we aren't a threat. We have come to check on their health and population growth—hoping to see animals that were considered extinct only 40 years ago.

Habitat, history and diet



Black-footed ferrets used to be abundant across much of North America. They ranged throughout the Great Plains from Canada to Mexico and even as far west as Utah and Arizona. In all of the areas, black-footed ferrets lived in close proximity to prairie dog colonies.

Preying on prairie dogs

Black-footed ferrets need prairie dogs in order to survive, relying on them for both food and shelter. Prairie dogs make up nearly 98 percent of a ferret's diet. Without this food

source, ferrets would quickly disappear.

Ferrets hunt at night when prairie dogs are sleeping. Slightly smaller than adult prairie dogs, black-footed ferrets have the advantage of surprise during a night attack and are less likely to be injured. Ferrets usually kill by biting the back of the neck or head.

Black-footed ferrets do not dig their own burrows. They usually take over empty prairie dog burrows and use them for shelter from weather and predators.

Daisy, Elk Foundation Announce Video Essay Contest

MISSOULA, Mont.—A new twist on a classroom classic, the old essay contest goes high tech in a new competition sponsored by Daisy and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. Students age 10 to 18 can create short video essays and post them online for the world—and contest judges—to see.

Visit www.daisy.com for a portal to complete entry rules, prize descriptions and video uploading info. The contest opens May 5, 2008, and ends Jan. 1, 2009.

Videos may be 60 to 90 seconds long. Student videos should communicate how safe, ethical hunting and shooting, spending time in the outdoors, or conserving and appreciating wildlife and nature has positively impacted their lives.

The Web site MyHuntingRoom.com will host submitted videos.

Contest winners will receive prizes from the Elk Foundation, Daisy and Cabela's.

One grand-prize winner and one parent or adult guardian will receive airfare, lodging and registration to one of the great annual events for hunters and conservationists, the Elk Foundation's Elk Camp & Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Expo, March 5-8, 2009, in Fort Worth, Texas. The grand-prize winner also will receive a Daisy Red Ryder and Cabela's gift certificate worth \$500.

Four additional prizes will be awarded for Best Use of Graphics, Best Audio, Most Awesome Outdoor Scenery and Best Use of Animation. Winners in each of these categories will receive a Daisy Red Ryder and Cabela's gift certificate worth \$200.



“Young producers have complete creative control over message delivery, music and any text that may be included in their videos. The best overall video will receive the grand prize, but the four additional categories are designed to inspire extra creativity,” said Joe Murfin of Daisy.

Winners in the Daisy-Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation “Take Aim At Safety” Video Essay Contest will be selected Jan. 15, 2009.

Bob Swanson of the Elk Foundation said, "The Elk Foundation and Daisy have a longstanding partnership and we're pleased to work together to get young people thinking about gun safety, hunter ethics and habitat conservation."

Accepted video formats: WMV, FLV, 3GP and MOV. Additionally, videos can be uploaded to YouTube.com and embedded. All videos will be reviewed prior to going live on MyHuntingRoom.com and must follow posted terms and conditions, including granting to contest sponsors the rights to use videos in future promotions. If under the age of 13, parent verification is required by law.

To enter the contest, visit www.daisy.com.

--ANNOUNCING A TREAD TRAINER COURSE IN LAYTON, UTAH--

The nonprofit organization Tread Lightly! would like to invite you to participate in an upcoming Tread Trainer Course in Layton, UT on Monday, June 23. The course will be held in conjunction with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council's OHV management workshop.

The Tread Trainer program is designed to train participants in innovative, practical methods of spreading outdoor ethics to the public with a curriculum specifically focused on motorized and mechanized recreation. Once a participant becomes a "Tread Trainer," he or she is equipped to present the Tread Lightly! message to new riders, club members, co-workers, tourists, scouts, classrooms, or others-- adding a whole new dimension to his/her organization's educational

goals or personal volunteer activities.

The Tread Trainer program was recently highlighted by the National



Forest Foundation as a key aid in confronting the threat of unmanaged OHV recreation to public land. Hundreds of enthusiast club members, tour guides, safety trainers, and land managers from all over the country have been trained and are proclaiming the program's crucial value in today's recreation issues.

TANGIBLE BENEFITS:

Trainers receive a 100-page manual, 2 Tread Lightly! PowerPoint presentations on CD, certificate of completion, set of durable plastic Tread Lightly! hangtags, set of guides for responsible recreation, set of quick-tip brochures, an "On the Right Trail" video, an extra

discount on all Tread Lightly! products, \$25 in free Tread Lightly! educational materials, use of Tread Lightly!'s mascot costume and table-top display upon request, and updates through a semi-annual newsletter, emails and website.

INTANGIBLE BENEFITS:

Recognition as a Tread Lightly! member, expertise in Tread Lightly! ethics and ways to minimize outdoor impacts when recreating; methods of teaching ethics to others; networking opportunities with other agencies, clubs, and organizations at the course; the ability to effectively spread outdoor ethics; and improvement in presentation skills.

DATE AND TIME: Monday, June 23, 2008, 8:00am-5:00pm

PLACE: Weber State University, Davis Campus 2750 North University Park Blvd. Layton, UT 84041-9099 *(This course will be held in conjunction with the [NOHVCC Management Workshop](#). However, you do not have to register for the workshop to register for the Tread Trainer Course)*

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Deadline is May 27, 2008.

COST: The cost of the course is \$50 (includes breakfast & lunch). Scholarship opportunities ARE available.

TO REGISTER: Register for the course [online](#) or call Tread Lightly! at (800) 966-9900.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TREAD TRAINER: go to www.treadlightly.org or call (800) 966-9900. Or email Mary, the program manager at mary@treadlightly.org.

Robert Hoppe Sets 600 Yard NBRSA Record with Hornady 105-Grain A-MAX™ Bullets

Robert Hoppe of Nevada probably has an embarrassing nickname or two to his credit, but his friends are calling him "deadeye" since he shattered the standing 600-yard light gun five-shot group record at a National Benchrest Shooters Association (NBRSA) registered match in Sacramento, California on October 28, 2007. Hoppe's 0.5823" certified record group was shot with Hornady 105-grain A-MAX™ bullets, using Varget powder from a 6mm Dasher (Light Gun) with a 28" Hart Barrel, Panda Action with Jewell trigger, Dierks carbon fiber stock, and Nightforce 8-32X scope. Hoppe's group represents the smallest five-shot group ever recorded in registered 600 yard benchrest competition.



Photo by Don Nielson

"Success is a matter of finding the perfect combination of bullets and powder to work with your gun," said Hoppe. "The A-MAX™ bullets were the right combination for me..." Hoppe has been a lifelong hunter and reloader, and a long-range target shooter for 15 years. He has participated in 600-yard competitions since 2003.

Hornady's A-MAX™ bullets achieve near perfect flight with an aerodynamic secant ogive, and unequalled concentricity to deliver an extremely high ballistic coefficient. Known for extreme accuracy, the A-MAX™ has become a favorite among long-range match shooters. "We congratulate Robert on an outstanding group record," said Jason Hornady, Director of Sales for Hornady Manufacturing. "And we're pleased that the A-MAX™ played a part in his record-breaking achievement."

The 600-yard competition was officially sanctioned as a benchrest discipline by the NBRSA in 2003. In the light gun category, guns must not exceed 17 pounds including scope, and competition consists of three, timed sighter periods followed by timed record-string shots. Group size is determined by measuring centerpoint to centerpoint of the most distant bullet holes. Hoppe's 0.5823" group at a combined length of six football fields is an impressive achievement among long range marksmen, and is expected to remain unchallenged for quite some time.

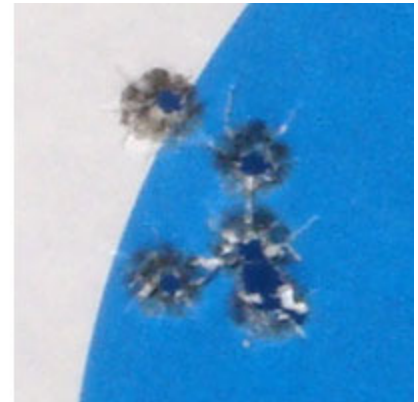


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Hornady Manufacturing Company has been a leading supplier of bullets, ammunition, and reloading accessories for over 50 years. Well respected in the shooting, hunting and match arena, Hornady guarantees the type of performance shooters demand from their bullets and ammunition.

Central Region Fishing Report

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR: (May 1) Open Water. Angler Cliff spent all day bottom bouncing for walleye without any luck for walleye (Cliff states that a couple of rainbows were picked up by accident).

Angler Gary reports "Water temperature was about 45 to 47 degrees—didn't come up much because the wind kicked in about 10:30. We were on the lake fishing by 7:00 a.m.—caught fish early by trolling leadcore with 100 feet of line out at about 2.2 mph (GPS) with a J-7 Rapala in both Rainbow Trout and Perch in Rainbow Bay and around the corner along the highway and over to the Island. Rainbow trout proved to be the best lure overall. Caught a total of about 12 fish (14 to 18 rainbows) before the wind and cold made the day unpleasant (we quit about noon). Caught fish from 100 to 175 feet of line out. Also picked up several smaller rainbows on downrigger at 20 feet down (35 to 50 feet of setback) using small Perch Rapala Taildancer in the bay where Deer Creek comes into the reservoir. Didn't see others having much success, but we weren't near a bunch of other boats either, so I can't say for sure."

Please remember that the trout limit is four statewide unless otherwise noted in the guidebook. Yellow perch limit is 10 but you must keep all perch you catch from January 1 through April 30. Remember that the bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit is 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

JORDANELLE RESERVOIR: (May 1) Open water and success is described as fair to good



by using various trolling and jigging techniques from boats and traditional baits from shoreline have produced fair success. Bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Perch limit is 50! Please remember not to fillet bass or remove heads or tails because of the size restriction (for law enforcement purposes).

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR: (May 1) Ice fishing is not recommended. A recently drilled

hole showed several layers of bad ice, slush, water, etc. Only about six to eight inches of the ice was considered somewhat solid but there are several cracks on the ice surface, a lot of slush in places and water level is rising which provides unsafe conditions around the edges. Though yesterday's storm froze up the edges a bit, warmer weather can make ice weak in a short amount of time. A little bit of open water at the ladders and Indian Creek. DWR biologist Justin Robinson guesstimates another two to three weeks before ice off, depending on weather and wind.

Regulations for the reservoir include an aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two of which may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches long. 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: (May 1) Ice free. Not much walleye success. Angler Danny reports "I caught 25 pre-spawn male white bass at Lincoln Beach yesterday in the strong wind and waves on everything I threw. I also picked up a three-pound channel cat on my second pole "deadstick" on a dead fish."

Angler Scott reports "I fished Utah Lake (Provo Boat Harbor) today from about 3 p.m. til 6 p.m. I started off fishing where the river goes into the lake and had no luck. So I moved into the marina where the sailboats dock and immediately started getting hits. I fished in the marina for about two hours and it was non-stop action. I ended up keeping five white bass and had a good-sized cat on but he snapped my line, no problem. I was using a shrimp tipped with a worm off the bottom. All in all a good outing though." Largemouth and smallmouth bass limit

is six, but 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: (May 1) Open water. Walleye numbers are up but fishing success for perch and walleye is slow to fair. Not too many rainbow trout in the reservoir. Please keep walleye. New regulations on perch began on January 1 which now allow anglers to keep 10 perch. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

BURRASTON POND: (May 1) Stocked. Fishing success is fair to good. Most anglers are using PowerBait.

MILL HOLLOW: Drained! No fishing until 2009!

PAYSON LAKE: (May 1) Gate to Payson Lake is locked, therefore no access to the lakes except as reported by Conservation Officer Shawn Bagley...by snowmobile. They anticipate opening gate in mid-May.

SALEM POND: (May 1) Stocked with fair success reported for trout. The park closes at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit of four fish (Daily bag and possession limit is a total of four fish in the aggregate for all species, for example: one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill.

SALT LAKE COMMUNITY WATERS: (May 1) Most community ponds have been stocked and fishing success is fair to good.

SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR: (May 1) Open water, stocked and good success. Worms work best.

SPRING LAKE: (May 1) Stocked. Anglers report fair to good success. Catfish success is slow.

TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR: (May 1) Fair success for trout. Most anglers using traditional baits.

VERNON, GRANSTVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIR: (Tooele Co.) (May 1) Vernon is stocked—good fishing success reported. Grantsville & Settlement report fair fishing success.



AMERICAN FORK RIVER: (May 1) Fair fishing success reported by using worms or small flies.

DIAMOND FORK RIVER: (May 1) Light fishing pressure and fair success by using flies, worms or lures. Most cutts in the areas above three forks are similar in size (about 10 to 12 inches).

HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN: (May 1) Stocked! Fair fishing success in the catch basin and creek.

PROVO RIVER: (May 1) Water level was not too high and clarity looks fairly good below both Jordanelle and Deer Creek dams. Hares ear, sow bugs, and other small surface flies and bottom-bouncing nymphs are producing fair to good success. Read the fishing proclamation for the different regulations on the river—some areas allow bait and others do not. Size restrictions and reduced limits ("two brown trout under 15 inches") are in place in some stretches.

THISTLE CREEK: (May 1) Fair success by using flies, lures or worms.

CAUSEY RESERVOIR: Causey is ice-free!!! Fair fishing for some splake and trout. The fish I have seen are skinny/smaller. Report by Conservation Officer Dave Beveridge.

COMMUNITY FISHING AREAS: At urban ponds, anglers are catching smaller trout recently planted but by the time this gets out, I am betting it is slow. Report by Conservation Officer Dave Beveridge.

CUTLER RESERVOIR: On Wednesday April 30, I talked to two fishermen fishing from Valley View Highway and they reported that fishing was slow. There have been reports of good fishing for big crappie, so this area would be good to keep an eye on for panfish, walleye and bass as weather warms up. Report by Phil Douglass.

HYRUM RESERVOIR: The reservoir is filling fast and is only about 15 feet from the high water mark! No fishing activity was observed. Report by Phil Douglass.

MANTUA RESERVOIR: On Wednesday April 30, the reservoir had good access conditions but I observed no anglers on the water—



the windy, snowy weather was keeping most people from venturing out. Observation from Phil Douglass.

OGDEN RIVER: Lower Ogden River is slow/fair fishing right now. I have not seen many fish caught on the lower Ogden. South Fork is getting high flows. Report by Conservation Officer Dave Beveridge.

PINEVIEW RESERVOIR: Anglers are catching black crappie in the shallower inlet areas on the east side and they're catching some of the biggest black crappie I have ever seen!!! Some are at max growth and I don't think they can get any bigger. Use a small jig with slow retrieve. Report by Conservation Officer Dave Beveridge.

GIGLIOTTI POND: For best results, fish in the morning. By early afternoon, the wind picks up, and angling success falls off.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: As of April 21, the catch was slow. The water is picking up color due to increasing runoff. Fly fishermen should try a #10 beadhead Montana. Nightcrawlers and



PowerBait are recommended for baitcasters. Trout are mostly browns, ranging from 11 to 14 inches.

HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK: The reservoir continues to fill. The water elevation will fluctuate all spring and summer to meet irrigation needs. Fishing was slow, due to windy conditions and a constant influx of natural food, brought into the reservoir by spring runoff. Nightcrawlers or PowerBait are recommended for

trout hunters.

JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR: The reservoir is ice-free. Lieutenant Carl Gramlich surveyed the reservoir last weekend and reported slow fishing. Two weeks ago, Randall Stilson interviewed two fly fishermen, who had been angling with white wooly buggers, tipped with a piece of chub meat. They claimed to have caught and released a nine-pound splake, and stated that they had lost one that they judged to be three feet long. That monster broke the line, as it was stripped closer to the men. They had been fishing on the southeast side of the reservoir, south of the dam. Joe's Valley Reservoir has special regulations. Please refer to the 2008 Fishing Guidebook.

LAKE POWELL: Visit www.wayneswords.com for the latest fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader. The above link reports on the multi-agency effort to keep quagga and zebra mussels from populating the lake.

**LASAL
MOUNTAINS:**

Conservation Officer TJ Robertson reports slow fishing at Ken's Lake. Mountain lakes and reservoirs remain inaccessible. The gates to Oowah and Warner are closed.

LOWER FISH

CREEK: A localized fish kill occurred a little more than two weeks ago, apparently due to an abrupt release of oxygen-depleted water and sediment, incident to spillway

reconstruction. The fish kill appeared to extend from the dam for 1/2 mile downstream. Oxygen depletion can occur after a prolonged ice cover, which inhibits light penetration and all but stops photosynthesis. Oxygen production comes to a halt and its concentration in the water dips to levels below the tolerance level required for sustaining life for a trout.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR: Tom Ogden reported slow fishing on April 22. He fished from a tube with a #8 beadhead black leech at the end of sinking line and in 15 feet of water near the dam. Rainbow PowerBait is recommended for bait fishermen. Trout range from 11 to 13 inches.

SAN JUAN COUNTY: Conservation Officer Paul Washburn reports that both Monticello and Foy reservoirs are ice-free. Fishing success was fair at Foy and at Blanding 3 and 4, where marshmallows are the recommended bait. Fishing was slow at Recapture, where the inflow of cold water has kept water temperatures down.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: The dam arm continues to open, and shoreline angler pressure was intense. Tom Ogden counted 17 vehicles around the dam last Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. He described the scene as "combat fishing." The north and south ends of the reservoir are opening, where the water is shallow. However, as a whole, the reservoir's shoreline remains



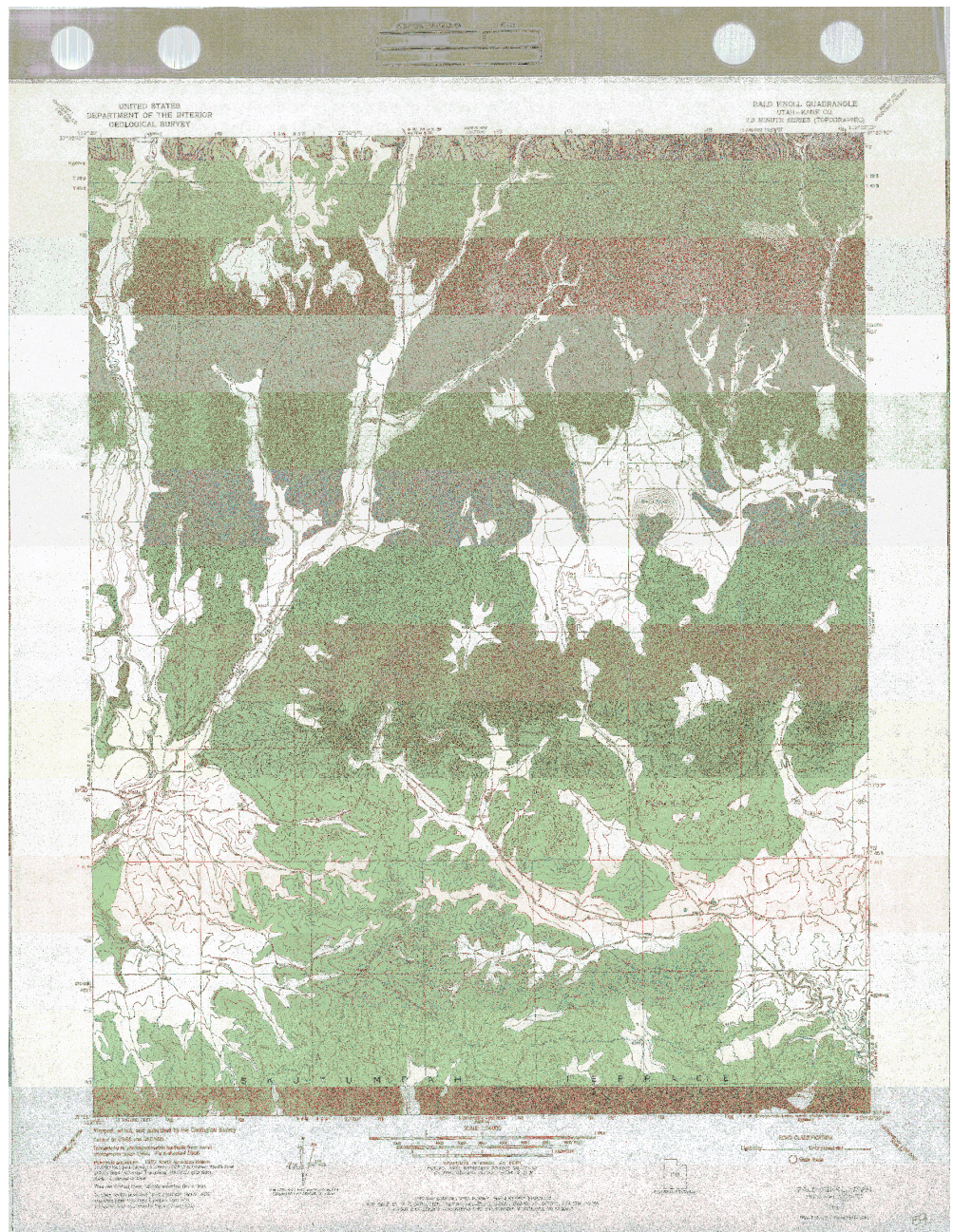
iced up. Some opening is expected by the weekend, depending on weather conditions and the volume of water released from the reservoir.

As a follow-up to the fish kill at Lower Fish Creek two weeks ago, Tom Ogden reported a lingering sulphur odor near the dam. A "rotten egg" smell is associated with water that is low in oxygen. Oxygen-deficient water can be fatal to trout. Egg sacs are expected to be the most effective bait in the days to come, followed by nightcrawlers or PowerBait. Good fishing is anticipated for the next two to three weeks. Mornings have been best. The wind has typically picked up by early afternoon. Anglers are advised that Scofield tributaries remain closed to fishing until July 12 to protect spawning cutthroat trout. Due to dam spillway reconstruction, traffic delays up to five minutes can be expected around the dam cove.

Additional Public Review Period Scheduled for Preliminary Non-binding Determination on Bald Knoll Road

SALT LAKE CITY—
The Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office has scheduled an additional 15-day review period for the preliminary non-binding determination on Bald Knoll Road in Kane County. Based on a review of information submitted by Kane County and information in BLM records, the BLM Utah State Office has made the preliminary determination that the Bald Knoll Road is a valid R.S. 2477 right-of-way. The preliminary non-binding determination was open for a 45-day public review period that closed on Oct. 30, 2007.

During the initial review period, Kane County submitted additional



information for consideration by the BLM Utah State Office. The new Kane County information was made available for public review in early March 2008, on the BLM Utah Internet site. To allow the public time to provide input on the most recent information submitted by Kane County, the BLM will open another 15-day public review period, beginning on Friday, May 9, closing on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

The information submitted by Kane County may be reviewed on the BLM Utah Internet site at: http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/more/lands_and_realty/rs2477_rights-of-way/bald_knoll_road_non/supporting_information.html

Bald Knoll Road is located in Kane County, approximately 20 miles northeast of Kanab, Utah. The total length of the road is approximately nine miles, nearly all of which crosses public lands administered by the BLM. The east end of Bald Knoll Road connects to Mill Creek Road and the west/south end of Bald Knoll Road connects to Dead End Road.

Copies of the preliminary non-binding determination and all supporting documentation are available for review at the:

BLM Utah State Office
200 South 440 West, Suite 500
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

BLM Kanab Field Office
318 North 100 East
Kanab, UT 84741

BLM Utah Internet site:
http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/more/lands_and_realty/rs2477_rights-of-way/bald_knoll_road_non/preliminary_nnbd.html

During the review period, additional evidence relevant to the determination may be provided to the BLM Utah State Office.

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Deliver to:	Mail to:	E-mail to
BLM Utah State Office	BLM Utah State Office	Bald_Knoll@blm.gov
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All input should be received by the closing of the review period on May 27, 2008. For additional information, please contact Matt Craddock at (801) 539-4115.

UMNH paleontology field plans for 2008

We are planning on our field season this year in Grand Staircase Escalante National monument (GSENM), on the following schedule:

May 12-23 Field Reconnaissance

May 24-26 Field training weekend

August 1 - October 15th Main Field Season

During this time we will be conducting both excavation of existing localities, and prospecting for new fossil localities in both the Kaiparowits plateau of GSENM. We plan to begin the season with some early reconnaissance in May when we will be determining the field priorities for the rest of the season. Prospective sites include some hadrosaur and ceratopsian localities which were identified in the Kaiparowits and Wahweap formations during previous field seasons. In August through October, we will also be spending considerable time prospecting for new localities in both the Late Cretaceous Wahweap and Kaiparowits formations. We are currently looking for volunteers for the field season and can typically provide transportation to and from the field site for participants who can get themselves to Salt Lake City and are planning to stay for a minimum of two weeks. There is no minimum time limit for people providing their own transportation, but given the distance from Salt Lake City, we recommend people to plan for a minimum of three days. Please keep in mind that working in Grand Staircase can often involve long strenuous hikes over difficult terrain, so you must be in good physical condition to participate. The only cost to participants is a \$10 dollar/day contribution to camp food, which is prepared collectively by staff and volunteers. There are fee waivers available for qualified students and long-term volunteers. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know the dates you are interested and I will provide direct communication on specific details of camp locations and what to bring etc.

We are also planning a shorter field season at Cleveland Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry and North Horn Mountain area, which will involve several short trips through June and July. We are hoping to have the base camp at Joe's Valley reservoir, which is very nice at this time of year. This is a great opportunity for field work for UFOP volunteers as it is relatively close to Salt Lake and does not require living and working in such remote and difficult conditions as our Grand Staircase sites often do. Anyone interested should please contact Mark Loewen at mloewen@umnh.utah.edu or cell phone # 801 891-6036.

Anyone interested in joining us in Grand Staircase should contact Mike Getty at mgetty@umnh.utah.edu and those people specifically interested in the field training on the memorial day weekend should contact mike before May 19th. Participation is limited, so sign up early!

Sightron[™], Inc.'s Spotting Scope Kit Comes with A Host Of Great Features

Sightron[™], Inc.'s new SII multi-purpose spotting scope kit contains the essentials for a day of long distance viewing or shooting at the range.

The kit contains Sightron's SII 20-60x63 spotting scope, the most versatile in their line up.

The waterproof, fogproof scope comes with a 20-60 zoom eyepiece for long distance viewing or when higher magnification is needed. A wide angle 25X eyepiece is also included for situations that require a wide field of view. All lenses are fully multi-coated for excellent light transmission.

The scope comes with a retractable sun shade and lanyard style dust cover. The Kit includes a padded cordura carrying case with zippers on each end to allow the scope to be used while still protected by the case.



A pouch on the case provides convenient storage for an extra eye piece. A table top tripod and window mount are also included.

T-mount and photo adapters are available as optional accessories to fit a wide variety of popular camera models for outdoor photography.

Suggested retail price is \$766.77. For more information on Sightron, Inc. products, visit www.sightron.com.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

QUAIL HOLLOW TRAIL PROJECT

Saturday, June 7th, 8am

Link up with REI, Volunteers for Outdoor Utah, Sandy City and community volunteers for trail maintenance, weed control and clean up of the Quail Hollow Trail in Sandy. Both a light breakfast and lunch will be served. Participants will receive an REI "Get Dirty for the Outdoors" Shirt; while supplies last. For more information please visit our webpage at

www.rei.com and click on the stores & events tab. To register, please call 501-0850 or email Kristen at Kkenley@rei.com.

RATTLESNAKE GULCH RENOVATION

Saturday, June 7th, 8am

Join forces with REI, the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, The Forest Service and a host of community volunteers to help improve Rattlesnake Gulch trail in Millcreek Canyon. All necessary tools and supervision will be provided, as well as a light breakfast, lunch and a free REI T-shirt to all participants. We will meet at 8:00am for a quick breakfast and training session, and will work until noon to remove rocks, grade the trail, install erosion barriers, and remove invasive weeds. For a full description of the project please visit our webpage at www.rei.com and click on the stores & event link. Please sign up in advance by calling REI SLC's customer service department at 486-2100 or email an RSVP to Eric at espreng@rei.com.

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

BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE

Thursday, June 5th, 7pm

Maintaining your road or mountain bike can be a daunting task when you don't know where to begin. Tonight's presentation by REI shop techs will help to demystify the challenge of keeping your bicycle in good working order. By the end of the evening participants will be acquainted with the arts of flat tire repair, fine tune brake adjustment, and degreasing & lubrication.

BEST OF THE WASATCH SUMMER HIKING

Thursday, June 19th, 7pm

Where will you find the best waterfalls, summits, lakes, unknown trails, wildlife, and wildflowers? Find out this evening! Greg Witt, author of 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Salt Lake City, reveals the top local hikes. It's a fun, fast-paced presentation with some surprises and prizes. With summer around the corner, it's time to lace up your hiking boots for some of the best hiking in the world, right along the Wasatch Front. Here we have a greater variety of dramatic and awe-inspiring day-hikes than any major metropolitan area in the United States. Within minutes of the Salt Lake Valley you can access a stunning array of alpine lakes, snow-draped mountain peaks, fragrant evergreen forests, deep canyon waterfalls, granite towers, and flowered cirques.

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

WASATCH WILDFLOWERS

Tuesday, June 3rd, 7pm

Following the spring snowmelt on the mountain slopes and meadows of the Central Wasatch Range, there is a magnificent eruption of brilliant colors from the native plants and flowers. Dr. Zuckerman's slide presentation will include about seventy of some of the most prevalent wildflowers that blanket these hills and valleys and the characteristics that distinguish them. Paul will also discuss the recognition of some flowering invasive and noxious plants and their proper disposal, as well as photographic tricks & tips to successfully capture wildflower images.

GPS 101

Thursday, June 5th, 7pm

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

WILDLIFE WATCHING YELLOWSTONE PARK

Tuesday, June 10th, 7pm

The largest intact temperate ecosystem in the lower 48 states, Yellowstone National Park is one of the best places to see wolves, bison, bears, elk, coyotes, eagles and other charismatic animals in their natural habitat. From wolf pups and bison calves in the spring to the elk rut and raptor migration in the fall, get insider tips on when, where, and how to observe and learn about the animals that reside in the world's first national park. Wildlife ecologist and sculptor George Bumann, M.S. and program manager Jenny Golding from the Yellowstone Association Institute (YAI) will present a lively multimedia presentation, trip planning information, and YAI literature. The Yellowstone Association is the official educational partner for Yellowstone National Park.

BEST OF THE WASATCH SUMMER HIKING

Tuesday, June 17th, 7pm

Where will you find the best waterfalls, summits, lakes, unknown trails, wildlife, and wildflowers? Find out this evening! Greg Witt, author of [60 Hikes Within 60 Miles: Salt Lake City](#), reveals the top local hikes. It's a fun, fast-paced presentation with some surprises and prizes. With summer around the corner, it's time to lace up your hiking boots for some of the best hiking in the world, right along the Wasatch Front. Here we have a greater variety of dramatic and awe-inspiring day-hikes than any major metropolitan area in the United States. Within minutes of the Salt Lake Valley you can access a stunning array of alpine lakes, snow-draped mountain peaks, fragrant evergreen forests, deep canyon waterfalls, granite towers, and flowered cirques.

COMMUNITY & REI SPONSORED EVENTS:

REI KIDS PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

May 12 through September 2nd

Designed for kids ages 5 to 12, our Kids' Passport to Adventure program is a fun way to connect them to the natural world and start them on a lifetime of outdoor recreation and stewardship. Beginning May 12, stop by the Customer Service desk in any REI store to pick up an Adventure Journal, which kids can use to document their outdoor adventures. Go to REI.com for a list of kid-friendly hikes and bike rides in your local area, or to download and print the Adventure Journal. After at least one outdoor activity, send in the tear-off postcard



FREE REI PADDLE DEMO DAY

Splash around in 2008's hottest new
boats and paddling accessories!
All skill levels are invited.

from the journal to get a certificate of completion and a special prize – a multifunction whistle that includes a thermometer,

magnifier and compass.

REI PADDLE DEMO DAY

Saturday, June 14th, 8:00am-Noon

Splash around in 2008's Hottest New Boats & Paddling Accessories. All skill levels are invited! Test out different boats and participate in free clinics offered by REI staff and our vendors. No registration required. Event takes place at the south east corner of Liberty Park at the pond, enter at 1300 S, 650 E. For more information, check out <http://www.rei.com/paddle>

VENTURE OUTDOORS FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 14th 3pm-9pm

Millcreek Township celebrates its 3rd annual Venture Outdoors Festival Saturday, June 14th, 2008. The free, family-friendly event features live music, free kids' run, recreation clinics, guest speakers, giveaways, creative children's activities, and great food all day long. So bring the family and your friends, because life is better outside!

Visit www.millcreekoutdoors.com

for more information.



UTAH RIVERS COUNCIL/REI JORDAN RIVER PADDLE

Wednesday, June 18th, 6:00pm

Join the Utah Rivers Council and REI on a Jordan River float! Come explore a fascinating and diverse urban river run in your own backyard. This is a mild, family-friendly trip with canoe and kayak options. You'll also learn a little about the natural history of the Jordan, and about work to restore this city-slicker river. We will provide boats, paddles and life jackets. Space is

limited, so contact the Utah Rivers Council to reserve your place today! Boats, paddles and lifejackets provided at no charge by REI. Limit of 22 participants. Register by contacting the Utah Rivers Council at 801-486-4776 or email dave@utahrivers.org. \$20 required donation goes to support river advocacy programs. Check out www.utahrivers.org for more information.



SWANER NATURE FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 21st, noon-6pm

Round up the family and walk, run, bike, or carpool to the Swaner Nature Festival on June 21, 2008. This free community event will feature local environmental organizations, outdoor recreation clinics, live music, a kids' art tent, nature walks, and local food vendors. See the schedule at <http://www.swanerecocoenter.org/index.html>

MOUNTAIR MILE

Saturday, June 28th, 8:30am

A Multi-Sport Children's Race in Millcreek! Kids can participate on bicycle, tricycle, skateboard, roller blades, scooter, or their own two feet. All proceeds will go to The Sharing Place; a grief support program for children, teens, and their families. Visit <http://www.mountairacres.blogspot.com> for more information and registration.

Share Your Fishing Ideas with the DWR

Please share your ideas no later than June 4

If you'd like to see a fishing regulation change in Utah in 2009, now is the time to let biologists know about it.

Please share your ideas with the Division of Wildlife Resources no later than June 4.

"2009 is still a long ways off, but our biologists need time to determine how practical and biologically sound each idea is," says Drew Cushing, warm water sport fisheries coordinator for the DWR. "They would like to receive your ideas before June 4. Then they'll do the work needed to decide which ideas will work."

The DWR's will present its final recommendations to the public in September.

If you have an idea, Cushing encourages you to share it. "We hear a lot from the angling groups in the state, but we don't hear much from anglers who don't belong to a fishing group," he says. "We hope those who don't belong to a fishing group will share their ideas with us too."

Three ways

You can share your ideas with the DWR three different ways:

- e-mail your ideas to DWRComment@utah.gov

- mail your ideas to:

Sport Fisheries Coordinator
Division of Wildlife Resources
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

- attend your upcoming Regional Advisory Council meeting. You can share your ideas at any of the following meetings:

Southern Region

May 27

7 p.m.

Cross Hollows Intermediate School
2215 W. Royal Hunte Dr.
Cedar City

Southeastern Region

May 28

6:30 p.m.

John Wesley Powell Museum
885 E. Main St.
Green River

Northeastern Region

May 29

6:30 p.m.

Western Park, Rm. #2
302 E. 200 S.
Vernal

Central Region

June 3

6:30 p.m.

Springville Junior High School
165 S. 700 E.
Springville

Northern Region

June 4

6 p.m.

Brigham City Community Center

24 N. 300 W.
Brigham City

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

Land Rover G4 Challenge Nevada Passage Adventure Competition Starts *Miles of navigating, running, kayaking, & off-road driving on Day One*

ECHO BAY MARINA, Echo Bay, Nev. – The first of four days of racing in the Land Rover G4 Challenge Nevada Passage got underway at 7am this morning from the Sunset Station Hotel and Casino in Henderson, Nevada as 10 co-ed teams jumped into their fully outfitted 2008 Land Rover LR3's for an adventure of a lifetime.

The first task for competitors was to find their way from the hotel to St. Thomas - an old ghost town in Clark County which until recently was submerged under Lake Mead - using GPS coordinates. An hour-and-a-half drive later, for those teams who successfully navigated the route, a second set of instructions sent competitors on a twisting, sandy, mile-long trail run to the remains of what used to be an ice cream parlor back in the mid 1800's.



The directions they got in the outback sent teams to nearby Overton Marina boat ramp for a timed kayak race on Lake Mead, where one team member was to paddle roughly 5-miles to Stewart's Point while their teammate drove to that location. At Stewart's, competitors switched positions and one teammate paddled 7-miles to Echo Bay Marina where the other team member met them in their Land Rover.

Six of the 10 teams started the kayak in the northern arm of Lake Mead at roughly the same time (the four others arrived staggered over the next hour with Team Yellow far behind in last after mismanaging their navigation system and heading in the wrong direction early on). The error was not critical, however, as teams were not scored on arrival time at Lake Mead.

The scoring component was the kayak, calculated from the time the first team member entered the water at Overton until the second team member arrived at Echo Bay.

Adventure racing veteran Adam Chase of Team Royal Blue – who grew up paddling on the Connecticut River – was by far the fastest to traverse the first segment and came into Stewart's Point about an hour after he started and with a six-minute lead.

Chase's teammate Caroline Colonna was well on her way to protecting the lead and finishing first but missed the turn into Echo Bay and paddled an extra half-mile before getting turned around in the right direction. The miscue allowed Reno, Nevada resident Tom Lyons (who also won the kayaking stage of the 2005 Nevada Passage along the Truckee River) to speed his way past three other competitors into first. Lyons' partner on Team Purple, Lisa Lieb, had finished the first paddling stage in fourth place and eight minutes behind Chase. Team

Purple's combined time was 2:31:13, best on the day by nearly six minutes.



Team Royal Blue (Chase and Colonna) was second in 2:37:07 and Team Gray (Emma Garrard and Dean Kruise) placed third just two seconds back in 2:37:09.

It was a picture perfect day with temperatures in the upper 80's for competitors along the crystal clear and cool turquoise waters of Lake Mead – the largest

man-made lake in the world (created when the Hoover Dam was completed on the Colorado River, about 30 miles east of Las Vegas).

As each paddler arrived at Echo Bay the teams loaded the kayak back on their Land Rover and set off on a five-hour off-road driving challenge north to Hell's Half Acre near Alamo, NV. Teams were tasked with navigating routes and judged on Time-Speed-Distance during the 4WD portion. Pre-determined safe speed zones were set-up and teams were penalized if they traversed the route too quickly or too slowly.

The day's last stop was the campgrounds at Hell's Half Acre where teams will camp for the night and prepare for another full day of adventure on Wednesday. Note that each day's competition is a mystery to competitors and they are tasked with being prepared for whatever challenges await.

The Land Rover G4 Challenge scoring system combines a series of written tests for first aid and mechanical knowledge, navigation skills, Time-Speed-Distance, driving skills, brand communication, and athletic skills. Totals will not be revealed until the final day of competition.

The four-day multistage competition, which lasts through Friday, is the United States' sole qualifying event for the prestigious international Land Rover G4 Challenge. The top two teams will advance to the international selection event at Eastnor Castle in Herefordshire, United Kingdom, in early 2009, where one team will be



selected to represent the United States against teams from 17 other countries in the three-week-long finals taking place in Asia mid-2009.

For more information on the Land Rover G4 Challenge Nevada Passage, visit www.landroverG4challenge.com. For daily highlights and photo galleries visit www.nevadapassage.com. Media interested in receiving footage or photos should contact:

KAYAK COMPETITION RESULTS

Determined by combined times from Overton Marina to Echo Bay

Team Name	Total Time	Place
Team 5 - Purple TOM & LISA	2:31:13	1
Team 6 - Royal Blue ADAM & CAROLINE	2:37:07	2
Team 2 - Gray DEAN & EMMA	2:37:09	3
Team 1 - Green TIM & LINDA	2:39:21	4
Team 3 - Lime Green PHIL & LAURA	2:42:46	5
Team 7 - Turquoise PETER & SARAH	2:43:48	6
Team 10 - Red JIM & BRANDYN	2:55:14	7
Team 4 - Orange NATE & SAGE	3:00:31	8
Team 9 - Yellow GARRETT & MARNE	3:01:28	9
Team 8 - Burgundy SCOTT & RACHEL	3:03:19	10

Land Rover G4 Challenge Nevada Passage Adventure Competition-DAY TWO *Vehicle Control and Driving Skills Challenge plus a 5-mile adventure trail run*

HELL'S HALF ACRE, Alamo, Nev. – The second day of competition at the Land Rover G4 Challenge Nevada Passage started with the ultimate test of driving control and teamwork as teams navigated through a challenging trials course in their Land Rover LR3s.

Pitted against some of Mother Nature's roughest terrain at the aptly named Hell's Half-Acre, teams were tasked with traversing a tight, narrow, twisting, sandy, uneven and rocky quarter-

mile stretch of Nevada's wide open to see who could complete the course in the quickest time with the fewest penalties.



The course featured 18 gates (orange cones simulating boulders that were positioned on either side of the road) that allowed just inches of clearance on either side to pass through. Each team member drove through nine gates while their partner used hand signals and voice commands to help guide them through and then they switched positions to the finish. The rules were simple; make contact with a cone and one-minute was added to your time.

The accomplished Land Rover driving instructors on site were clear in their advice to competitors... "slow, smooth and steady," and "as slow as possible, as fast as necessary."

With huge potential for not only flat tires, but real damage to the Land Rover's they were driving through a maze of boulders, the entire field avoided both and as a whole performed admirably.

The best on the day was Team Green – Linda Lindsay and Tim Menoher – who traversed the course in eight minutes, 13 seconds while collecting just two penalties for a total time of 11:13.

Just Team Lime Green - Phil Glenn and Laura Home - managed a flawless run, yet their time of 15:48 was only good for seventh place. Jim Perkins and Brandyn Roark-Gray of Team Red, who were first to tackle the trials course, posted the second best time in 13:11 (11:11 plus two penalties). Team Turquoise – Peter Hanson and Sarah McMahan – edged Team Burgundy – Scott Fredricksen and Rachel Cieslewicz – by six-tenths of a second for third place.

THE RUN

Following the trials competition teams continued to work on their off-road driving techniques on their way to Cathedral Gorge State Park in Panaca, Nevada where a surprise 5-mile scramble through the long narrow valley awaited.

Once again Mother Nature was flexing her muscles as a cool and overcast day at Hell's Half Acre turned into a windy, rainy, and downright cold start for the 4:30 p.m. trail run. The course went along the scenic, rocky and now muddy Juniper Draw trail leading to the top of Miller's point – a 70-foot stair climb that exposed the magnificent spires of Cathedral Gorge.

At the top racers received another clue sending them into Moon Caves – a dramatic section of bentonite clay columns and walls shaped by the erosional forces of wind, rain, and freezing through time. To reach the finish teams had to crawl through a dark and eerie space barely big enough for an average size person – a test of courage all in itself.

The scramble proved the athletic worth of the entire field, as six of the ten teams finished within minutes of each other. The fastest of the group was Team Gray – Emma Garrard and Dean Kruise – who came in at 28:28 and just edged Team Purple – Tom Lyons and Lisa Lieb (2nd), and Team Lime Green - Phil Glenn and Laura Home (3rd).

After the run the clouds disappeared, the sun warmed the competitors, teams set-up their tents, then stood around the campfire telling stories from Day 2 of the LRG4 Nevada Passage and wondering what's in store for them tomorrow.

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LAND ROVER LR3 TRIALS – Hell's Half Acre

Time taken on course plus penalties for hitting markers.

Team	Total Time	Penalties	Adjusted Time	Rank
Team 1 - Green TIM & LINDA	8:13.16	3:00	11:13.16	1
Team 10 - Red JIM & BRANDYN	11:11.33	2:00	13:11.33	2
Team 7 - Turquoise PETER & SARAH	12:02.17	2:00	14:02.17	3
Team 8 - Burgundy	11:02.81	3:00	14:02.81	4

SCOTT & RACHEL

Team 6 - Royal Blue	10:05.90	4:00	14:05.90	5
ADAM & CAROLINE				

Team 5 - Purple 9:38.09 5:00 14:38.09 6

TOM & LISA

Team 3 - Lime Green	15:48.33	0	15:48.33	7
PHIL & LAURA				

Team 4 - Orange 12:51.91 4:00 16:51.91 8

NATE & SAGE

Team 9 - Yellow	12:51.02	5:00	17:51.02	9
GARRETT & MARNE				

Team 2 - Gray 13:15.59 8:00 21:15.59 10

DEAN & EMMA

CATHEDRAL GORGE RUN RESULTS

(In order of last team member to finish run)

Team # / Color	Place	Team # / Color	Place
2/Gary	1 (28:28)	1/Green	6
5/Purple	2	9/Yellow	7
3/Lime Green	3	8/Burgundy	8
7/Turquoise	4	10/Red	9
6/Royal Blue	5	4/Orange	10

Citori 625 - The Next Generation of Over and Under Performance

MORGAN, UTAH - The Browning Citori has built a reputation as the finest, most reliable over and under shotgun available. For 2008 Browning will introduce the new Citori 625, the next in a legendary line of high-performance shotguns. Performance is improved with the addition of the all new Vector Pro™ extended forcing cones that are designed to improve ballistic performance. A new modified trigger offers a lighter, crisper pull.

Like all Browning Citori over and unders, the new 625 has a fit and finish that rival that of guns costing much more with tight, consistent wood-to-metal fit. Action components are machined to exacting tolerances, heat-treated for added strength and hand-fitted using the traditional lampblack-and-file method to ensure the precise fit of critical components.

Vector Pro™ Extended Forcing Cones. Back-boring is proven to improve shot patterns, and Browning's new Vector Pro does it better than anyone else in the industry. Vector Pro features extended forcing cones that are over 2" longer than other systems. The taper is much more gradual than the 5° industry specification for even less shot deformation resulting in more uniform and consistent patterns. The Vector Pro geometry completely eliminates any step or double taper between the chamber and bore.

The new Citori 625 will also feature all new wood checkering patterns that are both striking in appearance and highly functional, adding additional traction in all conditions. A new receiver



engraving pattern combines tradition with a modern flare.

Citori 625 Field and 625 Sporting models will be offered for 2008. Receivers have a silver nitride finish with high-relief engraving. Stocks are gloss oil finish with Grade II/III walnut with radius pistol grip and Schnabel forearm.

The Citori 625 Field will be offered in 12 gauge only with 26" or 28" lightweight profile barrels. Three Invector Plus™ choke tubes are included. Browning Citori 626 Field, Suggested Retail, \$2,299.00.

The new Citori 625 Sporting in both standard and adjustable comb stock models in 12 gauge only. Barrel lengths offered are 32", 30" and 28". Five new Diamond Grade extended Invector Plus™ choke tubes will be supplied. Browning's Triple Trigger System is also featured that allows the shooter to fine tune the length of pull and switch between a wide checkered, a narrow smooth and a wide smooth canted trigger shoe. HiViz® Pro-Comp fiber-optic front sights are also featured on the 625 Sporting model. Browning Citori 625 Sporting Suggested Retail, \$3,299.00 with standard stock and \$3499.00 with adjustable comb stock.

To see complete specifications and pricing or to download hi-res images on new Browning products go to Browning's website at www.browning.com.

A Different Idea for Mother's Day

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- Before dinner at the fancy restaurant on Mother's Day, why not treat her to something she may never have tried before -- target shooting?

Ever-growing numbers of women have been taking their first shots at the range. In fact, a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation known as "First Shots" is helping ranges introduce the shooting sports to beginners, a large percentage of whom are women.

As serious shooters know, if you can just get someone to try shooting, it's quite likely you'll create a new participant. It's just that much fun.



Handgun shooting has become especially popular among women. Surveys of First Shots participants indicate that 42 percent were women. They have found that it is a way to spend more time with their friends, husbands or boyfriends, while enjoying an exciting new pastime.

As Cyndi Dalena, manager of the First Shots program, points out, "There are many opportunities for newcomers to give shooting a try in a friendly, safe, supportive environment."

For more information on getting started, visit www.firstshots.org and www.huntandshoot.org.

Timpanogos Cave to Open Despite the Snowpack

Timpanogos Cave National Monument, a unit of the National Park System, will open as scheduled for cave tours on May 10, 2008. Superintendent Denis Davis says, "We were uncertain whether we would be able to open on time due to the huge snow drifts on the cave trail, and are relieved to now see that we will be able to open May 10th. It is only through the great community support and volunteers assisting our employees that we were able to remove the 6 to 15 feet deep mounds of snow along the cave trail and be able to open the caves as planned. We are grateful for the 304 hours volunteers contributed to shoveling snow from the



cave trail and the 824 hours our employees have contributed. We would not have been able to open on time without the extra help from our volunteers. There is plenty of snow at the cave

exit and some drifts by the cave entrance. Come visit in the next couple of weeks to enjoy this extra bonus to your trip. I encourage everyone to hike up to the ¼ way gate along the cave trail to see the impressive snow deposition remaining as we begin our summer season of cave tours.”

Cave tours will continue through summer into early fall. The monument will be open seven days a week with tour hike times beginning at 7:00 AM. Tickets for the last tour of the day must be purchased by 4:30 PM. Visitors may purchase tickets at the visitor center or tickets may also be purchased by phone up to 30 days in advance beginning May 10th by calling the visitor center at (801) 756-5238.

This season we will again offer many programs for visitors’ enjoyment. The summer Ranger Evening Program series will begin May 23rd at the park visitor center. Because of the great success of the program it has been expanded to include Sunday nights this summer. The program offers topics ranging from the history of American Fork Canyon, to fishing in the canyon, to birds of prey in Utah and will be offered free of charge every Friday,



Saturday, Sunday and Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:00pm. People interested in the program

schedule and topics should contact the visitor center at (801) 756-5238 after May 10th. Jr. Ranger programs for children will continue to be offered on Saturday morning's at 10:00am beginning May 24th.

These programs will include fun hands-on activities for children ages six and up.

The popular Introduction to Caving tours will continue to be offered every day of the week except Wednesdays. This Ranger led tour allows visitors to explore an undeveloped section of Hansen Cave. Advanced reservations for this tour are required. Visitors to Timpanogos Cave need to remember to bring water with them and a coat or sweater for inside the 45-degree cave.

People are given an hour and a half to hike the mile and a half trail that gains over a thousand feet in elevation. Visitors should plan on three hours to hike the trail and complete a cave tour. Ticket prices for the 2008 season are \$7.00 per adult (16 & older), \$5.00 per Junior (6-15), children are \$3.00 (3-5) and infants 2 and under are free. Golden Age and Access card holders are half price. The Introduction to Caving tour price is \$15.00 per person with an age restriction of 14 and up. For more information about any of the programs offered at Timpanogos Cave National Monument call (801) 756-5238 seven days a week.

Evening with the Author at Bear River Migratory Refuge

On Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m., Friends of the Bear River Refuge will be hosting an evening with author, Rosalie Winard, at our wildlife education center. Rosalie will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a presentation in the auditorium - speaking about her numerous trips to Bear River Refuge and her diverse avian encounters here. She will accompany her talk with images of Refuge birds, both from her book and personal archives.

Following Rosalie's presentation, there will be a reception in Classrooms A & B, where Rosalie will sign her newly published book, Wild Birds of the American Wetlands, which includes an essay by Terry Tempest Williams.

Birds of the Great Salt Lake area are prominently featured in the book. Rosalie Winard has spent the last 30 years enamored with wetland birds. While receiving her bachelor's degree in Natural History, specializing in Ornithology and Ethology, she conducted a field study on threat and greeting displays of the brown pelican in Robert's Bay, Sarasota, Florida. Receiving one of the first Student Originated Studies Grants, she worked for the National Science Foundation censusing bird populations all over Florida before careers in documentary film, video art and finally,

photography.

Winard's award-winning photographs have appeared worldwide in numerous publications including Artforum, Time, U.S. News & World Report, Forbes, The New York Times and on 60 Minutes. Her pictures are in the collections of The Library of

Congress, The Brooklyn Museum of Art, Nelson Mandela and Oliver Sacks.

We hope you will join us for this very special evening. If you would like to reserve a copy of Rosalie's book, contact the Avocet Corner Bookstore at (435) 734-6423. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. The wildlife education center is located at 2155 West Forest Street in Brigham City. From Interstate 15, take exit #363 (Forest Street) and turn west. The Center is one block west of the interstate. Watch for signs.

ON-THE-WATER BOAT SHOW AT JORDANELLE STATE PARK

Heber - Jordanelle State Park hosts the On-the-Water Boat Show Friday, May 16 from noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. This event launches Utah Safe Boating Week.



Area boat dealers will showcase new model boats for purchase at great prices. Test drive a new boat before you buy it. Bring your boat for a free boat safety check by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. If your boat passes inspection, your day-use entrance is free!

Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be available at very reasonable prices. Day-use fees are \$10 per vehicle. Online discount coupon available May 12 at www.stateparks.utah.gov.

Jordanelle State Park is located off US 40 at the Mayflower Exit 8. For more information, please call (801) 538-7220 or 877-UT-PARKS.

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

May 15 - 19 Antelope Island State Park – Syracuse Great Salt Lake Bird Festival: Join bird watchers for tours of Antelope Island State Park. For more information, please visit www.greatsaltlakebirdfest.com.

May 15 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal

Wildflowers of Uinta Basin: Join biologist Tom Elder for an evening lecture on the beautiful wildflowers of the Uinta Basin. Presentation begins at 7 p.m. (435) 789-3799

May 16 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

Nighttime in the Goblins: Join the park naturalist for an evening walk through the goblins. Find out how the goblins came to be and who lurks around in the night! Meet at 8:30 p.m. at the Observation Point above the Valley of the Goblins. (435) 564-3633

May 16 Hyrum State Park - Hyrum

Smoke on the Water: Join park staff for this barbeque cook-off. More than 20 professional barbeque cooks compete for cash and prizes. (435) 245-6866

May 16 or 17 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal

Wildflower Walk: Tom Elder leads visitors on a walk to view wildflowers in the area. Meet at the museum at 5 p.m. Saturday or Sunday at 9 a.m. with your own transportation. (435) 789-3799

May 17 Anasazi State Park Museum - Boulder

The Tarahumara: Patrocinio Lopez, representing the Tarahumara people of the Sierra Madre/Copper Canyon area in northern Mexico, discusses modern challenges to Tarahumara life, and plays traditional music on his hand-carved violin. The Tarahumara are among the most isolated traditional people in the Americas. Author and explorer Richard Fisher presents a slideshow with commentary about Tarahumara culture. Presentations are at 2 and 5:30 p.m. (435) 335-7308

May 17 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

The Wet Desert: There is no denying that Goblin Valley receives little rain, but water has left its mark all over the landscape. From violent flash floods to ephemeral water pockets, join park staff to see how water carves, nurtures and defines the desert. Meet at 8:30 p.m. at the amphitheater. (435) 564-3633

May 17 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

Junior Ranger Program - Incredible Insects: What is the difference between a bug and an insect? Find out this and more as we search for mini-beasts in Goblin Valley. This program is geared toward children six through 12, but everyone is welcome. Earn a Junior Ranger badge and have fun! Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Observation Point above the Valley of the Goblins. (435) 564-3633

May 17 Iron Mission State Park Museum - Cedar City

Gardening Workshop: Learn the process of pioneer and ancient Pueblo waffle gardening from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This hands-on activity will provide historical background, instruction and practical application to help you create a successful vegetable garden. Learn soil preparation,

planting techniques, watering methods, garden maintenance and pest and weed control. Registration is required and the workshop fee is \$10. Please bring a hat, gloves, and water. (435) 586-9290

May 17 Palisade State Park - Sterling

Golf Tournament: Register now for this two-person, best ball golf tournament. Camping is available in beautiful Palisade State Park. (435) 835-4653

May 17 Scofield State Park- Scofield

Ice Breaker Tournament: Fish for great prizes from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is required and limited to 200 participants. (435) 687-2491 or (435) 448-9449

May 17 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Moonlight Hike: Join park staff at 9 p.m. for a moonlit two-mile canyon hike. Enjoy the unique opportunity to see Snow Canyon nightlife! Space is limited and registration is required. (435) 628-2255

May 17 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Geocaching - A High Tech Treasure Hunt: Youths six through 12 can become a Junior Ranger by joining the naturalist in this exciting Geocaching adventure. Learn to use a GPS and find cool stuff. Program begins at 1 p.m. at the visitor center. (435) 654-1791.

May 18 Steinaker State Park - Vernal

Kenneth's Catfishin' Bait and Tackle Tournament: Join parks staff for this fishing tournament from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is open to everyone. (435) 781-2287

Orienteering Event scheduled Saturday

Saturday, May 10, start times between 3:00 and 5:00 pm at the Jordan River Parkway in Draper. Address is approximately 1000 W 12300 S. Directions at www.o-utah.org. Ed White has designed three courses, 3.75, 4.06 and 5.31km in length. Also, Everett Taylor has created a new banner for our race table - come see!

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