

## 2008 ELK/DEER HUNT CAMPGROUND/ROAD UPDATE

SALT LAKE CITY, October 1, 2008 - Beginning this weekend, many hunters will be in the great outdoors for the 2008 general elk hunt, followed by the general deer hunt starting October 18th. The Forest Service would like to remind hunters and other forest users who use off-highway vehicles such as four-wheelers, dirt bikes etc. to “Tread Lightly”: Travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted, stay on designated routes, under no circumstances are motorized vehicles ever allowed off-designated roads and trails not even to retrieve game; avoid streams, lakeshores, meadows, muddy roads, trails and steep hillsides. It is the responsibility of all hunters and other forest users to obtain travel maps that show roads and trails that are designated open to off highway vehicles

If you are planning to use livestock on National Forest lands, remember that you are permitted to use only certified weed free straw, hay or pellets to help prevent the spread of Noxious Weeds.

Hunters and forest users who are heading to the woods should always take extra water, food and extra clothing (rain gear-cold weather gear) in case the weather turns bad. You should always carry waterproof matches, first-aid-kit, flashlight, map, compass, whistle, and a cell phone. Always let someone know where you are going and approximately what time you will return, always wear your hunters orange and never hunt alone.

Learn to recognize potentially dangerous situations and know when to turn around.

Always carry in your vehicle a tow strap, proper tire chains and a shovel. Remember, you may be held responsible for any resource damage that occurs while removing a stuck vehicle. Getting into the mountains is only half the battle; you also need to get home safely.



The following is a listing of Forest Service campgrounds that will be open for the 2008 deer hunt:

### **ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 789-1181 <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley>**

The Ashley National Forest Travel Plan (Special Closure Order # 05705AO...Exemption #4) states that motorized vehicles are “allowed off designated routes within 300 feet when resource damage will not occur to access a temporary camp site to gather firewood by permit; or retrieval of legally taken big game.” This order applies to all **Ranger Districts** on the **Ashley National Forest**. Special rules also apply to camping in the High Uinta Wilderness Area please contact the Ashley national Forest for details.

**Duchesne Ranger District/Roosevelt Ranger District:** Yellowstone, Uinta Canyon, Bridge, Reservoir, Swiftcreek, Miners Gulch, Aspen, Iron Mine, Avintaquin and Pole Creek campgrounds will be open with no water, but full fees. **Please pack out what you pack in.**

**Flaming Gorge Recreation Area:** Browne Lake will remain open through the fall hunts. Buckboard, Lucerne, Willows, and Carmel campgrounds will remain open as long as visitation is good. Manns, Spirit Lake, Deep Creek, Red Canyon Complex, Hideout and Stateline campgrounds are closed. Deer Run and Firefighters campgrounds will remain open until October 5<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather and will definitely close on October 13. Dripping Springs campground will remain open with water, weather depending. The water will be shut off by October 13<sup>th</sup>, but the campground will be open year round with a \$5.00 fee. A use fee is required for use of certain developed areas within the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Day passes are \$5.00, 7 day passes are \$15.00 and annual passes are \$35.00. Passes are available in Manila Utah and in Evanston, Rock Springs and Green River Wyoming and local businesses in and around the Flaming Gorge area. Pass outlets have information on where the pass is required.

**Vernal Ranger District:** Oaks Park campground will be open with no water or fees. All other campgrounds will be closed.

**DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST:** (435) 865-3700 <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie>

**Cedar City Ranger District:** Duck Creek (loop A), White Bridge and Te-ah campgrounds will be open with no water. **Please pack out what you pack in.**

**Escalante Ranger District:** Pine Lake, Posey Lake, Blue Spruce and Barker campgrounds will be open with fees, but no water.

**Pine Valley Ranger District:** Equestrian campground will be open until October 25<sup>th</sup> with no water or fees. Hunters need to be aware that the road leading into Oak Grove campground is accessible, but very rough.

**Powell Ranger District:** King Creek campground will be open for half price with no water. Red Canyon campground will be open through October 30<sup>th</sup> with no water and half price, weather permitting. If the weather turns bad the campgrounds will be gated and closed sooner.

**Teasdale Ranger District:** Single Tree and Oak Creek campgrounds will be open with water and no fees. If the weather turns bad and temperatures start to freeze the water will be shut off and the campgrounds gated and closed. Two new campgrounds Rosebud and Lower Bowns will be open with no water and no fees.

**FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST:** (435) 896-9233 <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake>

**Beaver Ranger District:** City Creek, Mahogany Cove and Little Reservoir campgrounds will be open with no water and a half price fee will be charged.





**Fillmore Ranger District:** Maple Grove and Adelaide campgrounds will be open with water (depending on weather) and fees. Oak Creek campground will be open with no water. **Please pack out what you pack in.**

**Loa Ranger District:** Tasha Equestrian and Mackinaw campgrounds will be open. Sunglow, Elkhorn and Piute campgrounds will be open with no water and a fee will be charged. If the weather turns bad and temperatures start to freeze the water will be shut off and the campgrounds gated and closed.

**Richfield Ranger District:**

Gooseberry campground will be open with no water or fee.

**MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST:** (435) 637-2817

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/mantilasal>

**Ferron Ranger District:** All campgrounds will be open with fees and no water.

**Moab Ranger District:** All campgrounds, except Warner will be open depending on the weather with fees and no water.

**Monticello Ranger District:** Depending on weather all campgrounds will be open with no water and half price fees.

**Price Ranger District:** Old Folks and Flat Canyon campgrounds are closed. All other campgrounds will be open with no water and full fees.

**Sanpete Ranger District:** All campgrounds will be open with no water and fees.



**UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST** (801) 342-5100 or (801) 236-3400

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uwc>

**Pleasant Grove Ranger District:** Hope and Timpooneke campgrounds will be open with no water and reduced fees; Granite Flat (Tree Army Loop) will be open with water and reduced fees. The water will be turned off on October 6<sup>th</sup> but the campground will remain open through the general big game hunts with a reduced fee. A recreation pass is required for the American Fork Canyon-Alpine Scenic Loop area and is available at Forest Service offices or at the entrance stations to the Scenic Loop. The special use fee is \$6.00 for a three-day pass per vehicle, \$12.00 for a 7 day pass and \$45.00 for the annual pass.

**Spanish Fork Ranger District:** Cherry, Whiting, Blackhawk, Diamond and Payson Lakes campgrounds will be open with no water or services, but with reduced fees. Vernon will be open with no water and no fees.

**Evanston Ranger District:** All campgrounds will be open with no water, services or fees. The Bear River Ranger Station will be open Friday through Sunday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm through the end of October, weather permitting. The Lilly Lake dump station is closed until further notice. **Please pack out what you pack in.**

**Heber-Kamas Ranger District:** Current Creek (loop C and B) open with water and fees; Renegade will

be open with no water and reduced fees; Lodgepole (loop A) will be open with water, and fees; Solider Creek (loop A) open with water and fees; Strawberry Bay (loop B and C) open with water and fees; and Aspen Group will be open with water and fees. If freezing temperatures occur the water will be shut off at all campgrounds. Yellow Pine, Taylor Fork, Shingle Creek, Lower Provo, and Shady Dell campgrounds along the Mirror Lake Highway will be accessible during the hunts with no water or services and fees from \$6.00 to \$10.00 will be charged. On the Weber River Drainage side Smith & Morehouse and Ledgefork campgrounds will have one loop open each with no water, but will charge a fee. Individuals using the Mirror Lake Area either on the Kamas or Evanston side will have to pay a use fee. Three Day passes are \$6.00, 7-day passes are \$12.00 and annual passes are \$45.00. Passes can be purchased at Forest Service Offices in Kamas, Utah; Evanston, Wyoming and local businesses in Kamas and Evanston.

**Logan Ranger District:** Spring Hollow, Guinavah-Malibu, Preston Valley, Lodge, and Red Banks campgrounds in Logan Canyon will be open with water and fees until October 15, 2008. Wood Camp campground will be open with no water, but fees will be charged until October 15, 2008. Box Elder campground in Sardine Canyon will be open until October 15, 2008 with water and fees.



**Ogden Ranger District:** Monte Cristo (one loop) and Botts campground will be open with no water, no services and no fees.

**Mountain View Ranger**

**District:** All campgrounds will be open with no water, services or fees.

**Pack it in and pack it out.**

**Salt Lake Ranger District:** All campgrounds in the Davis County area are closed. Loop, Upper and Lower Narrow campgrounds in South Willow Canyon in Tooele County will be open with fees and no water until October 15, 2008.

Winter gates for the Skyline Drive, Sessions Mountain Road and Tuttle Loop trail in Davis County are scheduled to remain open through the hunts with a closing date set for November 1. However, forest users should be aware that these gates could close early for safety reasons due to inclement weather conditions. Hunters and other users may be asked to leave these areas in the event of an early closure. The gates for the Skyline Drive are located at the junctions of Farmington Canyon and Ward Canyon. November 1, 2008 gates will be closed on the roads leading into North and South Willow Canyons on the Stansbury Mountain Range in Tooele County. Snowmobile use will not be allowed until November 1, 2008. Shooting is not allowed in the Tri-Canyon area.





In all of the above campgrounds please remember to pack-out what you pack-in. Check with your local Forest Service office that manages the area you are planning to visit to obtain current road, trail, campground and weather conditions before you leave. Have a great hunt and be extra careful.

### **October Water Conditions at Bear River Refuge**

As of October 1, Refuge staff have begun to fill several units on the refuge, and water conditions will steadily improve as the fall season continues. In the areas open to hunting, Units 1A and Block A are being filled. Block A is the large unit encircled by the auto tour route. The northeastern and northwestern portions of Block A are full of water at this time.

Currently, no water is going into Unit 9, although there is some water in the channel. Block C, on the Refuge's southern boundary, open to airboats, remains dry. The northern portions of Unit 3, and the Duckville boat launch next to the road, will remain dry until culvert installation is complete, as part of the road construction project. The remaining portions of Unit 3 are full, or nearly full.

Units in the grasslands portion of the hunting area, near Perry, have some water. A prescribed burn of the northern portions of Block A will be conducted the last week of October. During this one-day burn, the area will be closed to all visitors. For a detailed map of hunting areas, visit the refuge web site at: <http://bearriver.fws.gov> . A "Hunting Information" line at (435) 734-6427 offers a prerecorded message, which will be updated regularly. Visitors may also call to speak with refuge staff at (435) 723-5887 during weekday business hours.

### **MOAB VOLUNTEERS HELP TREAD LIGHTLY! AND HUMMER RESCUE POPULAR TRAILHEAD**

MOAB, UTAH (September 30, 2008) – Nearly 20 local volunteers helped improve the popular Kane Creek trailhead in Moab, Utah on Saturday's National Public Lands Day.

The project was part of a Tread Lightly! program called HUMMER's Recreation Rescue. With funding from HUMMER and help from local volunteers, Tread Lightly! is providing project grants to recreation projects around the country to ensure land remains accessible for responsible recreationists.

The Kane Creek trailhead and staging area serves several trails and is popular with mountain bikers, ATV riders, motorcyclists and four wheel drive enthusiasts. Because of its popularity, the area has become somewhat unorganized, often congested, and is seeing damage from unregulated use.



Volunteers began constructing a new kiosk that will contain information on safety, responsible use, Bureau of Land Management rules, and hold new maps and brochures. New fence posts were installed and existing fencing was repaired to help prevent damage and better organize the trails. Volunteers also picked up litter around the area.

Moab Friends for Wheelin', who helped organize the work day, will continue to work on the trailhead's projects through October. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Tread Lightly! at [treadlightly@treadlightly.org](mailto:treadlightly@treadlightly.org) or 1-800-966-9900.

For more information on HUMMER's Recreation Rescue, please visit [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org).

## **DWR CHECKS ELK AND DEER FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE**

**PRICE, UTAH**—The Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) will be sampling harvested big game for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in southeastern Utah this fall. Since sampling began in 2002, a total of 38 mule deer have tested positive. Of these, 26 were from the LaSal Mountains, six were from the Vernal area, and six were from central Utah near Fountain Green. No elk have tested positive in Utah at this point.

CWD is a disease of the nervous system of deer and elk. Infected animals develop brain lesions, become emaciated, appear listless, have droopy ears, and may salivate excessively. Infected animals will eventually die. There is no evidence that CWD infects other big game species or domestic livestock.

Elk and deer hunters are encouraged to participate in disease monitoring during this year's hunting seasons. Testing is done by removing lymph nodes in the throat. The indicators of



CWD are infectious proteins, called prions, which tend to accumulate in lymph node tissues. Samples from each elk or deer are sent to a laboratory in Logan. Hunters can learn whether their harvested animal has tested positive for CWD within 4 weeks.

Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state that no evidence has been found to suggest that CWD can be transmitted to humans by eating or handling meat of infected animals. However, it is advised that hunters avoid consumption and direct contact with brain tissues, spinal fluids, and lymph nodes.



Hunters may encounter officers or biologists in the field or at check stations. Hunters who are not contacted and want their elk or deer tested can contact the Price DWR office at (435) 613-3700, Mondays through Thursdays, from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Receptionists can direct hunters to a nearby check station.

In Castle Country, hunters can have their elk or deer tested at a checking station behind the Walker's Truck Stop in Wellington between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the general season deer hunt from October 18 through October 22. A checking station will also be located on the Two Mile Road on the south side of the LaSal Mountains during this time period.

The DWR will also set out barrels for the collection of cow elk heads during both general season and late season antlerless elk hunts in the area. These barrels will be at the following locations:



### **MANTI HUNTING UNIT**

- The junction of SR-31 and North Skyline Drive
- The kiosk at Scofield Junction (SR-96 and SR-6).
- The junction of SR-6 and the Consumer's Road near Helper
- Hiawatha Junction (SR-122 and SR-10)
- The parking lot north of BK's in Huntington
- The junction of Straight Canyon and Cottonwood Canyon
- In Ferron Canyon above Millsite Reservoir
- The Link Canyon turnoff from SR-10
- The Junction of Salina Canyon and the coal haul road.
- The mouth of Twelve Mile Canyon
- The mouth of Ephraim Canyon
- The Tucker Rest Area along SR-6

### **LA SAL HUNTING UNIT**

- The Junction of the Castle Valley Road and the La Sal Mountain Loop Road
- The Junction of the Two Mile Road and SR-46 just east of the town of La Sal.
- 0.5 miles south of the junction of the Old Airport Road and the Spanish Valley Road.
- Butcher Boy Meat Processing, 1140 Wasatch Avenue, Moab.

### **SAN JUAN HUNTING UNIT**

- The junction of Highway 211 and the North Cottonwood Road
- Shirttail Junction south of Blanding
- Johnson Creek at the Forest Service Boundary.
- Four Point Meat Processing 81 W 200 S. Monticello.

### **Pronghorn Buck Shot and Left**

**PRICE, UTAH-** A buck antelope was illegally killed and left to waste three to seven days prior to September 11, 2008. The antelope was in the area of the Green River Cutoff Road approximately 3 miles east of Castle Dale, Utah. Wildlife Officers were notified of the antelope carcass and found that it had been shot with a rifle. Officers are now working leads to the crime.





If anyone has any information regarding the wanton disregard for your wildlife, which contributed to the destruction of a local trophy antelope buck (15 ½ inch horn length), please call DWR Conservation Officer Ben Riley at 435- 820-6014 or 1-800-622-DEER.

A reward is being offered for the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for this crime against the resource. All information will remain confidential.

## **22nd ANNUAL BISON RANGE RIDE AND ROUNDUP**

Syracuse - The public is invited to attend a modern, western roundup from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 22 through Friday, October 24 when horseback riders move the Antelope Island bison herd from the southern tip of the island, to the handling facility located at the park's northern end. This annual event is an opportunity for the public to see the roundup of one of the nation's largest and oldest public herds.



Visitors may view the riders and bison from the eastside road leading to the Fielding Garr Ranch. A complete and sweeping view of the action is available from a safe distance. Visitors are encouraged to bring binoculars for a closer view of the animals and handlers.

If necessary, helicopters will be used Saturday, October 25 to gather any stragglers and complete the

roundup. The public may view the helicopter push from the eastside road and from Buffalo Point.

From October 31 through November 2 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, visitors may observe as the bison are weighed, blood-tested, inoculated, and scanned. All bison have a microchip implanted behind the ear, which serves as permanent identification and stores the animal's health history.

On Saturday, November 8 the excess bison will be sold in order to keep the population within the carrying capacity of the island's available forage. The sale is held at the Antelope Island State Park Bison Corrals. Sale animals may be viewed beginning at 8 a.m. with the sale beginning at 10 a.m. sharp. For additional sale information, please call Steve Bates at (801) 209-4678.

Food, drink, and memorabilia, such as t-shirts and sweatshirts, are available for purchase throughout the Bison Roundup. To reach Antelope Island State Park, take I-15 to exit 332 (Syracuse-Freeport Center) and travel west on Antelope Drive to the entrance station. Park fees are \$9 per vehicle or \$6 for bicyclists and walk-ins. For more information, please call (801) 773-2941.

## **TEMPORARY CLOSURE, CONSTRUCTION AT ROCKPORT STATE PARK**

Peoa – Rockport State Park will be closed October 1 through 15 while the Utah Department of Transportation replaces the Highway 302 bridge over the Weber River, which is located at the park entrance.



Throughout construction, public access is unavailable and all park facilities will be closed. Parking areas on the west side of the reservoir and the Riverside area below the dam remain open. For current construction information,

please call (435) 336-2241.

## **UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS**

October 25 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield

Ghosts of Camp Floyd: Join park staff for a paranormal investigation of Camp Floyd at 5:30 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own tape recorders, film, and digital and infrared cameras to capture paranormal orbs, mists and sounds. A brief presentation is conducted to familiarize visitors with ghost hunting techniques before the investigation starts.

Visitors will have the opportunity to hear recordings, see photographs and view other paranormal evidence gathered at this historic site. This



event is free and open to the public. (801) 768-8932

October 25 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum – Sevier

Scary Story Trail: Join park staff at 5 p.m. for an evening of trick-or-treating, haunted trail, spooky stories around a campfire, games, crafts, contests and more. (435) 527-4631

October 25 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Monsters in the Desert: Gila monsters are one of the most mysterious and endangered creatures of southwest Utah. Join Wildlife Biologist Ann McLuckie at 9 a.m. as she discusses the history and biology of these fascinating lizards. Find out how Gila monsters are studied using radio-telemetry and don't miss this opportunity to try radio tracking for yourself. Space is limited and registration is required. (435) 628-2255.

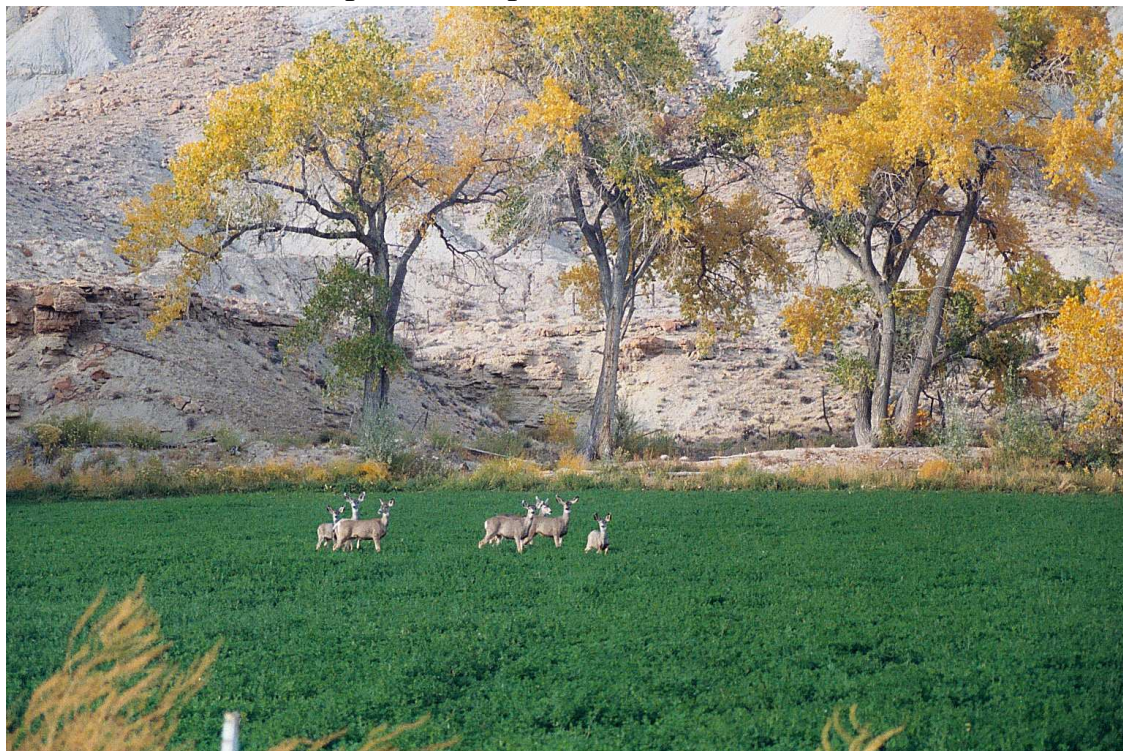
## **UTAH STATE PARKS BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED**

Blanding – The Board of Utah State Parks and Recreation meets Thursday, October 9, at Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum located at 660 West 400 North in Blanding. The public is welcome to attend the meeting, which is scheduled from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Topics of discussion include off-highway vehicle rule changes, motorized and non-motorized trail grants, and golf fee increases at Wasatch Mountain State Park.

## **THE DWR AIDS FARMERS WITH WILDLIFE PROBLEMS**

**PRICE, UTAH**—Ever since the first man planted crops and fenced land, he has had to resolve conflicts with wild animals. In a bygone era, farmers consumed marauding animals, which offset the damage they caused. Nowadays, wildlife is considered a state resource held in trust for all Utah citizens. The law prohibits anyone from destroying wildlife, except where prescribed by state officials.



The Utah Legislature has passed laws to aid farmers, who suffer crop loss and property damage by big game, a state-owned resource. The Utah Wildlife Board and Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) have been charged with administering the laws, which address damage to agricultural lands by big game, such as deer, elk and antelope.

Each year the legislature appropriates a sum of money to fund big game depredation. Annual funding has been a half million dollars to compensate for damage to fences and irrigation equipment, and loss of standing or stored crops. Remarkably, the legislative appropriation of \$500,000 has covered farmers' claims in all but two years since the program began.

Hot, dry summers and cold, snowy winters attract big game to agriculture. In the past decade or so, weather extremes have seemed to become the new norm. When big game congregates on private agriculture, farmers are encouraged to call the DWR, so that measures can be taken to stop further damage and pay for whatever damage may have occurred.

When the DWR receives a depredation call, a representative is sent out who talks with the farmer and surveys the damage. Together, both parties develop a plan to stop further damage and make repairs as appropriate. Very often, scare tactics are immediately initiated to discourage further use of the property by big game.

In situations, where offending animals refuse to abandon a property, despite scare tactics and other harassment methods, lethal means may be employed. Sometimes, landowners or their representatives are authorized to remove the animals. On other occasions, animals are harvested by sport hunters. As a last resort, offending animals may also be taken by DWR personnel with the meat donated to homeless shelters.

Wild animals will always be attracted to the feed, grown by farmers, and depredation will always need to be minimized. Under authority from the Utah Legislature the DWR seeks to manage big game populations within tolerances, acceptable to hunters, farmers, and other interest groups and values.

## **Statewide Fishing Report**

**BEAR LAKE:** Biologist Scott Tolentino reports fishing is improving as water temperatures continue to cool. Anglers are having some success catching lake trout and cutthroat off of the rock pile using gigs in 85 feet of water.

**EAST CANYON STATE PARK:** Staff reports that the lake is at 68 percent capacity with water levels dropping, but that fishing is good. Jim Morkin from Rocky Mountain Anglers reports "Rainbows are hitting towed #4 rattletaps (blue top on white bottom) pulled 120 feet behind the boat at 1.5 mph or so. They're coming up from 30 to 40 feet to bang the lure. The average length seems to be around 14 inches. There are a few anchor worms, but it's not too bad for this late in the year. Smallmouths are few and far between, most likely because they are feeding too well on crawdads and this year's young. Crappie are hard to find except for under



the launch ramp floats, in the upper end and at the back of the coves (at certain times). I attribute this to the low water levels. My GPS gives a water level reading that is down about 35 feet from full pool."

**HYRUM STATE PARK:** Park Ranger Floyd Powell reports that anglers are having success catching some nice trout from the shore using rainbow PowerBait. Fishing for perch, bass and bluegill is still slow.

**LOST CREEK RESERVOIR:** Conservation Officer Keith Fullenkamp reports that anglers are having success catching rainbow trout, some of which are up to 18 inches. Anglers are also catching a few cutthroats. Green PowerBait on the bottom seems to be working best. Anglers on the lower dam end of the reservoir were having little success.



**NEWTON RESERVOIR:** Conservation Officer Rob Johnson reports that the water level continues to lower. Anglers are having good success for Muskies using different lures. Perch and fire tiger colored patterns remain popular. As a reminder, whole or live fish are not legal to use as bait, although cut perch may be used as bait.

**OGDEN RIVER (Rainbow Gardens):** Conservation Officer Chad Wilson reports that anglers are having some success catching browns and rainbows using spinners.

**OGDEN RIVER (South Fork):** Habitat work on the section of river below Causey has resulted in great conditions and good fishing for browns and cutthroat trout. You can watch a video of biologist Paul Burnett explaining the habitat improvement project at [utahwildlifevideos.blogspot.com](http://utahwildlifevideos.blogspot.com).

**ROCKPORT STATE PARK:** Staff reports that the fishing is starting to pick up with the cooling water temperatures. Rockport will be closed from October 1 to October 14 as UDOT replaces the bridge coming into the park. The west side will remain open along Highway 32.

**UINTAS MOUNTAINS LAKES AND STREAMS:** The weather is great for fall fishing, but be prepared for changing weather. For the Uintas, a bonus limit of four brook trout can be added to the regular bag limit. Copper and brass color lures work great for the aggressive (and colorful) brookies. Get a copy of one of the "Lakes of the High Uintas" booklets from the Department of Natural Resources bookstore at [mapstore.utah.gov/dnrpages/wildlife.htm](http://mapstore.utah.gov/dnrpages/wildlife.htm). These booklets have information about so many lakes and streams that it would take you a lifetime to explore them all!

**ABAJO MOUNTAINS:** Tommi Budd reports that fishing success is improving for the waters around Blanding. Several anglers have told Tommi that they had been catching fish at Blanding #4 and Dry Wash, and that traditional baits and spinners have proven effective. At Dry Wash, limits of fish are being creeled. Bass fishing at Recapture Reservoir ranges from fair to good for anglers using spinners or curly tail grubs. Pike fishermen haven't done as well.

**FAIRVIEW LAKES:** Todd Munford of King's Outdoor World reports that the water level is very low, having dropped rapidly over the past few weeks. The shoreline is muddy, except at the gooseneck between the two lakes. Todd indicates that fishing is very good with orange or rainbow PowerBait. He says that casting over, or at the side of, weed beds is most productive, although you need a tube or pontoon to do so effectively. Todd recommends using a red crystal bugger or Canadian brown leech on sinking line with fast strips. Rainbow trout get up to 14 inches long, have reddish meat and provide excellent table fare.

**HUNTINGTON CREEK:** Anglers report good fishing on the right fork as brown trout have come into spawning condition. Sensitive Species Biologist Tony Wright interviewed several fishermen on the left fork. One reported that fish were easily spooked because of the water clarity. Another commented that he hadn't caught anything over six inches on that trip, and hadn't caught anything larger than 14 inches all summer.



#### **HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR**

**(MAMMOTH RESERVOIR):** According to Officer Ben Riley, fishing is picking up with the tiger trout simulating spawning activity. The trout appear to be feeding constantly. Todd

Munford described fishing as fair with a lot of six-inch tiger trout taking your bait close to shore. Try moving around the shoreline until you begin catching larger fish, and fishing straight nightcrawlers slowly behind a full bubble. Tom Ogden reports good luck with a #8 green & black beadhead wooly bugger this time of year.



**JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR:** There are no recent reports. Traditionally, fishing starts to improve with the onset of colder weather, and there is good fishing during October. Remember these special regulations: The trout limit is two. You may only keep one trout over 22 inches. All trout from 15–22 inches must be immediately released. The reservoir is closed from November 1 through December 13.

**LAKE POWELL:** Visit [www.wayneswords.com](http://www.wayneswords.com) for the latest fishing report from Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

**LASAL MOUNTAIN:** A week ago, Conservation Officer TJ Robertson issued the following report:

Dons Lake—The moss problem has past. Fly fishermen report good luck in the morning and late afternoon. Spincasters do well when they keep their lures near the surface.

Hidden Lake—Anglers report that baits and small spinners have been working well.

Kens Lake—The lake was recently stocked with rainbow trout. Anglers report fair to good trout fishing.

Oowah—Traditional baits have been effective, and the access road has been repaired. Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fly fished Ken's Lake a week ago. Darek caught one 15–inch bass and 12 4–8 inch sunfish using poppers in a variety of colors.

**MILLSITE RESERVOIR:** A week ago, anglers reported good fishing near the inlet using jigs tipped with worms or with a worm and marshmallow combination.

**NORTH MANTI:** Conservation Officer Ben Riley reports that fishing has improved across north Manti. The cooler weather has lowered water temperatures and stimulated trout feeding behavior. Brown trout are also becoming more aggressive as they move into spawning mode. Tiger trout, being part brown trout, also simulate this aggressive spawning behavior. Some of the best waters to fish are Scofield and Mammoth reservoirs. Good streams include the Price River, Lower Fish Creek and Huntington Creek.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR:** This past week, there were four entries about Scofield Reservoir on the Utah Fishing Forum at [bigfishtackle.com](http://bigfishtackle.com). On 9/24, one angler reported catching 23 fish with Rapalas, including two 20–inch cutts, eight tigers and 13 rainbows. The fish were about 16 inches on average. On 9/25, one angler reported slow fishing. On 9/27, an angler reported catching two nice tigers using a dead shiner suspended from a bobber, and a nice rainbow on a worm. On 9/29, an angler reported that he caught several rainbows, ranging from 12–15 inches, fishing the south side of the dam cove. He also caught a two–pound rainbow with a worm and marshmallow.

## **Massive International Art Exhibit Displayed on the National Mall**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – A half-mile long series of aquatic murals painted under the direction of acclaimed artist Wyland were unveiled yesterday at the National Mall & Memorial Parks. National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar welcomed Wyland to the park and praised his

efforts to raise awareness of ocean stewardship through the exhibit entitled “Hands Across the Ocean.” Wyland, 100 area school children, and government and environmental officials in attendance created a new 450 square foot mural of the Potomac River watershed during the event. “Today we had fun painting sea creatures, but this project also reminds all of us here, and everyone who will view the artwork in the future, of the importance of our oceans and the need to take care of them,” said Bomar.



Wyland painted the exhibit with the assistance of 3,000 children from 110 countries. The murals, promoting environmental awareness of oceans, lakes, rivers, and wetlands, were first displayed in Beijing, China for the 2008 Olympic Cultural Festival and Green Olympics. Bomar commended James Connaughton, Chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, for his foresight in bringing the exhibit to Washington, DC. Connaughton conceived the idea of displaying the murals on the Mall to coincide with the opening of the new Sant Ocean Hall in the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History across the street.



The panels will embark on a nationwide tour after leaving the National Mall on October 3, 2008. Bomar also praised Park Superintendent Peggy O’Dell and the park’s maintenance staff for adeptly handling all the logistics associated with staging such a large outdoor art exhibit. In addition to Bomar and Connaughton, speakers at the unveiling included Deputy Secretary Lynn Scarlett and Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks Lyle Laverty from the Department of the Interior, Administrator Conrad C. Lautenbacher from National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration, Director Cristian Samper from the National Museum of Natural History, and Executive Director Tracy Bowen from the Alice Fergusson Foundation.

## **WILD SALMON CENTER NEWS**

### **U.S. Senate Acts to Protect Wild Salmon Strongholds**

Introduced by Senator Cantwell (D-WA), the Pacific Salmon Stronghold Conservation Act enjoys wide bi-partisan support - - every Senator from Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California co-sponsored the bill.

The Wild Salmon Center appreciates Senator Cantwell’s leadership on this issue. Please join us in thanking the Senator for her efforts to protect salmon strongholds (call 202-224-3441).



## National Park Service Launches Travel Itinerary on American Presidents

**WASHINGTON** -- As the presidential election approaches and Americans consider which candidate they will vote for on November 4th, the National Park Service offers a new *Discover Our Shared Heritage* on-line travel itinerary that explores the lives and contributions of all 43 American presidents.



“History comes alive at the birthplaces, homes, and memorials of American presidents across the country,” said Mary A. Bomar, Director of the National Park Service. “I hope every citizen will visit a presidential site this election year. It is fitting to celebrate the accomplishments of past presidents as we prepare to elect a new one.”

The American Presidents Travel Itinerary features the White House and more than 70 other sites nationwide that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Almost half of the sites are also part of the National Park System.

The new itinerary is available at <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/presidents/index.html> and offers:

- Descriptions and significance of each historic site
- Information and maps for how to visit the sites
- Contemporary and historic photographs
- Two essays by highly respected presidential historians
- A “Learn More” section that includes links to additional information and a bibliography on the presidency and tourism websites to help with trip planning

The American Presidents itinerary is the 47<sup>th</sup> in the National Park Service’s ongoing *Discover Our Shared Heritage Travel Itinerary Series*. The series promotes public awareness of history and encourages visits to historic places throughout the country. All of the itineraries in the series can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/>.

The National Park Service’s Heritage Education Services produced the itinerary in partnership with the National Park Service Office of Tourism, the White House Historical Association, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. Staff from many units of the National Park System and the other sites included in the itinerary, State historic preservation offices, and others assisted in developing the content and provided images, making the itinerary a true collaborative effort.

## **BILL FENIMORE (center) NAMED AN IFA FRANCHISEE OF THE YEAR!**

Bill Fenimore, owner of the "[Wild Bird Center of Layton, Utah](#)", was selected as an [International Franchise Association's \(IFA\)](#) "**Franchisee of the Year**" and honored at a

special IFA event held September 15, 2008 in Washington, D.C. The award is presented to franchise owners singled out for exceptional performance.

"Bill Fenimore was a natural to recommend for this outstanding industry title," said Henrik Lehmann Weng, CEO, Wild Bird Centers of America. "Bill enthusiastically adopted our business development program to grow his business and is now one of the top three, high-growth stores in our franchise."



Fenimore, along with his partner and son, Billy Fenimore, updated and remodeled their store, hired new staff and turned the store into a model Wild Bird Center franchise. His business acumen drove an unprecedented press, radio and television effort and his passion for the natural world positioned him as a community, regional and national leader. This year, Mr. Fenimore won two prestigious national awards; the "**Roger Tory Peterson**

**Nature Education Achievement Award**" from the Roger Tory Peterson Institute and the "**Ludlow Griscom Award for Outstanding Contributions to Regional Ornithology**" from the American Birding Association. Mr. Fenimore also became **a nationally-recognized author in 2008 with publication of his "Backyard Bird Guides" series, providing a specific guide to backyard birds for each of the 50 states.** He recently was appointed by the Governor of Utah to serve on the newly established Great Salt Lake Advisory Council.

"I am much honored to receive this recognition from the Wild Bird Centers of America and award from the IFA," said Fenimore, who attended the 9th Annual Franchise Appreciation Day Convention, held in Washington, DC. "I have an excellent staff and partner who are critical to the store's success and I appreciate all the support received from Wild Bird Centers of America."

Bill has owned and operated the Wild Bird Center of Layton, Utah since 2001. He serves on the Boards of numerous nature organizations in Utah and conducts seminars and workshops that educate the public about wild birds and their critical habitat needs. He also leads birding field trips for clients from around the globe.



Established in 1985, Wild Bird Centers of America, Inc. WBCA ([www.wildbird.com](http://www.wildbird.com)) is a specialized retail store franchisor with more than 80 franchises in the U.S. and Canada. Each Wild Bird Center store is dedicated to helping customers develop a better backyard birding experience by providing the finest, field-tested products, old-fashioned customer service and expert advice. Wild Bird Center stores also serve



as active community resources, providing demonstrations, educational workshops and children's programs for customers and local communities.

For more information contact George Petrides, Jr. Director of Franchise Development, 301-229-9585, x203.

### **Bird Education through Conservation: A National Gathering February 22-26, 2009**

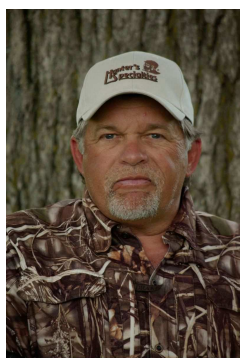
The Bird Education Network (BEN) Committee, Council for Environmental Education (CEE), and Flying WILD will host the 2009 National Gathering for bird educators at Jekyll Island, Georgia, "Bird Conservation through Education: A National Gathering" and YOU ARE INVITED!

Our registration packet is now available online where you will find a summary of all conference activities. Be aware that the cost of the Gathering includes all meals beginning with Monday morning breakfast, on the 23rd, through Thursday morning breakfast, on the 26th. Early registration (before December 15th) will be \$295 per person and \$350 thereafter. There are also daily registration fees for individuals, including an attractive special fee for classroom teachers on Wednesday, February 22nd.

We have planned an exciting week of activities which includes a special line up of guest speakers, field sessions, opportunities to share bird education experiences and success stories through our Bird Educator's Share Fair and much more.

### **Calef Calls - Latest Addition to HS Waterfowl Calls**

#### **Barnie Calef Biography**



H. S. Pro Staffer Barnie Calef of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, shot his first duck in 1976 at the age of 16, and was hooked. Since that first experience in the blind, he has pursued ducks and geese across much of the United States and Canada, and in that time, has arguably become one of the best duck callers the sport has ever seen.

It didn't take Calef long to realize that not only was the sport of duck hunting becoming a passion, but that he truly had a knack for the art of duck calling as well. He spent time as a professional guide in both Kansas and Nebraska. In 1983 he made the decision to enter the field of competitive duck calling. Several regional and state championships soon followed and in 1989 he captured his first World Duck Calling Championship. He added a second World Championship ring to his collection in 1999, and in 2000 he made history.

#### **Double Talk Call From Barnie Calef Calls**

The Double Talk call from Barnie Calef Calls offers hunters many of the features of a custom call at an affordable price.

Each call has a hand-turned barrel available in tough laminated wood or Cocobola that won't swell in wet conditions. The call is finished off with a solid metal band for a great look.

The insert is a radical new design with an aggressive sound that waterfowlers are sure to love. It is made from crystal clear polycarbonate and is virtually indestructible.



### Neckbreaker Duck Call From Bernie Calef Calls



The Neckbreaker Duck Call from Bernie Calef Calls is the most versatile field call available. It can be blown quietly for close in calling, yet can still produce full ringing hail calls when needed.

The Neckbreaker is more responsive with smoother note-to-note transition. It has a raspier "ducky" low end and plenty of volume when needed, making it easier to operate for both intermediate and advanced callers.

### Nutcracker Duck Call From Bernie Calef Calls

The Nutcracker Duck Call from Bernie Calef Calls offers the features serious duck hunters demand.

Each call is custom made by hand and tuned for just the right sound.

The Nutcracker is designed for close-in calling, or for days with little wind. The single reed design allows the call to be raspy, yet it also has the versatility to be blown with a "Cajun squeal."



### Sasquatch Goose Call From Bernie Calef Calls



The new Sasquatch Short Reed Canada Goose Call from Bernie Calef Calls was designed by Bernie Calef and his Pro Staff to be the best of both worlds.

The call's unique design makes it easy for novice callers to make quality goose sounds with minimal effort. It also contains the high octane features advanced callers will love.

The Sasquatch is a high volume call with an inherently deep tone that will duplicate the entire Canada goose vocabulary. From loud honks and crisp clucks to soft moans and spit notes, the Sasquatch is sure to become a favorite of goose hunters



## **From public lands to neighborhood playground—Bureau of Land Management passes patent for lands onto City of St. George**

St. George, Utah— On Tuesday September 30, 2008, at 11am local dignitaries from the City of St. George, including Mayor Dan McArthur, and Leisure Services Director Kent Perkins and managers and staff from the Bureau of Land Management St. George Field Office will gather at the Cottonwood Cove Park as the BLM issues a Recreation and Public Purposes Patent to the City of St. George.

Since the process began in 1996, when the two entities signed a lease agreement under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP), the city has consistently made improvements to the lands. Today a developed park now stands on the 2.69 acres, complete with playground equipment, picnic areas, trails and restrooms and a portion of the Santa Clara River trail system which winds through it.

For the City of St. George the acreage is a boon tying together other lands donated by neighboring developers. “This piece is kind of the hub of the spoke; it’s the center part of the park. Everything kind of plays off of this piece of land,” said Kent Perkins, Director of Leisure Services for the City of St. George. For the city, maintaining the land is a rewarding stewardship. “We see it as a really good use, it still has that open space feel to it and we’re certainly maintaining it as such,” Perkins said. And to the city, receiving the patent after years of stewardship spells success. “It proves we’ve met a goal, the goal we originally agreed upon.

In fact we’ve exceeded the goal by adding real value to the site,” said Perkins Through the R&PP program, municipalities are able to obtain land at a rate significantly below fair market value and for recreation purposes lands may be obtained at no cost. R&PP agreements pave the way for municipalities to obtain land, otherwise unavailable or unaffordable, which may then be used for a number of community oriented purposes including schools and libraries, museums, hospitals, historic monuments and recreation facilities.

The Cottonwood Cove Park represents one of the “classic uses” outlined by the Recreation and Public Purposes act. “It’s one of the purposes of the R&PP –to convert the federally cared for land to a local government use that serves our neighbors and residents well,” Perkins said.

R&PP transactions administered through the BLM’s St. George Field Office have also opened doors for the city in a number of other locations. To date, the BLM has passed on approximately 1,145.8 total patented acres to the City of St. George including some 646.6 acres for the Red Hills Golf Course, 361 acres for Pioneer Park, 27 acres for the Quail Creek Water Treatment Facility and 110 acres for the Sand Hollow Aquatic Center.

Successful R&PP agreements bring great job satisfaction to government employees as well. “It gives us, the federal government, an opportunity to help communities out by making lands available to them to fulfill their needs such as parks, fire stations, etc, entities which serve the public,” said St. George BLM Realty Specialist Kathy Abbott who has worked on the project

from its earliest days. “I can drive by that park or that school or fire station and know that I had a part in facilitating that,” she said.

Abbott recognizes the positive nature of her work as bureau-wide, many realty specialists like her may not get the opportunity in their careers to work on an R&PP lease or patent. “Their communities haven’t yet recognized the opportunities that exist within the R&PP program,” Abbott said. “The unique thing about Washington County is that most communities have caught on to the actual purpose of the R&PP act and have used this program to benefit the public—it was designed to help communities and municipalities,” she said.

### **Improvements underway at the Canyons Resort**



A helicopter flies is one of the lift towers for The Canyons new fixed quad lift. Timberline is the first step in future expansion onto Iron Mountain. It will run from the base of Tombstone to about a half mile below the DreamCatcher lift, at the end of the day this year, skiers will be able to use Timberline to get back to Tombstone.



## Hunter's Specialties Scent-A-Way Products are the Preferred Brand of Hunters

The fall hunting season is here and hunters are looking for products to help them be successful.

HunterSurvey.com results for 2007 show Hunter's Specialties Scent-A-Way products were the preferred brand of hunter's in the scent and scent elimination category. Results were based on over 19,000 survey responses.

HunterSurvey.com was developed by Southwick Associates of Fernandina Beach, Florida ([www.southwickassociates.com](http://www.southwickassociates.com)) to track outdoor and natural resources trends and economic data to help agencies and trade groups protect and expand hunting, angling, and other outdoor opportunities. The survey is supported by the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Hunter's Specialties Scent-A-Way products include a complete line of scent eliminating sprays, soaps, detergents, and personal hygiene items to help hunters remain scent-free. New products for 2008 include Scent-A-Way Hair and Body Soap, Scent-A-Way Laundry Detergent, Scent-A-Way No-Rinse Field Body Foam, Scent-A-Way Wash Towels and Field Wipes, and Scent-A-Way Antiperspirant.

### Scent-A-Way Advanced Formula



Successful hunters know that being as scent free as possible helps them get closer to game and fill their tags on a more regular basis.

Hunter's Specialties developed their first Scent-A-Way products in 1987. In 1997 enzyme technology was added, making Scent-A-Way the top scent elimination product on the market.

With the development of the new Scent-A-Way Spray Advanced Formula, Hunter's Specialties now has the most advanced odor elimination and prevention product ever.

### Scent-A-Way Fresh Breath Kit

Serious hunters know that to consistently get close to trophy game animals they need to be scent free.

Hunter's Specialties has added another important piece to their highly effective Scent-A-Way scent elimination system with their new Scent-A-Way Fresh Breath Kit.

The kit contains mouth rinse, toothpaste and breath mints that eliminate odors caused by food and bacteria.

## Scent-A-Way No Rinse Body Foam



Hunter's Specialties new Scent-A-Way No Rinse Body Foam is a no-drip, no-mess waterless foaming cleanser that provides a quick and easy clean up when soap and water are unavailable.

The new fragrance-free cleanser contains a proprietary antimicrobial enzymatic odor eliminating system, along with allantoin and aloe vera to heal and soothe the skin. Unlike many waterless cleaners, Scent-A-Way No Rinse Body Foam contains no alcohol, which can lead to dry, cracked and irritated skin.

## Scent-A-Way Antiperspirant

Hunter's Specialties new Scent-A-Way Antiperspirant with moisture control provides 24-hour odor protection.

The new formula eliminates not only bacterial odors, but also provides superior moisture absorption and reduction. It glides on smooth with little or no residue, so it doesn't stain clothing.



## Scent-A-Way Laundry Detergent



Hunter's Specialties new Scent-A-Way Laundry Detergent with dirt and stain guard brings major advancements to the world of scent-free detergents.

The original Scent-A-Way Laundry Detergent with Camo Guard featured carezyme, an enzyme that helped color retention, pattern definition, soil release and left clothes softer after washing.

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## Scent-A-Way Moisturizing Hair and Body Soap



Hunter's Specialties Scent-A-Way liquid soap has long been the industry standard for keeping hunters and other outdoorsmen clean and scent-free.

Now the famous "green soap" is even better with the addition of aloe vera and a naturally derived humectant to moisturize the skin and prevent drying and cracking.



## Scent-A-Way Wash Towels and Field Wipes

Hunter's Specialties new Scent-A-Way Wash Towels and Field Wipes now feature aloe vera and vitamin E to prevent skin tightness, drying, or stinging. They are alcohol-free and have a proprietary enzymatic odor elimination formulation to attack and eliminate human and environmental odors in seconds.



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## Tips for Traveling Hunters

MISSOULA, Mont.--More than 400,000 Americans this year will travel out of state to hunt the West, many in pursuit of elk. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation offers the following tips for a smooth trip both in the air and on the highway.

- Make two lists. One for items to pick up at your destination, one for items to bring from home. Commonly forgotten: hunter and bowhunter education certification cards, birth certificate or other ID for young hunters, tags, personal medicines and toiletries.
- Know before you go. Visit the websites of the Transportation Security Administration ([www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov)) and your airline for restrictions and allowances affecting hunters.
- Preempt confused airline employees. Check your carrier's website for its policy on transporting firearms and ammunition. Take a printout with you to the airport.
- Think about shipping instead. It may be easier to ship guns and gear to your destination but some common carriers will not handle firearms. Policies differ. Online research will help you decide which company to use.



- Check your gear upon arrival. No matter how well you pack, transportation causes equipment to shift, GPS units to switch on and drain batteries, crosshairs to move, broadhead blades to loosen, etc.

- Prepare for antlers and meat. Airline policies vary so do your homework. Some carriers will not handle antlers without substantial fees. Others will not transport perishables packed on ice. Still others limit the amount of dry ice that may be used.
- Study rules of the road. If you're driving to your hunt, be aware of restrictions that could affect your trip home. In an effort to control chronic wasting disease, a number of states now regulate transportation of deer and elk carcasses. Plan for your entire route at the website of the Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance, [www.cwd-info.org](http://www.cwd-info.org). The Elk Foundation helped start this alliance and site in 2002.
- Talk taxidermy. Before you leave, select a taxidermist and visit with him or her about how to skin, care for and deliver that once-in-a-lifetime trophy. A thousand-mile open-air ride in the back of a pickup may not be preferred.
- Avoid fines. Items prohibited in carry-on or checked baggage include blackpowder, percussion caps, pressurized containers including bear spray and fuel bottles.
- Use the wait. Layovers are a good time to catch up on reading. The Elk Foundation's member magazine, "Bugle," covers conservation issues and successes, plus hunting stories and tips. And your membership helps the organization ensure the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat. Join at [www.rmef.org](http://www.rmef.org).

## News from ARRA

Urge Your Senators to Vote No on Restrictive Land Use Bill ARRA needs your help on the National Landscape Conservation System Act once again!

Please click the Send This Message button below to send a letter to your Senators urging them to vote against omnibus legislation, S. 3213, that includes 150 public lands measures including the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) Act. S. 3213 would create more than a million acres of wilderness while authorizing dozens of studies for potential parks, protected rivers and historical landmarks in addition to statutorily establishing the NLCS. NLCS legislation (H.R. 2016) has already passed the full House of Representatives. If the Senate passes S. 3213, the NLCS Act will most assuredly be signed into law.

It is more important than ever for you to urge your Senators to vote against NLCS legislation in light of the recent launch of a Department of Interior (DOI) investigation of the existing NLCS division of the Bureau of Land Management. DOI initiated the investigation after reviewing emails and other documents that show extensive coordination between top NLCS officials and lobbyists for environmental groups as federal law generally prohibits federal employees from using appropriated funds or their official positions to lobby Congress.



## **BUCK DEER SHOT AND LEFT ON LASALS**

**MOAB, UTAH**--A buck deer was shot and left to waste on the LaSal Mountains sometime around August 29, 2008. The deer was skinned out and the hide, head and back straps



of the animal were the only parts salvaged. Most of the meat was left to rot. The deer was found about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile up the LaSal Pass Road from the Two-Mile Road.

Conservation Officer Tj Robertson is looking for help in solving this unethical waste of wildlife. If you have any information regarding this case or any other wildlife crime, please call the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' poaching hotline at 1-800-662-DEER or Officer Tj Robertson at 435-820-6015. Information can be kept confidential, and rewards are available.

### **Sustainable Living in Ogden**

Tuesday, October 21 / 7 pm

Ages: 10 and up

Cost: \$5 for members / \$6 for non-members

So what is this "sustainable living" theory all about? How does a person, business or community do it? Please join Art Roscoe, Chairman of the Sustainable Ogden Committee as he answers



these questions and more. Art lives in Huntsville and has spent the past decade trying to live in a sustainable way. He grows 70% of his own food, has solar panels on his home, uses secondary water for irrigation, makes his own compost etc. Art will use examples from his own life to help others see the choices they can make.

Please call to register by Monday, October 20. The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th St., Ogden, Ut. For more information contact 621-7595.

### **Steve "Coon Dog" Coon Receives 2008 Mossy Oak Passion Award**



**WEST POINT, MS** - Drury Outdoors celebrated their twentieth anniversary at their annual production meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on September 19 and 20.

Each year Drury TV Producers from all over the country gather for meetings and an annual awards banquet. This year Mossy Oak was honored to participate in the banquet and present the Mossy Oak Passion Award to Steve "Coon

Dog" Coon.

The Passion Award is given to an individual that exhibits passion for the outdoors, who always works to their fullest capacity and with great excitement, and strives unselfishly to be the best at what they do. It's not about taking trophy animals and having a successful hunt every time they step in the field or get behind the camera. It's about passion for the outdoors, respect for Mother Nature and unwavering energy in everything they do.

Having served the public in the state of Missouri as a police officer for 20 years, Coon Dog was an easy pick for the award and is a true inspiration to the Drury team. He has been part of the Drury Outdoors family for many years and has loved every minute of it. From hunting to filming, Coon Dog is extremely passionate about the outdoors.

Coon Dog has been hunting since early childhood when his Dad took him on many small game hunts. His Dad never deer or turkey hunted but with the woodsmanship he learned from him, Coon Dog was able to put it to use in pursuit of the majestic whitetail and elusive wild turkey.

Pictured from left to right: Ben Maki (Mossy Oak), Dustin "Shed" Whitacre (Mossy Oak), Steve "Coon Dog" Coon, Mark Drury and Terry Drury (Drury Outdoors)

Coon Dog said that he has learned a lot over the years from all the Drury Outdoors team members, and he hopes that some of them have picked up a few tips from him as well. After all, when it comes to a team, everyone's input and participation makes the team that much better.

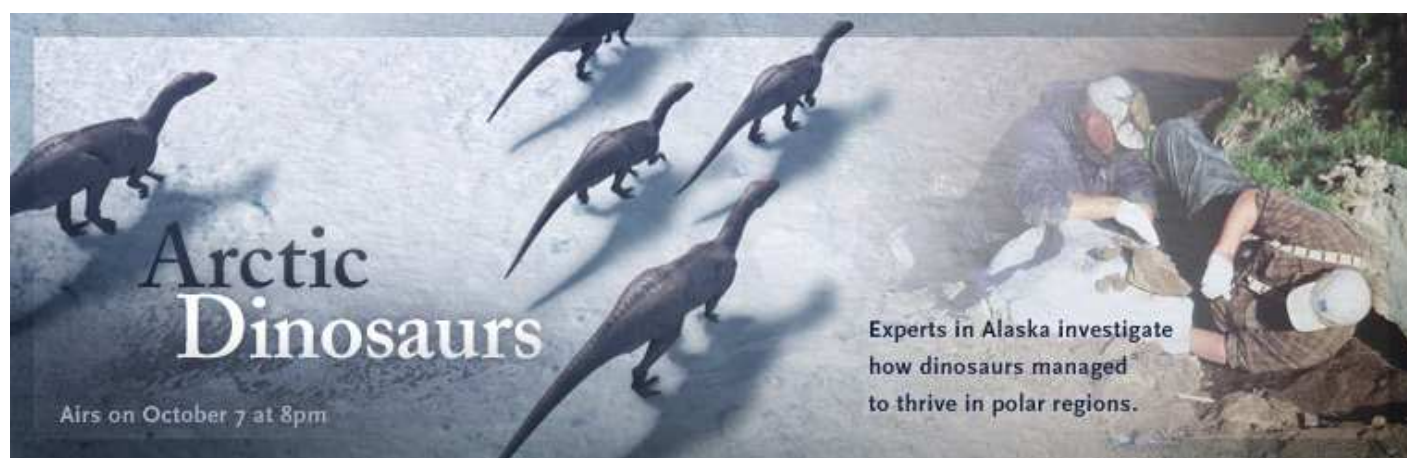
Coon Dog's wife Kathy and daughter Alisha were both present to watch him receive the Passion Award.

Mossy Oak is very proud to have been partners with Drury Outdoors the past 20 years and is looking forward to many more to come. Congratulations Mark and Terry on a job well done! Mossy Oak would also like to thank the entire Drury family for their hard work, dedication and support.

For more information on Drury Outdoors, visit [www.druryoutdoors.com](http://www.druryoutdoors.com).

## **"ARCTIC DINOSAURS" on NOVA**

NOVA is excited to partner with organizations which share our passion for scientific discovery as we spread the word about upcoming shows. This Tuesday, October 7, we invite you to follow a unique field expedition, covered exclusively by NOVA, as it sets out for Alaska's North Slope to answer the intriguing question: how did dinosaurs survive in the gloom of the dark and frigid polar regions? Researchers combine extreme engineering and perilous fossil hunting--including blasting a deep tunnel into the permafrost to collect fossils trapped beneath the icy soil--to reveal provocative evidence as to how the polar dinosaurs lived and to their final extinction.



"Arctic Dinosaurs" premieres Tuesday, October 7 at 8pm ET/PT on most PBS stations. Please check your local listings to confirm when it will be broadcast near you:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/schedule-local.html>

We hope you'll help us spread the word about the show to friends and colleagues by passing along the attached e-card. We also invite you to visit the "Arctic Dinosaurs" Web site, where you can read the producer's story about the dangers of filming in this rugged landscape:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/arcticdino>