

Gorgoza Park Opens for the 2007-08 Season on Friday, November 30



What: Gorgoza Park, offering great non-skiing activities for the entire family, will open for the 2007-08 winter season on Friday, November 30, 2007. Gorgoza Park's seven lighted and lift-served tubing lanes, including three beginner and four advanced lanes, will open. In addition, mini-snowmobiles will be available for children ages five to 12. Fort Frosty, a play area for the youngest members of the group, is expected to open in the next

few days.

Check www.GorgozaPark.com for a complete list of prices and details.

When: Friday, November 30 – Sunday, December to 8 pm

Regular season begins on Friday, December 7 and Gorgoza Park will be open seven days a week from 1 to 8 pm. *Extended holiday hours

Where: Gorgoza Park – Park City, Utah

Take I-80 to the Jeremy Ranch exit (#141) and proceed to 3863 West Kilby Road (frontage road on south side of the freeway).



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Swan Talk Program Cancelled

The "Swan Talk" speaker/program scheduled for Saturday, December 1st at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge has been canceled, although the family activities portion of the event will go on as planned, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The wildlife education center is located at 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City. Take exit #363 from Forest Street and turn west one block to the center. The center is open 10am to 4pm on Saturday; 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday.

TIN LANTERN / CANDLE MAKING AT CAMP FLOYD STATE PARK

Fairfield - In celebration of the holiday season and remembering simpler times past, Camp Floyd State Park hosts a candle making/punched-tin lantern making workshop on Saturday, December 15,

2007 at 10 a.m. Create a peaceful holiday mood with family and friends at this pre-holiday event, which will be held in the historic, one-room Fairfield Schoolhouse.

The workshop includes making holiday colored candles and creating a punched-tin lantern to hold their candle. Participants will also have the opportunity to play Civil War period children's games, all of which can be purchased in the gift shop and make great Christmas



presents. The Camp Floyd Museum and Stagecoach Inn will also be available for participants to enjoy.

Each participant will need to bring a tin can filled with water and frozen, while the park will provide all other materials. Participants need only to pay the normal park admission fee (\$2 per person, \$6 per family). An adult must accompany children under eight.

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

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

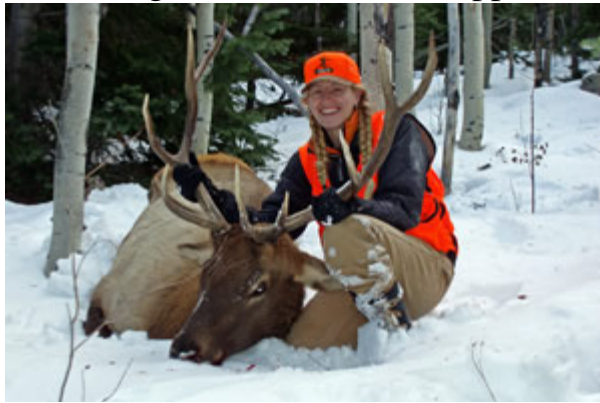
More Days to Hunt Elk

Days added to two major elk hunts

Salt Lake City -- If you hunt spike bull elk with a rifle or mature bull elk with a bow, you might be hunting some extra days in Utah next fall.

At their Nov. 29 meeting in Salt Lake City, members of the Utah Wildlife Board returned the state's general rifle spike bull elk hunt to a 13-day hunt. They also added five days to Utah's limited entry archery bull elk hunt.

One change the board did not approve was adding



four days to the general rifle buck deer hunt in the Southeastern and Southern regions. The hunts in the two regions will still be five-day hunts this fall.

All of the rules the board members approved will be available in Utah's 2008 Big Game Guidebook. The guidebook should be available at the Division of Wildlife Resources' Web site

(www.wildlife.utah.gov) by mid-December.

More time to hunt spike elk

You'll have more time to hunt spike bull elk after board members returned Utah's general spike bull elk rifle hunt to a 13-day season. It's been nine days long for the past few years.

The general spike bull elk rifle hunt will run Oct. 4 -16. Those are the same season dates Utah's any bull elk rifle hunt will run.

"The length of the spike bull elk hunt was shortened a few years ago when the age objective for bulls taken on limited entry units was lowered on most of the units," Aoude says. "Lowering the objective allows more permits to be issued and more bulls to be taken. The idea behind shortening the season was to save more spike bulls so they could grow into mature bulls."

Since that time, Aoude says the age objective on most of the elk units has been raised. Raising the objective means fewer bulls will be taken.

Even if there was a need to protect spike bulls, Aoude says keeping the season at nine days wouldn't make much of a difference. "The elk situation is the same as the deer situation," he says. "Even though the season has been lengthened by four days, most hunters won't take advantage of the extra days."

Aoude says hunters who hunt nine-day elk seasons in Utah hunt an average of five days. That number increases to five-and-a-half days when the season is 13 days long.

More days for limited entry archery elk hunters

Utah's general archery elk hunt will start five days earlier this summer. The early start will provide limited entry bull elk hunters with five extra days of hunting. Here's what the board approved:



- The general archery elk hunt will still be 23 days long, but it will begin five days earlier. The general archery elk hunt begins Aug. 16, which is the same day the general archery buck deer hunt begins.

- Starting the general archery elk hunt five days earlier means it will end five days earlier. Those extra five days will be given to limited entry archery elk hunters. That will increase the length of the

limited entry archery elk hunt to 28 days without taking any days away from general archery elk hunters.

The Utah Bowman's Association recommended the change.

For more information about Utah's 2008 big game hunts, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

REI presents grants and awards

WHAT: REI will present \$30,000 in grants and awards at reception event to celebrate partnerships in outdoor volunteerism and stewardship.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 5th, 2007, 6:00 P.M

WHERE: REI Salt Lake City, 3285 E 3300 S

REI will present grants to four non- profit organizations, and present the 2007 Wasatch Outdoor Volunteer Award to four outstanding members of the community.

REI Grants: REI dedicates a portion of its operating budget to help protect and restore the environment, increase access to outdoor activities, and encourage involvement in muscle powered recreation. REI is proud to announce grants to the following organizations

THE COTTONWOOD CANYONS FOUNDATION (\$10,000): The mission of the Cottonwoods Canyon Foundation is to continuously improve the environment of



Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons through stewardship and education programs. CCF's Outdoor Youth Connections program will enable urban and underserved youth to attend fieldtrips in both the fall and the winter (on snowshoes). These fieldtrips bring local students up into the mountains-- many for the first time--to learn in a hands on fashion about watershed, public lands and their role in its stewardship. REI's grant funds will

facilitate participation in these programs by covering transportation expenses.

TRIPS FOR KIDS (\$10,000): Trips for Kids (TFK) Utah Valley provides mountain bike experiences and training to local, underprivileged youth. TFK teaches underprivileged youth to love the outdoors through learning and enjoying mountain biking. Groups of youth and volunteers will learn and ride together for eight week session. The ongoing nature of this program encourages the development of trust and friendships between youth participants and adult

mentors. REI's grant will provide TFK Utah valley with bikes and safety equipment as well as various additional program support items.

VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTDOOR UTAH (\$5,000): Volunteers for Outdoor Utah will provide two Trail Skills Trainings on the highly used Skyline Trail, located in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. These training sessions will teach participants the necessary trail maintenance and construction skills to become technical advisors on future trail projects. Participants in the trainings will learn proper construction techniques for water bars, check dams, drainage dips, tread maintenance, and trail rehabilitation. REI's funds will support the program coordination, the hiring of a contracted trainer, the purchase of wooden posts, and meals for volunteers.

NORDIC UNITED (\$4,500): Since its inception in 2003, Nordic United has worked passionately to support wild winter places and promote human-powered winter recreation activities. This project will expand Nordic United's successful Nordic skiing programs. Grant funds will specifically support NU's Generation XC Youth Ski Program and Women's Skate Clinics. Both programs seek to introduce new people to the sport of Nordic skiing and retain them as supporters of human-powered winter recreational activities.

2007 Wasatch Outdoor Volunteer Award: On behalf of the Draper Trails Foundation, Ogden Nature Center, Bend-In-The-River, and the Mountain Trails Foundation, REI will present a gift of custom embroidered apparel recognizing outstanding individuals who have made a significant volunteer commitment in support of the outdoor community.

DWR Recommends More Bear Hunting Permits

Agency takes three-pronged approach to reduce problems with bears

Black bear hunting permits could increase by as much as 20 percent for Utah's 2008 hunts.

Taking bears in areas where bears and people come into conflict every year is part of a three-pronged approach the Division of Wildlife Resources is taking to try and reduce the chance those conflicts occur in 2008.

The other prongs involve the public and those who run campgrounds. DWR

staff will continue to educate people about how to avoid attracting bears to them. They'll also encourage

the use of bear-proof garbage containers in campgrounds.

"The best way to avoid problems with bears is to not do things that attract bears you in the first place," says Kevin Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for



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the DWR. "When a bear gets into trouble, it's usually because someone has done something that's attracted the bear to them or to someone else."

DWR biologists will share their recommendations at a series of public meetings held across Utah. The meetings will give you a chance to learn more about the proposals and to provide biologists with your input and suggestions.

Citizens from Utah's five Regional Advisory Councils will take the public input received to the Utah Wildlife Board when it meets in Salt Lake City on Jan. 8, 2008 to approve Utah's 2008 Black Bear Proclamation.

Additional items also will be discussed at the meetings. More information about these items is available at www.wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/next.php

Meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

Southern Region

Dec. 11

7 p.m.

Beaver High School

195 E. Center St.

Beaver

Southeastern Region

Dec. 12

6:30 p.m.

John Wesley Powell Museum

1765 E. Main St.

Green River

Northeastern Region

Dec. 13

6:30 p.m.

Uintah Basin Technology College

1100 E. Lagoon St.

Roosevelt

Central Region

Dec. 18

6:30 p.m.

Springville Junior High School

165 S. 700 E.

Springville

Northern

Region

Dec. 19

6 p.m.

Brigham City

Community

Center

24 N. 300 W.

Brigham City

Black bear
permits



The DWR is proposing a total of 296 black bear hunting permits for Utah's 2008 spring and fall hunts. That's a 20 percent increase from the 248 permits offered in 2007.

Most of the additional permits would be issued for the northeastern and north-central parts of the state. Those are the areas where most of the encounters between bears and people happened in 2007. They're also the areas where bears caused the most property damage.

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

Fishing and Hunting Licenses Make Great Christmas Gifts

License dollars used to conserve Utah's wildlife

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 (www.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 2008, 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, 2007, the person you give it to can use it immediately. And they can continue using it until Dec. 11, 2008.

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 2008 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 pursue cougars are also available.

Two-pole and setline permits are 365-day permits. Cougar pursuit permits are good for the season for which they're issued.

Order early

If you buy a license or permit at the Web site (www.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 purchasing 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

can't do that. That's why you need 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 -- who, again, must also possess a fishing license -- 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 (SR-30); and the Malad River.

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.

Ski Area Welcomes Snowkiters!

We are stoked to announce that Powder Mountain is one of the first Ski Areas in the country to open its boundaries to Snowkiters. Powder Mountain receives more than its share of fresh snow and provides easy access to ridge top riding at one of Utah's premiere Snowkite destinations. Mountain Management is welcoming all

Snowkiters and is offering both a dedicated Kiter Pass along with discounts on daily and annual passes to the Snowkite community. Please read the following statement and come join us for a windy session on the Greatest Snow on Earth.



Powder Mountain is one of only a few resorts in North America (if not the only one) supporting snowkiting on a regular basis. Aficionados are welcome to take



advantage of the wide open spaces, gentle inclines and frequent winds at the top of Hidden Lake as long as they have a snowkite pass or a regular lift pass.

Approximately 300 – 500 acres of ideal snowkiting terrain is just off the Hidden Lake parking lot. With a top elevation of 8,900 powder is plentiful throughout the season.

The \$20 snowkite pass allows access to the snowkite area only. Most kites take off just a short distance from the parking lot, but the pass will also allow them to ride the Sunrise pommel lift. Frequent snowkiters at Powder Mountain will want to purchase the \$200 Kite Only Season Pass.

For the month of November only, Powder is offering a special price on regular season passes *only* for those in the snowkiting community. If you purchase a regular season pass prior to November 30, the price will be reduced to \$650. That is a savings of \$140 over the regular season pass price. You can order the pass by calling 801-745-3772 Ext 134. When you come to the resort to pick up the pass, you will be required to show a copy of this email. No refunds will be given for season passes already purchased.

UTAH SNOWKITE EVENT DATES:

December 7-9th Mt Pleasant, UT - Skyline Snowkite Summit

February 9-10th Powder Mountain, UT - Superfly Open

March 1-2nd Skyline, UT - US Open Snowkite Masters

Bring Your Parent To Powder Day



Powder Mountain is hosting a unique party on Saturday, December 15th to kick-off the 2007/08 season. The event includes activities for the entire family and offers an interesting twist to the usual “buy one, get one free” promotion.

With the purchase of a full price child’s lift ticket, the parent skis free. There is no age limit – children from 6 to 60 are encouraged to bring their parents to Powder Mountain for a fun-filled day of skiing, boarding, games and prizes. Children will need to purchase the appropriate ticket for their age, i.e. those 13 or older will need an adult ticket. Although children 6 and younger ski free with a paying adult, on December 15th, it will be more economical to purchase a child’s lift pass so that their parent can receive the freebie. This is a multi-generational event with a prize for the family with the most generations represented.

Besides skiing and boarding, the party atmosphere will be enhanced with music, contests and clinics. Free introductory rail slide clinics will be conducted by the Snow Sports School's Teen X instructors. A hula hoop competition and scavenger hunt will keep all ages entertained whether a participant or a spectator.

For more information, call 801-745-3772 or go to www.powdermountain.com

Beekeeper Convention Scheduled

The 2007 convention will be held on December 6th and 7th in Salt Lake City at the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food building located at 350 North and Redwood Road. Click on a Link below for

more information.



Registration Fees: fees can be paid in advance or at the convention.

UBA Members - \$5.00

Visitors - \$10.00

Banquet Dinner Information:

The Utah Beekeepers Association will have its annual banquet dinner at the Lion House (located at 63 East South Temple, Salt Lake City) at 7PM. Doors open at 6:45PM.

Cost: \$25.00 per plate. This can be paid with registration prior to the convention or at registration on the first day.

RSVP By: dinner is by reservation ONLY - please RSVP to Debbie Amundsen at 801.444.3505 (or damundsen@umnh.utah.edu) no later than November 30th, 2007.

Dress: Business Casual



Menu:

Special Dietary Needs:

Vegetarian Entree/Sugar Free Desserts can be accommodated upon request at the time of RSVP. These requests cannot be accommodated without prior notification.

Parking: Parking for the banquet is available at the

Joseph Smith Memorial Building just west of the Lion House with validations available from the Lion House Hostess. Parking does tend to fill quickly at this time of year and additional parking is available at the ZCMI mall across the street from the Lion House (the first 2 hours are free). Another alternative is a nearby Trax station.

Utah Beekeepers Association Annual Convention 2007 Agenda:

This schedule is still tentative as of October 26th, 2007

December 6th, 2007

12 noon Check in and
Registration

12:30pm Welcome –
Roger Stephenson,
President

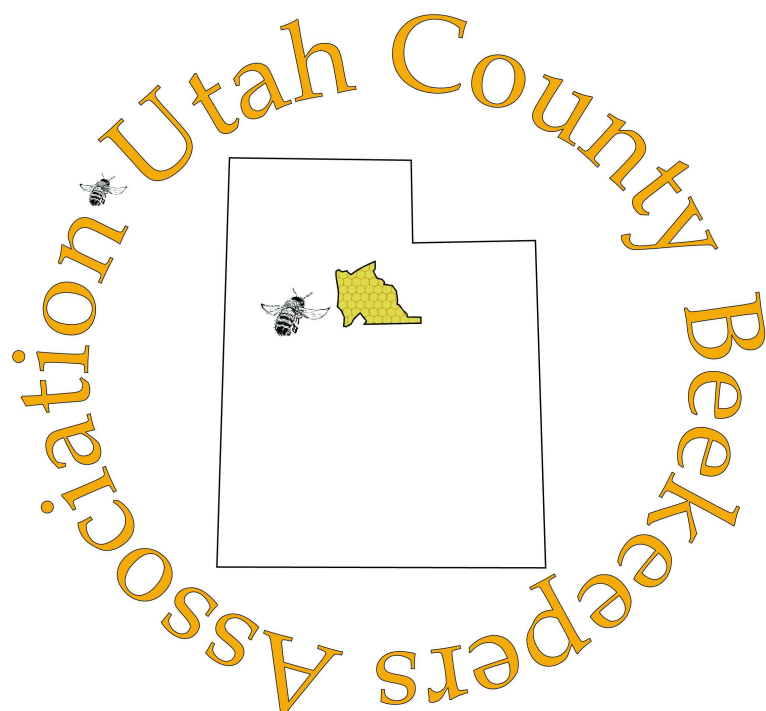
1:00pm Ed Bianco –
State Entomologist,
Department of Agriculture

1:30pm (Open)

2:15pm 15minute

Break

2:30pm Jerry Hayes –
Pollinator Decline/CCD



4:00pm Dave Cowen – new fogger concept for mite control
4:30pm Sharon Shaeffer
5:00pm Disease workshop – Danielle Downey – Department of Agriculture (to
6:15pm)
7:00pm Banquet Dinner at the Lion House

December 7th, 2007

8:30am Check in and Registration
9:00am Opening remarks – Roger Stephenson, UBA president 2007
9:15am Utah County Beekeepers Association Report – Neil Shelley
9:20am Wasatch Beekeepers Association Report – Maurice Cobo
9:25am Cache Valley Beekeepers Report – (tentative)
9:30am Danielle Downey – Small Hive Beetle
10:15am Break and Honey Tasting
10:45am Jerry Hayes – Africanized Bees – best management practices
12:00pm National Honey Board representative – Robert Yack?
12:30pm Lunch Break
1:45pm Open
2:45pm UBA Business – Roger Stephenson
Financial Report – Kathy Jones
Nominations Committee –
3:15pm Panel and Discussions
4:15pm Evaluations and Ideas for 2008
4:35pm Final Remarks – Roger Stephenson, general meeting adjourns
4:45pm Directors Meeting

Key Speakers:

This years key speakers are:

- Jerry Hayes

- Danielle Downey



Honey Tasting:

As always, we will have a honey tasting on Friday, December 7th. Please bring a sample (or more than one if you like) of your honey to share. Please remember to put your name on your sample(s) so that they can be returned. Don't be shy!

Newsletter:

A copy of the current newsletter can be found [HERE](#) in pdf format; you will need an adobe reader to view (click here for a free viewer).

<http://www.utahbeekeepers.org/Convention%20Information.html#newsletter>

Convention Registration Form:

Please take a moment to fill out a registration form prior to the convention. Doing so allows us to have a nicely printed name sticker/tag for you. This form also helps us keep you informed about upcoming conventions and events. The form can be found at

<http://www.utahbeekeepers.org/Utah%20Beekeepers%20Membership%20Information.html> and can be mailed with dues included to:

Kathy Jones, Treasurer, 2275 Pheasant Way, Bountiful, Utah 84010-4207

Checks and money orders should be made out to Utah Beekeepers Association.
Please do not send cash.

Snowbasin Resort OPENS -Snowbasin Resort Raises the Bar for Holiday Activities



With a roaring cheer Snowbasin Resort applauds the snowmakers for their efforts in covering the Needles area with a blanket of snow and opening terrain on Needles for all of our skiers/riders today. Skiing/riding lessons were enjoyed on opening day as

guests' skied their hearts out! Earl's Lodge is open for dining as well as Needles Lodge for beverages and snacks. Ski School, Rental, Tuning and Retail are all open!

The excitement of the winter season continues to build and the **NEW** offerings for the Holidays include:

Needles at Night - Saturday Nights from 4-8. Gondola Ride and Dinner Buffet. Reservations recommended.
801-620-1021. \$35.00

Twass the Night Before Christmas Celebration

4-8 Earl's Lodge and Plaza. **Christmas Tree Lighting, Torchlight Parade,**

arrival of Santa Claus, Carolers', Fireworks and the Extraordinary Dining at Earl's Lodge (Best Restaurant in Northern Utah by Salt Lake Magazine!!)

New this season at the resort will be a coffee bar at the base of the Strawberry Express gondola, the Grizzly Club for kids, multi day tickets, and bed based ski packages. Check out www.snowbasin.com or please call 801-620-1000

Great Backyard Bird Count News

We hope you'll join us again this winter for some important bird monitoring activities, hosted by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Please help us spread the word, especially to those who have never participated before!



Time to focus on feeders!

The 21st season of Project FeederWatch is underway, but you can **sign up at any time**. Your counts will help scientists monitor changes in feeder-bird populations over the winter from year to year. New participants receive a kit with a handbook, a bird-identification poster, a calendar, and an

instruction booklet.

Join the flock! For more information about Project FeederWatch or to sign up in the U.S., please visit www.birds.cornell.edu/pfw/ or call (800) 843-2473. There is a \$15 fee to defray the cost of the materials (\$12 for Lab members). If you live in Canada, please visit our partner, Bird Studies Canada, at <http://www.bsc-eoc.org/national/pfw.html> or call (888) 448-2473.

You can learn more about the project and how to attract birds to your feeders by watching two segments devoted to topics on the Martha Stewart Show. Follow the link on the All these



About Birds home page at www.allaboutbirds.org.

Christmas Bird Count!

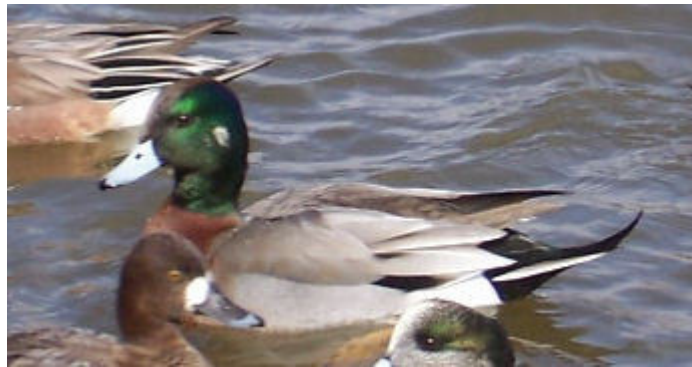
People have been enthusiastically taking part in the annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC) every year since December 1900. It's a great way to expand your birding horizons beyond your backyard. The CBC is run on one calendar day between December 14th and January 5th each year. As a field observer, you will bird with a group of observers. The birds you count will be included with those of others out counting birds in a 15-mile diameter circle during census day.

If you live within a CBC circle, you can count birds at your feeder. CBC data are of growing importance to bird conservation efforts, and in 2007 the new Audubon WatchList of birds at risk was released including, for the first time, trend data from the CBC. For more information about fees and to find out more about the CBC please visit: www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/ or contact your local bird club or Audubon chapter.

Count for Fun, Count for the Future!

That's our theme for the 11th annual Great Backyard Bird Count coming up February 15-18, 2008. We're hoping you'll help top the record-breaking 2007 count, when participants submitted more than 80,000 checklists!

Consider becoming a **GBBC ambassador** to help us spread the word about this great event, whether it's by putting up posters in your neighborhood, contacting newspapers, or leading workshops. For more information, visit www.birdcount.org and click on the "Get Involved" button.



You'll find a new online ambassador sign-up form where you can specify the kinds of activities you'd like to do.

The 2008 GBBC news release is now available on the web site at www.birdcount.org, along with an updated version of the PowerPoint presentation that can be used in GBBC workshops or by anyone else interested in the event. Winners and finalists in the **2007 photo contest** are also posted—the judges had a really tough job sifting through thousands of spectacular images. See what you

think of their choices in five categories. The top winner shows a spectacular Hooded Merganser! www.birdcount.org/2007photowinners

Catch the bird-counting bug!

Your participation in citizen-science programs is a vital part of bird conservation in North America. If you've caught the bird-counting bug, check out the other citizen science projects offered by the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](http://www.cornelllabofornithology.org) and [Audubon](http://www.audubon.org) year round no matter where you live! And let us know what you're doing. You can send comments and ideas to citizenscience@audubon.org or cornellbirds@cornell.edu.

JORDANELLE STATE PARK CHANGES WINTER HOURS

Heber City-- The Nature Center at the Rock Cliff Recreation area will be closed daily during the winter. The Nature Center and/or Naturalist will be available by appointment for programs and events. Please watch for news releases about upcoming programs and events. For more information or to schedule a program or event call (435) 782-3030 or (435) 649-9540.

The park is still open for fishing, hiking, snowshoeing, etc... Park hours are 8am – 5pm daily. Day use fees of \$7.00 per carload up to 8 people apply year round.

TREAD TRAINER COURSE IN SALT LAKE CITY

The nonprofit organization Tread Lightly! would like to invite you to participate in an upcoming Tread Trainer Course in Salt Lake City on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at the Utah Department of Natural Resources.

The Tread Trainer program is designed to train participants in innovative, practical methods of spreading outdoor ethics to the public with a curriculum specifically focused on motorized and mechanized recreation. Once a participant becomes a "Tread Trainer," he or she is equipped to present the



Tread Lightly! message to new riders, club members, co-workers, tourists, scouts, classrooms, or others-- adding a whole new dimension to his/her organization's educational goals or personal volunteer

activities.

The Tread Trainer program was recently highlighted by the National Forest Foundation as a key aid in confronting the threat of unmanaged OHV recreation to public land. Hundreds of enthusiast club members, tour guides, safety trainers, and

land managers from all over the country have been trained and are proclaiming the program's crucial value in today's recreation issues.

TANGIBLE BENEFITS:



Trainers receive a 100-page manual, 2 Tread Lightly! PowerPoint presentations on CD, certificate of completion, set of durable plastic Tread Lightly! hangtags, set of guides for responsible recreation, set of quick-tip brochures, an "On the Right Trail" video, an extra discount on all Tread Lightly! products, \$25

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

INTANGIBLE BENEFITS:

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

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 23, 2008 8:00-5:00

PLACE: Utah Department of Natural Resources 1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Deadline is January 2, 2007.

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



TO REGISTER: Register for the course [online](http://www.treadlightly.org/page.php/programs-trainercourse/Trainer_Courses.html?t=2) http://www.treadlightly.org/page.php/programs-trainercourse/Trainer_Courses.html?t=2 or call Tread Lightly! at (800) 966-9900.

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

“Holiday in the National Parks” Celebrated at the White House

(Washington, DC) – America’s national parks are the focus of this year’s elaborate White House holiday decorations. The remarkable displays of “Holiday in the National Parks” highlight the majesty, history, and diversity of the country’s 391 National Park Service sites.

“It is an amazing honor for the National Park Service to be selected as the theme for the White House holiday decorations by the President and Mrs. Bush,” said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. “Mrs. Bush is the best champion for our national parks, and the beautiful decorations in each state room showcase the natural and historical treasures found in parks throughout the country.”

The holiday displays incorporate the wide variety of natural, cultural, and recreational features preserved by the National Park Service. Models of icons such as the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and the Statue of Liberty share space with paintings of scenic vistas from Grand Canyon, Zion, and Rocky Mountain National Parks. Holiday garlands intertwined with park objects including seashells, pine cones, and gold aspen leaves add to each room’s festive feel.

The official White House Christmas Tree in the Blue Room is adorned with hundreds of handmade ornaments depicting national parks. “Each ornament on the magnificent 18-foot Fraser fir was designed by an artist selected by the park,” said Bomar. “The ornaments tell the stories of our parks, just as our parks tell the stories of our nation.”

Another visitor highlight is a scaled-down, but architecturally accurate, gingerbread reproduction of the south view of the White House, a unit of the National Park Service. Bush family pets Barney, Miss Beazley, and Willie can be seen frolicking on the lawn with moose, elk, raccoons, and other animals found in national parks.

“National Parks commemorate the people, places, and events that define the American experience,” said Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne. “I am so appreciative of President Bush’s efforts to recognize the important role of national parks in American society. Our country will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016 and the President has been instrumental in establishing a Centennial Initiative to prepare the parks for the next century.”

HOW TO AVOID WINTER DRIVING DANGERS

AAA Offers Seasonal Safety Tips for Drivers and Vehicles

SALT LAKE CITY, November 30, 2007 – The season of snow, rain, fog and weather-related auto accidents is upon us. In preparation, AAA Utah urges motorists to get their vehicles ready and refresh their winter driving skills for the cold, wet months ahead.

“Although summer auto crashes are more often fatal, fall and winter have the highest number of weather-related crashes, deaths and injuries,” reports Rolayne Fairclough, AAA Utah spokesperson. “The combination of poorly maintained vehicles and driver error with loss of visibility and slick roads causes thousands of preventable crashes each year.”

Preparing your vehicle is the first step in improving chances for safe winter driving. There are many ways to winterize your car:

- ☐ **Check the systems.** Make sure your brakes, defroster, heater, exhaust system and lights work properly. Change the blades in your wipers and check the level and condition of the antifreeze.
- ☐ **Inspect the tires.** Good tread allows the water to escape from under the tires and increases traction. Keep tires at proper pressure. Low pressure allows the tread to squeeze together and reduces traction. Too-high pressure prevents the tread from contacting the road thoroughly.
- ☐ **Keep a full gas tank.** In winter it may become necessary to change routes, idle for long periods of time, travel slowly or turn around in a storm. A full gas tank allows you to do these maneuvers without worrying about running out of fuel.
- ☐ **Keep the windshield and windows clear.** Have a snow brush and ice scraper in the vehicle. Clean off the roof of the vehicle and the windows. Use the car’s defroster or a clean cloth to “defog” the inside of the windows.
- ☐ **Carry an emergency kit.** Items to include in the kit are a flashlight, a first-aid kit, flares or emergency triangles, window washer fluid, a tool kit, a blanket or sleeping bag, gloves, paper towels, drinking water and extra food. Also include abrasive material such as sand, salt or non-clumping cat litter and a small shovel to free the vehicle if it becomes stuck.

- **Include chains.** Remember, chains must be installed on the “drive” wheels of the vehicle.
- **Carry an extra car key.** Many motorists lock themselves out of their vehicles when installing chains or attending to weather-related problems.

It’s not enough to prepare your vehicle for winter. Brush up on these tips for adapting your driving techniques for winter weather conditions:
- **Adjust your speed for the weather.** SLOW DOWN. Keep in mind that your vehicle needs at least three times more distance to stop on slick roads.
- **Increase your following distance.** To safely stop, a vehicle needs a minimum of four to eight seconds between it and the vehicle in front.
- **Be alert.** Learn to “read” road conditions to anticipate a hazard in time to react safely. Bridges, overpasses, and shaded spots are a special danger because ice often first forms in these areas.
- **Steer clear of collisions.** Learn to take evasive action by steering around a situation to avoid collisions. Steering is preferred to braking at speeds above 25 mph because less distance is required to steer around an object than to brake to a stop. In winter weather, sudden braking often leads to skids.
- **Recognize hydroplaning hazards.** Even a small amount of water on the road can cause a vehicle to hydroplane. One-twelfth of an inch of water between your tires and the road means each tire has to displace one gallon of water a second. To reduce the chances of hydroplaning, slow down, avoid hard braking or sharp turns, drive in the tracks of the vehicle ahead of you and increase your following distance.
- **React to trouble quickly.** If you are in trouble, pull completely off to the side of the road, turn on the hazard lights, light flares or place emergency triangles, signal for help and stay in the vehicle with your seatbelt on. Call for help on a cell phone.
- **Know how to drive in fog.** Visibility in fog can deteriorate in a moment. The rapid loss of visibility creates serious driving hazards. The following are specific driving tips for fog:
 - Drive with lights on low beam.
 - Reduce speed.

- Listen for traffic you cannot see. Open windows if necessary.
 - Use wipers and defroster for maximum visibility.
 - Be patient! Don't switch lanes unnecessarily.
 - Unless absolutely necessary, don't stop on any freeway or other heavily traveled road.
- If possible, postpone your trip until the fog has lifted.

Ballast water brings in new invaders as Congress slowly moves to pass stricter regulations

By Corry Westbrook
Legislative Director, National Wildlife Federation

In less than two years, scientists found 13 new, potentially invasive species in the ballast water tanks of just 41 vessels entering the Great Lakes. None of the 13 had previously been found in those waters.

The report, by David M. Lodge and John M. Drake with the University of Notre Dame, also confirms what many already knew: ballast water is the most important source of new introductions into the Great Lakes, accounting for more than 64 percent of non-native species. Once a species settles into the Great Lakes, it is often only a matter of time before it moves across the country.

The evidence is clear that current ballast water regulations are not adequate in protecting U.S. waters from aquatic invaders. In the next few weeks, the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure will have the opportunity to do something about that, as it prepares to vote on legislation that would set national standards for ballast water.

If the House is serious about passing legislation, it should make sure its ballast bill doesn't fall into the same traps that prevented the Senate from passing ballast legislation last month.

The 2007 Coast Guard Reauthorization Bill (H.R. 2830) shares three key weaknesses with the Ballast Water Management Act of 2007 (S. 1578). First, both the House and Senate bills include loopholes that could prevent full implementation of any new standards for years, if not indefinitely. Strong ballast standards are important, but standards mean nothing if they are not or cannot be

implemented. The only way to ensure their effectiveness is to set a specific deadline for execution.

Second, both bills preempt ballast water pollutants from the Clean Water Act, effectively saying that aquatic organisms do not count as pollutants. Although strong standards are important, they are only useful if they are enforced, and the blanket exemption of ballast water discharges from the Clean Water Act reduces the ability to adequately enforce any legislation.

Third, both bills prevent states from enacting measures to complement and strengthen a federal program. States such as Michigan and California have taken the initiative to protect their waters by passing their own ballast provisions that – along with strong federal regulations – would create a complete protective framework. Other states should not be prevented from doing the same.

Aquatic invasive species are one of the worst threats to native biodiversity, and they are a great threat to our local economies. Invaders reduce game fish populations and out-compete native species for food and habitat. Great Lakes fisheries have lost approximately \$119 million due to the Eurasian ruffe, an invasive fish, and California spends millions of dollars annually to stop one species – the European green crab – from destroying commercial fisheries.

Despite the wide-range of this problem, and evidence proving that new species continue to enter our waters, comprehensive legislation has sat dormant in Congress for years. This year, the Senate has failed to pass comprehensive measures as a direct result of their inability to address the problems surrounding the implementation deadlines for new standards, Clean Water Act, and states' rights.

The House committee must learn from their counterparts' mistakes and include the strengthening provisions immediately. Ballast water legislation will have a tough time passing otherwise. America's waters, wildlife, and industries wait, under siege.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE SAFETY ENCOURAGED OVER HOLIDAYS

Salt Lake - Officials at Utah State Parks and Recreation encourage all off-highway vehicle (OHV) operators to prepare early for a safe and enjoyable winter season. Utah State Parks OHV Education Specialist Ann Evans reminds all riders the key to a safe riding season is proper preparation.

Of particular concern to Evans is the number of young riders who may venture out without proper training. She urges parents to enroll their children in a Know



Before You Go! snowmobile and/or OHV education class.

Classes are available now and continue each week throughout the riding season. Know Before You Go! education classes teach fundamentals of safe and responsible riding. Utah law requires young drivers eight through 15 to possess an OHV Education Certificate while operating an OHV on any public land. Drivers 16 and older must have a valid driver's license or OHV

education certificate. Please remember, children under age eight cannot operate a snowmobile, ATV or off-highway motorbike (OHM) on public land.

"Preparation for OHV riding is not only important for the machine, but also for the rider," said Evans. "All riders should make sure their equipment and their bodies are ready."

She recommends making sure the machine is functioning properly, and that everyone has a properly fitting helmet, good goggles, and proper winter clothing. Also, riders should be physically conditioned to handle the rigors of riding.

Evans also reminds riders to check avalanche conditions and information before venturing outdoors. All snowmobilers should carry a beacon, shovel and probe. This is a perfect time of year to check beacon batteries and purchase equipment. The Utah Avalanche Forecast Center and Utah State Parks post avalanche updates for the Western Uintas, Northern Utah and Manti-Skyline areas. Free avalanche training is also available.

Ride your OHV only in areas designated for their use. The best way to protect your riding privilege is to stay on the trail. Do not carry passengers on single-person machines. However, never ride alone and always let someone know your itinerary.

Respect closed areas and private property. Remember, areas signed as wilderness are closed to all motorized vehicles.

For avalanche information, training and the Know Before You Go! program, please contact the Utah State Parks and Recreation OHV Education office at 1-800-OHV-RIDE.

HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES AT WILLARD BAY

Willard - Willard Bay State Park hosts Fantasy at the Bay, a drive-through holiday light display November 17 through January 1.

Display hours are 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly. Admission is \$7 per vehicle. Utah State Park passes are not valid during light display hours.

The Cottonwood Campground is filled with animation, lighted trees, roadway lights, and displays. A concession service offers hot chocolate, hamburgers, chili, scones, s'mores, and other items around a large campfire. Horse-drawn hay wagon rides are available every night for an additional cost of \$3 per person. To reach Willard Bay State Park, take exit 357 off I-15.

This year Willard Bay State Park is collecting donations to support Angels for Christmas. This community project provides holiday gifts for children that would otherwise not receive them. Donations of money, food, new unwrapped toys, and clothing are needed. Boots, coats, hats, gloves, and warm clothing are the most requested items.

For more information, please call Willard Bay State Park at (435) 734-9494 or Fantasy at the Bay at (435) 237-9506.

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

December 6 Edge of the Cedars State Park - Blanding
Fremont Archeology at Range Creek: Celebrate the Range Creek exhibit currently on loan to Edge of the Cedars from the Utah Museum of Natural History and Powell Museum. Join College of Eastern Utah Prehistoric Museum Curator Karen Green as she presents a history of the Fremont culture and the archeology of Range Creek. She discusses the recent flute discovery at Range Creek and replicas of ancient flutes will be on display. This program begins at 6:30 p.m., and is free to

the public. (435) 678-2238

December 8 Edge of the Cedars State Park - Blanding

Fremont Figurines: Children and adults are welcome to join park staff for a fun workshop and to learn about the famous Fremont figurines. Make your own clay figurine! Program runs 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and is free with museum admission. (435) 678-2238

National Shooting Sports Foundation Newest OWAA Supporting Group

MISSOULA, Mont. – The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation, and Bass Pro Shops are among the newest supporting groups of Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA).

Supporting groups, businesses and agencies affiliate with OWAA to gain access to 1,300 of the nation's best-known outdoors communicators.

"NSSF has a long history of being a supporter of OWAA, so it feels good to be back," said Bill Brassard, NSSF managing director of communications, safety and education. "OWAA's new policy regarding 'supporters' is what made it possible for NSSF to rejoin."

Kevin Rhoades, executive director of OWAA, said that OWAA's board of directors and membership last spring instituted a new business relationship with supporting groups, businesses and agencies that will improve access to OWAA's members and foster debate and dialogue.

"We see ourselves as a diverse outdoor media group aspiring to create a forum for the exchange of ideas about all things related to the outdoors. We hold the First Amendment in the highest regard," Rhoades said.

Brassard said having access to outdoor communicators is of major importance to increase participation in the shooting sports to promote a better understanding of the firearms industry and its products.

"The NSSF and its industry partners sponsored two successful tactical rifle education seminars at outdoor writer conferences over the past year, and we'll consider doing another at the OWAA Conference in Bismarck next June," he said.

OWAA's next conference is slated for June 21-24, 2008, in Bismarck, N.D. The 81-year-old organization will sponsor a shooting event on Monday, June 23, and OWAA supporters Smith & Wesson, Browning, the Bureau of Land Management and others plan to demonstrate products and instruct OWAA members in shooting safety.

OWAA is a nonprofit, international organization that was founded in 1927 by a small group of hunting and fishing writers. Since then, the organization has grown to approximately 1,300 communicators from the broad, modern spectrum of outdoor beats, from shooting to camping, backpacking to kayaking, wildlife watching and mountain climbing.

From these diverse backgrounds and disciplines, members gather beneath the OWAA banner to hone skills, share philosophies, develop profitable business strategies and network with peers, conservation policymakers and industry trendsetters. OWAA's membership remains grounded in its historical roots – hunting and fishing communications. However, it continues to broaden its outlook and services to encompass all resource-dependent outdoor activities.

OWAA's national headquarters is located in Missoula, Mont. To learn more about OWAA, "The Voice Of The Outdoors," call 406-728-7434 or visit www.owaa.org.

Redwood Adventures Tours to Offer Fresh Water Fishing Tour Packages

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Adventures
Tours invites
anglers to
experience fresh
water fishing,
spawning
observation and
culinary
instruction in
Northern
California*

**ORICK, Calif. -
Nov. 27, 2007 -
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migration and spawning of local salmon and other fresh water fish, [Redwood Parks Lodge Company](#) today announced that its guided tours division, Redwood Adventure Tours, is now offering fresh water fishing, spawning observation and culinary instruction tour packages.

The Redwood Adventures Tours fresh water fish tour packages are designed to help area visitors experience the legendary fresh fish migration with a tour that best fits their own interests. Each tour includes any necessary supplies including boat, tackle and bait, meals and expert guides to ensure a unique and safe experience.

"Northern California's renowned salmon migration brings anglers and nature enthusiasts from around the world right to our backyard." said John "Johnny Redwood" Russavage, chairman and CEO of Redwood Parks Lodge Company. "With the Smith, Klamath, Trinity, Mad, Van Duzen rivers and Redwood Creek all within a few miles of the Redwood Adventures Village, guests can take advantage of the migration with whatever tour best suites them. Whether visitors are avid anglers itching to pull in a big catch, families wanting to watch hundreds of fish make their way home to their birthplace or a budding chef interested in pairing local salmon with the best beer and wine - we have a tour that is perfect for everyone."



The following fresh water fish tours and instruction are now available:

Fresh Water Fishing Tour

Professional fishing guides lead visiting anglers out on one of several regional rivers to fish for Chinook (King) Salmon, Coho (Silver) Salmon, Steelhead trout and Cutthroat trout. Each tour begins at daybreak and lasts until

late afternoon. While anglers are required to have their own current fishing license and permits, the tour includes a professional fishing guide, boat and all the necessary tackle and bait for the day.

Fishing tours are available year round and are \$250 per person per day. The best months for fresh water fishing are October-March.

Spawn Observation Tour

Redwood Adventures Tours spawn observation tours, lead by biologists and fishery experts, direct participants to a variety of locations to study the migration and spawning of wild salmon. In addition to watching this age old phenomenon, participants will learn about the history, habitat, ecology, cultural and historic importance of salmon on the north coast.

The spawn observation tour is available September-March. Tours can be scheduled in half and full day increments and start at \$125 per person.



Salmon Culinary Instruction

Redwood Adventures Tours' expert chef shows visitors a variety of ways to prepare salmon, the most versatile fresh water fish when it comes to preparation. Participants learn traditional Yurok Indian stick-barbecue/smoking techniques and how to clean and cut salmon. In addition to incorporating local ingredients into the salmon dishes, participants will learn the art of pairing the perfect wine/beer to complete each meal.

The salmon culinary instruction is available year round and pricing depends on the

season. Please call for more information.

"With the rain we have had received so far this year, our rivers are brimming with salmon and trout." Russavage explained. "Despite a report of a salmon shortage in the Bay Area, our Klamath Basin is full of fish and ready to support any and all anglers and area visitors."

Redwood Adventures Tours is located off Highway 101 at milepost 124 near Orick in Humboldt County, California on Valley Green Camp Road, approximately halfway between Portland, Oregon and San Francisco, California. The tour office is right next to Redwood National and State Parks' Elk Meadow recreation area in the Redwood Adventures Village.

About Redwood Adventures Tours

Redwood Adventures Tours, a division of Redwood Parks Lodge Company, is one of a few companies permitted to conduct guided tours within the Redwood National and State Parks. Available tours range from one-hour orientation tours to customizable day tours and multi-night backcountry adventures. For more information or to book a tour please visit www.redwoodadventures.com or call 866-733-9637.

About Redwood Parks Lodge Company

Based in Orick, California and formed in 2002, Redwood Parks Lodge Company, Inc. is poised to become the leading lodging, hospitality and entertainment company serving outdoor lovers, vacationers, adventurers and travelers visiting the Redwood National and State Parks. The company owns approximately 68 acres of land on three parcels adjacent to or near the Redwood Parks system and bordered by Highway 101 in Orick.

The company's first phase development is completed, and it has totally refurbished six existing sawmill employee houses into luxurious, 1,200-square foot vacation cabins at Redwood Adventures Village, with each cabin featuring three bedrooms, 1.5 baths, a full kitchen, a living room, an attached garage and more. Additionally, the company has secured permission to conduct guided tours, hikes and excursions throughout Redwood Parks and Humboldt County, as well as hold special events/festival services within the parks system.

In the future, Redwood Parks Lodge Company plans to develop a luxury lodge, resort hotels/meeting centers, restaurants, stores and recreational facilities on its

three properties adjacent to/surrounded by Redwood National and State Parks. For more information, please visit www.redwoodparkslodge.com or www.redwoodadventures.com, or call 866-733-9637.

Christmas Party for Utah Friends of Paleontology

The Great Basin Chapter's Annual Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 14, 2007 at 7:00 pm at the home of Mark and Natalie Loewen, 545 East 900 in Salt Lake City. Please bring a potluck dish, your favorite beverage, and a white elephant gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. Hope to see you there!

Responsible Snowsports: 7 Tips



Be responsible when skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and snowboarding with these quick tips:

1. Low snow, don't go. Avoid areas with inadequate snow cover. Traveling in these conditions can damage plants and soils just below the snow's surface.
2. Travel only in areas designated for your type of winter travel.
3. Avoid traveling in potential avalanche areas. Use terrain to your advantage, avoiding steep slopes, cornices, and gullies or depressions; periodically check for clues to an unstable snowpack. Remember, one person at a time on slopes. An avalanche transceiver, shovel, and probe should be worn on your body at all times in avalanche terrain.
4. Respect established ski tracks. If traveling by foot or snowshoe don't damage existing ski tracks.
5. If a person develops hypothermia, warm the person up by rubbing them vigorously and getting them into dry clothes. Give them warm non-alcoholic liquids.
6. If you must have a fire, use a fire pan.
7. Dispose of all sanitary waste properly by packing it out or bury it in a shallow hole in the snow.

Get [more quick tips](#) for other types of recreation!

Tread Lightly! 101 Online Course



Take the Tread Lightly! 101 Online Awareness Course and be entered to win. This 30-minute course is a fantastic way to learn the basics of treading lightly. The course utilizes flash technology, audio voiceovers, knowledge checks, and interactive scenarios to teach the Tread Lightly! principles and how to apply them in real world situations. [Complete the course](http://www.treadlightly.org/page.php/education-onlinecourse/Online-Awareness-Course) <http://www.treadlightly.org/page.php/education-onlinecourse/Online-Awareness-Course> now and be automatically entered to win hats, coolers, lanterns and other prizes.

BLUERIBBON COALITION ANNOUNCES UPDATED PURPOSE

Pocatello, ID- The BlueRibbon Coalition today announced changes to its articles of incorporation and bylaws, approved by its Board and members at the Coalition's annual meeting in late September. Among the changes are updates to the Coalition's corporate purposes, which now clarify that BlueRibbon "shall be dedicated to defense and enhancement of recreational access, via motorized, mechanized, and non-mechanized means, to public lands, and to the protection of the environment..." and "shall be guided by the principle that viable, sustainable and healthy ecosystems...can be best fostered, maintained and supported by elected officials, administrators, and an interested public who are able to gain access to, directly observe, and actively manage those ecosystems...." BlueRibbon is an Idaho nonprofit corporation founded in 1987, organized under, and operating in accordance with, Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

"These subtle but overdue changes clarify and restate BlueRibbon's core purpose of 'protecting our natural resources FOR the public instead of FROM the public,'" noted Brian Hawthorne, BlueRibbon's Public Lands Policy Director. "BlueRibbon has become a true conservation organization. In over twenty years of OHV advocacy, we have learned that protecting access means more than filing lawsuits. It also means we must be effective at minimizing our impacts on the environment. The proper management of recreation requires a balance of respect for the physical environment and recognition of the importance of human visitation and interaction with natural settings. BRC will focus on aggressive defense of motorized uses, but we will also be making sure our trails are managed, maintained and sustainable," Hawthorne added.

"I am proud to be leading the BlueRibbon team during adoption of these changes," observed BlueRibbon Executive Director Greg Mumm. "BlueRibbon long ago learned the importance of knowledge, relationship building, cooperative dialogue

and effective advocacy in the agencies and the courts as critical tools in the battle to save public lands access. Anti-access forces are more numerous and shamefully better funded, and our voice in the dialogue will be heard only through better organization and the sheer strength of our message," Mumm concluded.

BlueRibbon formally adopted the changes to its governing documents after nearly a year of efforts, including Board discussion, notice to its members and compliance with the statutory provisions of the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act. Each of the changes in question received the approval of more than 90% of the BlueRibbon members voting. Also click to these links for comparison of the changes to the First Restated Articles

http://www.sharetrails.org/uploads/PL/AOI/2d_Restated_AOI_FILED10-30-07-1.pdf <http://www.sharetrails.org/files/ArticleChanges.pdf>, and to the BlueRibbon Bylaws <http://www.sharetrails.org/files/BylawChanges.pdf>.

The BlueRibbon Coalition is a national recreation group that champions responsible use of public and private lands, and encourages individual environmental stewardship. It represents over 10,000 individual members and 1,200 organization and business members, for a combined total of over 600,000 recreationists nationwide. 1-800-258-3742. <http://www.sharetrails.org>

AAA FLEET GOES GREENER: OFFSETS EMISSIONS

AAA Obtains Carbon Offsets, Saves 100,000+ Gallons of Gasoline per Year

SALT LAKE CITY, November 29, 2007 – AAA's fleet of hybrid vehicles is now even greener. As part of its commitment to reducing automobiles' impact on the environment, AAA of Northern California, Nevada and Utah is pleased to announce it is completely offsetting the carbon emissions of its corporate fleet and will reduce its use of gasoline by 48 percent per year.

Last year, AAA announced it was replacing all the vehicles in its fleet with a combination of Toyota Prius and Ford Escape hybrids. With the conversion of the fleet to hybrids now complete, the organization decided to make the further environmental commitment of offsetting the fleet's carbon emissions.

"The decision to convert the fleet to hybrids and purchase carbon offsets is part of the AAA Greenlight™ Initiative, our program to promote the development and understanding of alternative fuels and fuel-related technologies," explained AAA Utah spokesperson Rolayne Fairclough.

Carbon offsets are a means of funding projects that combat global warming by reducing carbon emissions. AAA's carbon offsets are being obtained through San Francisco-based TerraPass. TerraPass funds three types of leading-edge projects: wind power; farm power such as dairy farm methane digesters; and landfill methane capture.

"We've already seen huge improvement in the fuel efficiency of our fleet through our switch to hybrids," said Fairclough. "In fact, our experience has allowed us to pass on what we've learned through classes for hybrid drivers and tips for getting better mileage."

AAA fleet drivers travel an estimated 4.8 million miles per year. The cars are used primarily by insurance employees whose job requires the use of a vehicle. In 2008, the first full year the new hybrid fleet will be fully implemented, the company estimates it will use 115,000 fewer gallons of gasoline and reduce its emissions by 1,314 tons.

AAA members who purchase their own hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle are eligible for a discount on their AAA auto insurance of up to 5 percent depending on the type of AAA insurance coverage selected. Stop by your local AAA office, visit www.aaa.com or call (877) 323-4222 for a quote.

For more information about alternative fuels and the AAA Greenlight Initiative, visit www.aaa.com/greenlight.

BLM's STATEWIDE RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO MEET

The Bureau of Land Management's Utah Statewide Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet December 11, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., at the Homewood Suites, 423 West 300 South, Rio Grande Room, in Salt Lake City.

The Council will hold elections of officers and receive updates on the oil and gas permitting process, off-highway vehicle management, Healthy Lands Initiative, Take it Outside Initiative, and BLM's involvement in the Crandall Canyon Mine.

A public comment period is scheduled from 3:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., where members of the public may address the Council. Written comments may be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84101.

All meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating public.

For further information, contact Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, at (801) 539-4195.

Oregon Commits to Lapsed Angler Recruitment Program

First-Ever Direct Mail Marketing Program from RBFF to Increase Fishing License Sales

ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 28, 2007) – The Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF) today announced that the [Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) (ODFW) will participate in a direct mail marketing effort to increase fishing license sales. The direct mail toolkit, developed by RBFF to help increase participation in the sport and generate awareness of the connection between fishing license sales and conservation efforts, will be used to implement a lapsed angler recruitment program in Oregon.

"We are thrilled to be working with ODFW to recruit lapsed anglers in Oregon," said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson. "Oregon is committed to reaching out to lapsed anglers and getting families involved in the sport and that's an important step towards generating revenue for the industry and for conservation. RBFF estimates that the nationwide direct mail program could generate \$5.6 million in revenue for those states who participate."

"Most of our revenue is tied to license sales, so we're concerned when sales decline," said ODFW Director Roy Elicker. "We're also concerned about what it means for the future. Adults are the key to getting kids started fishing. If parents aren't fishing, it's unlikely their kids will fish. We're excited about working with RBFF to encourage lapsed anglers to start fishing again and, while they're at it, take their kids."

The product will include future modules to address retention and recruitment of new anglers, an online component complete with direct mail templates, instructions to implement a direct mail campaign and marketing assistance from RBFF. A workshop for states that want to use the toolkit will be held January 16--17, 2008 in Dallas, Texas.

About RBFF

[RBFF](#) is a nonprofit organization established in 1998 to increase participation in recreational angling and boating. RBFF helps people discover, share and protect the legacy of boating and fishing through national outreach programs including the [Take Me Fishing](#) campaign and [Anglers' Legacy](#).

JUST SOME ADDED MOTIVATION



Will Allender, our ace map guy (see link to maps below), is a Lifetime BRC Member from Colorado and an avid single-track trail and dual-sport motorcyclist.

Last week Will sent us an email with a couple of pictures he took at a Moab letter writing party held by his local dirt bike club.

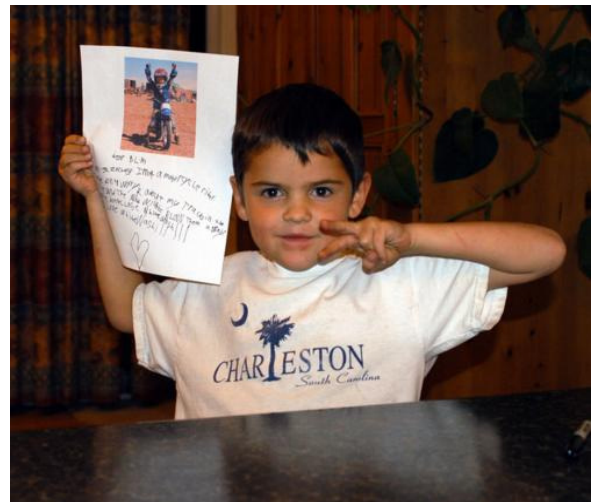
For anyone who is not sure what this is all about, *this* is why we fight so hard to keep these public lands open.

Thanks again for your involvement and generous financial support. As always, please call or email with questions or concerns.

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BRC's downloadable maps:



http://www.sharetrails.org/uploads/PL/Moab_2007/

Interactive Maps: <http://tinyurl.com/2x8rhr>

BRC's 3 Step Action Alert: <http://www.sharetrails.org/alerts/?alert=729>

SPOT Satellite Messenger to Be Available at Cabela's For the Holidays

World's largest direct marketer and leading outdoor retailer signs agreement to carry revolutionary new consumer satellite personal safety device in its stores nationwide

MILPITAS, CA (November 26, 2007) – SPOT Inc. today announced that Cabela's Incorporated (NYSE: CAB), a leading specialty retailer of hunting, fishing, camping and related outdoor merchandise, will carry the new SPOT Satellite Messenger throughout its U.S. retail locations just in time for the holidays. SPOT is already available online at www.cabelas.com, and will also be available in Cabela's Spring 2008 catalog.

“We're thrilled to partner with Cabela's not only because they're a pre-eminent retailer of products for the outdoor enthusiast, but also because they clearly



understand the value of SPOT – a highly enthusiastic support that stems from their hands-on experience with the device,” said Jim Shriver, National Sales Manager for SPOT Inc.

“SPOT promises to offer our customers a different level of security. This is a state-of-the-art satellite product that offers multiple safety functions for our customers who spend considerable time outdoors. This is how the product entered our assortment plan,” said John O’Rourke, Product Manager for Cabela’s. “For our customers it’s a unique and dynamic safety device at an affordable price.”

SPOT enables users, based on varying levels of need, to send messages to friends, family, or emergency responders, and to visually track the location of the SPOT satellite messenger:

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

Weighing just over 7 ounces and with a Cabela’s price of less than U.S. \$150, the SPOT satellite messenger is ideal for the growing market of more than 64 million estimated outdoor enthusiasts in the U.S. specifically for backpacking, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, ice and rock climbing, skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, or recreational maritime activities.

About SPOT Inc.

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

About Cabela's Incorporated

Cabela’s Incorporated, headquartered in Sidney, Nebraska, is the world's largest direct marketer, and a leading specialty retailer, of hunting, fishing, camping and

related outdoor merchandise. Since the Company's founding in 1961, Cabela's® (NYSE: CAB) has grown to become one of the most well-known outdoor recreation brands in the world, and has long been recognized as the World's Foremost Outfitter®. Through Cabela's well-established direct business and its growing number of destination retail stores, it offers a wide and distinctive selection of high-quality outdoor products at competitive prices while providing superior customer service. Cabela's also issues the Cabela's CLUB® Visa credit card, which serves as its primary customer loyalty rewards program.

E-mail about Sears Supporting Soldiers

I know I needed this reminder since Sears isn't always my first choice. Amazing when you think of how long the war has lasted and they haven't withdrawn from their commitment. Could we each buy at least one thing at Sears this year?

How does Sears treat its employees who are called up for military duty? By law, they are required to hold their jobs open and available, but nothing more. Usually, people take a big pay cut and lose benefits as a result of being called up.

Sears is voluntarily paying the difference in salaries and maintaining all benefits, including medical insurance and bonus programs, for all called up reservist employees for up to two years.

I submit that Sears is an exemplary corporate citizen and should be recognized for its contribution. I suggest we all shop at Sears, and be sure to find a manager to tell them why we are there so the company gets the positive reinforcement it well deserves.

Pass it on.

Decided to check this before I sent it forward. So I sent the following e-mail to the Sears Customer Service Department:

I received this e-mail and I would like to know if it is true. If it is, the Internet may have just become on e very good source of advertisement for your company. I know I would go out of my way to buy products from Sears instead of another store for a like item, even if it's cheaper at that store.

This is their answer to my e-mail:

Dear Customer:

Thank you for contacting Sears. The information is factual. We appreciate your positive feedback.

Sears regards service to our country as one of greatest sacrifices our young men and women can make. We are happy to do our part to lessen the burden they bear at this time.

Bill Thorn
Sears Customer Care
webcenter@sears.com
1-800-349-4358

Please pass this on to all your friends. Sears needs to be recognized for this outstanding contribution and we need to show them as Americans, we do appreciate what they are doing for our military!!!

THIS STORY EXEMPLIFIES GUN CONTROL AS IT SHOULD BE.

Shooting in Butte, Montana

Shotgun preteen vs. illegal alien Home Invaders Butte, Montana November 5, 2006

Two illegal aliens, Ralphel Resindez, 23, and Enrico Garza, 26, probably believed they would easily overpower home-alone 11 year old Patricia Harrington after her father had left their two-story home.

It seems the two crooks never learned two things: they were in Montana and Patricia had been a clay shooting champion since she was nine.

Patricia was in her upstairs room when the two men broke through the front door of the house. She quickly ran to her father's room and grabbed his 12 gauge Mossberg 500 shotgun.

Resindez was the first to get up to the second floor only to be the first to catch a near point blank blast of buckshot from the 11-year-old's knee crouch aim. He suffered fatal wounds to his abdomen and genitals.

When Garza ran to the foot of the stairs, he took a blast to the left shoulder and staggered out into the street where he bled to death before medical help could arrive.

It was found out later that Resindez was armed with a stolen 45 caliber handgun he took from another home invasion robbery. That victim, 50-year-old David Burien, was not so lucky. He died from stab wounds to the chest.

Ever wonder why good stuff never makes NBC, CBS, PBS, MSNBC, CNN, or ABC news.... Now that is Gun Control

Southern Region Fishing Report

NOTE: Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners, and natural baits (where allowed by regulations).

BAKER RESERVOIR: Catchable rainbows have been stocked and fishing is very good using PowerBait and worms. Also good success reported using black wooly buggers. Fall and winter are good times to target brown trout at Baker. Try minnow-imitating lures and flies, or dead minnows.

BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES: All lakes except Barker and Lower Barker Reservoirs are now closed to fishing until April 2008. Access is still good, but that could change as soon as it starts snowing. At Barker and Lower Barker, try a black marabou jig fished near any cover for brook trout. Wooly bugger, leech and scud patterns will also work. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES: One report of good success for tiger and rainbow trout at Kents Lake using brown and olive wooly buggers. Some of the tigers are up to 18 inches. Access is still good, but that could change as soon as it starts snowing.

BEAVER RIVER, LOWER: Flows are low and clear. Pressure is moderate and success is fair to good. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with respect. Much of the private land is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass so watch for signs.

BEAVER RIVER, UPPER: Pressure is light. Fishing is fair to good for small browns and rainbows. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.



BOULDER MTN LAKES: Most Boulder Mtn. lakes are now closed to fishing until April 2008. Check the Utah Fishing Guide (proclamation) for which lakes are still open. Fishing for brook trout in the remaining open lakes should be good until the

mountain is snowed in. A standard technique at the brookie lakes is a black marabou jig fished near any cover. Wooly bugger, leech and scud patterns will also work. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

CHALK CREEK: Small stream east of Fillmore. Catchable rainbows have been stocked in the campground area. Wild rainbows are abundant everywhere else in the stream and can be caught with spinners and flies. Best fishing is away from the campground and more heavily fished spots. The North Fork provides a good spot for those willing to hike. Meadow Creek and Pioneer Creek are other small streams in the area that contain populations of small, wild trout.

CLEAR CREEK: Water is clear and fishing is good, especially for rainbows in the upper stretches. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective.

CORN CREEK: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in the campground area. Wild brown trout are abundant everywhere else in the stream and can be caught with spinners and flies. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective.

DUCK CREEK/ASPEN MIRROR: Fishing is fair to good with PowerBait.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER KINGSTON CANYON: Flows are low and slightly turbid. Fishing should be fair to good until the river ices up usually sometime in December. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective. There is public access on a section of Kingston Canyon midway through the canyon that was purchased through the Blue Ribbon Program. Look for the signs. Most of the remainder of the canyon is private and posted, so ask permission first.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER BLACK CANYON: Flows are low and slightly turbid. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective. For the section of river from the BLM property boundary (about four miles south of Antimony) upstream to the confluence with Deer Creek, special regulations include the use of artificial flies and lures only and a limit of two trout. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER ABOVE TROPIC RES: Flows are low and generally clear. Fishing is good for small to medium-sized brown trout. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective. Best trout water starts near Kanab Creek and upstream. Lots of shiners below. Some of the tributaries also hold good trout populations.

ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR: (Upper and Lower): The upper reservoir was drained for dam repairs. The lower reservoir still has water. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Upper Enterprise Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to one 8-oz portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 2-oz portion per month.

FISH LAKE: Good success for splake by jigging just off the weedline and out to 40 to 50 feet. Tip your jigs with sucker or perch meat for best success. Rainbows are also caught at the same depths with jigs or traditional baits. Trolling has also

been successful for rainbows and splake. Lake trout have spread out through the lake again and fishing is a little slow. A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limits on tiger muskie apply here: 1 fish, which must be over 40 inches.

FORSYTH RESERVOIR: No recent reports. For splake, try jigs tipped with sucker meat or stillfishing dead minnows. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

FREMONT RIVER: Flows above Mill Meadow are low and clear. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

GUNLOCK RESERVOIR: Some larger bass have been caught this year. No recent reports. A fish consumption advisory was issued for largemouth bass from Gunlock due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption of largemouth bass to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. Remember special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

JOHNSON RESERVOIR: The water level has dropped significantly. Musky fishing will be slow until spring. The reservoir contains an abundance of suckers, Utah chubs, and small yellow perch. Special regulations: Whole fish and amphibians are not allowed as bait. Cut bait must be no longer than one inch in any dimension and only one piece per hook. Limit one tiger musky over 40 inches all tiger muskies less than 40 inches must be immediately released.

KOLOB RESERVOIR: No recent reports, but fishing is often very good here in the fall. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 18 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations.

KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR: No recent reports, but fishing should be fair to good.

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR: Fishing is fast for rainbows up to 14" with any color of PowerBait. Flies and lures should also produce.

MAMMOTH CREEK: Flows are generally low and clear. Moderate pressure on weekends, especially in Hatch Meadow. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective. Public access is possible on some of Mammoth Creek west of Highway 89 please watch for and respect private property postings. Special regulations apply to a section of Mammoth Creek check the proclamation for details. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR: Water level has dropped below the boat ramp launch at your own risk. Brown trout are congregating at the inlets good success reported with spinners and jigs. Remember that the perch limit is 20. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR: The lake level is slowing rising and the water is a little clearer. Fishing could pick up at any time as the water clears. Sampling during the last week of September found that rainbows are still very abundant and very healthy. There are a lot of fish 18-20". Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 22 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES: No recent reports, but fishing should be fair to good. Access is still good, but that could change as soon as it starts snowing. Remember special regulations: At Barney Lake, trout limit is 2 and tackle is restricted to artificial flies and lures. Manning Meadow is also restricted to artificial flies and lures, and the trout limit is one fish over 22".

NAVAJO LAKE: The gate is still open, but will likely be closed with the first snowstorm. Fishing varies from slow to good. Flashy lures have worked well all year for rainbows and splake. Also try casting wooly buggers from a boat or float tube. For splake, try jigs tipped with sucker meat or stillfishing dead minnows. Good numbers of brook trout are also present. Try dark-colored marabou jigs and wooly buggers for brook trout.

NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR: No recent reports. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It recommends that adults limit their consumption to two 8-oz portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month.

OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR: No problem launching boats. Rainbows have moved in shallow and fishing from shore is fair to good with most baits. Trolling should also be successful. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

PANGUITCH LAKE: New regulations now in effect —



limit is four trout, which must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. All trout 15 to 22 inches must be released. Tips for releasing fish in the slot (15 to 22 inches): If a fish swallows the hook, please cut the line to avoid mortality. A fish can pass a swallowed hook and survive, but digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks. Fish are moving in shallow and getting

active again. Fishing from shore was fair to very good. One report of good success trolling right on the bottom at any depth.

PARAGONAH (RED CREEK) RESERVOIR: Water level is low. Not much pressure. One angler reports good success with flies the pattern didn't seem to matter. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base. Bait is not as successful for wild fish, so try flashy lures or flies.

PINE LAKE: Fishing is fair to good for rainbows.

PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR: Catchable size rainbows have been stocked.

PIUTE RESERVOIR: Water is very low. Can still launch boats. Trolling for rainbows is fair to good. Shore fishing should be fair to good.

QUAIL LAKE: Bass fishing was hit and miss. Catchable rainbows have been stocked. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

SAND COVE RESERVOIRS: Upper reservoir: No recent reports. Lower reservoir: No recent reports.

SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Bass fishing slows down during the colder months though it is still possible to catch fish during cooler weather. The keys to success are a slow retrieve (often "deadsticking") and moving around to find the fish. Special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park.

SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK: Turbidity varies, depending on the weather. Expect the river to be muddy after each storm. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective. Whitefish will be concentrated in some of the deeper pools and runs through the winter and will take a nymph pattern or wax worm on a dead drift. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream (south) from the town of Hatch. Intermittent sections of good habitat are present above Hatch and easily accessible from Highway 89. Asay Creek west of Highway 89 is on private land and access is restricted.

SEVIER RIVER MARYSVALE CANYON: Fishing was very good for browns and rainbows using any technique. Brown trout get aggressive in the fall as they

prepare to spawn, so try fishing streamers or flashy lures. Egg patterns are also effective.

THOUSAND LAKES MTN: Good success reported at Meeks for cutthroat and brooks using spinners. Fall fishing should also be good at the other lakes.

**TROPIC
RESERVOIR:**

There may be a few catchable rainbows left, though most would not have survived the previous low water levels. Winter is a good time to target large brown trout. The local favorite technique is a dead minnow fished on the bottom.

URBAN PONDS:

Iron County: No recent reports.

Washington County ponds: Trout have been stocked in all the ponds and will be stocked again during the week after Thanksgiving. Fishing should be good with any technique, though adults are encouraged to use flies or lures.



WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR: The water is extremely low but filling. Few trout would have survived the low water. Last report was that bluegill fishing was still good.

YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR: One angler reports generally slow fishing, though he did catch a couple nice brook trout. Fall is a good time to target brook trout. Try dark-colored marabou jigs and wooly buggers. Scuds can also be productive.