

Annual Northern Utah Prospectors Association Turkey Shoot

When: Saturday November 15, 2008

Time: 3:00 pm Eat somewhere about that time

Where: 900 S. 4100 W. Building behind LDS Church house. Go west on 12th street into West Weber, the turn is a right-hand turn on to 4100 W.

What to bring: Members please bring a salad or desert to share.

Cost: \$5.00 at the door.

2008 CHRISTMAS TREE PERMIT UPDATE

SALT LAKE CITY, November 14, 2008 - It is that time again as Christmas is just around the corner. Families can have a unique recreational outing by cutting their own Christmas trees on Utah National Forests.



The tree cutting program is carefully managed and permit holders must adhere to the following guidelines. Trees must always be cut close to the ground leaving the stump no higher than 6 inches. A shovel will come in handy to dig through the snow to reach the base

of the tree. Make sure your permit is attached to the tree before leaving the cutting area. **TREE TOPPING IS NOT ALLOWED.** No cutting within 200 feet of riparian areas (lakes and streams) roads, campgrounds, picnic areas, administrative sites, summer home areas, or within designated closed areas shown on the tree cutting area maps.

Remember to always be prepared for winter weather. Be prepared for slick, snow packed roads and have chains, a 4-wheel drive vehicle or a snow machine available. Always let

someone know where you are planning to go and approximate time you will return. Carry a cell phone; bring additional warm clothing, good warm gloves, boots, and a container of hot liquid, water, lunch or snack as it may take longer than expected. Carry a flashlight, chains, shovel, first aid kit, matches, a hatchet, ax or handsaw, and rope to secure your tree.

ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 789-1181 - www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley

Flaming Gorge Ranger District: (435) 784-3445 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 21, 2008. Permits will be available at the Flaming Gorge Ranger District Office, intersection Highway 43 & 44, Manila, Utah and the Green River Office, 1450 Uinta Drive, Green River, Wyoming from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Also, permits will be available at Flaming Gorge Resort. Cost of the nonrefundable permit is \$10.00 and there is a limit of one permit per household, one tree only. Any species of tree may be cut except Ponderosa Pine.

Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts: (435) 738-2482 or (435) 722-5018

Permits go on sale Friday, November 21, 2008 - Permits may be purchased at the Duchesne Ranger District Office, 85 West Main, Duchesne, Utah, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday or the Roosevelt Ranger District Office, 650 West Highway 40, Roosevelt, Utah 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Permits may also be purchased at the Hanna Country Store, 40298

West State Route 35, Hanna, Utah (435) 848-5752 and at Steward's Market, 245 West Highway 40 in Roosevelt, (435) 722-5650. Permits are \$10.00 each, one permit per household, one tree only.

The Roosevelt and Duchesne Ranger Districts receive 200 permits each for Christmas trees with additional permits for the Vernal Ranger District available at each office. Active logging is taking place along the first three and a half miles of Reservation Ridge Road, Forest Service Road 147. There will be logging trucks and heavy equipment alongside and on the road in this area which may delay access for short periods of time.

Vernal Ranger District:

(435) 789-1181 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 21, 2008.

Permits may be purchased at the Vernal Office, located at

355 North Vernal Avenue in Vernal, Utah Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Permits may also be purchased at the following businesses 7 days a week; Davis Jubilee Store, 575 West Main, in Vernal, (435) 789-2001 and LaPoint Country Store, Highway 12 in LaPoint, Utah,



(435) 247-2365. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Any species of tree can be cut except Ponderosa Pine. Individuals may purchase up to two additional permits on the Flaming Gorge and Vernal Ranger Districts and permits must be issued in the names and addresses of the person for whom the permits are purchased.

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 865-3700 – www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie

Cedar City Ranger District: (435) 865-3700 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 7, 2008. Permits can be obtained at the Cedar City Ranger District, 1789 North Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits may also be purchased at Hurst Ace Hardware and Sports Center, 165 South Main Street, Cedar City, Utah (435) 865-9335 Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. The only species of trees that can be cut are Sub-Alpine Fir, White Fir and Pinyon Pine. Please check with the Cedar City Ranger District office before traveling the Cedar Breaks Road to obtain the most current road condition information.

Escalante Ranger District: (435) 826-5400 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 7, 2008. Permits can be obtained at the Escalante Ranger District, 755 West Main, Escalante, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits may also be bought at these local vendors: Antimony Merc, Antimony, Utah (435) 624-3253, 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact the Escalante Ranger District for a list of other vendors. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. All species of tree may be cut except Bristlecone Pine.



Powell Ranger District: (435) 676-9300 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 7, 2008. Permits can be obtained at the Powell Ranger District, 225 East Center Street, Panguitch, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. All species of trees can be cut except Bristlecone Pine.

St. George Interagency Visitor Center: (435) 688-3246 or (435) 652-3100 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 7, 2008. Permits can be purchased at the Visitor Center, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah from 7:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Permits may also be purchased at Spanish Tail Supply Company, 21 South Main, Veyo, Utah (435) 574-0808 seven days a week. Permits are \$10.00; Pinyon Pine

and Juniper are the only species of trees that may be cut. One person can purchase up to 5 tags.

FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 896-9233 – www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake

Beaver Ranger District: (435) 438-2436 - Permits go on sale Friday, November 7, 2008.

Permits may be purchased at the Beaver Ranger District, 575 South Main, Beaver, Utah Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays, November 29 and December 6, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Permits may also be purchased at Beaver Sport and Pond, 85 North Main, Beaver, Utah (435) 438-2100, seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Permits are \$10.00 each, two permits per household, 2 trees only. All species of trees may be cut except Ponderosa Pine and Blue Spruce.

Fillmore Ranger District: (435) 743-5721 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 17, 2008.

Permits can be purchased at the Fillmore Ranger District, 390 South Main, Fillmore, Utah Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Also, Delta Sports Center located in Delta, Utah Monday through Saturday.

Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only.

Any species of tree maybe cut except Ponderosa Pine.

Loa Ranger District: (435)

836-2811 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 3, 2008.

Permits can be purchased at the Freemont River Ranger District Office, 138 South Main, Loa,

Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only.

Any species of tree may be cut except Ponderosa Pine.

Richfield Ranger District:

(435) 896-9233 - Permits go on sale Monday, November

17, 2008. Permits can be purchased at the Richfield Ranger District Office, 115 East 900 North, Richfield,

Utah, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one

tree only. Any species of tree may be cut except Ponderosa Pine, Engleman and Blue Spruce. Permits may also be purchased at:



Albertson's in 360 South Main, Richfield, Lin's Market, 670 North Main Street in Richfield, Utah Saturday and Sundays from 6:00 a.m. to midnight; Don's Sinclair, 215 West Main in Salina, Utah Monday-Saturday 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Flying U Country Store, 45 South State Street in Joseph, Utah Monday-Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Grass Valley Mercantile in Koosharem, Utah Monday-Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Tast Travel Plaza, 675 East Highway 24, Torrey, Utah, Monday through Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 637-2817 - www.fs.fed.us/r4/mantilasal
Ferron/Price Ranger Districts: (435) 384-2372/ (435) 637-2817 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 17, 2008. Permits are \$5.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Permits can be purchased at the Price Ranger District Office, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, Utah and the Ferron Ranger District Office, 115 West Canyon Road, Ferron, Utah. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Any species of tree may be cut, except Ponderosa Pine.

Moab/Monticello Ranger Districts: (435) 259-7155 or (435) 587-2041 - Permits go on sale Monday, November 17, 2008. Permits are \$5.00; four permits may be purchased per person. Permits can only be purchased at the Moab Ranger District Office, 62 East 200 North, Moab, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm and the Monticello Ranger District Office, 496 East Central,



Monticello, Utah from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sub-Alpine Fir, White Fir, Pinyon Pine, Douglas fir and Juniper are the only species of tree that permit holders are allowed to cut.

UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST: (801) 236-3400 AND (801) 342-5100
www.fs.fed.us/r4/uwc

Heber-Kamas Ranger District: – *Christmas Tree permits have been sold out on the Heber-Kamas Ranger District.*

Evanston/Mt. View Ranger Districts: (307) 789-3194 and (307) 782-6555 - Permits for the Evanston area go on sale Monday, November 17, 2008. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only.

Permits can be purchased at the Evanston Ranger District Office, 1565 South Highway 150, Suite A, Evanston, Wyoming from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permits may also be purchased at the Bear River Lodge located 30 miles south of Evanston on the Mirror Lake Highway 150, (435) 642-6289. Any species of tree may be cut, but Lodgepole Pine is the main species in the area. Snow conditions may require permit holders to use snowmobiles, cross-country skis or snowshoes to access the cutting area. The gates on the Mirror Lake Highway and on the North Slope Road are typically closed during the first week of December, limiting access for people without a snow machine. Cutting is not allowed in the Lily Lake Cross Country Ski Area.

Permits for the Mt. View area go on sale, Monday, November 17, 2008. Permits are \$10.00, one permit per household, one tree only. Permits can be purchased at the Mountain View Ranger District, 321 Highway 414, Mountain View, Wyoming, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday only. Permits may also be purchased at the Maverick Store (307) 782-6693 located at 655 N. Highway 414 in Mountain View, Wyoming, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. Any species of tree may be cut, but Lodgepole Pine is the main species in the area.

Alta Ski Area to Open For the Weekend

November 13, 2008 (Alta UT). Alta is planning on opening for the season on Friday, November 21st. In addition, the ski area will open for two days this weekend -- Saturday and Sunday, November 15th and 16th.

The weekend skiing will offer Collins, Sunnyside and Sugarloaf lifts along with Goldminer's Cafeteria, Deep Powder House, Motherlode Ski Shop, Albion Grill, Watson Shelter, Alta Ski Shop, Alta Sports and Alta Java.



Current Conditions as of: Wed November 12th, 2008 at 08:30:00 AM

Mid-mountain settled snow depth:	29"
Snow past 12 hours:	2"
Snow past 24 hours:	2"
Season-to-date snowfall:	67"

JUST TWO WEEKS LEFT TO COMMENT ON 2008/2009 YELLOWSTONE WINTER ACCESS

On Monday, November 3rd, 2008, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks announced a two-week public comment period on a new plan to guide the management of winter use in the parks for 2008. The previous plan was rejected by a federal judge in Washington, D.C., in September. With no plan, neither snowmobiles nor snowcoaches could be allowed in the parks this winter.



The Park Service has diligently worked since the court's decision, to develop this plan that offers two alternatives. The first, (called "no action") would allow no motorized over-the-snow winter access. The second, and the park's preferred, alternative would allow up to 318 commercially guided, Best Available Technology (BAT) snowmobiles, and up to 78 commercially guided snowcoaches per day in Yellowstone

beginning Monday, December 15, 2008.

The West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to participate in making a comment on these two alternatives as stated in the "2008 Winter Use Plans Environmental Assessment. All public comments must be received or postmarked by midnight, November 17, 2008. "This limited comment period is an important opportunity to participate in the EA process," states Jamie Greene, Operations Manager for the Town of West Yellowstone. "Over-the-snow access into the park from West Yellowstone is a critical issue for our community. Every comment is important. We encourage everyone to take a minute and add your thoughts."

Written comments can be dropped off in person or mailed to: National Park Service Management Assistants Office, PO Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190. Comments will not be accepted by phone, fax, or e-mail.

For the easiest access, go directly to <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. to read the EA and make a comment. Use the pull-down menu on "Choose a Park" to select Yellowstone, click on "Plans/Document Open for Comment," click on the link to "2008 Winter Plan Use Plans Environmental Assessment*" and then, look down the left-hand column for a link

There is a second opportunity to comment on the proposed rule concerning winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. The proposed rule was released earlier today and is now out for public review and comment. The rulemaking process is in addition to, but is separate from the EA alternatives noted above.

The proposed rule was published today in the Federal Register, and is open for a 15-day public review and comment period through November 20, 2008. The proposed rule and an electronic form to submit written comments are available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp>. You can find the proposed rule by searching the "Documents Open For Public Comment" and selecting the National Park Service as the agency. Written comments may be submitted through this web site, in person, or by mail. Comments will not be accepted by phone, fax, or e-mail. All public comments on the proposed rule must be received or postmarked by midnight, Eastern Time, November 20, 2008.

After the comment period and analysis, the Region of the National Park Service would sign a Finding Of No Significant Action (FONSI) containing details of that decision and the new rule implemented.

The National Park Service expects to have a decision regarding winter use management by the December 15, 2008, scheduled start to the winter season. We remain confident that Yellowstone will open on time with a variety of winter access including cross-country skiing, snowcoach, snowmobile and snowshoe. For more information about winter activities, both in Yellowstone Park and outside it, please visit www.destinationyellowstone.com and call the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce at 406-646-7701.

Utah Winter Games Kicks Off 2008-09 Winter Sport Clinics ***Online Registration For 23rd Annual Statewide Event Now Open***

(Park City, UT) – The 23rd season of the Utah Winter Games is underway as registration is now open for a variety of winter sport clinics beginning December 6th. Founded by Governor Norman Bangerter in 1986, the Utah Winter Games is the oldest and largest amateur winter sports event of its kind in the country. True to its motto, "All ages - All Abilities - Always Fun," the Games offer opportunities for all Utah residents to experience winter sports here in their own backyard.



Hosted at a variety of Utah's Olympic legacy venues and world class resorts throughout Northern Utah, the Utah Winter Games will offer a variety of clinics in the sports of bobsled, cross country, curling, figure skating, hockey, luge, skeleton, ski jumping, skiing,

snowboarding, speed skating, and telemark. Costs for Utah Winter Games clinics range from \$5 - \$35, and include program registration, equipment rental and instruction.



Online registration for Utah Winter Games clinics is now available at www.utahwintergames.org. Clinics begin December 6th and continue through February 2009. For a more information, please call 1-866-OLYPARKS or 435-658-4208.

Help Plant Trees for Wildlife

Tree planting first step to reclaiming Matheson Wetland Preserve

Moab -- Are you looking for a way to help the environment and Utah's wildlife?

If you are, grab your gloves, roll up your sleeves and be in Moab on Nov. 22.

The first step to reclaiming the Scott M. Matheson Wetland Preserve will happen that morning when 1,000 cottonwood tree saplings are placed into the wetlands.

The planting will happen from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 22. Volunteers will meet at The Nature Conservancy trailhead off of Kane Creek Blvd. in Moab.

Human-caused fire

A total of 435 acres of the wetlands burned in October because of a human-caused fire.

"The Division of Wildlife Resources and The Nature Conservancy jointly own and manage the wetland, and both of us are hosting the event," says Chris Wood, regional habitat manager for the DWR.

"This is a great opportunity for folks to help rehabilitate the wetland," Wood says. "We have 1,000 cottonwood saplings and all the equipment needed to plant them.

"All you need to bring are gloves, your lunch and a willingness to help."

Wood says large-scale restoration will happen in December when pilots drop seeds onto the area from airplanes. Biologists will then use mechanical equipment to rehabilitate the area.

For more information, call the DWR's Southeastern Region office at (435) 613-3700.

Two Kokanee Salmon Spawning Runs

Late-fall run could lead to better fishing at Flaming Gorge

Manila -- Flaming Gorge anglers could see a nice bonus in future years after kokanee salmon ran up Sheep Creek this past October.

Two kokanee salmon spawning runs happened in Sheep Creek this fall, one in September and one in late October. The two runs provided biologists with plenty of kokanee salmon eggs.

The eggs the biologists obtained will be hatched in Utah's hatchery system, and the fingerling salmon will be returned to Sheep Creek next spring.

After imprinting on the stream, and spending about 3½ years in the reservoir, they should return to the stream to spawn, producing more kokanee salmon for the reservoir.

Sheep Creek is a tributary to Flaming Gorge Reservoir. The reservoir is in northeastern Utah.



Lowell Marthe, aquatic biologist with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, says there are two strains of kokanee salmon. One strain spawns earlier in the fall, and one spawns later.

“We were planning to stock kokanee salmon into Sheep Creek that spawn later in the fall. Those fish would give us another opportunity to collect eggs,” Marthe says. “Nature helped us out this year, though, and provided us with an excellent run on its own. We collected about 166,000 eggs [in late October].”

“We collected and stripped eggs from more than 100 females,” says Dana Dewey, Whiterocks State Fish Hatchery manager. “We collected roughly 166,000 eggs, and the eggs looked exceptional: they were nice, big, healthy eggs.”

Best run yet

In 2000 and 2001, biologists noticed that some of the kokanee that usually did their late-fall spawning in Flaming Gorge Reservoir started spawning in Sheep Creek.

Since 2000, the intensity of this late-fall run has varied. Some years, only a few fish spawn in Sheep Creek. Other years, many fish spawn.

In 2004, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department also stocked late-spawning salmon into Henry's Fork, a tributary to Flaming Gorge in Wyoming. Those fish ran up Henry's Fork last year.

As they made plans for this year, UDWR and WGFD biologists thought Henry's Fork would have the better spawn, so they set traps to collect fish from the river for an egg take. As UDWR biologists journeyed past Sheep Creek after checking empty traps in Henry's Fork, they noticed how many fish had entered Sheep Creek.

"We saw a nice run of kokanee conveniently trapped by a beaver dam just a few hundred yards above the reservoir," Marthe says. "These fish looked like they were ready to spawn, so we made some quick phone calls and pulled a multi-agency crew together. We got additional help from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service, as well as from



UDWR biologists from the Whiterocks hatchery and our office in Vernal."

Burbot enter the picture

In the past, biologists didn't worry much about collecting and hatching eggs to raise kokanee that could be stocked into Flaming Gorge. The kokanee that were spawning in the reservoir and its tributaries provided enough reproduction to keep the population going.

But that may have changed.

“Our hydroacoustic surveys indicate the number of kokanee in Flaming Gorge is declining,” Marthe says. “We think predation by lake trout and burbot is the reason.”

Burbot were illegally introduced several years to waters in western Wyoming. After they were illegally stocked, they moved down the Green River and into Flaming Gorge. Now they’ve made their way down the reservoir, and biologists are finding them in areas where kokanee and lake trout spawn.

“Burbot are voracious predators, and they’re very good at feeding on whatever is near the bottom,” Marthe says. “While the effect they might be having on the kokanee population is still unclear, we know from stomach sampling that they’re definitely eating kokanee eggs. They’re even eating some 8- to 9-inch kokanee.

“Our management plan calls for us to eventually stock up to 2 million kokanee in the reservoir to try and reduce the drop in the population.”

Advantages of a new kokanee run

“Over the last few years, we’ve taken eggs from salmon in Strawberry Reservoir. These salmon run earlier in the fall. We’ve hatched those eggs and stocked the fish into Sheep Creek to re-establish the four-year spawning run cycles,” Marthe says. “These early-run fish are descendants of the fish that originally spawned in Sheep Creek.



“Soon after we established these kokanee in Strawberry, the source for the kokanee was almost wiped out by a series of mud flows down Sheep Creek, and from increased predation. Now we’re bringing a few salmon back from Strawberry to supplement the surviving salmon

that spawn in Sheep Creek. We also want to increase the size of the kokanee population that spawns in Sheep Creek so we can take more eggs in the future.”

Marthe says kokanee in Strawberry aren’t always consistent. Some of the yearly spawning runs at Strawberry are larger than others. Lake and stream conditions and the weather also play a role in how many fish the biologists catch each fall. For these reasons, efforts to gather fish from Strawberry Reservoir don’t always produce the number of kokanee salmon eggs that are needed.

“By having another kokanee run at Sheep Creek, we can supplement our main effort at Strawberry,” Marthe says. “This later run will keep our options open and create more opportunities to enhance the kokanee population in the Gorge.”

Statewide Fishing Report

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR: Anglers report fair to good success for the 50,000+ catchable



rainbows stocked last month. Walleye and bass fishing success is slow. Please remember that the trout limit is four fish statewide, unless otherwise noted in the [2008 Fishing Guidebook](#). The yellow perch limit is 10. The bass limit is six, and you should immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. The walleye limit is 10, but you may only keep one fish over 24 inches.

JORDANELLE RESERVOIR: Anglers report good to very good success from both shoreline and boat for rainbow trout! One angler caught a 31-inch 10+ pound brown trout a couple of weeks ago on Halloween. Courtesy docks have been pushed out to deeper water. The ramps are not slippery and launching should not be too difficult. Anglers report that smallmouth bass success is slow. The bass limit is six fish, and you should immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Please remember not to fillet bass, remove their heads or tails out in the field; law enforcement needs to be able to check the size of the fish. Perch success is slow. The perch limit is 50 fish.

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR: : Anglers report fair to good success for trout. USFS docks are still in at the ramp (as of 11/13) but can be pulled soon if winter approaches and ice starts to form. Most anglers are casting from boats toward shore with minnow imitating lures or jigs. Trolling has been effective as well.



Please help us get the word out to the public about Strawberry's special regulations. The Strawberry Reservoir Brochure lists the special regulations and shows photos and illustrations. Download a PDF of the Strawberry Reservoir Fishing Regulations and Fish Identification brochure at wildlife.utah.gov/strawberry. Special regulations for the reservoir include: An aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two of the fish may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches, and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches. All cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released. (Any trout with cutthroat markings is

considered a cutthroat.) Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish.

UTAH LAKE: Anglers report slow success for most species. Largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, and you should immediately release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions, call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

YUBA RESERVOIR: Anglers report slow success for all species. However anglers report occasional northern pike success with some patience and large spinner lures or minnow-imitating action lures. For more information, call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

Smaller lakes, reservoirs & ponds

BURRASTON POND: Anglers report fair success. Most anglers are using PowerBait.

MILL HOLLOW: Mill Hollow has been drained. No fishing until 2009.



PAYSON LAKE: Gates are closed to access the canyon.

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

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

SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR: Closed for the winter season

SPRING LAKE: Anglers report slow to fair success for trout.

TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR:: Anglers report fair success from shore by using traditional flies, lures, jigs and baits.



VERNON, GRANTSVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIR (TOOELE CO.): Vernon Reservoir was recently drained. Settlement Canyon and Grantsville Reservoir levels are down. Success is considered fair.

Rivers and streams

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

DIAMOND FORK RIVER: Anglers report fair to good

success with small flies or traditional baits.

HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN: Fishing on the creek is fair to good with traditional baits and spinners.

PROVO RIVER: Brown trout are spawning and tend to aggressively strike lures and flies during this month! Read the [2008 Fishing Guidebook](#) to learn more about the different regulations on the river. Some areas allow bait and others do not. And some stretches have size restrictions and reduced limits (like "two brown trout under 15 inches").

THISTLE CREEK: Anglers report good success with flies, lures or worms.

BIG SANDWASH RESERVOIR: Anglers report good fishing. The trout are throughout water column and are spending more time at the surface due to the cooler weather. The few anglers fishing report good results. The water was drawn down, but there is still plenty of good fishing. Several lakes in Northeastern Utah may be infected with quagga and/or zebra mussels. To contain the infection, anglers, boaters and other users are being asked to clean and dry their boats and equipment after leaving any Northeastern water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water including live wells, bilges and cooling systems.

BULLOCK / COTTONWOOD RESERVOIRS: There are no new reports. Remember the special regulation on tiger muskie: you may keep one fish that's 40 inches or over; anything less than 40 inches must be released. Division biologists moved smallmouth bass into Cottonwood in June to

supplement the breeding population, which was decimated when the reservoir was drained. If you catch a smallmouth bass, please release it quickly to protect this small breeding population. Small boats can be launched from undeveloped sites near the dams when the water is high. The reservoirs are located



approximately five miles north of the town of Gusher.

BROUGH RESERVOIR: There are no new reports, but fishing should be fair to good. In general, catch rates have improved as fall progresses. However, it will still be slower than most waters because Brough Reservoir is being managed as a "trophy" fishery. To get large fish, management has to restrict the population numbers. To get to Brough, take State Route 88 south from US Route 40 (Ouray Road). Turn west at the second dirt road past the high power lines; it should be signed. Follow this road approximately two miles and pay attention to the signs. The road can be quite rutted.

BROWNIE / SPIRIT LAKE: There are no new reports from anglers. The area received rain and snow over the weekend, so access to Brownie and to Spirit Lake would have been quite muddy over the weekend. Please give the roads time to dry out. Warning: whirling disease was

found in this area. Please make sure you clean, dry and sterilize waders, livewells and other fishing gear before venturing to another water. Do not move fish or fish parts from one area to another. Cleaning fish: Biologists now believe the disposal of fish parts, especially the head and skeleton, is one of the primary reasons whirling disease has spread to new waters. To avoid moving whirling disease and other undesired organisms, you should clean fish at home and send the parts to a landfill. If that isn't possible, please clean the fish and bury the parts at least 100 yards away from the water's edge.

CALDER / CROUSE RESERVOIRS: Anglers report fair to good fishing for both reservoirs. The area received rain and snow over the weekend, so access would have been muddy over the weekend. While the weather holds, fishing success should be fair to good for some nice-sized, heavy fish on Calder and fast fishing for smaller rainbows at Crouse. New regulations manage Calder with fewer fish so they will grow faster and larger. Crouse received catchable rainbows to provide a faster fishing, put-and-take fishery. Calder has special regulations: you may use flies and lures only, no baits; all fish less than 22 inches must be released immediately; the bag limit is one fish over 22 inches.



CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR:

There are no new reports. At best, access will be on muddy roads and some areas with snow. It should be fair to good fishing on both the reservoir and nearby streams. This time of year, rain and snow can quickly change road conditions and make areas impassible.

EAST PARK / OAKS PARK: The roads are open to East Park and Oaks Park. There are no new reports, but fishing should be good. The area did receive some snow, so access will be muddy.

FLAMING GORGE:

Lake trout: Fishing continues to get better due to the cooler weather. Note: Linwood Bay is closed from official sunset to official sunrise between Oct. 15 through Dec. 15. Anglers

continue to report good fishing for 16- to 24-inch lake trout in the Canyon, Antelope and Lucerne areas. Try points next to deep water in Sheep Creek, Red Canyon, the Skull Creeks and Jarvies Canyon, and in the Antelope Flat/Lucerne area. Cooler weather has allowed the fish to move throughout the water column, so try fishing different depths or use a fish finder to locate fish. If you are jigging, try tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow or brown. Tipping it with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat may increase interest. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons also work well. No-stretch line will help anglers feel strikes and set the hook better. When you are trolling, check your graphs and use downriggers to get lures like needlefish, other spoons and Rapalas down near the bottom. Unlike their larger relatives, the smaller lake trout are excellent table fare when grilled. There's an overabundance of lake trout less than 28 inches in the Gorge so do your part to help the fishery and keep a limit of eight fish. Larger lake trout fishing was fair to good this fall at traditional structure spots from Big Bend South to Sheep Creek Bay, in Jarvies and the dam areas, and especially in the Lucerne breeding area. Big lake trout eat big food, so lures and jigs should be big also. Try larger tube jigs and jigging spoons or, if you're trolling, use large plugs, spoons or flatfish on a downrigger. Remember, only one fish over 28 inches may be kept.

Kokanee: Kokanee spawning regulations went into effect on Sept. 10. All kokanee fish must be released immediately through Nov. 30. Anglers can still fish for kokanee; they just have to be released. Try fishing around the Pipeline, Sheep Creek and Jarvies Canyon. Kokanee can be found in about any depths, so try depths from 40 to 50 feet to the surface or anywhere you see fish on the graph. Downriggers, long lining, lead weights and planer boards can get small spoons like needlefish, triple teasers or other erratic-moving lures down to the right depths.



Troll at speeds from 1.5 to 2.5 miles per hour.

Rainbow: Fishing has really perked up with the cooler weather. Anglers report good fishing on most areas of the reservoir, with larger fish in the four pound range being taken. Try casting lures or baits like

worm/marshmallow combinations or PowerBait from shore. Fish can be deep or shallow so try different depths. Likewise, try trolling spoons, pop gear, rapalas and spinners in shallow and

deeper waters. Don't be afraid of harvesting some rainbows. Rainbows from the cold waters of the Gorge are really tasty.

Burbot (Ling): We've gotten several reports of burbot being caught while jigging for lake trout this fall. Anglers specifically targeting burbot are also reporting good fishing. For those interested in fishing for burbot, try the following techniques. Go out at night or early in the morning and fish waters from 30 to 50 feet. Try off the points in areas like Antelope Flat, Linwood Bay (note nighttime closure) or Sheep Creek in Utah and Firehole, Lost Dog, Sage Creek, Confluence, Buckboard, Holmes Crossing, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and Marsh Creek in Wyoming. Use glow tube or curly tail jigs that are two to three inches in size and about 1/8 to 1/4 ounce in weight. Jigging spoons and jigging Rapalas also work well. Tipping with sucker or crayfish meat and using smelly jelly or similar scents in crayfish also seems to help. These fish are in depths from 30 to 90 feet but seem to be caught more in the 40 to 60 foot range. During the day, these fish will move deep (70 to 100 feet), so jigging in deep water may produce some fish during the day. Netting in the Wyoming end of the reservoir has shown a large increase in the number of burbot present. Larger fish are 30 plus inches and around four or five pounds. These fish must be harvested if caught in Utah to help control their population. They were illegally introduced to the upper Green River drainage and could have a major impact on other fish species. There is no limit on burbot. You cannot waste the burbot in the Wyoming end of

the reservoir, and they can be released there. However, please don't release any of these fish.



They have been eating large amounts of crayfish and are also consuming kokanee salmon, smallmouth bass and critical food sources for other fish species. They could have an extreme impact on the reservoir fishery and should

be removed by fishermen whenever possible. Burbot are an excellent eating fish with white, flaky flesh that is similar to a perch. They can be breaded and fried, or boiled and dipped in melted butter.

Smallmouth bass: Smallmouth fishing has fairly well dropped out. A few anglers are still targeting them and have brought in fish. Try fishing the rocky areas where crayfish will be and adjust the depth until you find fish, likely 20 feet down or more. Crayfish-colored grubs on lead head jigs or small plastic worms, sinkos, twitch and crankbaits may work if you can get the lure right in front of the fish. If you're fishing in the canyon, keep a limit of ten fish smaller than 10 inches to help thin out the population and increase growth on remaining fish.



GREEN RIVER (UPPER): Anglers report good fishing in most sections of the river. Please remember the slot-limit size range has changed from 13–20 inches to 15–22 inches to make regulations more consistent statewide. Nymphs and streamers have become the mainstay. Spin fishermen should try Rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); spinners; spoons;

black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and plastic jigs. Please check to see that your tube jigs do not contain fish-attracting scents; they are illegal to use in the river. The flows on the river have been adjusted to a base average of 1,100 cfs with one afternoon peak per day. This should continue through February. Visit the [Bureau of Reclamation Web site](#) for the latest information on flows. New Zealand mudsnail densities have dramatically increased in several localized areas near Little Hole, and have been documented in most areas of the river. Please thoroughly clean mud and vegetation from waders, boats and fishing gear. If possible, completely dry equipment before leaving the area. A hot water bath (120°F) will kill mudsnails, and spraying equipment with 409 or a similar soap solution before drying will increase effectiveness.

GREEN RIVER (LOWER): The water level remains low with a few peaks due to the rains. There are no new reports from anglers. Try the Jensen and Ouray areas for catfish. There was an unconfirmed report of a 10-pound channel cat taken earlier this fall.

MATT WARNER RESERVOIR: A single angler reports fair to good fishing. Access is getting more difficult because of rain and snow.

MOON LAKE: Anglers report fair to good fishing success. Moon Lake contains a variety of trout and kokanee, and fishing for all of these species should continue to be fair to good with the cool weather.

MOOSE POND: The Moose Pond is now being refilled. It was drained to make some needed enhancements. The goal is to create a walking/fishing structure along the north end that provides safe access and places to fish, so visitors won't need to use the highway as a path. Part of this new walkway will be accessible to visitors with physical disabilities. In the process, the inlet and outlet structures will be rebuilt, the pond will be made deeper by dredging in some areas and stabilizing a crack in the bottom to create better fish habitat, and a nature/access trail will be created to the south. If everything goes as planned, the new Moose Pond access should be ready, the pond filled and fish stocked again by early next summer.

PELICAN LAKE: Anglers have dropped out as the fish are slowing down and getting harder to find. Waterfowl hunters account for most of the recreational activity in the area. Pelican is one of several lakes in northeastern Utah which may be infected with quagga and/or zebra mussels. To contain the infection, anglers, boaters and other users are being asked to clean and dry their boats and equipment after leaving the water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water including live wells, bilges and cooling systems.



RED FLEET RESERVOIR: Anglers report good to excellent fishing for trout, which have moved up in the water column and are spending more time near the surface. Try fishing off

rocky points, moss beds and other structures. Red Fleet is one of several lakes in northeastern Utah which may be infected with quagga and/or zebra mussels. To contain the infection, anglers, boaters and other users are being asked to clean and dry their boats and equipment after leaving the water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water including live wells, bilges and cooling systems.

STARVATION RESERVOIR: Anglers report mostly spotty fishing for walleye, bass and yellow perch. A few rainbows and browns have also been reported. If you find a school, the fishing can be excellent for more than one species. The warm water fish are in a transition period with some still in the shallows and others moving to deeper, warmer waters. As fish can be found at any water depth, try various fishing techniques from top water to deep trolling or jigging. Several lakes in northeastern Utah may be infected with quagga and/or zebra mussels. To contain the infection, anglers, boaters and other users are being asked to clean and dry their boats and equipment after leaving any Northeastern water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water including live wells, bilges and cooling systems.

STEINAKER RESERVOIR: Anglers continue to report good to excellent fishing for rainbows due to the cooler weather. Bass and bluegill catch rates have dropped off, although a few are still being taken in the deeper water with smaller bass in the mud flats. Several lakes in northeastern Utah may be infected with quagga and/or zebra mussels. To contain the infection, anglers, boaters and other users are being asked to clean and dry their boats and equipment after leaving any northeastern water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water including live wells, bilges and cooling systems.



UINTA MOUNTAIN LAKES AND STREAMS: Most of the mountain trails are becoming inaccessible with new snow down to 5,500 feet. Fishing can still be good as many of the deeper lakes and streams are still open water. Shallow lakes and ponds are beginning to freeze. Always go prepared for serious weather, as the Uinta Mountains are known for frequent, unexpected storms and high winds. The Uinta Mountains have a four-trout limit with a bonus of four more brook trout—see the [2008 Fishing Guidebook](#) for details.

ABAJO MOUNTAINS: Anglers report good fishing at Blanding #3 and #4 reservoirs. Fish have been hitting spinners and spoons.

DUCK FORK RESERVOIR: Try a dark green size 10 scud on sink tip line. Tigers range from 12–16 inches. This water has special regulations: Cutthroat trout must be immediately released. Artificial flies and lures only.

HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR (MAMMOTH RESERVOIR): An angler on BigFishTackle.com reported that fishing was exceptionally good with orange-colored flies. This

water has special regulations: All cutthroat trout or trout with cutthroat markings must be immediately released.

JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR: The reservoir is closed to fishing until the second Saturday in December. Paul Birdsey suggests fishing Lowry Water during the closure, where tigers up to 15-inches may be taken with a nightcrawler. Joes Valley Reservoir is a special regulation water. Please refer to the [2008 Fishing Guidebook](#) for more information.

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

LA SAL MOUNTAIN: Darek Elverud, DWR Aquatics Biologist, fished Warner Lake on Oct. 10 and reported good fishing for rainbows ranging from 7–11 inches. Darek landed 10 fish in 40 minutes using fly tackle and a black wooly bugger. On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, Darek fished Ken's Lake. On Friday, Darek used a gold spinner to catch 16 trout, ranging from 9–15 inches, in one hour. On Saturday, Darek landed 20 rainbows, ranging from 8–14 inches, using a fly rod and olive wooly bugger.



LOWER FISH CREEK: On Nov. 10, Tom Ogden fished from the confluence of the White River upstream to the first railroad bridge. In two hours, he caught three browns and six cutthroats, ranging from 12–14 inches. Tom used floating line and a size 12 beadhead Montana or size 14 beadhead hares ear. The water is shallow and requires a stealthy approach.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: Steve Regrutto, DWR Aquatics Technician, conducted a creel survey on Nov. 8. Steve reported that a marshmallow and worm combination or green PowerBait worked best. The shoreline opposite the Mountain View unit was very productive for bank anglers, who were catching 14– to 18–

inch rainbows. Bank anglers also reported catching good numbers of tiger and cutthroat trout with dead minnows on the east shoreline. Last weekend, Tom Ogden fished from a tube on the east side of the island. He caught 10 trout in five hours. The cutthroats ranged from 16–20 inches and all of the rainbows were around 13–inches. Tom fished in 8–12 feet of water and used a size 8 Canada blood leech with a gold rib or a size 6 beadhead black leech with a gold rib.

BEAR LAKE: Biologist Scott Tolentino reports the fishing has picked up for cutthroat and lake trout. Anglers are using tube jigs tipped with cisco on the rockpile and off the east side at Second Point. Anglers who troll are having success with flatfish and Rapalas in 35–65 feet of water.

EAST CANYON STATE PARK: John Sullivan reports fishing is excellent. Anglers have reported catching more than 70 fish in an outing! The primary gear is downriggers, lowered to about 30 feet, with flatfish and Rapalas. Anglers are also having success using pop gear, worms and super dupers. There are reports of anchor worm as well.

HYRUM STATE PARK: Park Ranger Floyd Powell and Conservation Officer Matt Burgess report good trout fishing off the bank using PowerBait. Cool temperatures are helping. Anglers who fished on Saturday caught a couple of 10–11 inch trout. One group used PowerBait and the other used a worm-and-marshmallow combination. The water is on the rise and is very clear and cold.



LOST CREEK RESERVOIR: Fishing pressure is light. An angler who visited the reservoir on Friday afternoon caught four rainbows, one of which weighed three-and-a-half pounds!

ROCKPORT STATE PARK: Joseph Donnell reports fishing is still good.

WEBER RIVER: Biologist Paul Thompson reports fishing continues to be excellent for browns and whitefish. Use spinners/Rapalas or typical nymphs. Brown trout are beginning to spawn, so watch where you walk in streams and avoid their nests (redds). There has been moderate fishing pressure from Devil's Slide downstream through Petersen.

WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR: This past week, biologists completed population surveys at Willard and found very healthy wiper populations. For a video clip of the survey, go to utahwildlifevideos.blogspot.com.

World Elk Calling Championships to Rock Fort Worth

MISSOULA, Mont.—Grunting, growling, squealing and bellowing—sometimes at rock-and-roll decibels—the best elk callers on the planet are headed to Fort Worth, Texas, to vie for a world title.

The boisterous competition will be held as part of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's 25th Annual Elk Camp & Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Expo, March 5-8, 2009, at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Dozens of youngsters, women and men, including reigning and former world champs, will compete in the RMEF/Leupold 2009 World Elk Calling Championships.



Leupold, a new sponsor for the competition, is Leupold & Stevens Inc., an Oregon-based optics company with quality products for hunters, shooters, wildlife observers, military and law enforcement.

The annual competition is divided into six divisions: Pee Wee (age 10 and under), Youth (age 11-17), Natural Voice (no calling devices allowed), Women's, Men's and Professional (sponsored competitors). Contestants perform a required series of calls imitating the natural vocalizations of elk. Official judges include wildlife biologists, naturalists, hunters, guides and outfitters.

Preliminary rounds will be Fri., March 6, at 8:30 a.m. Final rounds begin Sat., March 7, at 9:00 a.m., followed by an awards ceremony.

“This contest is always a spectacle, always entertaining. The Pee Wee Division is especially fun. Last year the competition was covered by the New York Times, which led to a surge in international attention. I can’t wait to see what happens next in Fort Worth,” said Beth Shipley, who directs the event for the Elk Foundation.

The World Elk Calling Championships began 20 years ago as the brainchild of RMEF volunteers Fred McClanahan, Jr. of Fort Collins, Colo., and Ron Dube of Wapiti, Wyo. Both are still involved. McClanahan coordinates competition and Dube serves as emcee.

Along with the RMEF/Leupold 2009 World Elk Calling Championships, the expo will fill the Fort Worth Convention Center with elk hunting seminars, displays of record elk, kids’ activities, auctions and an exhibit hall filled with art, gear, firearms and outfitted hunting and fishing opportunities. It’s all a showcase and fundraiser for one of the nation’s premier conservation organizations. The Elk Foundation recently topped 5.4 million acres of elk habitat conserved or



enhanced.

Daily admission is \$12 per person or \$25 per family, and free for kids 5 and under.

Show hours: Thurs., March 5, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Fri., March 6, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sat., March 7, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Sun., March 8, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more details, visit www.rmef.org.

Under Armour Contributes to Elk Foundation Mission

MISSOULA, Mont.—Under Armour, the originator of performance apparel and gear engineered to keep athletes cool, dry and light, is strengthening its support of conservation with a new donation to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

“On behalf of the millions of loyal Under Armour customers who hunt and enjoy the outdoors, we’re proud to support the amazing conservation success of the Elk Foundation,” said Kip

Fulks, Under Armour senior vice president, Outdoor Division.

The company's contribution will help the Elk Foundation's mission to ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat. Additionally, Fulks, an avid elk hunter, has joined RMEF as a new life member.

Since launching in 1984, RMEF has led habitat protection and stewardship programs impacting over 5.4 million acres, improving and expanding outdoor opportunities.

"We're honored that a company of Under Armour's stature views us and our work so favorably. In the outdoor marketplace, no company has rocketed to the top faster, and no company today has a greater 'cool factor' among the young people that we'd like to engage in conservation," said David Allen, Elk Foundation president and CEO.

No Child Left Behind By Roger Sears of the Izaak Walton League of America

As a boy growing up during the 1940s B.T. (Before Television), our entertainment center was a big radio in the living room. Almost every evening I could listen to some of my favorite programs-the Lone Ranger and Tonto, the Green Hornet and Kato, Jack Armstrong and Tom Mix. The next day, "our gang" often would meet in "our woods" to play out our heroes' triumphs, using our creativity. Our play was always interrupted when the occasional snake, turtle, or toad was discovered.

Little did we know that, as we played, we were becoming students of nature. As we grew up, the terms ecology, environmental science, and global warming were not part of our vocabulary, but memories of playing in the woods were stored in the recesses of our brains.



As a father, I tried to instill my love of the outdoors into our children. Every year, it became more of a challenge since so many different programs competed for their time. By sheer luck, I discovered the Izaak Walton League, which offered me a chance to share the values I held dear with my family. For the most part, it has been up to parents and groups like the League to provide children with an environmental education. School systems focus mostly on subjects that relate to standardized testing. In 2001, the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* put even more emphasis on test scores. At the same time, families have been finding less time to join groups like the League. The consequence is that we have a generation of young people who are receiving little, if any, environmental education. As adults, they will not have the background to appreciate the importance of protecting our natural resources.

Several years ago, I had the good fortune of reading Richard Louv's book *Last Child in the Woods* as well as attending one of his lectures. Louv points out how important nature is to the education of our children. The light went on for me. I decided to commit my energies to linking youth with nature. I started by rejuvenating the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter's

conservation committee and refocusing it on family-oriented programming at the chapter. Last year, we organized a walk in the woods, a family campout, a conservation dinner, a community Earth Day event, and conservation scholarships that were awarded to six high school students. All of these programs built a connection between youth and nature, and all of them were well-received by the community.

My experience has shown that nature-oriented programs geared toward youngsters in kindergarten through 6th grade are best able to restore imagination and creativity. A child's mind is a wonderful thing, and you will see how eager they are to learn. If your chapter doesn't already have a conservation committee, you can form one that focuses on simple activities for this age group. But we as League members can only do so much.



The federal government needs to make environmental education a higher priority in public schools. Thanks to the urging of numerous conservation and education groups, a piece of legislation was introduced in Congress last year called the *No Child Left Inside Act*.

The bill proposes more opportunities for environmental education in our schools. To date, 42 representatives and 13 senators have cosponsored the legislation. Now is the time for League divisions, chapters, and members to petition their legislators to sign on as additional cosponsors. Public pressure does make a difference. If we can push this legislation through Congress, we will see students graduating with at least some classes that teach them the importance of our natural world.

The League has already signed on with a coalition of organizations requesting passage of the House and Senate versions of the bill. You can learn more about the coalition online at www.nclicoalition.org.

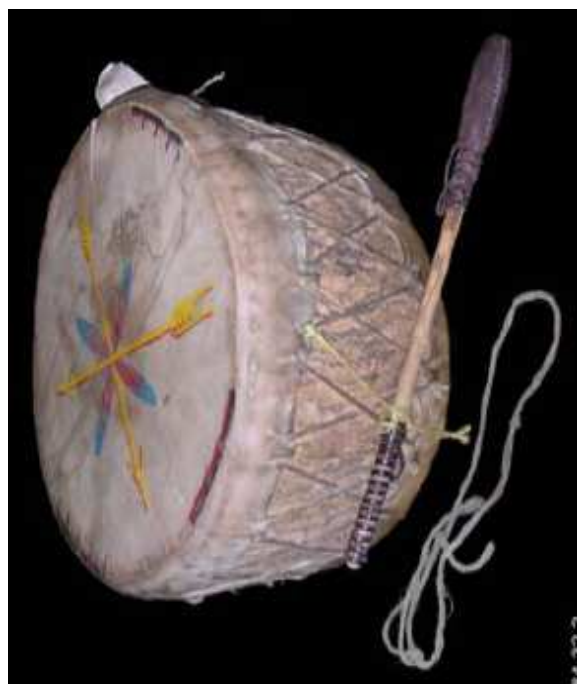
Can we count on you to help pass this legislation and introduce environmental education into our children's classrooms? If we can, the future stewardship of our natural resources will have a fighting chance.

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Grants Available

Washington, DC- Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, Native Hawaiian organizations, and museums are eligible for Native American Graves Protection and

Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) grants offered by the National Park Service.

NAGPRA is a Federal law that provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return certain Native



American cultural items -- human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony – to lineal descendants, culturally affiliated Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

“Since 1990, more than 25 million dollars have been distributed in NAGPRA grants that have facilitated the return of sacred objects to their rightful place,” said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. Two types of grants are available.



Consultation/Documentation Grants are awarded annually and range from \$5,000 to \$90,000. Applications are due March 2, 2009 and draft proposals (optional) must be submitted by December 30, 2008 for review and comment. These grants can help fund travel, training, and collaboration associated with researching and identifying significant items.

Repatriation Grants of up to \$15,000 are distributed on an ongoing basis, October through June, 2009. Repatriation grants can be used for transportation costs associated with transferring NAGPRA items from a museum or agency to a tribe or for costs associated with the reburial of human remains and cultural items.

Grant applications are available online at <http://www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/grants> or contact: NAGPRA_Grants@nps.gov; (202) 354-2203. For more information about the grants program, see the online brochure:

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/GRANTS/GrantsBROCHUREupdated2007.pdf>

Nevada Magazine nets two more awards

CARSON CITY, Nev. — *Nevada Magazine* has earned its third and fourth award of 2008. The publication was honored with two Gold awards in the 28th annual International Regional Magazine Association (IRMA) contest.

Nevada’s official state tourism magazine won the Most Improved Magazine and Photographic Series categories. In 2007, the agency introduced a new look in its 71st year of operation. The results impressed IRMA judges.

“The redesign gives a new credibility and confidence to the magazine, elevating tone both visually and verbally,” one IRMA judge said. “Paper stock, typography, browsability, reader engagement — all on a roll upward. A jackpot effort.”

The Photographic Series winner was *Nevada Magazine’s* Burning Man photo gallery, which ran in the July/August 2007 issue. The popular weeklong Burning Man event, during which nearly 50,000 people revel in Black Rock City, is held annually in northwestern Nevada’s Black Rock Desert.

“I loved the authenticity and the originality in concept,” said another IRMA judge about the Burning Man pictorial. “I felt like I was there; I wish I was there. Originality wins in my book.”

Earlier this year, Nevada Magazine’s Web site, NevadaMagazine.com, won two awards, one from the National Headliner Awards and another from Awards for Publication Excellence (APEX). NevadaMagazine.com won a Grand Award in the 20th annual APEX competition and earned the top spot in the Magazine Affiliated Online Journalism division of the National Headliner Awards, one of the oldest and largest annual contests recognizing journalistic merit in the communications industry.

“It’s great to see that the hard work of our staff has been recognized by three credible journalism foundations in the last year,” Matthew B. Brown, editor of Nevada Magazine, said. “We hope these awards will generate more interest in our Web site and our magazine. We are determined to keep up with cutting-edge journalism trends and still maintain a respect for the history of our 72-year-old publication.”

A HOLIDAY GIFT YOU CAN’T “PASS” UP!

The Annual 2009 “America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass” Available in December through USGS.

WASHINGTON, DC - The Annual “America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass” provides unlimited access to public lands. This year, to celebrate the season, the 2009 Annual Pass will be available for purchase through the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) beginning Monday, December 1.

The pass makes an excellent holiday gift and may be used during the month of December and will then be valid through January 31, 2010. The Annual Pass is normally valid only for 12 months from the month of purchase.

The pass provides access to more than 2,000 Federal recreation sites which offer a wide array of recreational opportunities. Stretch your legs and blaze a cross-country ski trail at Crater Lake National Park, Oregon; spot alligators at Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, Georgia; toss snowballs in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado; view rare plants and trees in El Yunque National Forest, Puerto Rico; take a hike around New Melones Lake, CA or bike the trails in the

Cottonwood Valley in Red Rock Canyon National Conservation area, Nevada.

Beginning December 1, 2008, you can order the 2009 Annual America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Lands Pass by visiting <http://www.store.usgs.gov/pass> , via email: fedrecpass@usgs.gov, or by calling 1-888-275-8747, option 1. All 2009 Annual Passes purchased through USGS in the month of December will be validated for January 2009, AND will be honored at the participating Federal recreation sites in the month of December. While visiting the USGS online shop - <http://store.usgs.gov> – take a moment to browse the other great gift ideas such as maps of parks and forests, the United States, exotic foreign lands, or your home town.

The special holiday offer is only valid for purchases through USGS. The 2009 Annual Passes will not be available at Federal recreation sites until January 1, 2009. Passes purchased in person at a Federal recreation site will be punched for the month of purchase.

About the America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass.

The Annual Pass covers Entrance Fees or Standard Amenity Fees at participating sites managed by the US Forest Service, National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation.

Valid for one full year from month of purchase.

Provides entrance or access to pass holder and accompanying passengers in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle at Federally operated recreation sites across the country.

Covers the pass holder and three (3) accompanying adults age 16 and older at sites where per person entrance fees are charged. No entry fee for children 15 and under.

Photo identification may be required to verify ownership.

Passes are NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERABLE, and cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.

Fees vary widely across the thousands of Federal Recreation sites.

Please contact specific sites directly for information on what is or is not covered.

Persons 62 or older or who receive disability benefits may be eligible for the Senior or Access pass.

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Other products: Please visit Bradley's website to see the many different types of smokers they manufacture from smoke generators to fully-digital smokers that do everything but eat the food for you.

Availability: At BBQ stores and sporting goods retailers across the country as well as from most major outdoor product catalogs and online at Bradley's website, www.bradleysmoker.com

Moab Utah Calendar of Events

December 2008

6th - Winter Sun 10K Run - The 26th Annual Winter Sun 10k road race is a fun filled small town run that takes place in early December when the air in Moab is crisp and the skies are blue and sunny. For more information visit www.moabhalfmarathon.org or call 435-259-4525.

- 5th** - Christmas Tree Lighting – County Courthouse (125 E. Center) 5:30 pm.
– Christmas Gift Fair – Grand Center (182 N 500 W) 4 pm –8 pm.
- 6th** – Christmast Gift Fair – Grand Center (182 N 500 W) 10 am – 2 pm
- Arts & Crafts Fair – MARC (111 East 100 North 10 am – 5 pm
Call 435-259-7814 for more info.



Jan – Mar 2009

EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

14TH - Moab's Red Hot 50K and 33k - The race is predominately jeep trails starting at the Gemini Bridges trail tail and utilizing the Metal Masher, Gold Bar, Gold Spike and the Poison Spider trail systems - ending at Poison Spider trail head. Some of the most scenic and challenging trail running in the Moab area! For more information visit www.mas50.com/redhot.

13th –15th - Western Stars Cowboy Poetry Gathering featuring Suzy Boggus and Don Edwards - Presidents' Day weekend western celebration with cowboy poets, music, barrel

racing, chili cookin' contests, square dancing, western art, vendors, workshops and lectures. For more information call 435-259-6272 or email brogers@moabcity.org. Moab Arts and Recreation Center (100 North 111 East).

20TH – 22ND - USTRC Team Roping - [Old Spanish Trail Arena](#) (3641 S. Highway 191) - 435-259-6226

MARCH

7th – 8th - Racing in the Rockies - Arches Winter Series Barrel Racing - [Old Spanish Trail Arena](#) (3641 S. Highway 191) Sat & Sun. Features WPRA divisional tour race (featuring professional women's barrel racers). Open Race, Youth (for 15 and under), Senior (for those 50 and over) and a PeeWee division (8 and under). Spectators are always welcome and there is no admission fee. For more information visit www.racingintherockies.com or call 970-390-3712.

9TH - Banff Mountain Film Festival - The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour features the year's best films on mountain adventure and culture. Monday, March 9th @ 7:00 p.m. in the Grand County High School Auditorium (608 South 400 East).



14TH - 16TH - Skinny Tire Festival - The three rides of the Skinny Tire Festival highlight Moab's different road riding opportunities. The first day follows the mighty Colorado River corridor downstream passing by ancient puebloan petroglyphs. The next two days leave the valley and climb the beautiful canyon roads into red rock country to Dead Horse Point State Park and through Arches National Park. Channel the energy of riding through this grandeur of Moab's canyon country by putting purpose behind your cycling. This event raises funds for cancer survivorship programs. For more information contact 435-259-2698 or visit www.SkinnyTireEvents.com.

21ST - 34th Annual Canyonlands Half Marathon and Five Mile Run - Full details and registration information is available at www.moabhalfmarathon.org or call 435-259-4525.

27TH -29TH - Moab Muni Fest 2009 - "MUni" is short for Mountain Unicycling. "Fest" is short for Festival, and that's what the Moab MUni Fest is all about. It's a time to break the winter cabin fever and get out to the pleasant March climes of Moab; to ride and socialize with other MUni riders in the scenic red rock wonderland of Southern Utah. It's a place to test and expand your limits, hone your skills, and learn new techniques from other riders. The entire Slickrock area is red sandstone rock, which means you'll have traction to climb

and descend angles you never thought possible. The landscape is a trials course. For non-trials riders it's just as much fun figuring out how to avoid the obstacles. In either case there's plenty to keep you entertained. It's a great place to make and renew friendships within the community of riders. For more info visit: www.moabmunifest.com



28th – 29th - Racing in the Rockies - Arches Winter Series Barrel Racing - [Old Spanish Trail Arena](#) (3641 S. Highway 191) Sat & Sun. Features WPRA divisional tour race (featuring professional women's barrel racers). Open Race, Youth (for 15 and under), Senior (for those 50 and over) and a PeeWee division (8 and under). Spectators are always welcome and there is no admission fee. For more information visit www.racingintherockies.com or call 970-390-3712.

28th – 29th – 24 hours of Utah Team Relay and Solo Challenge – Experience the beautiful desert landscape of Moab, Utah while testing your own personal limits. This year's race will be run on the beautiful Monitor and Merrimac trail 16 miles north of Moab. Racers will run 6 mile laps with approximately 430' of climbing per loop. For more information visit our website at: www.24HourstheRun.com, or call 303-249-1112.

28th - 29th - Moab 100 - Runners race to complete 100 miles on a 6 mile loop course on beautiful trails. For more information visit our website at: www.24HourstheRun.com, or call 303-249-1112.

National OHV Organizations Hold Land Use Forum in Conjunction with SEMA Show

Las Vegas, NEVADA (November 10, 2008) --- Leaders from ten national OHV organizations met in Las Vegas on November 6 to discuss a variety of land use issues affecting OHV recreation. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) annual convention.

Stakeholder organizations represented at the meeting included the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, the American Motorcyclist Association, Americans for Responsible Recreational Access, the BlueRibbon Coalition, the Motorcycle Industry Council, the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, the Off-Road Business Association, the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association, the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, and Tread Lightly!

This is the third Forum that the groups have held in 2008. This meeting focused on the 2008 election results and their impact on recreational access issues, as well as the priorities

and challenges facing OHV recreation in the 111th Congress. Strategies to address the upcoming Recreational Trails Program reauthorization and the on-going US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Route Designation processes were also discussed.

The organizations represented find that it is useful to periodically discuss and explore areas where they share a common interest. Recognizing that each organization has a separate mission in representing its distinct membership, communicating with each other serves to strengthen advocacy efforts for OHV recreation.



EDGE OF THE CEDARS STATE PARK MUSEUM PRESENTS

WE ALSO WEAVE: A DINÉ MALE WEAVER'S PERSPECTIVE

Blanding, Utah – In Diné (Navajo) patterns of culture, weaving has long been regarded as a woman's activity. Many people are surprised to learn that Diné men also weave! As a male weaver and a cultural anthropologist, Dr. Wesley Thomas relies on both his personal experience and academic training to present his perspective on the unique place of male weavers within the context of traditional Diné society. On Thursday evening, November 20th at 6:30 PM, Dr. Wesley Thomas from Diné College, Tsailé, will be at Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum to share his knowledge, research, and perspective in a program entitled, "We Also Weave, A Diné Male Weaver's Perspective."

Dr. Thomas will also have two of his books available for purchase. *Woven by the Grandmothers: Nineteenth-Century Navajo Textiles from the National Museum of the American Indian* documents one of the largest and most comprehensive collections of Navajo weaving blankets in the world. Dr. Thomas was contributor and co-editor of this volume. In addition, Dr. Thomas co-edited an important contribution in the field of anthropology and gender, *Native American Gender Identity, Sexuality, and Spirituality*, which focuses on ways in which two-spirit people fit into traditional culture.

Dr. Thomas is Hashtł'ishnii, born for Tá'baqahí. His maternal grandfathers are Kinyaa'áanii and paternal grandfathers are Tsin Naajinii. He is from Bee ak'idhoteel (Mariano Lake, NM). Currently, He is the Academic Dean for the Divisions of Humanities and Social & Behavioral Sciences at Diné College, Tsailé, AZ.

Dr. Thomas completed his Ph.D. at the University of Washington – Seattle in 1999. Since attaining his doctorate, he has taught at Idaho State University in Pocatello and at Indiana University - Bloomington, where he taught several years in the Departments of Anthropology, Gender Studies and International Studies. He also was the Founding and Interim Director for First Nations Cultural and Education Center.

Don't miss this special opportunity to learn about weaving traditions and gender roles from Dr. Thomas, Thursday evening, November 20th at 6:30 PM! This is a free public presentation.

The Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum is located at 660 West 400 North, Blanding, Utah. The museum is dedicated to the celebration of arts and culture of the Indigenous Peoples of the Four Corners area, both past and present. The museum is open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday and 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM on Sundays. For more information about this program or future events, please call the museum at 436-678-2238.

Ski Utah's "Snow Sports UNO" Debuts at Utah Physical Education Conference

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - The national Winter Feels Good initiative has posted a new game called "Snow Sports UNO" on its website, www.winterfeelsgood.com. The game was developed by Jo Garuccio, administrator for Ski Utah's successful Learn to Ski & Ride, Ski & Snowboard Fitness and School Assembly programs and a PSIA certified instructor/examiner at The Canyons, near Park City, Utah. The game is intended to offer middle school physical education teachers an inexpensive way to teach students conditioning exercises that will help them get



ready for snow sports activities such as skiing and snowboarding. Winter Feels Good is a public awareness initiative organized by SnowSports Industries America (SIA) to help educate children and adults about the health, fitness and social benefits of snow sports.

The game will be introduced on Sat., Nov. 15 at the Utah state conference of the Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and

Dance (AHPERD) being held at Weber State University in Ogden. It is part of the Winter Feels Good exhibit at the conference.

"Snow Sports UNO" uses playing cards, duct tape, exercise mats, cones and other standard items found in school gyms to teach students skills needed for snow sports including balance, core strength, upper and lower body strength, agility and quickness. Teachers can adapt the concept to suit student ability levels. The use of cards allows for simple explanations for introducing exercises. Hearts represent balance exercises, spades – core strength, clubs - upper and lower body strength and diamonds - agility and quickness.

Garuccio also helped develop a CD containing a series of conditioning and "how to dress for winter" interactive learning modules for the Winter Feels Good initiative. More than 5,000 copies of the CD have been distributed to schools throughout the U.S. Ski Utah has partnered with Winter Feels Good for several years. The national conference of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance was held at the Salt Lake Convention Center in 2006.

EDGE OF THE CEDARS STATE PARK MUSEUM PRESENTS

IMAGES OF AMERICA: EARLY SAN JUAN COUNTY

With Ms. Laverne Tate

Blanding, Utah – The public is welcome to attend a special presentation and book signing with Blanding author and historian, LaVerne Tate. The special evening program will take place on Thursday, November 13th at 6:00 PM. Ms. Tate will be talking about her new book, *Early San Juan County*, just released by Arcadia Publishing. The book is a marvelous compilation of historic photographs and history of San Juan County. Ms. Tate, who spent her youth in Bluff, shares her carefully-researched stories of the early days in San Juan County.

Although Ms. Tate has devoted years to editing and publishing “Blue Mountain Shadows”, *Early San Juan County* is her first published book. She will have copies of her book available for purchase and signing. This is a free program and everyone in the community is invited to come and support Ms. Tate on this important occasion.

The Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum is located at 660 West, 400 North in Blanding, Utah. The museum is open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday and 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM on Sundays. For more information about this program or future events, please call the museum at 436-678-2238.

RESTORATION OF THE SAN RAFAEL WATERSHED

PRICE, UTAH—The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Utah Partners for Conservation Development have taken some of the first steps toward restoration of the San Rafael River watershed by beginning tamarisk removal along 122 acres of stream bank.

The San Rafael has been listed as one of the most degraded water systems in Utah. Seasonal dewatering, massive bank erosion and sedimentation have resulted in severe damage to the river and associated riparian habitat. Without restorative action, the river system would be lost.

A leading culprit, responsible for river degradation, is the tamarisk or salt cedar. Rehabilitation efforts will target this invader. A generation ago, the tamarisk was introduced from Eurasia, because of its value in controlling erosion. Unfortunately, the natural controls that kept the species within limits in Eurasia are absent here. Lacking nature’s biological restraints, the salt cedar has run rampant in the western United States.

Rehabilitation work of the San Rafael River bottomland is now occurring about five miles south of I-70 on the Hatt Ranch. Using track excavators with rotary grapples, equipment operators are plucking tamarisk from the ground and stacking the slash for burning. This year, the plan is to remove salt cedar from 122 acres of stream bank

Several characteristics of this tree/shrub species combine to make this plant so destructive. The tamarisk excretes salt, poisoning the surrounding soil and preventing the growth of other species. Its growth habit is a thick jungle-like tangle, which excludes sunlight, and further prevents the establishment of other plants. The fire hazard produced by its woody mass and its enormous consumption of water combine to make this species one of the least desirable of all nuisance plant species.



Elimination of tamarisk and restoration of native streamside vegetation will result in benefits to sensitive fish species, birds and terrestrial wildlife. Native plant species, such as willow and cottonwood, will have the opportunity to return to their former habitat. The waterway itself is expected to heal with improvements in water quantity and quality.

This project is part of a larger restoration effort to address all of the impacts to the San Rafael drainage. A committee, consisting of representatives of land and water users and managers, has been formed to address these issues. The committee consists of representatives from the Division of Wildlife Resources, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State University, Emery County Water Conservancy District, Emery County Mosquito and Weed Abatement, Utah Association of Conservation Districts, Pacificorps Energy, the Tamarisk Coalition, Emery County and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Anyone with additional questions may contact Kenny Breidinger, DWR native aquatics biologist, at 435-613-3722,

Ski Free with the Ski Utah Fifth Grade Passport and Sixth Grade SnowPass

Don't let your fifth and sixth graders get stuck inside this winter when they could be skiing and snowboarding for free. The Ski Utah Fifth Grade Passport and Sixth Grade SnowPass are the best ways for fifth and sixth graders to experience The Greatest Snow on Earth.



Fifth graders can ski three times free at each of Utah's 13 world-class resorts utilizing the

Passport. Sixth graders can continue to enjoy one day of free snowriding at each Utah ski resort with the SnowPass. Each year 8,000 Utah students participate in the Ski Utah Passport and SnowPass programs.

Nearly one in 10 of the world's school children are overweight and the number of overweight adolescents in the U.S. has tripled in the past two decades. Overweight conditions in children and adolescents are generally caused by lack of physical activity, unhealthy eating patterns or a combination of the two.

"Now, more than ever, it is important to keep Utah's children healthy and active," said Ski Utah Marketing Director Raelene Davis. "The Passport and SnowPass programs make it easy for families to promote healthy lifetime activities in their children by recreating together on the slopes."

More information on these programs and downloadable applications are available at www.SkiUtah.com. Other questions may be answered by emailing Ski Utah at SkiInfo@SkiUtah.com or by calling (801) 534-1779.

Know How To Read A Map, And You May Stay Alive

By Tom Severin

It's easy nowadays to rely entirely on a GPS receiver to direct you during a trip. Just program in your destination, and let the friendly voice and digital map guide you along the way. But like any electronic gadget, a GPS unit has its limitations, and you can end up in trouble if you're not careful. Plus, they can lose power or break, leaving you stranded if you don't have a back up.

GPS units are of limited use when you're driving off road. The maps and other data they provide tell you how to get from Point A to Point B, but they say nothing about the quality of the roads. This became painfully clear to a group that was traveling in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in early August. Instead of a leisurely ride, these folks found themselves being led down the wrong roads, many of which were barely passable, and way off course. They ended up at the edge of a cliff, where they spent the night before being rescued.

The GPS system offered what appeared to be the most obvious route, which normally is the most direct, but it could not account for the quality of the roads. Their vehicles got stuck in sand, and in their attempt to backtrack they ran low on gas. But they were lucky: they got out alive.

Driving off road requires more than just a command of a 4WD vehicle. You need a good topographical map to help you navigate that difficult terrain. Available from numerous retailers, a topographical map shows various features such as hills, streams, and gullies, and provides a better idea of the paths and roads you'll encounter. If you don't know how to read a topographical map, I suggest you find someone who can teach you.

One of the best topographical maps is the 7-1/2 minute series published by the United States Geological Survey (USGS). This is a very detailed map at a scale of 1:24,000. Most GPS mapping software is based on the work of the USGS.

If you are used to using latitude/longitude formats with your GPS in degree, minutes, and seconds, you should become familiar with the UTM (Universal Transverse Mercator) system. It makes pin pointing your location on a map (or vice versa) much easier.

The 7-1/2 minute maps also show UTM grid lines, which help you calculate the coordinates of your position. The UTM system divides up the entire planet into a series of grids six degrees wide by eight degrees tall. Each grid is referenced by a two-digit number representing the east-west direction and a letter that designates north-south direction. (For example, most of southern California is in UTM sector 11S.) Every location in the grid is measured north in meters from the equator and east in meters from a point west of the grid.

It might take awhile to grasp the entire concept, but fortunately you don't need to in order to use UTM. You'll notice tick marks along the edges of your map. These divide up the map into

section 1,000 meters on a side. By overlaying a more detailed grid pattern, available through various stores, you can create subsections that are a mere 100 meters on a side.

A careful reading of the values of the east-west and north-south grid lines will give you the approximate coordinates for your location. Close enough, anyway, to lead rescuers to you and your family.

GPS receivers are extremely helpful for most trips. Heck I rely on the one in my vehicle to get me around the state and even out east to see my kids. But you shouldn't rely entirely on one when you're off road. Learning how to read a topographical map and calculate a location—which aren't hard to do—can literally be a life saver, and bring a lot of peace of mind to your next off-road adventure.

Tom Severin is a volunteer Tread Lightly! Master Tread Trainer. He is also a 4x4 Coach and teaches 4WD owners how to confidently and safely use their vehicles to the fullest extent in difficult terrain and adverse driving conditions. Visit www.4x4training.com to develop or improve your driving skill. Copyright 2008, Badlands Off-Road Adventures, Inc.

Xtreme JAKES Magazine Goes Online

Xtreme JAKES Magazine, the NWTF's publication for members 13 to 17 years old, now is available online. Starting with the Fall 2008 issue, Xtreme JAKES Magazine, focusing on advanced hunting and fishing strategies and extreme outdoor sports teenagers are interested in, will be exclusively online. The new format allows a more interactive experience using streaming video and clickable links. Make sure you and the rest of the family check out [Xtreme JAKES eMagazine](#).

To view the magazine, you will need a JavaScript enabled Web browser such as Internet Explorer version 6 or 7, Firefox version 2 or 3, Safari version 2 or 3 or Opera version 7 through 9. You'll also need Adobe Flash Player for the interactive videos. Download the latest version of Adobe Flash Player [here](#). A monitor resolution of 1024 by 768 is recommended for optimal viewing.

After you've flipped the pages, watched the videos and clicked the links, take [this survey](#) to let us know how we can improve your Xtreme JAKES eMagazine experience.

BIG GAME WINTER RANGE ROLLER-CHOPPED

PRICE, UTAH—This month, the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) will seed and roller-chop 850 acres of pinyon-juniper woodland on Poison Springs Bench near Mohrland in Emery



County. Removal of pinyon pine and juniper trees will promote grass, forb and shrub growth, which will change a formerly low productive rangeland into good wildlife and livestock forage.

The project's first step was aerial application of seed from a crop-spraying aircraft. After the seed was over flown, vegetation chopping commenced, using two D-8 dozers, dragging 12-foot roller choppers. A roller chopper is a large drum with longitudinally mounted blades, which



crush and chop trees and shrubs. The blades also create small trenches in the soil to capture rainfall and create a seedbed.

As the roots of the trees extend outward into the sagebrush

meadow they restrict and reduce the diversity and production of the sagebrush, grasses, and forbs. As the understory species are out-competed for water and nutrients, bare ground is the only thing left between the individual trees. The lack of vegetation to hold the soil in between the trees eventually results in erosion of the soil. After years of erosion, the topsoil is lost and a reversal back to a shrub steppe community is unlikely

The treatment project is funded from a variety of benefactors, including State Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA), Utah Partners for Conservation Development (UPCD), oil and gas mitigation dollars, the grazing lessee, and several sportsmen organizations. These include Sportsmen for Habitat, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Mule Deer Foundation.

The seed, which was dropped over the treatment area, was provided by the Great Basin Research Center, which specializes in producing seed for rangeland and reclamation applications. The seed mix consists of native grasses, forbs and shrubs, selected for their compatibility with our local climate and soil, and for the plants' track record as superior wildlife and livestock forage.

Given a few years of average rainfall and snow cover, north Emery County should gain about 1.5 square miles of productive wildlife habitat to support the wintering big game that occupy the area. Elk, especially, occur on the treatment area in large numbers. In past years, elk have crossed State Highway 10 to access farmer fields on the other side. This has resulted in severe personal injury and property damage from vehicle collisions. The hope is that the treatment block will provide enough forage to reduce highway crossings and subsequent depredation to farmers' fields. The project is expected to produce a win-win outcome for wildlife, wildlife managers, sportsmen and farmers.

BETTER ENERGY SYSTEMS, MAKERS OF THE SOLIO HYBRID SOLAR CHARGER, ANNOUNCE EXPANDED TREAD CASES LINE



tread™ cases are made from Super-Material -- Recycled South American tires

Berkeley, CA – November 10, 2008 – Better Energy Systems (BES), manufacturer of the award-winning Solio Hybrid Universal Chargers, is excited to announce the expansion of its tread™ line of eco-conscious handcrafted cases and bags. These tough, yet fashionable, bags and cases are made with recycled butyl rubber—a super-material, which is rescued from discarded inner tubes of South American truck tires. BES purchases the used tires from local pit stops in Quibdó, Columbia then cleans and ships them to its workshop in Barranquilla. There, BES-employed artisans turn the rubber into cases for Solio Hybrid Solar Chargers, iPods, cell phones, smartphones, and now also iPhones, Apple Touch MP3 players, digital cameras, laptop sleeves and attache bags.

The result is a one-of-kind durable case and bag line that is resistant to damage from scratches, wear-and-tear, UV light, plus is impermeable by liquids, endures temperatures of up to 110° C, will not house mold, and wipes clean with one swipe. Additionally, by using the recycled butyl rubber in its tread™ case form, BES prevents the creation of toxic emissions that would have been released into the atmosphere when the discarded tires were otherwise burned. It is estimated that only 15% of 300,000+ tons of butyl produced annually is recycled.

“The tread cases are the perfect example of how a recycled product can stylishly and effectively meet a consumer need, while contributing positively to our environment,” said

Christopher Horner, CEO of Better Energy Systems. “Butyl’s super-material like qualities make it the ideal substance to use in producing the products we all love while eliminating one of the Top 10 most toxic materials from our environment.”

Tread is available through select locations at specialty retailers such as REI and on-line at BestBuy.com and Amazon.com. Additional retail locations will be posted on the Tread.com website as available.

FULL PRODUCT DETAILS BELOW

For additional information about tread™, please visit www.tread.com or contact PR representative Mark Olson at 305.576.1171 x17 or markolson@maxboregsagency.com.

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tread: Flippy

Tough and fashionable iPhone case made from recycled inner tube tires

- One Snap button on front
- Mini clip
- Nubuck style lining
- Rear elastic belt webbing
- Grey or Green stitching



Applications: iPhone User, Travel, Green product

Available at: REI, www.tread.com, and Amazon.com

Price: \$29.95 MSRP

Website: www.tread.com

tread: Uni

Tough and fashionable cell phone case made from recycled inner tube tires

- Magnetic front flap
- Mini clip
- Nubuck style lining



- Rear elastic belt webbing
- Black or Fuchsia and stitching



Campouch Front

Applications: Cell phone User, Travel, Green product
 Available at: REI, www.tread.com, and Amazon.com
 Price: \$24.95 MSRP
 Website: www.tread.com

tread: Campouch

Tough and fashionable digital camera case made from recycled inner tube tires



- Mini clip
- Luxury Nubuck style lining
- Zip close
- Can hang, wear, or clip

Applications: Photography, Travel, Green product
 Available at: REI, www.tread.com, and Amazon.com
 Price: \$34.95 MSRP
 Website: www.tread.com



Campouch Back

tread: Transient Attache

Tough and fashionable 15" MacBook Pro bag made from recycled inner tube tires



Transient (Attache)

- Removable handles
- Nubuck style lining
- Italian Buckles
- Accented with a luxuriously soft corduroy lining
- Red sheen contrast lining

Applications: MacBook Pro Users, Business Travelers, Students, Green product
 Available at: www.tread.com and Amazon.com
 Price: \$199.95 MSRP

Website: www.tread.com



tread: Sleeve

Tough and fashionable 15" MacBook Pro sleeve made from recycled inner tube tires

- Accented gray or black stitching
- Accented with a luxuriously soft corduroy lining
- Red sheen contrast lining
- Rugged zipper

Sony

Applications: MacBook Pro Users, Business Travelers, Students,

Green product

Available at: www.tread.com and Amazon.com

Price: \$129.95 MSRP

Website: www.tread.com

tread: Solio Urban

Tough and fashionable case for the Solio Classic and Mg Edition Chargers made from recycled inner tube tires

- Nubuck style lining
- Zip close
- Reflective screen
- Multi-purpose rear strap
- Black & Green



Solio Urban

Applications: Solio Classic and Mg Edition Users, Travel, Green product

Available at: REI, www.tread.com, and Amazon.com

Price: \$24.95 MSRP

Website: www.tread.com

GBBC is Coming

The next [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) takes place February 13-16, 2009. The [National Audubon Society](#) and the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#) are calling on everyone to "Count for Fun, Count for the Future!" Participants did just that in record numbers for the 2008 count, submitting more than 85,000 checklists and identifying 635 species. Let's break some more records this year!

GBBC Ambassadors Needed

As always, we rely on volunteer ambassadors to help spread the word about the GBBC and

engage more people in their communities. Your contribution could be as simple as hanging up a few flyers or as ambitious as pitching the event on local radio and TV stations. You can use the new GBBC news release posted on the web site. You'll also find an updated version of the slide show for use in GBBC workshops and other events.

For more ideas on how to promote the GBBC, check out Get Involved on the GBBC website. You can fill out the online ambassador sign-up form and specify the kinds of activities you'd like to do.

Project FeederWatch Season Begins

The 2008-09 season of Project FeederWatch began this Saturday, November 8. You can sign up at any time. FeederWatchers keep track of their birds through the winter and report their tallies each week.

Watching birds benefits science, but it can also be a healthy part of your routine. Hundreds of studies have verified that time spent watching nature can reduce stress. So why not slow down and watch the birds?

Visit the PFW web site to learn more and to sign up. New participants receive a kit with a handbook, a bird-identification poster, calendar, and instruction booklet. There is a \$15 fee (\$12 for Lab members.) If you live in Canada, please visit our partner, Bird Studies Canada, or call (888) 448-2473.



Take the Healthy Yard Pledge!

While you're getting ready to feed and count birds this winter, make sure you're maintaining healthy bird habitat in your yard by taking the Audubon Healthy Yard Pledge.

The Healthy Yard Pledge is part of Audubon At Home, which focuses on managing backyards and other natural areas to help birds and other wildlife. Visit the website to learn about 16 key elements that make up a healthy backyard habitat—how many can be found in your yard?

To learn more about the Audubon at Home program and take the Healthy Yard Pledge, visit <http://audubonathome.org/pledge>.

TEN TIPS FOR A WINTER TACKLEBOX "OVERHAUL"

From BoatU.S. Angler Expert Steve Chaconas

ALEXANDRIA, Va., November 10, 2008 - It's time to let the tacklebox do the talking.

After a spring, summer and fall of hard use, your tackle is showing some wear and tear. Now with winter approaching, Steve Chaconas, a BoatU.S. Angler fishing expert and professional guide, has these ten tips for a winter tacklebox "overhaul" that will get you ready for next

season, and keep you focused on fishing while the waters are frozen over.

1. Take a look at all of your lures. There are likely a few you never tied on. Here's an idea: Get some lure paint from a fishing craft store such as Jann's Netcraft and change the color of the lure to match up closer to ones that produce. If you don't want to do that, just give them to a kid to use or another fishing buddy.

2. Next, examine the hooks on your crankbaits and topwaters and replace them or sharpen. With spinnerbaits, sharpen hooks and take a look at the rubber skirts. Replace them if necessary. A tip: Tying some nylon thread above the rubber collar on the skirt will keep it in place.

3. Organize. Inventory. Stocking tackle over the winter gives you a great running start in the spring.

4. If you're a bit more organized, you can take your reels apart to clean, grease and oil.

5. If you decide to remove the line completely from a reel, you don't want to re-spool until you go fishing again next spring as line memory makes it harder to cast.

Another school of thought that may save a little time and money is to not remove all of the line, leaving some "backing," or a permanent length of line on the reel. This way, you don't have to replace all of the line every year.

To leave the correct length of backing, make one long cast and then cut the line. Then tie the lure or weight on and make a second long cast, cut the line, and repeat this process one more time. Now that you've gotten about three cast-lengths of line removed from the reel, you're ready to tie your new line onto the end of the backing line.

No matter which route you go, try to recycle your discarded fishing line.

6. Back to the reel. After you clean the exterior, pay attention to areas where line passes. On baitcasting reels, it's the line guide. Use a Q-Tip or pipecleaner dipped in WD-40.

For spinning reels, it's the line roller. To lubricate, put a drop of oil or grease on the worm gear, on the spinning reel line roller, and on the bail pivot points. It's also a good idea to clean the handles and oil the axles.

7. For rods, check the guides and wraps. If a guide has a scratch, nick, or groove, replace it. Some anglers brush a Q-Tip inside the guide to see if a piece of cotton is left behind. I use a magnifying glass. I want to see what's really going on. If the guide wraps are loose or exposed, repair this area. Again, your tackle retailer has all the supplies.

8. Winter is also a good time to take a hard look at what you're carrying in your tacklebox. Is there something in there you don't use? Something you've needed? Winter allows you the time to research new lures, or even a new tacklebox.

9. Beyond tackle, there are a few other items you may want to think about having in your tacklebox: basic first-aid items, an extra mini-flashlight, spare knife, a small bottle of bug repellent, an emergency space blanket, and perhaps some extra cordage. Just make sure it's serviceable.

10. This last tip isn't for your tacklebox, but it's an important one and something I do every year. If you use inflatable life jackets, I like to test and replace my re-arm kits in the fall when we revert back to Standard Time. That way, it helps me remember to change my smoke detector batteries and re-arm my life jacket at the same time.

Firearms Industry Statement on Results of CDC Blood Lead Levels in Hunters Study

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) -- the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and shooting sports industry -- issued the following statement in response to study results from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), released by the North Dakota Department of Health, showing no evidence that lead or "traditional" ammunition pose any health risk to those who consume harvested game meat.

Recognizing that hunters and their families may be concerned or confused by recent news reports about the study, NSSF encourages every individual who may consume harvested game meat to read the NSSF statement, fact box and CDC report made available in this news release.

The CDC report on human lead levels of hunters in North Dakota has confirmed what hunters throughout the world have known for hundreds of years, that traditional ammunition poses no health risk to people and that the call to ban lead ammunition was nothing more than a scare tactic being pushed by anti-hunting groups.

In looking at the study results, the average lead level of the hunters tested was lower than that of the average American. In other words, if you were to randomly pick someone on the street, chances are they would have a higher blood lead level than the hunters in this study.

Also of note, the lead levels of children under 6 in the study had a mean of just 0.88, less than half the national average. Children over 6 had even lower lead levels. The CDC's level of concern for lead in children is 10.

Facts Hunters Should Know from the CDC Study . . .

- 1.** Consuming game harvested using traditional hunting ammunition does not pose a human health risk.
- 2.** Participants in the study had readings lower than the national average and well below the level the CDC considers to be of concern.
- 3.** Children in the study had readings that were less than half the national average and far below the level the CDC considers to be of concern.
- 4.** The study showed a statistically insignificant difference between participants who ate game harvested using traditional hunting ammunition and the non-hunters in the control group.
- 5.** Hunters should continue to donate venison to food pantries.

A media advisory released by the North Dakota Department of Health cited the highest lead level reading of an adult study participant as still being lower than the CDC lead level threshold of concern for a child, and significantly lower than the CDC accepted threshold of concern for an adult. Furthermore, during a tele-press conference hosted by the ND Department of Health, officials stated they could not verify whether this adult even consumed game harvested with traditional ammunition. Correspondingly, the study only showed an insignificant 0.3 micrograms per deciliter difference between participants who ate wild game harvested with traditional ammunition and non-hunters in the non-random control group.

Also demonstrating their understanding that game harvested with traditional ammunition is safe to consume, the ND Department of Health, following the release of the CDC study results, encouraged hunters to continue donating venison to local food banks as long as processing guidelines were adhered to.

NSSF was critical of the ND Department of Health when earlier this year the Department overreacted to a non-peer reviewed study by a dermatologist who claimed to have collected packages of venison from food banks that contained lead fragments. North Dakota health officials did not conduct their own study, but merely accepted the lead-contaminated meat samples from the dermatologist. The ND Department of Health then ordered all food banks to discard their venison. Serious questions were raised in a subsequent investigative journalism piece published this summer about the scientific validity of the testing of venison samples from the ND food pantries, including concerns regarding the non-random selection of the samples.

It has since come to light that the dermatologist's efforts were not the independent actions of a concerned hunter, as he claimed. It was an orchestrated strategy by the Peregrine Fund -- an organization dedicated to eliminating the use of lead ammunition for hunting. The dermatologist serves on the Fund's Board of Directors.

For more than a century, hundreds of millions of Americans have safely consumed game harvested using traditional hunting ammunition, and despite there being no scientific evidence that consuming the game is endangering the health of individuals, special interest groups like the Peregrine Fund and anti-hunting groups are continuing to press state legislatures around the country to support a ban on this common, safe and effective ammunition.

These politically driven groups understand that while an outright ban on hunting would be nearly impossible to achieve, dismantling the culture of hunting one step at a time is a realistic goal. Banning lead ammunition is the first step of this larger political mission. We can only hope that with the conclusive CDC results concerning the safety of traditional ammunition, legislatures across the country will listen to science and not anti-hunting radicals.

The notion by some, that any amount of lead is a "concern," is scientifically unfounded rhetoric that runs contrary to nationwide, long-standing standards of evaluation. The NSSF is pleased that hunters and others can now comfortably continue consuming game harvested with traditional ammunition that has been properly field dressed and butchered, yet we remain unsettled that for so many months good and safe food was taken out of the mouths of the hungry as nothing more than a political gambit by special interest groups.

MOUNTAIN SPORTS INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES THE 2009 SUBARU FREESKIING WORLD TOUR SCHEDULE

Celebrating its 10th year, the Subaru Freeskiing World Tour remains the longest running competitive Big Mountain Freeskiing tour with \$20,000 cash per World Tour stop

Athlete Registration begins NOVEMBER 12, 2008, at 12:00 NOON MST on www.freeskiingworldtour.com

Salt Lake City, Utah, November 11, 2008—With over a decade of event production experience, [Mountain Sports International](#) (MSI) is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the [Subaru Freeskiing World Tour](#) (FWT). The largest and longest running competitive Big Mountain Freeskiing tour in the history of the sport, the FWT features an unprecedented six stops including a Freeskiing World Tour Qualifier (FWTQ). With \$20,000 cash per World Tour stop, the FWT boasts over \$100,000 total tour payout.

“This year’s Subaru Freeskiing World Tour is loaded,” said MSI Winter Sports Director and announcer Dak Williams. “The prize purse has almost doubled, and so has the viewership for



our live webcasts. We have the best freeskiing athletes on the planet, and every year more up-and-comers are discovered on our tour. This is where the best come to compete.”

Returning after a one-year hiatus, the Subaru North American Freeskiing Championships at [Kirkwood, California](#), rejoins the FWT along with a new European

stop in Zermatt, Switzerland. The FWT culminates at the ultimate big mountain competition venue of [Alyeska Resort, Alaska](#), proving the FWT truly is the world’s best skiers on the world’s most respected mountains.

“With competitive freeskiing becoming bigger and better than ever, I expect the 2009 tour to go off,” said 2008 FWT Champion Brett Crabtree. “Kirkwood is back in the mix and the tour wraps up at one of the best freeskiing venues on earth—Alaska. You won’t want to miss it. It’s an exciting time for the sport.”

2009 Freeskiing World Tour Schedule of Events

Subaru Telluride Freeskiing World Tour Qualifier, [Telluride, Colorado](#). February 5-8, 2009

Subaru US Extreme Freeskiing Championships, [Crested Butte, Colorado](#). February 19-22, 2009

Zermatt, Switzerland. TBA*

Subaru US Freeskiing Nationals, [Snowbird, Utah](#). March 10-15, 2009

Subaru North American Freeskiing Championships, [Kirkwood, California](#). March 19-23, 2009

Subaru Freeskiing World Championships, [Alyeska, Alaska](#). April 8-12, 2009

Registration for the FWT sells out in record time each year. Athletes are urged to register early to avoid disappointment. **Registration for the Telluride and Crested Butte events will begin on NOVEMBER 12, 2008, at 12:00 NOON MST and registration for the Snowbird and Kirkwood events will begin on NOVEMBER 13, 2008, at 12:00 NOON MST.** To register please log onto www.freeskiingworldtour.com.

The Subaru Freeskiing World Championships at [Alyeska, Alaska](#), is invite-only and will not be an option at time of registration. Registration for this event and the Zermatt, SUI, event will take place at a later time and will be announced with advanced notice.

For a complete list of pre-qualified athletes please log onto www.freeskiingworldtour.com. **Pre-qualified athletes still NEED TO REGISTER to guarantee a spot.** Athletes are pre-qualified based on results and overall point's standings.

Coming off a breakthrough year in live webcasting technology, MSI will again be satellite broadcasting from all four North American world tour stops. Live coverage of the best freeskiing in the world can be viewed from the comfort of your desk chair.

In addition to live video, MSI's content creation team will also be producing and posting same-day world class photography on its newly redesigned website, www.freeskiingworldtour.com and media partners www.powder.com and www.skipressworld.com

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Revolutionary New Device Monitors Doorbells, Phones Smoke Detectors and Alerts People who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing up to 2,000 Feet

Sidekick II™ Signature Series Also Helps Institutions and Businesses Comply With the Americans With Disabilities Act

WATERFORD, MICHIGAN – A unique product being introduced November 1, initially designed for people with hearing problems, as well as people who are Deaf and Deaf Blind. This product has broad and powerful applications for hotels, universities, senior living centers, cruise lines, and children of hard of hearing parents as well.

The **Sidekick II™ Signature Series**, by Silent Call® Communications of Waterford, MI, monitors doorbells, telephones, smoke detectors and fire alarms within 2,000 feet and alerts people with hearing problems that there is a visitor, phone call, or danger.

“This new generation of alerting systems is not only a life saver that offers security and assurance to people with hearing problems,” says George Elwell, President of Silent Call, “but the **Sidekick II™ Signature Series** is also an important instrument to help hotels, universities, cruise lines, and senior living centers comply with the **American Disabilities Act (ADA).**”



By complying with the ADA, institutions and businesses are then able to reach out to the 30 million people in America who have a hearing loss. “One of our cruise line customers offers special cruises for people with hearing problems allowing them to target a market previously underserved,” say Elwell.

The Sidekick II, which is to be used in conjunction with any Silent Call 418MHz transmitter, also has been a very popular tool for the expanding Baby Boomer generation committed to the care of aging parents with a hearing loss.

Another useful application is for home office use to prevent workers from being interrupted by the telephone or doorbell. Instead the worker receives a less intrusive visual or tactile alert that the doorbell or phone is ringing.

The Sidekick II also is a wonderful tool for sound sleeper because its built-in alarm can be connected to the sleeper’s mattress causing the bed to shake when the alarm goes off.

The Sidekick II Signature Series’ bright, flashing strobe and front indicator panel alerts users quickly to visitors, calls, and emergencies. If a fire or smoke alarm has a low battery, blocked path or malfunction Sidekick II notifies the user so corrective action can be taken. The monitor has a night dimming backlight display so it doesn’t interfere with sleep at night and provides alerts 24/7. “The Sidekick II can even be attached to a vibrating pad placed under the mattress to wake even the soundest sleeper,” says Elwell.

Elwell was motivated to start his business when he was trying to meet the needs of his brother-in-law who became permanently deaf at age two because of meningitis.

“One day I asked him how he would know if there was a fire in the house and he answered, ‘When I smell the smoke’,” explained Elwell. “That motivated me to create products that will produce flashing strobe lights and vibrations to alert deaf individuals to fire or smoke, a door bell or phone ringing and more. That was the beginning of SilentCall in 1987.”

In 2007 Silent Call celebrated its 20th anniversary of producing products that keep people with hearing problems safe and secure in their homes and workplace. Some devices even warn the deaf resident when someone is trying to gain access to their home.

All of Silent Call’s products carry a five year warranty. The photo cell smoke detectors are powered by a lithium battery that will last up to 10 years.

About SilentCall

SilentCall Communications provides personal communications and life enhancing systems for the deaf, deaf/blind, hard of hearing, and people out of hearing range. Since 1987, SilentCall helps individuals who are hard of hearing, deaf and deaf-blind to lead more convenient and safe lives. SilentCall also provides a life-saving tool for anyone in a noisy setting or outside their home to receive notification that someone is at their door or that their alarm detects smoke. Their entire line of expertly designed products is backed up by a five year warrantee on all new systems. For more information visit www.silentcall.com, call (800) 572 5227 (voice/tty), or email sales@silentcall.com.

SWATCH supports the 2009 Freeride World Tour: the professional ski & snowboard World Tour

Since 2008, The Freeride World Tour has made sports history bringing together top international freeride skiers and snowboarders, men and women, competing at prestigious resorts around the world, battling for the World Champion title.

For the second edition, the Freeride World Tour is honored to announce a new partnership with **SWATCH as the Official Data Handler**. Launched in 1982 by G. Nicolas Hayek, today SWATCH is a leading Swiss watch and jewellery maker and one of the world's most fashionable brands. With a strong presence in the world of sports for many years supporting action sports, SWATCH is very implicated in the development of Freeride competitions.

SWATCH is also a partner of some of the best freeriders on the planet. The athletes of the “Swatch Outlaws Proteam” are strong-willed, charismatic riders mastering adrenaline driven sports. Some of them such as Kaj Zackrisson (SWE), Seb Michaud (FRA), Cody Townsend (USA), Phil Meier (SUI), Xavier de le Rue (FRA), Geraldine Fasnacht (SUI), Jeremy Jones (USA), Sverre Liliequist (SWE), Thomas Diet (FRA) among others will participate in the Freeride World Tour 2009, revealing the strong bond between SWATCH and these sports: www.swatch.com

The Freeride World Tour 2009: four prestigious resorts in Europe and America

20-25 January: the Nissan Russian Adventure in Sochi, Russia

Nissan Russian Adventure will take place at the ski resort Krasnaya Polyana in the Western Caucasus. Krasnaya Polyana is the host of the alpine and nordic ski events of the 2014 Winter Olympics with Sochi as host city. Sometimes called the "Russian Courchevel", Krasnaya Polyana is the most sophisticated ski and snowboard resort in Russia, located just 45 minutes from the Black Sea, and well known as one of President Putin's favourite holiday resorts. It is also famous for its awesome heliskiing in the spectacular Caucasus mountain range.



27 February-5 March: the Nissan Tram Face in Squaw Valley, USA - New Event



Mecca for Big Mountain skiing in the USA, perched atop the Sierra Nevada, the Californian resort of Squaw Valley USA will host the second stop of the Freeride World Tour 2009 on its granite-laden terrain. For the first time in history, the legendary Tram Face will be officially open for pro riders since the resort was open in 1949. The competition face is clearly visible from the resort and the cable car system. Squaw Valley USA, host of the 1960 Winter Olympics, is one of America's largest and high tech resorts attracting over 600,000 visitors every year.

8-14 March: the Nissan Freeride de Tignes, France

Tignes, the Kingdom of Freeriding: the third contest of the Freeride World Tour will take place at one of the world's biggest ski domains "espace killy". The contest will be held at the legendary Grande Balme, with great viewing from village of Tignes Val Claret. The face is located right in the middle of the Tignes domain and very accessible for the public. One chair lift ride from the village Val Claret and you have the massive face just in front of you.

20-29 March: the Nissan Xtreme Verbier 09, Switzerland - the Finals

Since its start in 1996 the "Xtreme" has been considered the most prestigious event in the freeride world. For the "grande finale" of the Freeride World Tour the elite of freeride will tackle the mythical Bec des Rosses, a 500m north face, in places some 55 degrees sheer slopes. With steep and narrow couloirs, high rock cliffs, changing snow and terrain, it asks the riders to be highly skilled in top physical condition, thorough mountain experience. Only the top ranked riders in the Freeride World Ranking will qualify for the Nissan Xtreme - Verbier 2009.