

Fishing and hunting licenses make great Christmas gifts

License dollars used to conserve Utah's wildlife

Fly fishing on a river.

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources photo

Looking for that perfect gift for the angler or hunter on your Christmas list? If so, a Utah fishing or hunting license might be the answer. These licenses make great Christmas gifts. And they're easy to buy!



The easiest way to buy one is at the Division of Wildlife Resources' Web site

(wildlife.utah.gov). They're also available at DWR offices and from more than 350 fishing and hunting license agents across Utah.

Combination licenses which allow the license holder to fish and hunt small game are also available at the same locations and at the Web site.

They're good for 365 days

In addition to enjoying the outdoors in 2009, the person you give the license to will receive an added bonus they won't have to wait until Jan. 1 to use it. These licenses are 365-day licenses. That means they're good for 365 days from the day you buy them.

For example, if you buy the license on Dec. 12, 2008, the person you give it to can use it immediately. And they can continue using it until Dec. 11, 2009.

One note: hunting and combination licenses do not include a deer or elk permit and do not allow someone to hunt deer or elk.

Hunters can apply for a 2009 general buck deer permit in January. General elk permits will be available in June on a first-come, first-served basis.

In addition to the three licenses, two-pole fishing permits, setline fishing permits and permits that allow people to chase cougars with hounds are also available.

Order early

If you buy a license or permit at the Web site (wildlife.utah.gov), you can have it mailed to you (so you can wrap it and give it as a gift), or you can have the license mailed directly to the person you're buying it for. It usually takes about five days for the license to arrive in the mail.

Costs

Utah resident license and permit costs are as follows:

Combination license	\$30
Fishing license (14 - 64 years old)	\$26
Fishing license (65 years old and older)	\$21
Fishing license (12 and 13 years old)	\$5
Two-pole permit	\$15
Setline permit	\$15
Hunting license (under 14 years of age)	\$11
Hunting license (14 years old and older)	\$26
Cougar pursuit permit	\$30

They're easy to buy

"It's easy to buy a license for someone," says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the DWR. About the only information you need to provide is the person's name, height, weight, eye color, hair color, date of birth, address and phone number."

If you buy a hunting or combination license from a license agent or the DWR's Web site, you must also supply the person's "blue card" number. This number verifies that the person you're buying the license for has completed a DWR - approved hunter education course. The course is required for anyone born after Dec. 31, 1965 who wants to hunt in Utah.

"Using the computers at our offices, we can verify that the person you're buying the permit for has completed hunter education," Tutorow

says. "License agents don't have the means to do that. If you buy a hunting or combination license from a license agent, you'll have to supply the agent with the person's blue card number."

Two-pole and setline permits

Two-pole permits allow anglers who must also possess a fishing license to fish with two fishing poles at any water that's open to fishing in Utah.

Setline permits allow anglers to fish with one setline at Utah Lake; in the Bear River proper downstream from the Idaho state line, including Cutler Reservoir and the outlet canals; the Little Bear River below Valley View Highway (State Road 30); and the Malad River.

Just like with two-pole permits, anglers must also possess a fishing license to fish with a setline. Anglers may not use setlines that contain more than 15 hooks.

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

Apply for a turkey hunting permit

Landowners can apply right now



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Utah Division of Wildlife Resources photo

Thanksgiving isn't the only reason Utah's wild turkey hunters will be thinking about turkey over the next few weeks—the chance to apply for a permit to hunt turkeys next spring starts Dec. 2.

And if you own land that supports wild turkeys, you won't have to wait until Dec. 2 to

apply for a landowner turkey permit— applications for landowner turkey permits are being accepted now!

Public hunting permits

Starting Dec. 2, turkey hunters can apply for a 2009 Utah turkey permit at wildlife.utah.gov.

Your application must be received through the Web site no later than 11 p.m. on Dec. 30 to be entered in the draw for permits. If you need help applying online, please call (801) 538-4700 no later than 6 p.m. on Dec. 30.

You'll know by Jan. 29 whether you drew a permit. And there are plenty of permits to draw for. The Utah Wildlife Board has approved more than 13,700 public permits for next spring's hunts.

Landowner permits

If you own land that supports turkeys in Utah, you may qualify to apply for a landowner turkey permit. Landowner permits are a way to thank landowners for maintaining and enhancing turkey habitat on private land and to encourage them to do so in the future.

If you want to apply for a landowner turkey permit, you must obtain an application from a regional DWR office. After completing the application, you must fax, mail or hand deliver it to the DWR office in the region your property is located in no later than 6 p.m. on Dec. 4.

"We used to accept applications for landowner turkey permits at about the same time we were accepting applications for public hunting permits," says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the DWR. "This was confusing for landowners, and many of them applied for the wrong hunt. We decided to change the way we accept landowner applications to try and clear up the confusion."

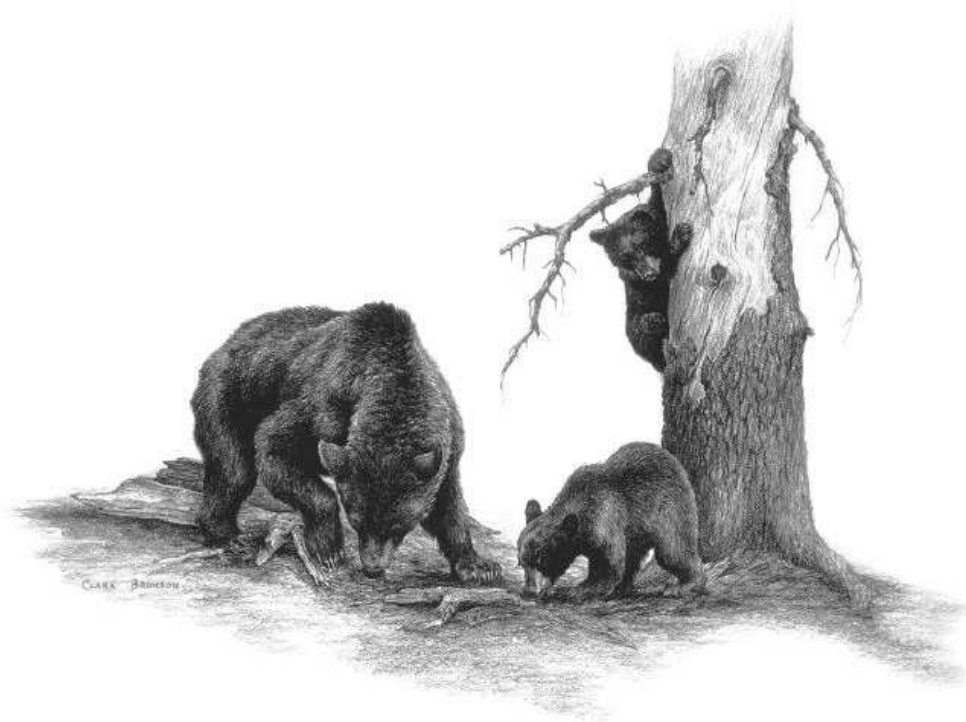
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Seven more black bears might be taken in Utah next spring or fall.

DWR recommends black bear hunting rules for 2009

The Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending that a total of 316 hunting permits be available for Utah's 2009 spring and fall seasons. In 2008, a total of 299 permits were available.

Based on an average success rate of 41 percent, the extra 17 permits should result in about seven more bears being taken next year.



In 2008, hunters took a total of 126 bears. All of the DWR's black bear proposals are available at wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings. Once you've read the proposals, you can share your thoughts and ideas one of two ways:

RAC meetings

Five Regional Advisory Council meetings will be held across Utah. Citizens representing the RACs will take the input received at the meetings to the Utah Wildlife Board. Board members will use the input when they meet in Salt Lake City on Jan. 8 to approve rules for Utah's 2009 black bear hunts.

You can participate and provide your input at any of the following meetings:

Southern Region

Dec. 9

7 p.m.

Beaver High School

195 E. Center St.

Beaver

Southeastern Region

Dec. 10

6:30 p.m.

John Wesley Powell Museum

1765 E. Main St.

Green River

Northeastern Region

Dec. 11

6:30 p.m.

Uintah Interagency Fire Center

355 N. Vernal Ave.

Vernal

Central Region

Dec. 16

6:30 p.m.

Springville Junior High School

165 S. 700 E.

Springville

Northern Region

Dec. 17

6 p.m.

Brigham City Community Center

24 N. 300 W.

Brigham City

E-mail

You can also provide your comments to your RAC via e-mail. E-mail addresses for your RAC members are available at

wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings.



The group each RAC member represents (sportsman, non-consumptive, etc.) is listed under each person's e-mail address. You should direct your e-mail to the people on the RAC who represent your interest.

More permits for spring hunt

Utah's bears are hunted in the spring and the fall. All of the additional permits the DWR is recommending would be for the spring hunt.

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

"Federal officers end up killing many of these bears," he says. "We'd like to give hunters a chance to help by allowing more hunters to take bears that might get into trouble."

There's another positive to hunting bears in the spring-fewer female bears are taken.

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

Dolling says when female bears do come out of their dens, many of them have cubs with them. "Having the cubs right there with their moms helps hunters know they've found a female bear," he says.

To give hunters a better chance to take bears that cause problems in the spring, the DWR is recommending that the spring season be extended one week on units where most of the instances of bears killing livestock occur.

Black bear plan

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

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

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

You can view the black bear management plan [by clicking here](http://wildlife.utah.gov/bear/pdf/00bearplan.pdf)
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Recipe of the Month

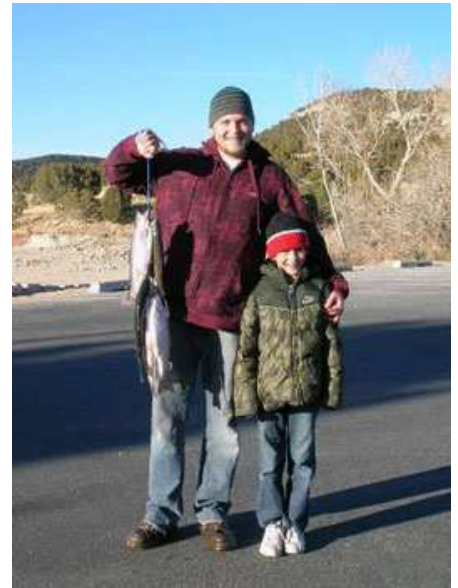
Bear Roast

3-4 lbs. young bear roast
1/4 cup cooking oil
1 garlic clove
1 minced onion
1/3 cup red wine
4 carrots
3 stalks celery, diced
1 1/3 cup water
2 tbsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. chili powder
2 tbsp. dry mustard
1/4 tsp. pepper
1/2 cup tomato paste
2 tsp. salt

Place roast in a skillet and add cooking oil. Braise roast on all sides using high heat. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes. Place roast and sauce in an open pan and cook for 3-4 hours at 350 degrees. Baste often. At the end, remove the vegetables and blend to thicken sauce. Roast should be served well done. Serves 6-8.

Statewide Fishing Report

BEAR LAKE: Biologist Scott Tolentino reports that fishing has remained fair to good for both cutthroat and lake trout. Try jigging on the rockpile in 35 to 60 feet of water. Trollers were also catching some fish using flatfish and minnow-type lures with rattles in 65 to 80 feet off the rockpile and off the 2nd Point and Cisco Beach areas. Whitefish fishing should be hot during the first two weeks of December. The Bonneville whitefish will begin to spawn this week and fish should move into shallow, rocky shoreline areas during the Thanksgiving weekend. Try using light equipment — a light rod with four- to six-pound test line and 1/8-ounce or smaller jigs tipped with either worms or wax worms — and fishing along the bottom by the rocky shorelines in depths less than 10 feet deep. Small spinners (#0 and #1) or small silver spoons fished close to the bottom in these same areas should also work well. Cutthroat and lake trout follow the whitefish to feed on eggs and the whitefish themselves, so you have a chance to catch all three species.



BLACKSMITH FORK RIVER & SECOND DAM: Conservation Officers Rob Johnson and Matt Burgess report that anglers are having fair success catching brown trout and whitefish while nymphing, or on a green wooly bugger tipped with a gold bead on the front. Some trout have been caught using worms on the dam.

HYRUM STATE PARK: Park Ranger Floyd Powell reports that bank fishermen are still doing okay using PowerBait or worms and marshmallows for rainbow trout. Conservation Officer Rob Johnson reports that a few anglers caught two large rainbows from a boat using Rapalas while trolling.

PINEVIEW RESERVOIR: Biologist Kent "Sorno" Sorenson reports that Pineview is virtually devoid of angling activity. Panfish can be caught from fairly deep water. The DWR encourages anglers to keep the panfish from depths of 30 feet or more since survival will likely be minimal. Reminder: If a muskie is caught, it must be immediately returned to the water. Water temps are about 44°F and the water level is stable. Launching boats is free.

PORCUPINE RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer Rob Johnson reports that fishing is slow, but one angler reported catching a kokanee while trolling using pop gear and a worm. The angler also caught a small brown and a rainbow while bait fishing with a worm.

ROCKPORT STATE PARK: Joseph Donnell reports the fishing continues to be red hot, with most fisherman reporting excellent fishing for rainbows ranging from one-and-a-half to two pounds. It's probably the best fishing of the year! Most anglers are catching 40-inch plus fish, and releasing the small planters and keeping the big fish. Almost any favorite lure seems to be working including flat fish, Rapalas, and pop gear and worm. Bank fishing is also good with

standard baits. On a side note, a small boat carrying two fishermen capsized. They were in the 46°F water for approximately 15 minutes and were very hypothermic when they were rescued. They did not have on life jackets and are very lucky to be alive. This time of year, Rockport State Park recommends that you always wear your life jacket. Even a simple fall overboard can be life threatening.



BIG SANDWASH RESERVOIR: No new reports. Older angler reports indicated good fishing. The trout are throughout water column and spending more time at the surface due to the cooler weather. 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: 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: No new reports. The reservoir is being filled and may be murky. 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: No new reports. Access to Browne is still open. Fishing should be good. 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: Last report was of fair to good fishing for both reservoirs, which should continue while the weather holds for some nice-sized, heavy fish on Calder and fast fishing for smaller rainbows at Crouse. Under the new regulation as Calder is managed with fewer fish so they will grow faster and larger, while Crouse received catchable rainbows to provide a faster fishing put-and-take fishery. Calder 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: No new reports. At best, access will be on muddy roads and some areas with snow. It should have been fair to good fishing on both the reservoir and nearby streams. At 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. No new reports, but fishing should be good. Access will be muddy and area did receive some snow.

FLAMING GORGE: In general, fishing is good for all species of trout and kokanee. Water temperatures range from about 37 degrees in the northern arms to the mid-40's in Sheep Creek and the canyon. **Note:** Linwood Bay is closed between official sunset to sunrise between Oct. 15 through December 15.

Lake trout: Fishing continues to be good due to the cooler weather.

Anglers 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. The cooler weather allows the fish to move throughout the water column, so try fishing different depths or using a fish finder to locate fish.



If jigging, try tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow or brown. Tipping it with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat may increase interest. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons are also working well. No-stretch line will help anglers feel strikes and set the hook better. When 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 fish. Larger lake trout fishing was fair to good this fall at traditional structure spots from Big Bend south to Sheep Creek Bay (especially in the Lucerne breeding area), and in Jarvies and the dam areas. 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. Through Nov. 30, any kokanee you catch must be released immediately. Anglers can still fish for kokanee, the kokanee just have to be released. Try around the Pipeline, Sheep Creek and Jarvies Canyon. Fish can be found in about any depth. Try different depths from 40 to 50 feet to the surface, or anywhere you see fish on the graph. Downriggers, long lining, lead weights and planer boards can get the small spoons like needlefish, triple teasers, or other erratic-moving lures down to the right depths. Troll at speeds from 1.5 to 2.5 miles per hour.



Rainbow: Fishing has really perked up with the cooler weather. There are reports of 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. The same wisdom goes for trolling spoons, pop gear, rapalas and spinners; try them in shallow and deeper waters. Don't be afraid of harvesting some

rainbows, as they are really tasty from the cold waters of the Gorge.

Burbot (Ling): We've gotten several reports this fall of burbot being caught while jigging for lake trout. Other 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 50 to 100 feet. The most recent report was the fish were in about 20 to 30 feet. In Utah, try off the points in areas like Antelope Flat, Linwood Bay (note the

nighttime closure) or Sheep Creek. In Wyoming, try Firehole, Lost Dog, Sage Creek, Confluence, Buckboard, Holmes Crossing, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and Marsh Creek. 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. Another key is to use glowing lures and to keep recharging the "glow." During the day, burbot will move deep (70 to 100 feet), so jigging in deep water may produce some fish.

Recent netting shows continued increasing populations throughout the reservoir. The highest concentration is in the Wyoming end, where the burbot first got established. Larger fish are 30-plus inches and up towards five or six 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 other critical food sources for sport fish species.

They could have an extreme impact on the reservoir fisheries 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 dropped out, although a few anglers are still targeting them and have brought in a few fish. Try fishing the

rocky areas where crayfish will be. Adjust depth until you find the fish, which is likely more than 20 feet down. Crayfish-colored grubs on lead head jigs or small plastic worms, sinkos, twitch and crankbaits may work if you can get the lure directly 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 to 20 inches to 15 to 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. 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: An angler reported fair to good fishing. Access will be getting more difficult due to the area receiving snow and rains.

MOON LAKE: Latest reports indicate 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. Most of the recreational activities are by waterfowl hunters. 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 possible infection, anglers and other boaters are being asked to clean and dry their boats after leaving the water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water including live wells, bilges and engine 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 deeper to warmer waters. They can be found at about any water depth, so try fishing various techniques from top water fishing 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

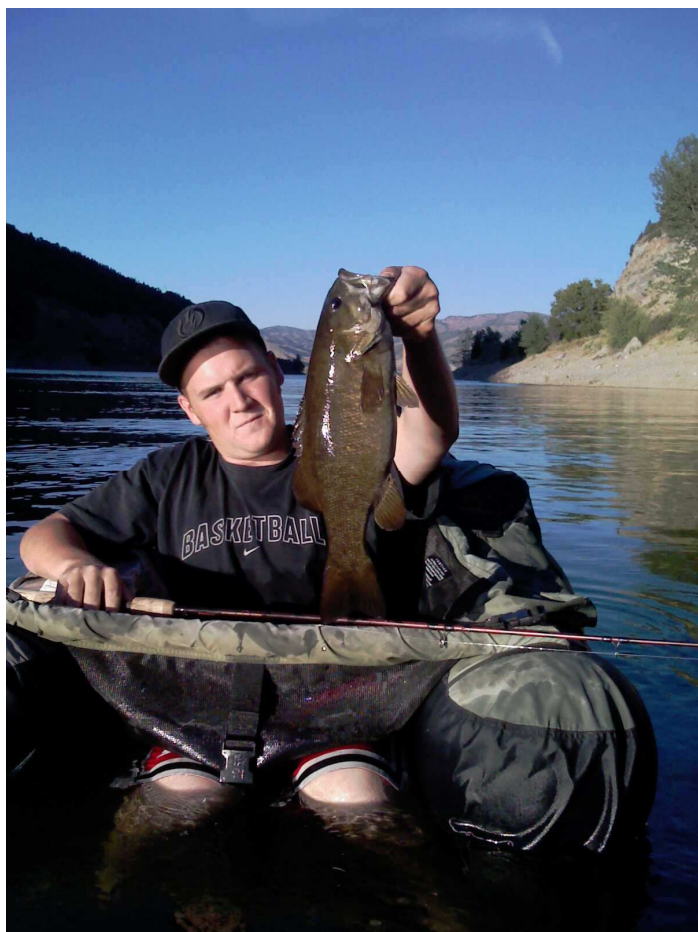
dry their boats and equipment after leaving any Northeastern water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water including live wells, bilges and cooling systems.

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 snow down to

7,000 to 8,000 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. The Uinta Mountains are well 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: No report.



CLEVELAND RESERVOIR: On 11/25, Daniel Keller reported a thin layer of ice covering much of the surface, but added that there was still opportunity for bank fishing.

DUCK FORK RESERVOIR: Access to the reservoir is blocked by a large number of fallen trees due to a severe wind storm.

ELECTRIC LAKE: Fisheries Technician Bob Olson reported that dead minnows were the only bait that was catching fish at Electric Lake. Last week, Bill Farr from Emery County fished from shore near the dam and had good luck with either a dead minnow or a white tube jig (no bait on the hook).

FERRON RESERVOIR: Thin ice covers the reservoir, preventing most bank fishing except on warm afternoons.

HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVOIR: Tom Ogden fished from shore on 11/25 and couldn't catch any fish. Later in the day, he took his tube out on the west side and in three hours caught eight rainbows ranging from 11–14 inches. He used sinking line with a size 6 beadhead olive leech. Most fish were caught within casting distance from the shore. Thin ice covers the reservoir during morning hours or on colder days.



JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR: The reservoir is closed to fishing until the second Saturday in December. This water has special regulations that will change in 2009. New regulations will allow anglers to keep more fish.

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

LASAL MOUNTAINS: No report.

LOWER FISH CREEK: Try a size 12 beadhead Montana or size 14 beadhead hares ear tied to a sinking line. The water is shallow and requires a stealthy approach.

MAMMOTH RESERVOIR: Thin ice covers the reservoir during morning hours or on colder days.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: Fisheries Technician Bob Olson spoke with boat anglers during the past week and summarized their fishing success as poor. During his weekend creel survey, Fisheries Technician Steve Regrutto reported fair shoreline action with PowerBait or dead minnows. The dam channel was freezing at night, but reopens the next day. Aquatics Program Manager Paul Birdsey doesn't think Scofield will freeze for another two weeks, unless there's a dramatic shift in the weather. Tom Ogden fished on 11/19 for six hours, and caught eight

rainbows ranging from 9–18 inches. He used dark leech patterns in size 6–8 on sinking line. Based on conversations with other anglers, Tom rated fishing as slow.

Fri., Dec. 5, 2007

Local Concert Series features Blues and Folkgrass

The Intermountain Acoustic Music Association Local Concert Series presents Austin Weyand (fingerstyle guitar); Crescent Moon-Folkgrass and Blues- South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society- 6876 South Highland Drive. Time-7:30. \$5 at the door. Info-278-0332. COOLERS WELCOME

TRCP Promotes Backcountry Conservation at D.C. Meeting

Sportsmen laud progress, press for additional changes to Colorado roadless rule

WASHINGTON – Management of Colorado roadless areas was on the agenda at the recent Roadless Area Conservation National Advisory Committee (RACNAC) meeting in Washington, D.C., where staff of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership was in attendance to advocate for sportsmen and Colorado’s backcountry. During the Nov. 18-19 gathering, the RACNAC continued to formulate recommendations for the Colorado roadless rule, which is being finalized by the U.S. Forest Service and state of Colorado and should



determine the future of more than 4 million acres of federal public lands.

“The RACNAC is charged with developing recommendations for refining the Colorado rule, but the federal push to get this plan

done before the end of the current administration could undermine both the RACNAC’s utility and the final product,” said TRCP Roadless Initiative Manager Joel Webster. “If Colorado wants its state-based roadless rule to be successful, we need to slow down and do this the right way.”

Sportsmen maintain that the Colorado roadless rule can sustain healthy habitat, secure fish and wildlife populations and uphold hunting and fishing traditions if common-sense revisions are made to the draft plan. Revisions to the Colorado rule discussed by the RACNAC include the following:

- reworking directives for utilities and water conveyances that under the draft rule allow road building in all of Colorado’s 4.4 million acres of backcountry;
- refining language governing timber cutting treatments in the wildland-urban interface;
- reviewing the removal of more than a half-million acres from Colorado’s roadless inventory – a transfer that also is being questioned by the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

At the RACNAC meeting, TRCP staff highlighted weaknesses in the draft rule, including liberal exceptions for power line corridors and water projects, as well as the need to resolve development guidelines that could allow road building on 70,000 acres of backcountry oil and gas leases.

At the same time, however, the TRCP commended efforts by federal and state authorities to rectify some of the inconsistencies in the draft rule. "The TRCP is heartened to see the rule corrected to focus community protection timber-cutting efforts in and around homes rather than deep in the backcountry," Webster stated. "Fixing the problems in the draft rule will take time. That's why the state of Colorado and the U.S. Forest Service must step forward and ensure that Colorado ends up with a sound management plan, not a rush job that will jeopardize the future of important backcountry lands.

"We're confident that the Colorado roadless rule can be revised to reflect the needs of fish and wildlife and the values of Coloradans," Webster concluded. "For inspiration, we need look no further than the new Idaho roadless rule, which was achieved through the teamwork of the U.S. Forest Service, state officials and experts on the RACNAC. The time has come for strong and decisive action – and sportsmen are relying on state and federal decision makers to get Colorado roadless management right."

The RACNAC meeting, the second the council has convened to weigh the Colorado roadless rule, follows a public comment period enabling citizens' input on the plan. The comment period ended Oct. 23. Roadless areas provide superior habitat to species prized by sportsmen and form the core of more than \$1 billion hunter and anglers contribute annually to Colorado's economy.

[Visit the TRCP Web site to learn more about the proposed Colorado rule.](#)

The Infusion Roaster Reinvents the Thanksgiving turkey

Moist turkey, imagine that! Award winning creation sheds a whole new light on cooking poultry for the holidays. The patented Infusion Roaster cooks a moist turkey while saving time and energy.

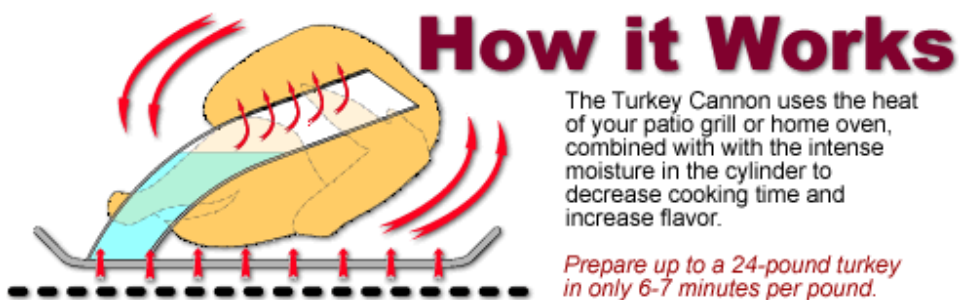
Logan, UT ([PRWEB](#)) November 16, 2008 -- Santé, a Utah-based manufacturer of innovative cooking equipment, introduced a new, redesigned version of its popular Infusion Roaster that is easier to clean and easier to store. The patented design of the Infusion Roaster makes for a more flavorful, moist turkey that cooks in less time than traditional methods. This new design still encompasses all of the great features that helped the Infusion Roaster win the "Best Barbecue Accessory" at the 2006 Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association Expo.



Infusion Roaster

Like beer can chicken, the Infusion Roaster is designed to hold a cooking liquid that infuses the poultry with moisture and flavor from the inside out. The Infusion Roaster allows chefs to slip a turkey or large chicken onto the tube which can be filled with your favorite broths or liquids and is the key to cooking a great bird. The Infusion Roaster is designed to be used as a roasting pan accessory in the oven, or on the barbeque grill.

Liquid placed inside the tube creates steam inside the turkey or chicken cavity, which helps cook the meat from the inside as well as the outside. Consequently, indoor chefs and cooks find the Infusion Roaster reduces time spent in the kitchen, which is especially helpful during the busy holiday season. For the Thanksgiving bird, cranberry juice or apple juice can be used to



add that special holiday touch. After using it to roast a great turkey, the Infusion Roaster can be

easily disassembled for quick cleaning and storage.

The manufacturer's

suggested retail price for the Infusion Roaster is \$24.99, and it can be purchased online or in select retail outlets throughout the United States.

About Santé

Established in 2005, Logan, Utah-based Santé is a privately held manufacturer of high-end cooking equipment for the ultimate home kitchen. Santé is devoted to bringing its customers innovative and cutting edge cooking tools ranging from the Infusion Roaster and The Skookie to quality cast iron Dutch ovens, pots, pans and skillets. Santé is a division of Logan Outdoor Products, a manufacturer of quality cookware since 1991. To see what's new at Santé please visit [Santé Cookware Infusion Roaster](#) or call 888.726.8348.

Outings with Northern Utah Prospectors Association

December 6— Christmas dinner. Cost is \$10 per person for members/spouses only. Location this year is at Golden Corral in Ogden, located by the Shopko on Washington and 12th Street at 6:00 PM. We will be electing the officers for the 2009 year. This year we are giving away a Gold Buddy and our Yearly Nugget. Gift Exchange no more than \$20. You bring a gift you take one home.

2008 Dredging and Sluicing permits are now available at:

<http://nrwt2.waterrights.utah.gov/streamdb/rds/default.asp>

Looking for the perfect gift for your thrill-seeking family member?

Then look no further than the Ski Utah Interconnect Adventure Tour Voucher. The Ski Utah Interconnect Adventure Tour offers a safe, exciting and unique way for an advanced skier to experience our Wasatch mountain backcountry via routes in and out of up to six different ski resorts. Seasoned guides lead the way to fabulous off-piste turns, incredible views and a day not soon forgotten.



To purchase a Ski Utah Interconnect Adventure Tour Voucher call 801-534-1907. The voucher cost \$250 and can be used anytime this season, just go to skiutah.com/interconnect and click on **Check Availability** to see what tour dates are available.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT OGDEN NATURE CENTER

Saturday, December 6 -- 9 am - 4 pm

FREE admission for all / FREE kids craft / FREE gift wrapping with a natural flair / Hot Wassail and delicious goodies provided by our Board of Directors



Inside or out, you won't want to miss this holiday tradition at the Ogden Nature Center.

Come Shop!

-Fresh evergreen swags & centerpieces

- Locally made items including cozy sweaters mittens, chunky wool

coat pins and beaded zipper pulls

- New Nature Center sweatshirts, long sleeved t-shirts and hoodies for children

-Fabulous puppets, toys & games for children

- New, nature-based home accessories

- Bird feeders & wind chimes of all shapes & sizes

- Nature books, field guides & children's books

- Imaginative stocking stuffers

Members enjoy a 10% discount on all items in the gift shop. All proceeds benefit the Ogden Nature Center's programs and nature preserve.

Wild turkeys, deer and fox are leaving frosty tracks all over our 152-acre nature preserve. Dark-eyed Juncos, Black-capped Chickadees, Cedar Waxwings and Spotted Towhees are back for the winter to delight bird watchers.

Meet live birds of prey such as Eagles, Owls and Hawks who are housed in our mews. Our irascible Raven, ³Cronk² and our American White Pelican ³Einstein² would love to have some wintertime company.



Your senses will come alive at the Ogden Nature Center during the winter months.

Winter Hours!

The Ogden Nature Center is open in the winter. Monday Friday, 9 am 4 pm
(closed Dec. 25 through Jan. 1)

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th Street, Ogden, UT, 84404. For more information call 801-621-7595 or visit www.ogdennaturecenter.org

*If you plan on booking using the voucher, it must be booked over the phone.



Before the often frenzied holiday season begins, we would like to thank all our loyal Wasatch Touring friends for a fun and fulfilling 2008. The record snowfall and a surge in gas prices inspired us all to do more skiing, cycling, and paddling. With each adventure we are reminded how quiet travels enrich our lives. As a New Year approaches, we encourage you to take time out for skiing, boating and biking and continue your "all of the above strategy" toward renewing personal energy.

Don't take a chance on purchasing a ski or boot without a bit of research and some careful fitting.

To get exactly what you want, you can't beat a free demo. On December 14th, we host our annual Tele and AT Demo which features the largest array of skis, boots and bindings you will find anywhere, and all for free for one day at Alta. Can't make the free demo? Wasatch Touring, as always, will apply two rentals toward purchase throughout the season so you can try some of the best gear to insure that it's right for

you.

If you can't make the demo at Alta on Sunday, print out the attached coupon for a free weekday ski or snowshoe demo. Throughout the month of December, you can try the latest in Telemark, Skate, Alpine Touring, or a Classic nowax outfit for FREE.

Be sure to look at this months calendar. Get the details of all the events you don't want to miss out on.

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- [Yellowstone ski Festival](#) November 25th to 29th
- River Permit applications due in January for Spring and Summer '09 river trips. Visit [this page](#) for details.
- Free Alpine Touring (AT) and Telemark Demos at Alta Sunday December 14th and [here](#).
- Register now for: Utah Winter games "Learn to Telemark" class at Brighton and...
- Intro, Intermediate and Advanced cross-country

classes at White Pine, [here](#).

- Learn avalanche hazard recognition and risk management. Take an avalanche course this winter. For a complete listing of local classes visit [this page](#).

Did you know that our ski techs can now replace your broken cuff and buckle rivets?



We carry a complete stock of Scarpa buckles, straps, and rivets to prevent you from throwing away broken boots.

Add this to our complete list of services that include:

1. Edge replacement
2. Base welding and repairs
3. Ski Tuning (Nordic and Alpine)
4. Telemark and Alpine Touring binding mounting
5. plastic and leather boot punching
6. Inner boot thermo molding with original and Intuition

liners

7. Cork custom molded foot beds from Down Unders
8. Special Orders, Gift Wrapping, and shipping services
9. Sewing and zipper repairs and modifications
10. Year round bicycle repair and maintenance

Over 5,000 Gather at Ski Utah's Fat Flake Festival

Over 5,000 snow enthusiasts gathered Sat., Nov. 15 at the Gallivan Center in downtown Salt Lake City to welcome winter back to the Wasatch. The free event, hosted by Ski Utah, featured a multitude of family activities including music by "The Bastard Sons of Johnny Cash," "Cavedoll," and "Junior Giant." Families enjoyed ice skating under the stars, marshmallow roasting, a photo booth, climbing wall, a kid's zone, complete with a sledding hill, and more. Many happy fans walked away with autographs from over 30 of their favorite ski and

snowboard athletes including Jeremy Jones, Sage Cattabriga-Alosa, Julian Carr, Jenn Berg, Jamie Pierre, Grete Eliassen, Ashley Battersby, Stevie Bell and more.



The event kicked off with the first-ever Ski Boot Race. Over 50 competitors tackled a challenging course around the perimeter of the Gallivan Center to win a new pair of Rossignol alpine ski boots and the title of the Fastest Ski Boot Racer. "I was so impressed by the speed and technique of the racers," said Ski Utah President Nathan Rafferty, "It is hard enough to walk in your ski boots let alone run."

Three winners were crowned at the end of the races. Todd Glew blew away the competition in the men's division, Caitlin Morgan won the women's division and 11-year-old Colby Stevenson claimed the title in the children's division.

Hundreds of contestants also dressed in vintage-ski-apparel in the attempt to win new gear from Eider and skis from Rossignol or a Burton snowboard. Participants in this year's vintage ski outfit contest pleaded with local resorts to be selected as each resort's vintage representative. At the end of the night, thirteen finalists lined the stage in stretch pants, neon and fur. Justin Stoddard, a coach for the Snowbird race team, and his dog Taylor were awarded the grand prize.

The Godfather of winter oversaw the festivities. With a team of drummers and fire dancers, he summoned the snow gods and rallied the crowd to beg for another epic Utah winter.

"It is really wonderful to see our local community come together to celebrate winter," said Rafferty, "After all, Utah does have The Greatest Snow on Earth."

This was the third annual Fat Flake Festival hosted by Ski Utah.

Cherie Call Special Deals for Holidays



Hey friends, for a limited time I want to offer you a great deal when you order multiple copies of my Christmas album, "Gifts". Right now when you order between ten and nineteen CD's you can get them for \$10 each, plus shipping. If you order twenty or more CD's you can get an even better deal at \$6 each! To get this deal, you'll need to contact me at callcherie@gmail.com, or by replying to this message. I'll let you know how you can pay for your order through Pay Pal or by check. (Pay Pal will be faster because I won't have to wait for a check to clear before I can mail the order.) I'll calculate shipping, give you the total and send out your CD's. Please note that you can't get this deal by using the buttons on the website. You need to contact me directly through e-mail.

This deal won't go on forever, so let me know soon if you are interested in this. Also, the deal only applies to the album, "Gifts".

One more thing, don't forget about the show in Portland next Saturday! I'll be performing with Peter Brienholt and Sam Payne. Check out www.cheriecall.com for more info.

Thanks for your support, and have a wonderful holiday season!

Stonecircle's 5th Annual WINTER SOLSTICE concert *with special guests* Irminsul & Mark Cantor

Saturday, Dec. 6th 2008 7:30pm

Rose Wagner Auditorium
138 West 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Tickets: \$15/Advance, \$18/Day of Show

Little Sahara 2009 Annual Passes go on Sale December 1st

Fillmore, Utah—November 21, 2008— The 2009 annual passes for Little Sahara Recreation Area will go on sale beginning December 1, 2008. Annual passes may be purchased at two locations during normal business hours between 8:00 am thru 4:30 pm: The Little Sahara Visitor's Center or the BLM Fillmore Field Office. The Little Sahara Visitor's Center will be closed from December 21, 2008 through January 3, 2009 for the holidays. Gift certificates will also be available during this time. Contact the Little Sahara Visitor's Center at (435)433-5960 or the BLM Fillmore Office at (435)743-3100.



The Little Sahara Visitor Center winter hours are as follows (closed December 21 through January 3)

	Visitor Center Hours	Pay Booth
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m.
Monday:	8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m.	Closed
Tuesday:	Closed	Closed
Wednesday:	Closed	Closed
Thursday:	8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m.	Closed
Friday:	8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m.
Saturday:	8:00 a.m. thru 4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m.

For more information about Little Sahara Recreation Area, call (435)743-3100 or visit http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/fillmore/recreation/special_recreation/little_sahara_recreation.html

ECONOMY “FOWLS” UP THANKSGIVING TRAVEL

AAA Predicts 310,000 Utahns Will Travel Despite Economic Woes

SALT LAKE CITY, November 21, 2008 – The economic meltdown, high travel expenses and consumer unease have impacted holiday travel for Utahns. But despite these concerns, more than 310,000 Utahns are expected to travel 50 miles or more from home over the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

“Even as many Utahns struggle with issues related to the affordability of travel, Thanksgiving is a time when a great deal of emphasis is placed on visiting relatives and friends,” said Rolayne Fairclough, spokesperson for AAA Utah. “Many view this as a time to create memories, reconnect with loved ones and continue past traditions.”

According to the AAA survey, approximately 250,000 Utahns (83 percent) are expected to travel by vehicle, representing a 2.9 percent decrease from 2007. Over 42,000 people (11 percent) plan on flying to their destinations, a 5.5 percent decrease from last year. About, 18,000 (6 percent) are expected to travel by other modes of transportation such as railroads, buses or cruise ships. Nationally, AAA predicts over 41 million people will travel this Thanksgiving weekend.

“Plummeting gas prices may entice drivers to extend their road trips this weekend,” added Fairclough. “To find the absolute lowest price in your area, go to www.aaa.com/gasprices.”

The average Utah family is expected to spend over \$600 on their Thanksgiving travel, according to the most recent AAA Leisure Travel Index. Air passengers can expect to pay 8 percent higher prices than last year and car rental rates have increased by 4 percent since 2007. Approximately 70 percent of travelers are likely to stay with a friend or relative, while 16 percent say they will book a motel or hotel. Eleven percent of travelers are undecided.

To help keep drunk drivers off the road this holiday, AAA is offering its “Topsy Tow” program. AAA will offer the service to drinking drivers from 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day to 6 a.m. Friday, November 23 in Utah, Northern California, and Nevada. Drivers, potential passengers, party hosts, bartenders, and restaurant managers can call 800-222-4357 (AAA-HELP) for a free tow home of up to five miles. Just tell the AAA operator, “I need a Topsy Tow,” and a truck will be on its way.

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

Even with the expected decline in air travel, Thanksgiving will likely be the busiest holiday of the year. AAA is offering the following tips to help make air travel less of a hassle:

AAA “Defensive Flying Tips” for Holiday Travel

- **Know the limitations on your ticket:** The airline’s contract of carriage does not require it to provide passengers with any additional services when flights are delayed or canceled due to bad weather. This differs from delays caused by mechanical or other reasons.
- **Go online before you leave home:** Check airline website for delays and sign up for e-mail or text message alerts from your airline. Also, check with the Transportation Security Administration for the latest airport security rules at www.tsa.gov/travelers.
- **Pack defensively:** Come to the airport prepared for a delayed flight. Bring books, music or video games. In addition, make sure to carry prescriptions, credit cards, your travel itinerary with flight numbers, driver’s license and/or passport, glasses, various electronics chargers and toiletries in a carry-on bag. Remember the Transportation

Security Administration's carry-on policy: 3 ounce bottles or less; one quart-sized, clear plastic zip-top bag; one bag per passenger.

- **Don't show up hungry:** Eat before you go so you are not waiting in line at the limited airport eateries. Bring food you can carry on and eat in case you get stuck on the tarmac.
- **Use your cell phone to save time:** Program numbers of your airlines, hotel, car rental company or your travel agent into your cell phone. In case you need to change your flight, you can call the airline directly rather than wait in line at ticket counter.
- **Take the earliest flight:** Because of flight delays, early morning flights are usually less likely to be delayed. And if they are slightly delayed, you stand a better chance of catching a later flight to your destination.
- **Know where to complain:** Travelers who have service issues with an airline should contact the Aviation Consumer Protection Division at (202) 366-2220.

AAA's holiday travel figures are based on a national web survey of 2,200 adults by the Travel Industry Association of America, which conducts special research for AAA.

AAA Travel is the nation's largest travel organization. AAA Travel offers trips, cruises, tours and vacation packages throughout the world. Call (888) 937-5523 for more information or visit us at your local AAA Travel office or online at www.aaa.com/travel

Sportsmen Wary of Obama Admin Hiring Questionnaire

The incoming Obama Administration appears to be throwing cold water on job applicants that own firearms. In a questionnaire for potential new employees, question 59 should send shivers up the spines of sportsmen.

Specifically, the question asks applicants: "Do you or any members of your immediate family own a gun? If so, provide complete ownership and registration information. Has the registration ever lapsed? Please also describe how and by whom it is used and whether it has been the cause of any personal injuries or property damage."

The phrasing of this question raises legitimate concerns that individuals, including sportsmen, which want to seek a job with the new Administration, may not be welcome.



"If you want to assure sportsmen that you don't want to take away their rights, the first thing you do should not be making it look like 'Big Brother' is getting ready to watch their every move. Unfortunately, that is exactly what this question implies," says USSA Executive Vice President Rick Story.

"The new Administration should immediately clarify how answers to this question will factor into its hiring process," Story said. "No one should be discriminated against because they avail themselves of their Second Amendment rights."

The USSA and its allies, such as the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), will be monitoring the new Administration closely to see the direction it takes on numerous sportsmen's issues.

Sportsmen Dismayed by Overthrow of Congressman John Dingell

Anti-Hunting Representative Assumes Pivotal Committee Chairmanship

(Columbus, Ohio) – The United States Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA) expresses its dismay today over the news that U.S. Representative Henry Waxman (D- CA) toppled Representative John Dingell (D- MI) as Chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Rep. Dingell has been a tireless champion of sportsmen issues for decades, while Rep. Waxman has a long history of supporting the causes of extremist animal rights and anti-firearm groups. Given the recent call by President-elect Barack Obama for a broad and bipartisan approach to governing, this action raises serious doubts in the eyes of sportsmen.

"Rep. Dingell understood and cared about sportsmen and their devotion to conservation," said USSA Vice President of Government Affairs, Rob Sexton. "On the other hand, Rep. Waxman, an environmental activist, has consistently earned a 100 percent rating from the leading anti-hunting group in the country, the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), which has sought to use the Endangered Species Act to stop hunting."

Among Rep. Waxman's anti-hunting votes are:

- against allowing hunting, fishing, and trapping in the East Mojave Scenic Area;
- against the National Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act of 1996 that enshrined hunting, fishing, and trapping as a priority use of wildlife refuges;
- for banning the importation of polar bear trophies and resulting in a loss of conservation funding;

Beyond his strong support of anti-hunting legislation, Rep. Waxman has also been a consistent opponent of Second Amendment rights. According to Sexton, "He has voted for nearly all anti-firearm bills in Congress going back to the so-called 'Assault Weapon Ban' and the 'Brady Bill.' Both of those bills were punitive and designed to prohibit law abiding citizens from engaging in their constitutional rights."

Sportsmen play a major role in the U.S. economy through their purchases of hunting, fishing, and trapping equipment. They also play the decisive role in maintaining ongoing conservation efforts through federal and state taxes on that equipment. "With the economy facing its greatest challenge in over a generation, now is not the time to embrace the radical agenda of groups like HSUS and choke off one of its most vibrant sectors. The USSA hopes that Rep. Waxman will show a greater appreciation for this fact as he assumes his new position than he has in the past," concluded Sexton.

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance is a national association of sportsmen and sportsmen's organizations that protects the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers in the courts, legislatures, at the ballot, in Congress and

through public education programs. For more information about the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and its work, call (614) 888-4868 or visit its website, www.ussportsmen.org.

BIG BUCK PHOTO CONTEST!



Free entry at ...

[www. MyHuntingPage .com](http://www.MyHuntingPage.com)

"Show 'em Whatcha Got!"

Prizes by Sportsmans Warehouse, Forge Bow, Textured Images, Wudyaget, Purify My Hunt, Hunt-N-Bag, "bigshot", and more to come!

Inspired by the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, the TRCP is a coalition of organizations and grassroots partners working together to preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing.

INTRODUCING TREW

Stylish and Technical Outerwear, Company Launches Through TREW Tour

HOOD RIVER, Ore. (November 24, 2008) – A love for the mountains, passion for the sport, and a need for technical, yet stylish outerwear set three guys on a mission to create the ultimate outerwear collection for the true rider. The true rider being the person who loves first tracks, knows the meaning of earning their turns, and has fun "gettin' 'er done" on and off the mountain. Tripp Frey, John and Chris Pew are proud to announce the creation of TREW and its inaugural TREW Tour.

TREW's premier men's collection consists of three jackets and two pants, each available in three colorways. The collection re-invents classic pieces with updated colors, technologies and fits. TREW will also be offering hoodies, tees and beanies in addition to its core outerwear. The price points will range from \$30.00 to \$479.00 and will be available at independent retail shops throughout the country.

Tripp, John and Chris are Hood River transplants by way of Michigan and North Carolina and will be touring the U.S. and Canada to formally launch TREW, share the brand's philosophy and have some fun. A customized TREW RV, complete with solar panels, will be traveling throughout the U.S. starting in December and ending whenever the snow melts. The three of

them intend to visit snow destinations in British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.



Each stop will be unique to its own; however, each stop will include product previews, giveaways, barbeques, beverages, visits to the local pubs, and of course riding. TREW will also be meeting with local retailers to present the collection throughout their journey. Information and updates about the TREW Tour will be posted continuously on TREW's website www.TrewGear.com.

Be sure to keep an eye out for the TREW RV in your town; if you see it, stop by and say hi. To learn more about TREW or the TREW Tour please check out: www.TREWGear.com.

Backyard birders solve the raiding-squirrel dilemma with Squirrel Busters from Duncraft

Concord, NH (MMD Newswire) November 24, 2008 -- Marauding squirrels can take the fun out of bird feeding - they dominate feeders, scare birds and eat a ton of birdseed. But there's a birdfeeder design that stands up to their challenge and prevails - the Squirrel Buster!

A Squirrel Buster works on a simple concept - it uses the weight of the squirrel to shut off access to the seed supply. When a squirrel jumps on the feeder, his weight pulls down an outer cover that, in turn, blocks the feeding ports. As long as the squirrel is on the feeder, his weight keeps the seed ports covered. When the squirrel jumps off, the cover bounces back up and the feeding ports are again available for the birds. After a few foiled attempts, squirrels finally give up and don't come back!



The Squirrel Buster comes in three models and prices. The largest, Squirrel Buster Plus, holds 3½ lbs. of seed with six feeding ports, the medium-size Squirrel Buster Classic has four feeding ports and holds 1 1/3 lbs. of seed, and the Squirrel Buster Mini has four feeding ports and holds 1/3 lb. of seed. Each is designed to keep seed fresh and aerated, and

they can be easily disassembled and washed in the dishwasher - a definite plus!

Shelby Dunn Kimball of Duncraft, says "You'll make back the price of a Squirrel Buster in seed savings within the first year - these feeders work that well!" All three Squirrel Buster models are available at duncraft.com.

You Control the Strings on this Puppet

The **PUPPET MINNOW®** swims circles around other swimming jigs!

Minnows are never safe. In this case, the perfect duplication of a minnow – complete with hooks – makes matters unsafe for predators. Northland Fishing Tackle's new **PUPPET MINNOW®** jukes, jives, circles and swings right into the meat-eating mouths of perch, crappie, walleyes, northern pike and trout.

Vertically fished, swimming lures are designed to look and act like actual baitfish. The **PUPPET MINNOW®** flashes lifelike "holographic" *Baitfish-Image™* attractor colors with each twist and turn. Strong and surgically sharp hooks adorn its nose and tail, while a dangerous treble hook dangles below. Nothing is getting away.



TEAM NORTHLAND® ice fishing expert Marty Glorvigen says, "I've tried a lot of swimming jigs, both ice fishing and from a boat, and there's nothing as versatile as the **PUPPET MINNOW®**."

The "Triple Threat" tie-eye system produces three unique and deadly swimming actions. It flies and darts in horizontal planes like a live baitfish!

Ice fishing innovator Brian "Bro" Brosdahl says this about the **PUPPET MINNOW®**; "Having three tie-eyes changes everything. I can make it swim up and away, dart down and around, or just swing in semi-circles. It's like having three lures in one. Tie this puppet to your string and put on a show!"

The **PUPPET MINNOW®** is available in 4 sizes and 9 proven baitfish colors, covering species from walleyes to trout and crappies to perch. Don't let 'em pull your strings. Time for you to become the Puppet Master.

Through innovation, Northland Fishing Tackle continuously raises the bar in lure design and realism. Examples of this pursuit for perfection include Bro's Bug Collection, Puppet Minnow®, Buck-Shot® Rattle Spoon, Forage Minnow® jigs and spoons, and other legendary lures, both for ice fishing and open water.

Snowbasin Resort – Working with Mother Nature and The Countdown to Opening Day

Snowbasin, Utah – With a focused, watchful eye on Mother Nature, Snowbasin Resort continues to make snow in anticipation of offering sustained top to bottom skiing/riding for the opening day of the 2008-2009 winter season. **Based on current forecasts, Snowbasin will open for skiing on December 5, 2008.** Opening Day will greet skiers and riders with a photographer to catch the first gondola riders of the 2008-2009 winter season as well as **A RECESSION BUSTING SOLUTION; the first 50 skiers/riders to board the gondola will receive an all-day lift pass for any day of the 2008-2009 Season (non-refundable)**



Needles Express gondola will be operating on Thanksgiving Day for the annual Thanksgiving Feast at Needles Lodge. Reservations are required. (801-620-1021)

The Cinnabar Restaurant will be open at Earl's Lodge at the base area, serving chili, soups, salads, hamburgers, turkey dinner, and chicken strips for kids! Bar is open from 11-5.

A special Thanksgiving Holiday pricing offering will be scenic foot passenger rides for \$10.00. Kids 6 and under are FREE.

SAVE THE DATE for the 2nd Annual Twas the Night Before Christmas Eve Celebration on December 24th complete with torchlight parade, fireworks, Christmas Dinner, Carolers, Arrival of Santa and a Tree-Lighting Ceremony.

For Further information please contact www.snowbasin.com or call 801-620-1000.

Happy Thanksgiving from the NWTF

NWTF Thanksgiving Message from George Thornton, CEO

Thanksgiving is a time of family, food and fellowship. This is a special time of year when families come together in their own traditional ways. Some families gather at Grandmother's house to share memories over wonderful food, while others head to hunting cabins to pursue game in the great American hunting tradition.

Regardless of how you and your family spend this holiday, I'm willing to bet lots of wonderful memories will be created that will stay with you forever. But we should also take time to remember those around us this Thanksgiving.

I'm thankful for the Veterans and the men and women currently serving in the Armed Forces, many of whom are serving in foreign countries away from their families. We honor their sacrifices.

I'm also thankful for our NWTF family of nearly half a million members, which has reached out in the last year, as it always does, to do good things for wildlife, protect our hunting heritage, introduce new people to the outdoors, and help others in our communities through "Turkey Hunters Care." I'm very thankful to be spending this Thanksgiving as a part of the NWTF family.



As you give thanks this year, take a moment to enjoy those around you. We at the NWTF will remember by

honoring our brave men and women serving their country, by helping those in need and by celebrating our outdoor heritage. Please [Join Us](#) in these efforts by introducing a new member to the NWTF family this year.

George C. Thornton
NWTF CEO

Collaboration and Consultation with Park Service Results in Positive Outcome Parcels are Deferred from December Lease Sale

Salt Lake City—After two days of extremely productive discussions with the National Park Service about parcels proposed for the December 19, 2008, quarterly oil and gas lease sale, BLM Utah State Director Selma Sierra has agreed to defer all parcels of concern to the Park Service from the sale.

Discussions between the two agencies provided an opportunity for renewed collaboration and coordination. The NPS and BLM Utah agreed to renew their 1993 memorandum of understanding regarding how BLM Utah and the Park Service work together on prospective oil and gas lease offerings and are developing a draft of the renewed agreement.

BLM Utah State Director Selma Sierra said, "This constructive dialog between our agencies has resulted in a positive outcome. Ongoing discussions with the National Park Service will continue to strengthen our collaboration and coordination. This is important for two sister agencies with environmental stewardship missions."

"I am grateful to the Park Service and Mike Snyder for working closely with BLM Utah and I

look forward to further collaboration and coordination,” Sierra concluded.

In a letter to Mike Snyder, National Park Service Regional Director for the Intermountain Region, Sierra informed the Park Service of the decisions to defer parcels and reaffirmed BLM Utah’s commitment to strengthening the two agencies’ collaborative approach to land management decisions in Utah.

Where the BLM has a complex multiple-use stewardship mission and the Park Service strives to preserve unimpaired the natural and cultural resources of the national park system, the two agencies have successfully partnered to reach an agreement that benefits Utah’s public lands.

According to Snyder, "Working with Selma Sierra, the BLM Utah State Director, has resulted in the kind of resource protection that Americans want and deserve for their national parks."

For more information, please refer to the attached letter detailing these parcel deferrals as well as the included maps.

Information Sought on Two Poached Bull Elk

Conservation Officers from the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) are asking for the public’s help in solving a poaching incident of two 4 x 4 bull elk in the 2nd Water Creek drainage in Spanish Fork Canyon. Both elk were found within 50 yards of each other. The elk were abandoned and wasted. It is believed that the elk were shot during the spike-only general elk hunting season on Saturday, October 10th. The drainage of 2nd Water is generally accessed by vehicles from the Sheep Creek Road which runs between Spanish Fork Canyon, Diamond Fork Canyon and Strawberry Reservoir.

Two hunters found the bull elk and notified the Division of Wildlife Resources. The DWR is asking anyone who was in the area on Saturday, October 10th and may have information regarding the incident or anyone who may have information in general on the poaching incident to contact the DWR’s Poaching hotline at 1-800-662-DEER.

Informants can also email the DWR at: HelpStopPoaching@utah.gov or submit a report on the DWR’s “report a Poacher” web page at: www.wildlife.utah.gov/law/hsp/pf.php.

Informants can remain anonymous and may be eligible to receive a limited entry elk permit for the arrest and conviction of those involved with the incident.

A.R.E. LAUNCHES 1ST ANNUAL BIG BUCK CONTEST Winner Gets Free Truck Cap or Tonneau Cover

MASSILLON, Ohio - Proud hunters can show off this season's trophy in A.R.E.'s 1st Annual Big Buck Contest.

"It is exciting to see hunting enthusiasts enjoy their pickups during excursions to the woods, so

we wanted to create a contest just for those enthusiasts to share their passion," said Bryan Baker, director of marketing, A.R.E. "The benefits of a truck equipped with a cap or tonneau - such as keeping hunting gear secure and dry - are priceless during those early-morning trips."



A.R.E. is a leading manufacturer of fiberglass truck caps (such as the Z Series, MX Series, CX Series, TW Series and V Series), aluminum truck caps (DCU Series and .019 Units) and hard tonneau covers (LSX, LSII and ActionKover) for nearly every make and model truck on the road today.

To participate, simply register online at www.4are.com/bigbuck and upload your date-stamped big buck photo to the site. Visitors to the site will have the chance to rate all entries, using a scale of 1-5, through Dec. 31, 2008. On Jan. 1, 2009, the top ten bucks with the highest ratings will advance to the final round of competition.

The top ten finalists will be judged by Web site visitors from Jan. 1, 2009 to Feb. 15, 2009, at which time a winner will be announced.

A.R.E.'s Big Buck Contest Grand Prize Winner will receive the A.R.E. truck cap or tonneau cover of their choice. (Note: If the winner already owns an A.R.E. cover, the winner will receive their money back, up to the MSRP cash value of the product.) Nine runner-up finalists will be awarded an A.R.E. SuperNet, a flexible cargo net designed to secure gear in the bed of most pickup trucks. For more information and rules about the Big Buck Contest, visit www.4are.com/bigbuck.

Serving truck owners for almost 40 years, A.R.E. has more than 500 employees at its ISO-9001:2000-certified manufacturing facilities and a network of more than 600 independent authorized dealers. For more information, contact A.R.E. at 400 Nave Rd. S.E., P.O. Box 1100, Massillon, OH 44648; call 800.649.4ARE, or visit www.4are.com.

Happy Thanksgiving from Utah Shared Access Alliance

I just wanted to say, "thank you" to all of our supporters. You are the life blood of our organization and it is because of you that we are able to protect access to public land for all. I hope all of you have a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

We have a lot to be thankful for in our great country. We are certainly blessed to have such beautiful land in our great state. Let's be thankful for what we have now and renew our commitment to protect, improve, and enjoy our access to land and nature.

Please take just a moment this holiday to encourage others to support USA-ALL. There will be many opportunities to vocalize your feelings and support of USA-ALL as you visit family and friends. Encourage them to join USA-ALL and protecting the access and areas you love. Send them to our website www.usaall.org to join, or at the very least get them to join our electronic mailing list by signing them up by using the link below. You can also forward this and all other USA-ALL e-mails to others by clicking the link near the bottom of our page.

We would appreciate your support in referring family and friends to us, the more support we have the better we can protect what matters to you.



Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael Swenson.

Michael Swenson
Utah Shared Access Alliance

Firearms Industry Launches Blog to Address Inaccuracies Surrounding Firearms

NEWTOWN, Conn. -- The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) -- the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and shooting sports industry -- has launched a blog aimed at hunting down and correcting inaccuracies about firearms and the firearms industry. The blog, titled "Aiming for Accuracy," is updated regularly with news, links and other helpful resources designed to promote accurate communications about firearms issues in the media, among bloggers and with all firearms enthusiasts.



"Tomorrow is here," said NSSF President Stephen L. Sanetti. "In order to fully represent one of the oldest industries in the world, it is incumbent upon NSSF to utilize new communications tools. NSSF is dedicated to using every medium at its disposal to set and keep the record straight. We encourage readers to bring inaccuracies in the media to our attention, and we ask

NSSF members and other readers of the Aiming for Accuracy blog to forward relevant postings to their local media and their favorite bloggers."

A link to the Aiming for Accuracy blog is displayed on the NSSF homepage (www.nssf.org).

Study Confirms Decreased Spring Flow at Northern End of Great Salt Lake

Potential Negative Impact at Bird Refuge



Salt Lake City, Utah -- An 80% decline in water flow from Locomotive Springs threatens a riparian area that is an important migratory bird habitat. According to a recently completed study, Locomotive Springs at the northern end of Great Salt Lake in north-central Box Elder

County has declined by about 80% since the late 1960s. The volume and area of the wetlands complex in the refuge has declined significantly due to the decreased discharge from the springs. The study also found that water levels and water quality in agricultural areas north of the springs have declined during the same time period.

The Utah Geological Survey (UGS) and the Utah Division of Water Rights completed the cooperative geologic and hydrologic study of the area, *Geology and Ground-Water Chemistry, Curlew Valley, Northwestern Utah and South-Central Idaho – Implications for Hydrogeology*. The study found that a substantial increase in ground-water pumping for agriculture over the past 40 years, combined with lower-than-average precipitation during the past 10 years, are the

most likely causes of the declining discharge at Locomotive Springs. Declining water levels in agricultural areas has changed local and regional ground-water flow patterns and decreased the total amount of water flowing to the Locomotive Springs area. Recycling of unused irrigation water into pumping wells has also caused ground-water quality in those areas to decline. "We are proud to participate in the production and publication of this excellent study and we are pleased to share it with all the water users and stakeholders. We trust they will take the opportunity to review this work closely and carefully consider the management alternatives for this resource," said Jerry Olds, State Engineer and Director of Water Rights.

The study was funded by the Utah Division of Water Rights, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the UGS and is available on their web sites- <http://geology.utah.gov/online/ss/ss-126.pdf> or <http://waterrights.utah.gov/cgi-bin/libview.exe?Modinfo=Viewpub&LIBNUM=50-1-491>

UGS Special Study 126 is also available for \$19.95 at the Natural Resources Map & Bookstore, located at 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City (801-537-3320 or 1-888-UTAHMAP; geostore@utah.gov).

DEER VALLEY TO HOST THE CELEBRITY SKIFEST

December 6 & 7, 2008

WHAT: Deer Valley Resort will once again kick off its winter ski season with the excitement of a celebrity ski race. Deer Valley's Celebrity Skifest will take place December 6 and 7, 2008. The invitational ski event pairs former Olympic ski legends with television and film celebrities for a weekend of skiing, live music and fundraising for the environmental group Waterkeeper Alliance. The Waterkeeper Alliance is an international coalition of citizen advocates who patrol and protect their local waterbodies, fighting for clean water and strong communities.

WHEN: The Deer Valley Celebrity Skifest will include giant slalom races on both Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7 on Deer Valley's Birdseye run. The competition will be televised by CBS on Sunday, December 21, 2008, at 5 p.m. (EST) following NFL football. A Pro-Am race will be held Saturday, December 6, at 1 p.m. with the final race taking place on Sunday, December 7, at noon. The public is invited to watch both races which take place on the Birdseye ski run located mid-mountain at Silver Lake.

WHO: Some of the best-known legends of U. S. skiing will compete in this year's event, including Steve Mahre, Phil Mahre, Tommy Moe and Deer Valley's own Ambassador of Skiing Heidi Voelker. Celebrities scheduled to attend at this time include: Larry David, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Matthew Modine, Scott Wolf, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Gloria Rueben, Ian Ziering, Joe Pantoliano, Rob Morrow, Patrick Warburton, Neil Patrick Harris, Dylan Bruno, Camyrn Manheim and David Conrad.

COST: The Deer Valley Celebrity Skifest is free to spectators. Those wishing to ride the lift or ski will need to purchase a valid day pass.

WHERE: Birdseye run is located at Deer Valley Resort, mid-mountain in the Silver Lake area.
Due to limited parking at Silver Lake, parking is available at Snow Park, and a shuttle is available from Snow Park every fifteen minutes to Silver Lake Village.

Park City Mountain Resort Kicks Off the Winter Season on Friday, November 28

Park City, Utah (November 25, 2008) – Park City Mountain Resort opens for the 2008-09 winter season this Friday, November 28, 2008, with PayDay and First Time lifts.



Colder temperatures have finally arrived after warm weather and a lack of precipitation has affected the region for the last two weeks. Park City Mountain Resort's snowmaking team has been working non-stop to prepare the Resort for opening day. The snowmaking team continues to make snow this week, temperatures permitting, in order to provide excellent conditions for opening day, with wall to wall snow on the runs that are open.

Park City Mountain Resort has a detailed snowmaking plan in place for the next month that focuses on providing the most terrain open for all ability levels, affording Resort guests the best possible experience. The Resort's strategy is to open the Lower Mountain first, and then move to the Bonanza and Silverlode areas, followed by King Con and finishing up in areas that are most needed. Of course, natural snowfall helps in allowing Park City Mountain Resort to quickly open more of the mountain.

Park City Mountain Resort's snowmaking plan is as follows:

1. Focus on the Lower Mountain, including PayDay, Treasure Hollow, First Time and Pick N' Shovel.
2. Shift of snowmaking operations to the Bonanza area, including Upper Homerun, Muckers, Claimjumper and 1/4-Load.
3. Snowmaking in the Silverlode area to include Parley's Park, Sunnyside and Prospector.
4. Snowmaking transfers to the King Con area, CB's, Town runs and upper-mountain Terrain Parks. (Please note that the Town Lift is scheduled to open for uploading and downloading during the first week of December).

As part of the improvements, the Resort added a brand new high-speed quad, Crescent lift, from the base area. Crescent lift will open with the Upper Mountain.

Park City Mountain Resort operations continue to open this week and next:

Now Open

Legacy Sports: 10 am – 6 pm (on Friday, hours will change to 8 am – 6 pm)

Wednesday, November 26

Alpine Coaster: 11 am – 3 pm (on Friday, the hours will change to noon – 4 pm)

Kristi's Coffee Café: 10 am to 4 pm (on Friday, the hours will change to 7:30 am – 5 pm)

Friday, November 28 (Opening Day)

PayDay and First Time lifts: 9 am – 4 pm

Legacy Café: 10:30 am – 3 pm

Legends Bar & Grill: 11 am – 7 pm



Friday, December, 5 (conditions permitting)

Gorgoza Park: (Sat/Sun) noon – 8 pm; (M-F) 1 pm – 8 pm

About Park City Mountain Resort

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

Obama Taps Holder for Attorney General

Former Clinton Deputy AG Has History of Promoting Gun Control

In a move that has already raised red flags among many groups promoting second amendment rights, President-elect Obama has tapped Eric Holder to serve as U.S. Attorney General. Holder, a former lieutenant to former President Clinton's attorney general, Janet Reno, has a history of taking positions against second amendment rights.

Most recently, Holder filed a legal brief in the recent Washington D.C. case concerning the city's handgun ban. He argued that the Second Amendment does not protect an individual's right to bear arms.

Holder also has a history of supporting federal licensing of handguns and legislation giving the federal government the power to shut down gun shows.

He also went on record shortly after 9/11 in a Washington Post editorial, stating that new legislation should give “the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms a record of every firearm sale.”