

## Nevada Commission on Tourism Expands Its International Marketing and Sales Efforts

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The Nevada Commission on Tourism has expanded its representation worldwide and now is marketing the state and its array of shopping, dining, skiing, golf and outdoor adventures to 42 countries and millions of potential travelers, Lt. Gov. Brian K. Krolicki announced today.

The state tourism agency signed marketing and sales contracts with five new representatives, signed a new contract with its existing representative in Japan and continues to work with a representative in China. These representatives reach 42 countries, a dramatic increase in exposure for Nevada, which previously had representation in only four countries. Favorable exchange rates and an increased desire to travel to America are only two reasons many American destinations are targeting international travelers, so much so that the [Travel Industry Association \(TIA\)](#) has deemed Saturday, Sept. 27, World Tourism Day.



“International tourism is critical to Nevada as we expand our economic base,” Krolicki, tourism commission chair, said. “The rest of the world isn’t necessarily affected by our economic ups and downs, and this is proving to be a very lucrative time to travel to America. TIA’s designation of World Tourism Day reinforces what many U.S. destinations already know: We must work together to attract visitors to explore America and boost our economy.”

The Nevada Commission on Tourism has renewed its contract with Japanese agency Okada Associates and NCOT China in Beijing. The new representatives include VoX International Inc. in Canada, Connect-Worldwide in South Korea, Hills Balfour Synergy in the United Kingdom, AVIAREPS in Europe and Ad Nova, Comunicacion Estrategica, in Mexico. Together these seven representative companies will reach 42 countries around the world.

The Nevada Commission on Tourism is charged with marketing a state whose No. 1 industry is tourism. With such a heavy focus on tourism, Nevada has been a leader in promoting travel worldwide, and the commission was the first U.S. destination licensed by the Chinese government to advertise to outbound travelers in China. The commission has signed eight friendship agreements with Chinese destinations and continues to support national efforts to make

travel to the United States easier through Visa Waiver initiatives and proactive marketing around the world. The commission just welcomed its first group of Chinese leisure tourists under a new agreement between the U.S. and Chinese governments that allows tour operators to market and book tours to Chinese Consumers, and this month hosted German and Italian journalists producing travel features about the Silver State.



“Nevada has the benefit of the name recognition of Las Vegas and Reno-Lake Tahoe, but our state is much larger than just those two areas, and we work tirelessly to tell the world about all the exciting and intriguing things to do around the state,” Krolicki said. “The tourism commission participates in international trade shows and will embark on a sales mission to Brazil next month. I will be traveling to the China International Travel Mart in November, and the commission will send sales representatives to World Travel Market in London in November.”

The international representatives are responsible for public relations, sales and advertising in their respective countries, as well as maintaining a Web site in the language of their markets. The [Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority \(LVCVA\)](#) also uses several of these agencies for its international marketing and sales, which works to the benefit of both the LVCVA and the Nevada Commission on Tourism. For more information on the commission or its efforts worldwide, visit [www.TravelNevada.com](http://www.TravelNevada.com).

## Statewide Fishing Report

**BIG SANDWASH RESERVOIR:** Anglers continue to report good fishing. The trout are now throughout the water column and are spending more time at the surface, because of the cooler weather. During the early mornings and evenings, try fishing top-water flies and lures, and use either a bubble or floating baits to clear the submerged vegetation and boulders. As the water warms, go deeper and use a floating bait or marshmallow to float your offering above the rocks and moss. The water was drawn down, but there is still plenty of good fishing. Several lakes in northeastern Utah may be infected with quagga and/or zebra mussels. To contain the infection, anglers, boaters and other users are being asked to clean and dry their boats and equipment after leaving any northeastern water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water, including live wells, bilges and cooling systems.

**BULLOCK / COTTONWOOD RESERVOIRS:** There are no recent reports. The last report was slow fishing for rainbows and fair success for warm water fish at Bullock. Few tiger muskie are being taken. Remember the special regulation on tiger muskie: you may keep one fish that's 40

inches or over; anything under 40 inches must be released. Division biologists moved smallmouth bass into Cottonwood in June to supplement the breeding population, which was decimated when the reservoir was drained. If you catch a smallmouth bass, please release it quickly. Small boats can be launched from undeveloped sites near the dams when the water is high. The reservoirs are located approximately five miles north of the town of Gusher.



**BROUGH RESERVOIR:** There are no recent reports. Until the waters begin to cool, fishing should be fair to good in the early morning and slow during the heat of the day. Catch rates are slower than most waters because Brough is being managed as a "trophy" fishery, but will improve as Fall progresses. To get large fish, management has to restrict the population numbers. To get to Brough, take SR-88 south from US-40 (Ouray Road). Turn west at the second dirt road past the high power lines; there should be a sign. Follow this road approximately two miles and pay attention to the signs. The road can be quite rutted.

**BROWNIE / SPIRIT LAKE:** Access to Brownie and to Spirit was quite muddy over the weekend, please give the roads time to dry out. Recent

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

**CALDER / CROUSE RESERVOIRS:** Anglers report fair fishing for some nice-sized, heavy fish on Calder. This is to be expected: Calder is being managed with fewer fish so they will grow faster and larger. Remember these special regulations: you may use flies and lures only, no baits; all fish under 22 inches must be released immediately; the bag limit is one fish over 22 inches.

**CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR:** Anglers report muddy roads, but good fishing if you stick around. Those fishing in the nearby streams report good catch rates. All access roads are open, but watch for the mud and possible snow.

**EAST PARK / OAKS PARK:** The roads are open to East Park and Oaks Park. Anglers reported fair to good fishing over the weekend.

**FLAMING GORGE:** Fishing is fair to good for the following species.



**Lake trout:** Anglers report that fishing is picking up due to the cooler weather. Anglers continue to report fair with occasional good fishing for 16– to 24–inch lake trout in the canyon in the early



mornings and later in the evening. Try points next to deep water in Sheep Creek, Red Canyon, the Skull Creeks and Jarvies Canyon. If you are jigging, try tipping tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow or brown with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat to increase interest. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons are also working well. No-stretch line will help anglers feel strikes and set the hook better. Use a graph to see suspended fish and put your jig right in front of them. If you are trolling, use downriggers to get

lures like needlefish, other spoons and Rapalas down near the bottom. Try and keep the lure

within 10 feet of the bottom unless you are seeing suspended fish on the graph. If you are seeing suspended fish, raise the lure to the correct depth. Fishing is usually best early in the morning or later in the afternoon. Unlike their larger relatives, the smaller lake trout are excellent table fare when grilled. There's an overabundance of lake trout under 28 inches in the Gorge so do your part to help the fishery and keep a limit of eight fish. Larger lake trout fishing was fair this summer at traditional structure spots from Big Bend south to Sheep Creek Bay. Big lake trout eat big food, so your lures and jigs should be big also. Try larger tube jigs and jigging spoons, or, if you're trolling, use large plugs, spoons or flatfish on a downrigger. Remember, only one fish over 28 inches may be kept.

**Kokanee:** Kokanee spawning regulations went into effect on September 10 through November 30. Any kokanee you catch must be released immediately. Anglers continued to report better catch rates this week as cooler temperatures perked up the fishing. Anglers can still fish for kokanee, they just have to be released. Try around the Pipeline, Sheep Creek and Jarvies Canyon. While the waters remain warm, fish in depths of 40–55 feet or anywhere you see fish on the graph. Downriggers, long lining, lead weights and planer boards can get the small spoons like needlefish, triple teasers, or other erratic-moving lures down to the right depths. Troll at speeds from 1.5–2.5 miles per hour.

**Rainbow trout:** Anglers report that fishing has perked up with the cooler weather. There's fair to good fishing on most areas of the reservoir during the cooler hours, which are extending farther and farther into the day. Try casting PowerBait, worm/marshmallow combinations or deep sinking lures from shore. Trolling spoons, pop gear and spinners in shallow and deeper water are also effective. If you're fishing from a boat and looking for larger fish, try fishing in 30–40 feet with



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

**Burbot (Ling):** We've gotten a few reports of good fishing this summer from anglers specifically targeting burbot. For those interested in fishing for burbot, try the following techniques. Go out at night or early in the morning and fish waters from 30–50 feet. Try off the points in areas like Antelope Flat, Linwood Bay or Sheep Creek in Utah and Firehole, Lost Dog, Sage Creek, Confluence, Buckboard, Holmes Crossing, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and Marsh Creek in Wyoming. Use glow tube or curly tail jigs that are two to three inches in size and about 1/8 to 1/4 ounce in weight. Jigging spoons and jigging Rapalas also work well. Tipping with sucker or crayfish meat and using smelly jelly or similar scents in crayfish also seems to help. These fish are in depths from 30–90 feet but seem to be caught more in the 40–60 foot range. During the day, these fish will move deep (70–100 feet), so jigging in deep water may produce some fish during the day. Netting in the Wyoming end of the reservoir has shown a large increase in the number of burbot present. Larger fish are more than 30 inches long and about four or five pounds. These fish must be harvested if caught in Utah to help control their population. They were illegally introduced to the upper Green River drainage and could have a major impact on other fish species.



There is no limit on burbot. You cannot waste the burbot in the Wyoming end of the reservoir, and they can be released there. However, please don't release any of these fish. They have been eating large amounts of crayfish and are also consuming kokanee salmon, smallmouth bass and critical food sources for other fish species. They could have an extreme impact on the reservoir fishery and should be removed by fishermen whenever possible. Burbot are an excellent eating fish with white, flaky flesh that is similar to a perch. They can be breaded and fried, or boiled and dipped in melted butter.

**Smallmouth bass:** Smallmouth fishing has begun to slow down although some anglers did find them and had good fishing last weekend. Fish can be found near the surface and the larger fish have dropped down to deeper structures. Try fishing the rocky areas where crayfish will be and adjust depth until you find the fish. Crayfish-colored grubs on lead head jigs or small plastic worms, sinkos, twitch and crankbaits

have all been working in about 5 20 feet of water off rocky shorelines and points. Try adding drop shot techniques to your presentations if the fish can't be found in the upper waters. If you're fishing in the canyon, keep a limit of ten fish smaller than 10 inches to help thin out the population and increase growth on remaining fish.

**GREEN RIVER (UPPER):** Anglers are reporting good fishing in most sections of the river. Please remember the slot-limit size range has changed from 13–20 inches to 15–22 inches to make regulations more consistent statewide. Imitation grasshoppers and other top-water fishing lures still work well. Nymphs and streamers are also working, and will become the mainstay as fall progresses. Try size 2–4 buggers such as Goldilox and patterns in olive, pink and white. Spin fishermen should try Rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); spinners; spoons; black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and plastic jigs. Please check to see that your tube jigs do not contain fish-attracting scents; they are illegal to use in the river. The flows on the river have returned to normal with an average of 1,500 cfs with one peak per day. This should continue through September. Visit the Bureau of Reclamation website at [www.usbr.gov/uc/water/crsp/cs/fgd.html](http://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/crsp/cs/fgd.html) for the latest information on flows. New Zealand mudsnail densities have dramatically increased in several localized areas near Little Hole, and have been documented in most areas of the river. Please thoroughly clean mud and vegetation from waders, boats and fishing gear. If possible, completely dry equipment before leaving the area. A hot water bath (120° F) will kill mudsnails, and spraying equipment with 409 or a similar soap solution before drying will increase effectiveness. Anglers also need to be aware of others floating the river. Try not to block the passage of their boats by standing in the deepest passages. A little courtesy can go a long way to stopping a potentially hazardous encounter for both anglers and boaters.

**GREEN RIVER (LOWER):** The water level remains low with a few peaks because of rain. Catfish anglers reported good fishing in the Jensen and Ouray areas.



**MATT WARNER RESERVOIR:**

We are getting fewer reports this summer, likely because anglers found fishing was much slower than usual in the late spring and early summer (although the fish seemed to be larger). Exactly why the fishing was slow is a fishing mystery. Spring netting indicated a healthy population of fish survived the winter plus the population was further supplemented with additional catchable-sized rainbows.

**MOON LAKE:** Latest angler reports indicate fair to good fishing success. Moon Lake contains a variety of trout

and kokanee, and fishing for all of these species should continue to be fair to good, especially in the cooler hours.

**MOOSE POND:** Moose Pond was drained to make some needed enhancements. The goal is to create a walking/fishing structure along the north end that provides safe access and places to fish,

so visitors won't need to use the highway as a path. Part of this new walkway will be accessible to visitors with physical disabilities. In the process, the inlet and outlet structures will be rebuilt, the pond will be made deeper by dredging in some areas and stabilizing a crack in the bottom to create better fish habitat, and a nature/access trail will be created to the south. If everything goes as planned, the new Moose Pond access should be ready, the pond filled and fish stocked again by early next summer.

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

**RED FLEET RESERVOIR:** Anglers report fair to good fishing for trout, bass and bluegill over the weekend. Bass and bluegill have moved into deeper waters, while the trout are moving up in the water column and spending more time near the surface. Try fishing off rocky points, moss beds and other structure during the cooler hours. Red Fleet is one of several lakes in northeastern Utah which may be infected with quagga and/or zebra mussels. To contain the possible infection, anglers and other boaters are being asked to clean and dry their boats after leaving the water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water including live wells, bilges and engine cooling systems.

**STARVATION RESERVOIR:**

Anglers have been reporting mostly good fishing for walleye, bass and yellow perch. A few rainbows and browns have also been reported. Try fishing off the walls and points for bass and walleye and near the moss beds for yellow perch. Best fishing is during the cooler hours. Several lakes in northeastern Utah may be infected with quagga and/or zebra mussels. To contain the



infection, anglers, boaters and other users are being asked to clean and dry their boats and equipment after leaving any northeastern water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water including live wells, bilges and cooling systems.

**STEINAKER RESERVOIR:** Anglers report better fishing for rainbows, bass and bluegill due to the cooler weather. Bass and bluegill catch rates are slowing down. Try fishing in waters around 20-foot deep near rocky structures for bass and bluegill, and bottom fishing with baits or deep sinking lures for trout. During the mornings and evenings all the fish are found feeding close to



the surface. Several lakes in northeastern Utah may be infected with quagga and/or zebra mussels. To contain the infection, anglers, boaters and other users are being asked to clean and dry their boats and equipment after leaving any northeastern water. Pay special attention to those areas which may trap and hold water including live wells, bilges and cooling systems.

**UINTA MOUNTAIN LAKES AND STREAMS:** The mountain trails are accessible, and fishing success is usually good. There is new snow at the highest elevations. Fishing on mountain lakes and streams can be spotty, so if one isn't producing, try moving to another. With over 400 managed fisheries on the South Slope alone, it's easy to find a new place to fish. Bright shiny lures and dry flies have been producing well. Always go prepared for serious weather, as the Uinta Mountains are well known for frequent, unexpected storms and high winds. The Uinta Mountains have a four-trout limit with a bonus of four more brook trout—see the [2008 Fishing Guidebook](#) for details.

**BIRCH CREEK:** (Rich County): Conservation Officer Casey McVay reports an algae bloom has caused a few fish to die. Fishing with bait will be more productive because of the low water visibility caused by the algae. Biologist Ben Nadolski added, "Abundant algae blooms at Birch Creek Reservoir have been reported by anglers and confirmed by DWR biologists. Algae blooms are more pronounced in the upper portions of the reservoir where depths are lower and water temperatures are highest. Algae is so abundant in some areas that anglers report 'paint' like substances in portions of the reservoir. These conditions are common this time of year at Birch Creek Reservoir, especially during warm summer months. However, this year appears more acute than normal. As a result of these conditions, anglers reported some dead fish at the banks of the reservoir. DWR officials have collected a sample of these fish for laboratory evaluation and have determined that chronic exposure to poor water quality is the cause of small-scale tiger trout mortality. Water quality should improve as temperatures continue to decline during the fall months. If conditions improve as expected, chronic population level effects are not expected at this time, although small-scale isolated mortality may continue in the short term. DWR officials will continue to monitor these conditions until water quality improves."



Nadolski reported, "Despite poor water quality conditions, fishing remains good and the tiger trout population is stable. Fishing pressure was light, and anglers report fair catch rates. Population surveys completed by DWR biologists last week indicate an abundance of tiger trout, with most fish measuring 16–18 inches in length, and some fish measuring 25 inches or more (see photo below). Fish are most concentrated in the upper portions of the reservoir, but dense blankets of filamentous algae will pose problems for cast-retrieve angling methods in those areas. Water clarity is better in the lower portions of the reservoir and anglers report the highest catch rates near the dam. Due to poor visibility, bright colored hardware and worms are suggested for best results."

**CAUSEY RESERVOIR:** The annual count of spawning salmon was completed this past week and showed just over 2,000 spawning adults in the tributaries east of the Reservoir. See a video clip at [utahwildlifevideos.blogspot.com](http://utahwildlifevideos.blogspot.com).

**EAST FORK LITTLE BEAR RIVER:** Please do not chase or handle the fish. Reminder: Fishing is closed to the possession of kokanee salmon with any red color from August 15 through September 28.

**HYRUM STATE PARK:** Park Ranger Floyd Powell reports that fishing is slow on all four main species of fish. There was some rainbow trout success on yellow & orange PowerBait, rapalas and spinners. There was also some yellow perch & blue gill success by the car bodies. There are not a lot of bass being caught, but a few were caught by the north island.

**LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR, RICH COUNTY:**

Conservation Officer Casey Mcvay reports that anglers are catching their limit using night crawlers. Remember that the trout limit at this reservoir was raised to 8 fish per person through the first of the year.

**LOGAN RIVER AND FIRST DAM:** Conservation Officer Rob Johnson reports that rainbow are hitting orange colored PowerBait.

**LOST CREEK RESERVOIR:** Conservation Officer Jonathan Moser reports fish are hitting silver lures (i.e. panther martin or similar) cast from the shore where the bank drops off very steeply. Boaters trolled similar patterns, like pearl colored PowerBait, down 25 feet or so. Fish were also hitting worms dangled below a bobber by about 4 feet, and PowerBait floated up from the bottom.

**PORCUPINE RESERVOIR:** Conservation Officer Matt Burgess reports anglers are having some success catching rainbows with worms. Biologist Paul Thompson just completed the annual count of spawning adult kokanee salmon, and found a total of over 5,000 salmon in the stream east of the reservoir. Anglers and fish viewers are reminded to stay out of the stream to protect the salmon eggs.

**UINTAS MOUNTAIN LAKES AND STREAMS:** Craig Schaugaard, Northern Region Aquatics Manager, recently completed fish population surveys on lakes and streams in the Smith's Fork Drainage. A video clip of the survey can be seen at [utahwildlifevideos.blogspot.com](http://utahwildlifevideos.blogspot.com).

**WEBER RIVER (between Wanship and Coalville):** Conservation Officer Bruce Johnson reports fishing success is good.



**ABAJO MOUNTAINS:** Sergeant J. Shirley checked Blanding #3 Reservoir on Sept. 21 and reported very good fishing for largemouth bass using either spinners or curly tail grubs. Anglers are catching rainbow trout with bait or spinners.

**BOULGERS RESERVOIR:** A week ago, Todd Munford of King's Outdoor World rated this water as fair to good. Fly fishermen did best in tubes or 'toons with sinking line and olive or brown leeches. Fast-stripping the line proved to be the most successful technique. Baitcasters did well with a worm/marshmallow combination.

**CLEVELAND RESERVOIR:** Try rainbow PowerBait or a nightcrawler tipped with a salmon egg. Fly fishers should try a size 8 black-and-orange woolly bugger.

**DUCK FORK RESERVOIR:** There haven't been any recent reports. Anglers will soon see improved fishing for tiger trout due to simulated spawning activity. This reservoir has special regulations. Anglers must use lures or artificial flies. The tiger trout limit is two fish.



**FAIRVIEW LAKE:** A week ago, Todd Munford reported that some 16-inch rainbows were being creeled. He said the west side of the lake was best with Zeke's Sierra Gold. Todd recommended that fly fishermen slow-troll olive woolly buggers from a tube or pontoon.

**FERRON RESERVOIR:** Fishing conditions should improve over the next couple of weeks.

**GIGLIOTTI POND:** On Sept. 13, the DWR sponsored a kids' fishing day. The pond was generously stocked before the event, and uncaught fish are still out there for the taking.

**HUNTINGTON CREEK:** Conservation Officer Ben Riley reports good brown trout fishing on the right fork. Brown trout are active and aggressive as they prepare for the spawn.

#### **HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR**

**(MAMMOTH RESERVOIR):** Fishing has

picked up with pseudo-spawning activity by tiger trout, according to Officer Ben Riley. Tigers appear to be feeding constantly. A week ago, Todd Munford reported fishing success for shoreline anglers who used a straight nightcrawler and a full bubble. Retrieve the bait slowly for best results. This water has special regulations. It is closed to the possession of cutthroat trout or trout with cutthroat markings. At mid-month, Tom Ogden flyfished the upper end, alternating between a size 12 black-and-tan Sheep Creek Special and a #10 Canada blood leech on sinking line. He hooked 16 tiger trout—which ranged from 8-18 inches long—as well as one 15-inch cutthroat.



**JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR:** There haven't been any recent reports. Conditions should improve with the onset of colder weather. This water has special regulations. The trout limit is two. Only one trout over 22 inches may be kept. All trout from 15–22 inches must be immediately released. The reservoir is closed from Nov. 1 through Dec. 13.

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

**LASAL MOUNTAINS:** Conservation Officer TJ Robertson issued the following report:  
Dons Lake—The moss is no longer a problem. Fly fishermen report good luck in the morning and late afternoon. Spincasters do well when they keep their lures near the surface.

Hidden Lake—Baits and small spinners have been working well.

Kens Lake—The lake was recently stocked with rainbow trout, and trout fishing has been fair to good. Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Kens Lake last Thursday evening. Using a fly rod and poppers in a variety of colors, Darek caught one 15-inch bass and 12 sunfish, ranging from 4–8 inches.

Oowah—Traditional baits have been effective, and the access road has been repaired.

**MILLER FLAT RESERVOIR:** A week ago, baitcasters reported good fishing.

**MILLSITE RESERVOIR:** Last Friday, DWR Biologist Daniel Keller spoke with a boat angler who reported good fishing near the inlet. The angler was using jigs tipped with worms as well as a worm-and-marshmallow combination.

**NORTH MANTI:** Conservation Officer Ben Riley provided the following summary: Fishing has improved across the north Manti. Cooler weather has lowered water temperatures and stimulated trout feeding behavior. Brown trout are gearing up for the spawn. They are becoming more aggressive and are feeding actively. Tiger trout, which are part brown trout, are feeding frequently. The lakes that hold tigers and browns have already shown an increase in angler success. Some of the best lakes to fish are Scofield and Mammoth reservoirs. Lower Fish Creek, Price River and Huntington Creek are the best streams to angle.



**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR:** Two posts on the Utah Fishing Forum reported great success at Scofield: a six-pound rainbow and a four- to six-pound tiger. The rainbow was landed with a worm/marshmallow combination. The tiger was taken with a dead minnow. Conservation Officer Ben Riley reported good fishing for tiger trout and recommends flashy spinners or jigs. DWR Biologist Daniel Keller interviewed fishermen on Sept. 20 and reported better fishing for shoreline anglers. He spoke with one fisherman who caught his limit of eight rainbow trout with worms just north of the Madsen Bay boat launch. The man cast and retrieved his worm close to shore to intercept the fish that patrolled the shoreline in search of a meal. On Sept. 22, Tom Ogden fished

in the middle of the day and caught two 18-inch rainbows from a pontoon boat. He was fishing the east side with sinking line and switching between olive and violet leeches. A week ago, Todd Munford reported good trolling on the north end of the lake with a straight nightcrawler. He also mentioned the success of bank anglers who used a nightcrawler/marshmallow combination. Steve Regrutto, who conducts weekly creel surveys for the DWR, recommends rainbow or green PowerBait or worms for shoreline anglers. He suggests that boaters troll with pop gear and a nightcrawler.

**BAKER RESERVOIR:** Anglers report that fishing is slow. The water level is low and there are heavy algae blooms.

**BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES:** Anglers report fair to good success in Barker and Lower Barker for stocked rainbows and a few brooks. You can find nice brook trout in Flat, Yellow and Joe Lay. Try fishing with dark-colored marabou jigs and wooly buggers near any structure like floating logs, submerged grass, large boulders and undercut banks. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four, only two of which may be over 14 inches.

**BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES:** There are no recent reports. Fishing for brooks, cutthroat and tigers should pick up as water temps come down. Public access at Puffer Lake is restricted to 100 yards of shoreline on the southwest end. Look for the small area that is not posted.

**BEAVER RIVER, LOWER:** The irrigation flows have ended and the river is running low and clear. Fall is a great time to fish for browns and rainbows. The fish are easily spooked in the low water, so tread lightly. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with



respect. Watch for signs: much of the private land is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass.

**BEAVER RIVER, UPPER:** Small rainbows and browns are abundant and will take most lures and flies. Try flashy spinners or a hopper-dropper rig. Not much pressure. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. Do

*not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**BOULDER MOUNTAIN LAKES:** Anglers report good to excellent fishing in all areas of the mountain. If fishing is slow at one lake, move on to another. For brook trout, try dark-colored marabou jigs and wooly buggers near any structure, like floating logs, submerged grass, large boulders, and undercut banks. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four, only two of which may be over 14 inches.

**CHALK CREEK:** Wild rainbows are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. The best fishing is away from the campground and the more heavily fished spots. Some catchable-sized rainbows are stocked in the campground. 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:** Anglers report fair to good fishing for small rainbows and browns with dries and nymphs.

**CORN CREEK:** Wild brown trout are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Some catchable-sized rainbows are stocked in the campground.

**DUCK CREEK SPRINGS/ASPEN MIRROR LAKE:** Catchable-sized rainbows have been stocked and fishing is fair to good with popular baits. Try lures or flies for more of a challenge.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER, KINGSTON CANYON:** Flows have decreased a little. The irrigation flows will end on October 1. Sampling this spring found that trout numbers are down from recent years. 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 good and generally clear, but can be muddy for several days after a rainstorm. Anglers report fair to good fishing for browns, and some cutthroat and rainbows. 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 only allow the use of artificial flies and lures and include a limit of two trout. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER, ABOVE TROPIC RESERVOIR:** There are no recent reports. Small trout are abundant from Kanab Creek upstream.

**ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR, UPPER AND LOWER:** Due to continued repair work on the dam, the upper reservoir will not be stocked this year. The lower reservoir is also mostly drained. 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 eight-ounce portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one two-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit [www.fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://www.fishadvisories.utah.gov).



**FISH LAKE:** Trolling for rainbows at 30–50 feet using popgear or small lures is good to excellent. Bait fishing can also produce. The average size of rainbows seems to be a little higher this year. Slower action for splake. Fast action for perch in and just outside the weeds. Try jigs tipped with worms or perch meat. Trolling for lake trout is generally slow, with a few fish caught by patient anglers. Make sure your lures imitate the lakers' forage: rainbows, chubs and perch. Note: A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limit on tiger musky applies here — 1 fish, which must be over 40 inches.

**FORSYTH RESERVOIR:** The water level is very low and boat launching is not recommended. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**FREMONT RIVER:** Flows are a little high and turbid above Mill Meadow Reservoir, though fishing for small and medium-sized browns can be good to excellent with flies or flashy spinners. 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:** The reservoir is being drained and the water level is dropping. Because the fishery will be lost with the draining, the daily bag and possession limits at Gunlock have been increased to 12 largemouth bass without size restrictions, 16 channel catfish, 100 bluegill and green sunfish in the aggregate, and 100 crappie. 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. For further details, visit [www.fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://www.fishadvisories.utah.gov)

**JOHNSON RESERVOIR:** The water level has dropped. Fishing for tiger muskies is hit and miss, with most anglers throwing rapalas. Don't be afraid to try the weirdest thing in your tackle box. A few fish over 40 inches have been caught this year. 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:** Anglers report very little pressure and very slow fishing. Trolling is usually most effective in the summer. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, and a limit of one trout, which must be over 18 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations.

**KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR:** Anglers report fair fishing for cutthroat. Weeds should get thick soon.

**LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR:** The water level has dropped to the conservation pool and much of the shoreline is very muddy. Lots of pressure on the weekends. Anglers report good to excellent fishing for rainbows with any bait or fly.

**MAMMOTH CREEK:** Flows are low and clear. Anglers report good fishing for small browns with spinners. 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:** Anglers report good to excellent perch fishing and slow action for trout. Medium-sized brown trout are abundant. These brown trout are wild fish, spawned in the Fremont River. It is very unique to find such a dense population of wild brown trout in a reservoir. The best technique for the browns is to use flashy lures, streamers, and natural baits like night crawlers and minnows. Good-sized perch up to 10 inches are semi-abundant. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.



**MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR:**

The water level is low, though not as bad as last fall. Due to some wind action on the mud flats, the water is fairly turbid. There is almost no fishing pressure. Anglers report slow trout fishing. Recent sampling has found that trout are in very poor condition due to poor water level and quality

over the past year. Please reduce playing and handling time to avoid hooking mortality. Smallmouth bass fishing was good much of the summer. Work the rocky shorelines with curly-tail jigs or lures that imitate crayfish and chubs. Remember these special regulations: Artificial flies and lures only, and 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:** Most lakes are producing well (Big, Deep, Annabella, Upper and Lower Box Creek Reservoirs). Most anglers are using bait, though some are doing well using

fly and bubble combos in the evenings. Anglers report fair to good fishing at Manning Meadow for cutthroat up to 16 inches with an assortment of lures. Remember these special regulations: The Manning Meadow Reservoir trout limit is one fish over 22 inches, artificial flies and lures only. The Barney Lake trout limit is two, artificial flies and lures only.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** Splake are very abundant. There are a couple reports of good fishing for splake with pieces of chub meat. Try to focus on steeper shorelines with less weeds. Some 18– to 19– inch fish are present. Trolling is producing more rainbows than shore fishing. For splake, try lures, streamers or jigs tipped with chub meat.

**NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR:** Most anglers are catching a few wipers, with some periods of very good fishing. Best success trolling or casting gold crankbaits (Frenzies, Rapalas, etc.) or wooly buggers. Wipers can be caught anywhere on the lake, but much of the best success is right next to shore. If fishing from shore work the dam and nearby shorelines. Smallmouth fishing is fair to good for small to medium-sized fish, with several fish over two pounds. Try a variety of soft plastics, crankbaits, and even streamers. Keep switching tactics until you find something that works. Recent sampling has found that 3- to 4-pound wipers are abundant and spread out through various depths. Please remember that golden shiners are not approved for use as fresh or frozen bait. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to two 8-oz portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one 4-oz portion per month. For further details, visit

[www.fishadvisories.utah.gov](http://www.fishadvisories.utah.gov)



### **OTTER CREEK**

**RESERVOIR:** Boat launching is still possible, despite low water. Fishing is starting to pick up with the cooler weather. Look for rainbows to start moving in more shallow in October. Lumps and sores are showing up on some rainbows at Otter Creek. These are caused by a skin infection brought on by the warm water temperature. This infection affects only the

skin, so the flesh is safe to eat, once fully cooked. The infection will dissipate as the water cools later in the fall. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

**PANGUITCH LAKE:** Fishing is generally slow, though a few anglers have experienced periods of fair to good fishing. The algae bloom is starting to die off. Fishing will improve as the water cools and clarity improves. Remember these special regulations: The limit is four trout, which



must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. Anglers must release all trout 15 to 22 inches long. Trout caught at Panguitch Lake cannot be filleted, or have the head or tail removed until you get home or to a camp. Some tributaries are closed until July 12 — check the [Utah Fishing Guide](#) for which streams are closed. Tips for releasing fish in the slot (15 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, while digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks instead of treble hooks.

**PARAGONAH (RED CREEK) RESERVOIR:** Anglers report that fishing is generally slow. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base.

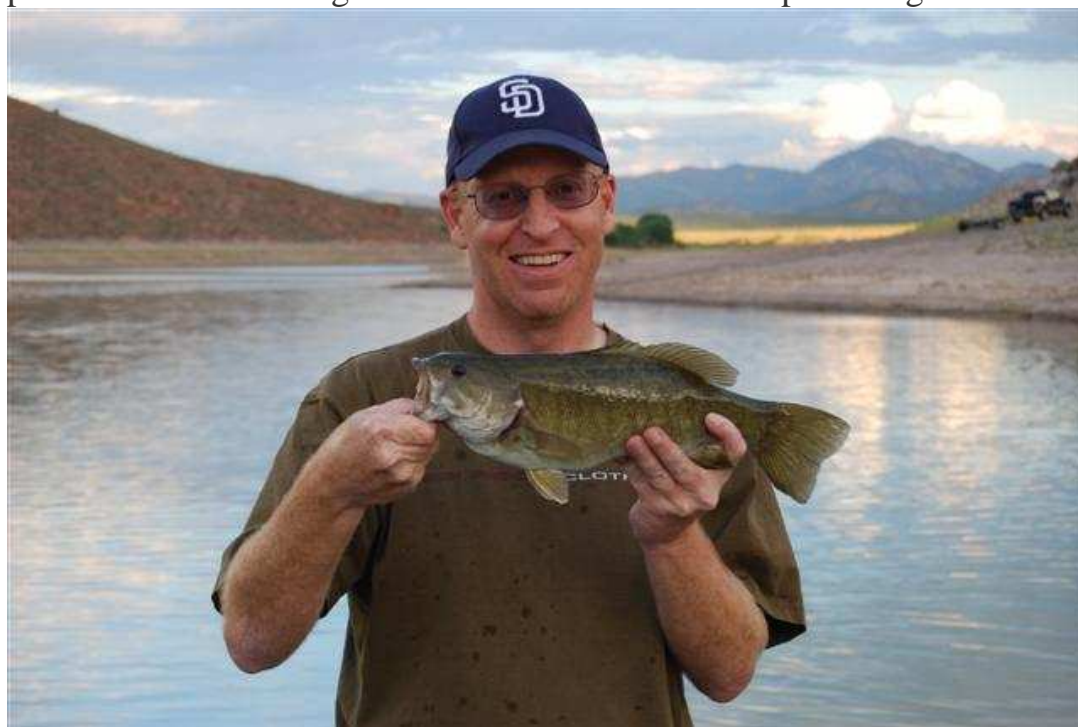
**PINE LAKE:** No recent reports.

**PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR:** Catchable rainbows have been stocked.

**PIUTE RESERVOIR:** Anglers report that fishing is slow. Construction work is taking place on the breakwater project near the boat ramp.

**QUAIL LAKE:** Water temperature is in the low 70's. A few anglers report fair to good success for largemouth bass over two pounds. Try drop-shots near cliffs, spinnerbaits near submerged brush, or crankbaits along the rocky dams. Senkos are also popular. Fishing at night can be productive when bass go in shallow. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under

10 inches and two over 20 inches.



**SAND COVE RESERVOIRS:**

There are good numbers of largemouth bass and bluegill in both reservoirs. Anglers report that fishing is fair to good.

**SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** Water temperatures are in the low 80s. The water level was dropped in

preparation for building a new boat ramp on the south end. Bass fishing is good to excellent. Small fish are found just about everywhere while large fish are found closer to brush, rock edges or in deeper water. Dark-colored senkos are a popular bait. Also try deep-diving crankbaits for larger fish. There has been some topwater action lately. Bluegill have moved deeper again, but are still being caught with a worm and bobber. Try fishing early and late to avoid the heat and water

skiers. Remember these special regulations: The bass limit is six, with one over 12 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park. Change in access: Access to Sand Hollow State Park has changed to 3700 West (Sand Hollow Road). The road that previously accessed the park, 4300 W (Turfsod), is closed. The new road is a half-mile east on SR-9 of the old entrance.

**SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK:** Flows are low and generally clear. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream, south of 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:** Irrigation flows will end on October 1.

**THOUSAND LAKES MOUNTAIN:** Anglers report fair to good success at all lakes. Dry flies and nymphs are producing well.

**TROPIC RESERVOIR:** Catchable rainbows have been stocked and fishing is slow to fair.

**URBAN PONDS:** Washington County: Trout fishing is over for the summer. Try jigs tipped with nightcrawlers for bluegill and small bass. Iron County: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in Parowan Pond and Woods Ranch Pond. Catfish have been stocked in Parowan Pond.

**WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** Boats cannot be launched at the state park due to the extremely low water. Bass are bunched up in any deep water you can find. Top water lures are best.

**YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR:** Anglers report that fishing is slow.



**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR:** Anglers report fair success from the shoreline and fair to good success from boats. Walleye success is slow to fair. Bass success is considered fair. Bass are still being caught near points and submerged structure with various action lures. Please remember that



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

**JORDANELLE RESERVOIR:** Anglers report fair trout success, mostly by using PowerBait. Trout have been biting from both boat and shoreline. Bass success is fair. The bass limit is six fish, and you should immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Please remember not to fillet bass or remove their heads or tails because of the size restriction (for law enforcement purposes). Perch success is slow, but the perch limit is 50.

**STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR:** There are a lot of float tubers and boaters still using the reservoir. Anglers report fair, and at times good, success for trout. Many tubers are using white tube jigs, wooly buggers or bait. Kokanee salmon are now spawning and can be seen in large numbers in the Strawberry River at the Visitor Center, and in the fish tap and egg-taking facility behind the center. Tributaries are closed to angling, but take some time to view the spawning salmon to add some excitement to your fishing trip. Please help us get the word out to the public about Strawberry's special regulations! DWR Conservation Officers wrote over 50 citations last month, mostly for fishing violations. The Strawberry Reservoir Brochure lists the special regulations and shows photos and illustrations. Download a PDF of the Strawberry Reservoir Fishing Regulations and Fish Identification brochure at [wildlife.utah.gov/strawberry](http://wildlife.utah.gov/strawberry).



Please help educate other anglers that fish the reservoir about the differences between cutts and rainbows, and the size and slot limits on cutts. Many anglers report catching some of the 12– to 14–inch rainbows that were stocked earlier. The kokanee salmon are in the tributaries a week earlier than last year and the fish trap is now in operation. (There were only a handful in the trap this morning, but we anticipate many more over the next few weeks.) Most anglers report fair success for cutts. Regulations for the reservoir include: an aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No

more than two of the fish may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches, and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches. All cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released. (Any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat). Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish.

**UTAH LAKE:** Angler Danny reports fantastic success ("on about every cast!") for white bass using action lures, and fair success for channel cats using stink baits or worms. Walleye fishing is slow. The largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, and you should immediately release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions, call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

**YUBA RESERVOIR:** Anglers report slow success for all species. Please keep the walleye you catch. For more information, call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.



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

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

**PAYSON LAKE:** The Fall colors are awesome here. Anglers report good success with traditional baits, lures and flies.

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

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

**SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR:** Anglers report fair success. Worms and PowerBait work best.



**SPRING LAKE:** Anglers are having fair success for trout and catfish.

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

**SILVER LAKE FLAT RESERVOIR (above Tibble Fork):** Angler Chris Nielsen reports: "On Wednesday the 3rd, I fished from about 5:00

p.m. to 8:00 p.m. I caught four fish total from a canoe on the southwest side of the lake: a 10-inch brook and three 10–12 inch rainbows. Fishing was slow until the sun started to set, I caught three of them from 6:30 p.m–7:30 p.m. I had the best success throwing a Rapala X-Rap Rainbow from the canoe to shore, then reeling it back in. I also caught one on a Blue Fox lure."

**VERNON, GRANTSVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIR (TOOELE CO.):** Vernon Reservoir was recently drained. Angler Mike reports: "I've been fishing Settlement Canyon Reservoir and Grantsville Reservoir fairly regularly the past week. At Settlement Canyon, I've only been catching chub. Another angler near me caught a small 4– to 5-inch rainbow. This is down from two weeks ago when I caught my limit in a three hour period, and all the fish were at least 7–8 inches and one was 11 inches. I caught the trout on PowerBait, and the chub with worms fished off the bottom. Grantsville is slow from the shore with only a few bites, but I did catch a 15-inch rainbow on my first cast three days ago with a crawdad–imitating jig fished off the

bottom. I had a few hits off of PowerBait too. Settlement Canyon was at 35 feet remaining, which is about 50% full. Grantsville was also about half of normal, but I don't know what the depth was."

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

**DIAMOND FORK RIVER:** Anglers report fair to good success with a grasshopper imitation, small flies or traditional baits.

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

**PROVO RIVER:** Angler Scott reports: "I hit the Provo a week ago, and had good success after 12 noon. Surface flies worked the best, but very small pupa also worked. I went up on Wednesday night and talked to an angler who had caught more than 20 fish on the surface from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. I've heard that hoppers are hot right now, but no luck here." Read the [2008 Fishing Guidebook](#) to learn more about the different regulations on the river. Some areas allow bait and others do not. Size restrictions and reduced limits ("two brown trout under 15 inches") are in place in some stretches.

**THISTLE CREEK:** Anglers report good success with flies, lures or worms and—needless to say—grasshopper imitations.

## Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson  
September  
19, 2008  
Lake Elevation: 3627  
Water  
Temperature 75-79 F

Darn old full moon really put the fish down early this week. Fish are fat after chowing down all summer on a surplus supply of shad. There is plenty of forage. Living is easy. All this adds up to tough fishing for sportsmen when fish get a blast of full moon-itis. But this will pass. By the time the report makes the rounds the worst will be over and fishing will perk up once more.



Striper boils are now defined as 3 fish splashing within 50 yards of each other. They can be caught if the surface lure is presented on time before the splash ring goes away. Splashing fish may be either bass or stripers. They are all lazily eating shad on the surface. The surface action may last for two bites but fish are up and gone in a flash.

The best way to catch them is to drop spoons in the vicinity of the splash rings. The best depth for spooning is 40 feet. When a school is graphed on bottom, drop the lure until it touches and then jig in short strokes. If the school is suspended, drop the lure below the school and then speed reel through the fish. Pause when above the fish and drop the lure back through the fish zone. This technique will catch more stripers than any other right now.



The only really good time of day right now is evening. As the moon darkens, mornings will get progressively better. The twilight periods are far superior to any other time of day for fishing success.

There are fish to be caught in these conditions. My best technique today was to find a long rocky point covered with tamarisk trees. Follow the point out until treetops are just barely visible under water. Fish shad and bluegill crankbaits and plastics where bottom depth is 20-30 feet. A Storm Wild-eye swimbait was the best lure today. Let it swim through the tree tops and drop along the edges to find bass lurking in the trees. Bass fishing really saved the day when stripers were not ready to go for us.

At Bullfrog there were a few striper boils (3 fish) in the early morning in Hansen Creek, Lake Canyon and Halls Creek. Spooning near the boils produced a few stripers.

The only really good spooning spot found was at the tire breakwater guarding Bullfrog Main Ramp which produced some 30 fish catches early in the week.

Water temperature is cooling and the moon is getting darker. Fishing will be back to normal with a good fishing success rate as the moon gets dark at month end.

### **Fly By the Wasatch Fault with GoogleEarth on YouTube**

Salt Lake City, Utah -- The Utah Geological Survey (UGS) has uploaded a new and intriguing video about the Wasatch fault on YouTube. "The video is a great example of merging technology and knowledge," said Rick Allis, UGS director. "To our knowledge, this is a first-of-its-kind video."



The video is a 10-minute long ‘flyover’ of the Salt Lake City segment of the fault. It reveals the geologic story of the fault, and highlights features seen along the fault, potential hazards, and where the fault travels in the valley.

The project uses the technology of GoogleEarth to provide a visually educational and informative narrative of the 240-mile long Wasatch fault. “We are hoping that school teachers, geologists, and other people interested in the Wasatch fault will use this resource,” said Allis.

To access the video, go to: [http://geology.utah.gov/utahgeo/hazards/eqfault/wfault\\_flyby.htm](http://geology.utah.gov/utahgeo/hazards/eqfault/wfault_flyby.htm) or <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DByPiCkznEO> or search “Wasatch fault” in YouTube.

The Utah Geological Survey provides timely scientific information about Utah’s geologic environment, resources and hazards.

### **National Park Service waives entrance fees this weekend**

(Washington, D.C.) – All National Park Service sites will offer free visitor admission this weekend. There will be no entrance fees on September 27 to celebrate National Public Lands Day and on September 28 to honor the country’s newest citizens.

“The fee free weekend provides a great opportunity for people to explore their public lands, including the 391 units of the National Park Service,” said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. “The men and women of the National Park Service are proud to preserve 84 million acres of this nation for the enjoyment of the American people.”

In addition to waiving entrance fees, national parks and other public lands will host special programs and volunteer projects on Saturday to commemorate the 15th annual National Public Lands Day.

In all 50 states, volunteers can take part in projects to improve public places. Last year, more than 110,000 people helped with tasks such as planting trees, building trails, or removing invasive plants. Anyone who volunteers at a National Park Service area on National Public Lands Day will receive a free one day pass valid for future use at any site.

On Sunday, Department of the Interior agencies, including the National Park Service, will not charge anyone entrance fees in tribute to newly naturalized citizens.

“Each park is a special place set aside to tell a part of our country’s story,” said Bomar, herself a naturalized citizen. “I feel it is important that every American, no matter how long his or her family has lived in the United States, connects firsthand with the heritage preserved in National Park Service sites.”

Usually, 147 of the country’s 391 National Park Service sites charge entrance fees ranging from \$3 to \$25. The other 244 areas do not have entrance fees.

## CHUKAR PARTRIDGE RELEASES IN 2008

**PRICE, UTAH**—Today and tomorrow, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) will release 600 Chukar Partridge in Carbon and Emery counties, preceding the opening of the



statewide chukar hunt on Saturday, September 27. Adult pen-reared birds are scattered in the wild as part of an effort to provide more hunting opportunity for Utah's upland game sportsmen.

Birds will go to five Castle Country locations: in Miller's Canyon southeast of the town of Emery; on

the south side of Cedar Mountain near Jim Wilson Reservoir; above Millsite Reservoir near Ferron; in the Gordon Creek Wildlife Management Area along the Consumer's Road near Price, and along the Farnum Road near the Price River southeast of the town of Wellington.

The 2008 chukar season runs from September 27-February 15, 2009. The bag limit is five birds. The possession limit is two bag limits. Sportsmen will need a valid combination or hunting license in order to hunt. These licenses may be purchased at a license agent, DWR office or on-line at: [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov)

## 1 Million-Plus Acres in Wyoming Comprise TRCP Protests

*Sportsmen's group supports responsible fish and game management in its challenge of federal resource management plan and energy lease sale*

WASHINGTON – With its goal the responsible development of public-lands energy resources, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership today announced formal protests of a broad land-use plan for the Upper Green River Basin in western Wyoming, near Pinedale, and an Oct. 7 Wyoming energy lease sale. Both actions continue the group's advocacy for common-sense fish and wildlife management and hunting and fishing traditions on America's public lands.

“The Pinedale resource management plan paints a grim future for conservation in America,” said Tom Franklin, senior vice president of the TRCP. “The federal government's proposal lacks

proactive measures for habitat management in the Upper Green River Basin, a region known for its world-class fish and wildlife resources. But American sportsmen believe that these resources are vitally important to our nation and our cultural identity, and we are unwilling to accept the declines in their populations predicated in the government's plan."

The 1.2 million acres encompassed by the Pinedale resource management plan, or RMP, sustain abundant big-game populations and fisheries and are managed by the Bureau of Land Management through the Pinedale Field Office. This plan is distinct from the recently released Pinedale record of decision, or ROD, a project-specific decision regarding how development of the Pinedale Anticline natural gas project will proceed on approximately 300,000 acres.

"Federally prescribed management actions for wildlife fail to conform to current, peer-reviewed science in the Pinedale plan," said Dr. Rollin Sparrowe, a TRCP board member and past president of The Wildlife Society. "The ramifications of this failure are twofold – one, important habitat for big game and sage grouse will suffer and these species' populations will decline and, two, the multiple-use mandate that the BLM is required to adhere to is being ignored.

"Based on this plan, wildlife in the Upper Green River Basin are afforded no assurances for the future," continued Sparrowe, a biologist with more than 40 years' experience using science in wildlife management. "Large blocks of habitat and wildlife are protected only if no oil and gas are discovered, and criteria for reducing habitat protections are not identified. Compounding the well-documented, dramatic reductions in mule deer on winter range in the anticline project area, this plan assumes an annual 2-percent decline in mule deer hunting for the larger region. This is a plan for industrialization of the Upper Green, not a plan for conservation of its resources for the future.

"Overall, the Pinedale plan ignores a wealth of scientific information and a range of state and federal guidelines for fish and wildlife management," stated Sparrowe. "President Bush's executive order on hunting? The Wyoming governor's sage grouse implementation strategy? The Wyoming Game and Fish Department's mule deer plan? U.S. Forest Service planning documents? None are mentioned in this plan, and all should influence how the BLM manages the public's lands and resources."

Similar concerns for Wyoming's game populations and sporting traditions spurred the TRCP protest of one of the largest BLM energy lease sales in the state's history. Approximately 190,000 acres of sage grouse habitat and big-game migration corridors and winter range comprise the sportsmen's protest. Energy development in these areas would affect public lands and hunting and fishing throughout the state.

"We have reached a watershed moment for energy development, not just in Wyoming, but across the Rocky Mountain West," said Dwayne Meadows, a TRCP field representative based in Laramie. "The federal government is pushing a blueprint for development that fails to address the needs of fish and wildlife and dismisses the interests of public-lands users."

"The Pinedale resource management plan is a prime example of how *not* to pursue energy projects on our public lands," concluded Franklin, "yet this plan is being promoted as the model for future



projects. The stakes are enormous. Nothing less than our cultural integrity is at risk. This is why we should care about Pinedale, Wyoming.”

The TRCP believes that to better balance the concerns of fish and wildlife in the face of accelerating energy development, federal land management agencies must follow the conservation tenets outlined in the FACTS for Fish and Wildlife.

## **NORTHERN UTAH SKI AREAS – 8,000 UNCROWDED ACRES, ABUNDANT SNOW**

### ***Three resorts collectively offer diversity and value***

(Ogden Valley, UT) Alpine sports enthusiasts who are searching for unique resort towns that are rural in nature, incredibly beautiful, with genuinely friendly locals need look no further than the area known as the “Ogden Valley” in Northern Utah. Within minutes of your accommodations you’ll find an assemblage of three distinctly different ski areas offering a combined 8,000 acres of famous Utah powder and not a traffic light in sight. The Salt Lake International Airport is a short distance from the Ogden Valley (45 minutes from Huntsville and 50 minutes from Eden) and encompasses the brand new scenic Legacy Highway.

The Ogden Valley is a collection of three mountain hamlets called Eden, Huntsville and Liberty which are surrounded by three ski areas – **Powder Mountain, Snowbasin and Wolf Creek Utah Ski Resort** (formerly Wolf Mountain.) The readers surveyed for SKI Magazine’s annual Top Resort survey gave great scores — Powder Mountain ranked #1 for Value and #3 for Snow, while Snowbasin was ranked #1 for Lifts, #2 for On-Mountain Food and #3 for Service.

This high mountain valley offers a broad selection of newer condominiums, private homes, hotel,



and Bed and Breakfast options at prices that will astound you! Everything needed for a memorable vacation is available: groceries, restaurants, gift shops, catering services, spa and salon services, art galleries, fitness centers, equipment rental, banking and liquor store.

When planning a trip with value in mind, remember that there are certain times of the winter season where you’ll

find the most favorable pricing. Early and late season you’ll often find great lodging packages and mid-week is almost always a better value. Adult daily lift prices are a bargain ranging from \$32 to \$62 depending on the resort. The best deals are generally lodging packages that include passes or multi-day lift tickets. Families will appreciate that children 6 and under ski free at Powder Mountain and Snowbasin while Wolf Creek Utah Ski Resort offers a free pass for those 5 and

under. Seniors receive a free ski pass at Wolf Creek Utah Ski Resort starting at age 70, Snowbasin at age 75 and Powder Mountain at age 80. Complimentary shuttle service is available to the slopes from most lodging properties in the Valley.

Sign up for the OVBA email newsletter and receive the latest lodging, recreation and dining specials twice a month. You can register at [www.ovba.org](http://www.ovba.org). And, if there's an organizer amongst your friends, group pricing kicks in with 20-25 participants depending on the resort. All three resorts are offering locals *Learn to Ski/Board* specials in January so it's a great time to get the more timid family members to try, or get back into, winter sports.

If your travel party includes those who don't want to slide down the slopes on skis or a board, there are plenty of options. Both Snowbasin and North Fork Park offer plenty of groomed trails free of charge for **cross country skiers and showshoers**. The slower pace of guided **snowshoe tours** and **sleigh rides** allow guests time to enjoy the beauty of the winter wonderland. Nearby Monte Cristo is the most popular **snowmobile** trailhead in Utah with rentals available locally.

Snowbasin has converted the finish line area of the Olympic downhill into a six lane lift assisted tubing hill for the young at heart.

Powder Mountain's Snowcat Tour offers fresh powder lines off Lightning Ridge

### **Powder Mountain**

consistently ranks high on value in the annual SKI Magazine survey. The resort offers up 5,500 acres of varied skiing and riding, from in-bounds groomers and tree skiing to snowcat accessed and hike-to terrain, with densely treed glades and bowls. In addition to the traditional lift served area, Powder Mountain has two snowcat operations and Powder Country. Powder Country is a unique feature where skiers pick their line down to the mountain access road and a big bus provides a shuttle back up to the lifts. Both day and night skiing are offered, with two terrain parks for catching air. Slope side lodging is available; daily lift prices are \$30 for kids, \$53 for adults. [www.powdermountain.com](http://www.powdermountain.com) (801) 745-3772.



### **Middle Bowl at Snowbasin Resort**

**Snowbasin Resort** has the right mix; big mountain skiing, intermediate cruising terrain, and a brand new high speed quad, Little Cat Express, for the beginner skier. The journey to skiing/riding excellence starts at Snowbasin for all levels of snowsports enthusiasts. The Resort's award winning food, the extraordinary day lodges with their European influence and comfort, is a

cut above. Two high speed gondolas ensure not much down time and with one of the largest snowmaking systems in North America. Snowbasin Resort provides, typically, a Thanksgiving Day opening. Two terrain parks, manicured slopes, a lift assisted tubing hill, over 26 K of groomed Nordic trails, Superpipe, guided backcountry skiing, daycare, full retail and rental complete the offerings. Lift passes are \$39 for youth and \$62 for adults.

[www.snowbasin.com](http://www.snowbasin.com) or 888-437-5488



Family-Friendly Wolf Creek  
Utah Mountain

**Wolf Creek Utah Ski Resort** (formerly Wolf Mountain) is a gem of a family area, with 100 acres of surprisingly diverse terrain, and possibly the best beginners' area in the state.

Three lifts service the mountain plus a Magic Carpet for newcomers and a full staff of PSIA certified instructors to get folks started. Value is the name of the game here, and The Wolf, as its known locally, offers Utah's largest night skiing operation. Kids passes are \$20, adults are \$32. [www.wolfmountaineden.com](http://www.wolfmountaineden.com) or (801) 745-3511.

A sampling of lodging packages\* as of press time include:

- The **Columbine Inn at Powder Mountain** offers ski-in, ski-out hotel rooms starting below \$70 and condominiums from \$150 (sleeps 6) [www.columbineinnutah.com](http://www.columbineinnutah.com).
- **Lakeside Resort Properties** features a Weekend Ski Vacation starting at \$110 pp/pn - 3 nights lodging in luxury 2 bedroom condo and 12 lift tickets! Details at [www.lakesideresortproperties.com](http://www.lakesideresortproperties.com).
- **Powdercondo** offers a free daily lift ticket with weekly rental, Ritz Carton Beds, SONY Flat Screen TV's and Free Internet. [www.powdercondo.com](http://www.powdercondo.com)
- **Snowberry Inn Bed & Breakfast** offers private room and bath, full hot gourmet breakfast daily, ski lift tickets & delectable dinners. [www.snowberryinn.com](http://www.snowberryinn.com)
- **Utah Resort Reservations** offers great WEEKLY rates for ski-in/ski-out Powder Ridge Condos at Powder Mountain; availability Martin Luther King and President's Day holiday weekends. [www.utahresortreservations/specials.com](http://www.utahresortreservations/specials.com).
- Wolf Creek Utah Lodging is offering Utah residents the the Family Fun Pack starting at \$88 pp/pn including premier lodging accommodations, two lift tickets to Wolf Creek Utah Ski Resort, a horse-drawn sleigh ride, \$50 Club dining gift certificate and \$50 gas card. [www.wolfcreekutah.com/lodging/specials.php](http://www.wolfcreekutah.com/lodging/specials.php) or (800) 301- 0817.



\*Restrictions apply to all lodging packages; please visit listed websites for specifics. Find more detailed information on lodging, recreation and dining options in Ogden Valley and Ogden Canyon at [www.ovba.org](http://www.ovba.org). Check out the collection of skiing and snowboarding videos,



including resort special events, at “OV TV” on [OgdenValleyMagazine.com](http://OgdenValleyMagazine.com).

*The Ogden Valley Business Association (OVBA) is dedicated to serving the Ogden Valley Community and businesses. Its purpose is to enhance the quality of life for citizens of Ogden Valley and Ogden Canyon through the promotion and development of community and economic resources including arts, culture, education, human services, tourism and community service.*

### **Partners Come Together to Begin Digitizing Nationally Significant Homestead Records**

Homestead National Monument of America and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are pleased to announce major new developments in the homestead records project, their partnership effort to create searchable digital images of paper records created under the Homestead Act of 1862. These records are treasure troves of information about the individuals and families that claimed land under the Homestead Act as well as the lasting changes the law initiated in the United States and across the world.

The Homestead Act of 1862 allowed any qualified individual to claim up to 160 acres of land for the purposes of settlement and cultivation. After a five-year residency period and the successful completion of improvements, the land became the private property of the claimant. The law became effective January 1, 1863 and remained in effect until 1906. Over those 123 years, the U.S. government distributed 270 million acres of land in 30 states. Every one of the approximately four million claims recorded generated a paper record that still exists in the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Homestead National Monument of America is a unit of the National Park System located in Beatrice, Nebraska, that is charged with interpreting the many impacts of the Homestead Act. The monument has sought copies of the homestead records for public research at its facility since 1999. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln joined the monument in partnership in 2001 to help make the project a reality in order to allow greater scholarly research in the homestead records.

Homestead records provide a great deal of valuable information about homesteaders and their lands. Such notations as family members' names, nationalities, military service, immigration to the U.S. and naturalization as a citizen may be found in homestead case files. Also commonly found is information on buildings constructed, crops raised, household items, the monetary value

of a homestead, and more. Officials at the National Archives have stated that homestead records are one of the two most information-rich sets of records the agency maintains.

Two major developments are being announced today. The first is the unveiling of an online index to approximately 65,000 homestead records from the Broken Bow, Nebraska land office (1890-1908). These records were microfilmed at the National Archives in 2006; monument and UNL volunteers have been indexing them for the past 18 months.



The online index will be available to the public via the UNL website. The second major development is the addition of several new partners to the project and the beginning of a new digital homestead records initiative. The National Archives has agreed to the digitization of the homestead documents from the Nebraska City/Lincoln U.S. land office, which operated from 1868 to 1925. This project will create digital copies of approximately 300,000 documents. Several partners will be involved in this new phase of the project.

FamilySearch is based in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is the genealogical research organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Trained FamilySearch volunteers will work in the National Archives to make the digital copies. Footnote.com, a subsidiary of iArchives, Inc., is a company based in Lindon, Utah, that will host the images on its website. FamilySearch and Footnote.com are both official online partners of the National Archives. Visitors to Homestead National Monument of America, all National Archives locations, all Family Search research centers, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be able to access the records free of charge. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Center for Digital Research in the Humanities will provide corrections and enhancements to the general index Footnote.com creates. Digital cameras for image capturing have been provided in part by the Federation of Genealogical Societies. Representatives from all project partners—the National Archives, FamilySearch, Footnote.com, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and Homestead National Monument of America—are here today.



“This project is absolutely outstanding and is an important undertaking for the National Park Service,” said Mary Bomar, the agency’s director. “The legislation that created Homestead National Monument of America specifically states that it should be a repository for literature applying to settlement that occurred under the Homestead Act. What more important literature is there than the actual records of everyone who homesteaded?”

We are proud to work with the National Archives and the other great project partners to make the vision of having these records available to the monument’s visitors a reality.” “The National Archives maintains billions of pages of records for the benefit of the American people,” added Allen Weinstein, Archivist of the United States. “This project is designed to make a very important set of records—over 30 million documents—easily accessible to the public. A truly excellent and diverse set of partners has come together to make this happen, and we at the National Archives are pleased to be involved.”

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman noted, “This is a wonderful project for all of the partners, and we at UNL are particularly excited about the new scholarly research that will result from widespread access to homestead records. Research on the migration and settlement patterns of homesteaders may completely change the way historians, economists, and geographers think about the settlement of the American West.”

“Footnote.com currently hosts over 45 million pages of documents, and we’re very excited to add records dealing with homesteaders and the Homestead Act,” said Russ Wilding, CEO of Footnote.com. “We look forward to having these records on our site and making them searchable and available to all who wish to learn more about the lasting impacts of the Homestead Act. This is a really unique project to digitize some really unique records.”

“Homestead records are great sources of genealogical information, which is a major interest of ours,” added FamilySearch CEO Jay Verkler.

“We’ve been interested in digitizing these records for years, and we’re very happy to be involved in this project and to help make that happen. We look forward to working with this great set of partners to digitize these valuable documents so that homesteader descendants can learn more about their ancestors.”

Homestead National Monument of America is a unit of the National Park System located four miles west of Beatrice, Nebraska on State Highway 4. Admission to all events, exhibits, displays, and facilities is free of charge. Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For additional information, please call 402-223-3514 or visit [www.nps.gov/home](http://www.nps.gov/home).



### **The Coleman Company, Inc., announces support for Wounded Warrior Project’s new national parks-based program**

**WICHITA, Kan.** (Sept. 19, 2008) – Wounded Warrior Project and National Park Service announced today they will work together to help severely injured military members, through a new partnership receiving support from The Coleman Company, Inc.

In a ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial, National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar and Wounded Warrior Project Executive Director and Founder John Melia signed an agreement to develop opportunities in national parks for the military members to mend physically, mentally and spiritually.

“The words of Abraham Lincoln’s second inaugural address carved on the wall inside of the memorial remind all of us ‘to care for him who shall have borne the battle,’” Bomar said. “National parks are places of refuge and inspiration. I am thrilled that this partnership will allow more veterans to be rejuvenated by the serenity, beauty and recreational opportunities found in parks.”

The funding provided by Coleman will help cover travel and accommodations for the military members to the parks.

“At Coleman, we think it is important for all Americans to get outside more and enjoy the benefits of nature and recreation,” said Sam Solomon, President and CEO of [The Coleman](http://www.colemancompany.com)



[Company, Inc.](#) “We’re honored to join with the National Park Service and Wounded Warrior Project to provide this unique healing opportunity for our wounded military men and women.”

In addition to identifying a variety of activities and locations for Wounded Warrior Project programs, the National Park Service will provide information on park concessions, cooperating associations and employment opportunities for veterans and their families.



“These heroes have sacrificed greatly in service to their country,” Melia said. “I think it is fitting that, through this partnership, some of America’s best places will be available to help them heal.”

The first collaborative effort between the National Park Service and Wounded Warrior Project, with support from Coleman, will take place at Acadia National Park in Maine on Oct. 20. Project Odyssey is designed to aid the recovery process for those suffering from combat stress and post-traumatic stress disorder. Additional programs are planned for Yosemite and Grand Teton national parks.

### **About Wounded Warrior Project**

Wounded Warrior Project is a non-profit organization whose mission is to honor and empower wounded warriors. It serves to raise awareness and enlist the public’s aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women, to help severely injured service members aid and assist each other and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. For more information, please call (904) 296-7350 or visit [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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### **New Motorcycles celebrate 30 Years**

Hyosung has been making motorcycles for over 30 years and they have just released a 30th year anniversary model. See the attached photos. It is a beautiful bike and the photos do not do it justice. Please stop my dealership and take a look if you are interested: Rapid Cycle in South Jordan.

This bike has all the most expensive features, like a two year warranty, electronic fuel injection, disk brakes all around, belt drive, adjustable suspension, and dual front brakes. Yet, with all the expensive features the bike sells for just \$7400. This model is limited to only 200 machines in the USA and only 1,000 in the entire world.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.



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### **Plenty of bull elk in Utah**

*The rifle hunts starts Oct. 4, and there are a few permits still available*

If you're new to elk hunting, the Division of Wildlife Resource's

big game coordinator has some advice for you.

"The chance you'll take an elk while driving along a road is pretty small," says Anis Aoude. "As soon as the first shots are fired, the elk head away from the roads and into the thickest cover they can find.

"If you want to be a successful elk hunter, you need to get into that cover too."

Utah's 2008 general rifle bull elk hunt kicks off Oct. 4. And permits for the hunt are almost gone.

On Sept. 17, about 1,200 any bull elk unit permits, and 1,200 spike bull only unit permits, were still available.

You can buy a permit at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov). Permits are also available at DWR offices and from hunting license agents across Utah.

### **Elk are doing great**

"The weather over the past five years was excellent for elk," Aoude says. "Most of the state's herds are doing great."

Based on surveys this past winter, DWR biologists estimate the state has more than 66,000 elk. That's only 2,600 animals shy of a statewide goal of 68,600 elk.

Aoude says some of the largest elk herds are found on the Central Mountains (Manti) and Wasatch Mountains units in central Utah; the South Slope, Yellowstone unit in northeastern Utah; and the Plateau, Fish Lake/Thousand Lakes unit in south-central Utah.



He says there's also plenty of elk on the Morgan, South Rich unit in northern Utah. This unit is almost entirely private land, however. You must obtain written permission from a landowner before hunting on it.

### **Finding the elk**

Most of Utah's elk hunting takes place on units that are called spike-only units. You may take only a spike bull on these units. Plenty of spike bulls are available on these units, but once the hunt starts, the animals can be tough to find.

"The success rate on spike-only units averages about 18 percent," Aoude says. "Fortunately, there are several things you can do to increase the chance that you take an elk."

Unless it gets cold and snowy before the hunt, Aoude says elk will be scattered at higher elevations when the season opens Oct. 4. He says the key to finding them is to get off the roads and into the backcountry.

"Elk are smart and wary, and they're sensitive to hunting pressure," Aoude says. "As soon as the shooting starts, they head into the thickest cover they can find. To find success, you've got to head into the backcountry and find them."

The rut (breeding period), which occurs right before the general rifle hunt starts, can also make it challenging to find spike bulls.



During the rut, mature bulls gather groups of cow elk to breed. If one of these large bulls sees a spike bull, he'll chase the spike bull off.

Being chased into the cover by the bigger bulls makes the already nervous spike bulls more apt to head back into the cover once the bullets start flying.

"The larger bulls probably scare the spike bulls as much as the hunters do," Aoude says. "Unless you get into the backcountry areas where the spikes are hiding, you're probably not going to see many."

"The good news is, if you do get into the backcountry, there's a good chance you'll be among the 18 percent who take a spike bull this year."

### **OHV maps don't leave home without one**

The most important reminder Aoude has for elk hunters is for those who will be using off-highway vehicles. "It's critical that you obtain an OHV riding map for the area you're going to hunt," he says. "These maps are available from the agency that manages the land you'll be hunting on. That agency is usually the U.S. Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management."

Aoude says the DWR is receiving more and more complaints about OHVs being taken into areas where it's not legal to take them. "Taking OHVs into these areas damages the habitat the elk rely on, disturbs and scatters the animals, and ruins the hunting experience for other hunters."

Aoude also encourages you to do some preseason scouting and to check the boundary descriptions for the areas you'll be hunting.

Boundary descriptions are found in the *2008 Utah Big Game Guidebook*. The guidebook is available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks) and from DWR offices and hunting license agents across Utah.

## Time to celebrate Utah's rivers!

**Join us at the Sixth Annual River Benefit!** You are invited to the river party of the year - River Benefit - on October 11th from 6 to 10 pm. Enjoy a great dinner, live and silent auction, an overview of the year's river issues, and getting to know your fellow river lovers. As an added bonus, if you aren't already a member of the Council, your ticket cost includes a year-long membership in the Council! Tickets are \$75 per person. Please contact Dave at [dave@utahrivers.org](mailto:dave@utahrivers.org) or 801-486-4776 for information and/or tickets before October 3rd.



**Ask River Rat Jimmy! Today's question comes from Sadie C., who asks; Jimmy, what is your favorite river in Utah.**

**Jimmy responds:** Wow, what a question! There are so many great spots in our state it would be hard to pick just one. But if pressed for an answer, I would have to confess that I have had some downright magical times on the Green River. From floating in serenity down Labyrinth Canyon, to the great vibes of a Desolation River Trip, to the fun of fishing in Red Canyon, the Green River is truly one of Utah's finest gems. Did you know that the Council is advocating for Wild and Scenic designation of the entire Green River? Would you like to support a Wild and Scenic Green River? Well then visit the [Wild and Scenic section](#) of our webpage today!



**Do you have a question for River Rat Jimmy? Drop him an e-mail at [jimmy@utahrivers.org](mailto:jimmy@utahrivers.org) and you could be entered in a drawing to win a free t-shirt!**

**Conservation tip - Skip the bottled water for water from your tap.** Are you staying hydrated with costly bottled water? Well, stop. Don't stop drinking, stop buying that expensive and wasteful bottled water and switch instead to a personal water bottle filled from the tap. You'll save money, you'll save space in the landfill, and you'll be staying hydrated with some of the best quality drinking water in the country.

## The People Behind a Conservation Success Story

*By Steve Sanetti*

Today's green movement uses certain buzzwords -- organic, locavore, renewable -- to the wry amusement of 15 million to 20 million of us who've actually lived the eco-friendly lifestyle that these words describe.

We are hunters.

As a subset of America, we're admittedly somewhat smaller than we used to be. Our numbers have been steadily pressed beneath a culture growing ever faster, more complex and distant from its rural ancestry. Now, like growing vegetables, gathering fresh eggs and raising farm animals for the table, the proclivity and skill to harvest Earth's bounty of wild game -- and to pass on this tradition to those longing for simpler ways of life -- reside in only a relative few of us.

The meats that hunters and their families consume are grown unfettered by hormones, processed feeds or fences. Low in fat and cholesterol, high in protein, wild game is organic defined. The American Heart Association and American Cancer Society recommend venison, rabbit, pheasant and duck over many commercially produced, packaged and distributed alternatives.

Data gathered by my organization show that 84 percent of us hunt exclusively in our home states. Only 5 percent never hunt locally. Compared with consumers of U.S. supermarket food, which routinely travels as much as 2,500 miles from source to table, we are model locavores.

But "renewable" is perhaps where hunters shine greenest.

Today, every state has thriving game populations in habitats that sustain hunted as well as non-hunted species. It's a richness of life that many Americans enjoy regardless of their environmental persuasion. Yet most also take it for granted, unaware of the mechanisms that sustain this public resource. They see more wildlife every year but are oblivious to why that's so.

Begun well over a century ago, the success of modern conservation can only be fully understood against the backdrop of historical slaughter for markets that took 40 million buffalo to the brink of extinction and 5 billion passenger pigeons beyond it. It was hunters who led a revolution of new values, new science and new approaches for responsible use of these resources. Seasons, game limits and wildlife conservation funds all came from hunters, and we are immensely proud of that effort. Because of us, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope, elk, wild turkeys, wood ducks and hundreds of other cherished life forms transitioned from vanishing to flourishing.

Even in today's renaissance of eco-consciousness, we remain the most stalwart supporters of wild things. Hunters and sport-shooters now pay for more than 80 percent of all conservation and habitat programs in America. Through licenses, tags, permits, fees and special excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows, we've paid -- and state fish and game agencies have successfully plied -- more than \$5.3 billion since 1939. And we pushed for this tax on ourselves. No conservation system has accomplished more.

As the cost of conservation rises, we're upping our outlays even as we remain a relatively small percentage of the population. In fact, our data show that the price of hunting licenses is outpacing



the rate of inflation by more than 30 percent. Each year America's hunters contribute more for wildlife.

Taxing hunters to fund the health of public wildlife is a proud part of our heritage. In tomorrow's world, however, this financing may be merely the second-best byproduct of what we do. As civilization struggles to balance modern lifestyles with organic, local, renewable resources, hunters are indeed among the deepest wells of expertise on the planet.

Our very identity clings steadfastly to stewardship of land, clean water and air, intimate knowledge of natural communities, and careful interaction with the good earth -- because that's how we've ensured abundant wildlife and good hunting for more than 100 years.

For us, the amusing irony is that American society, which has looked down its nose at hunters more sternly with each passing generation, is discovering that camouflage has been a primary shade of green all along.



*Steve Sanetti is president and chief executive of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, a trade association based in Connecticut. Previously he was an executive and general counsel for the firearms manufacturer Sturm, Ruger and Co.*

#### **USSA Testifies Before U.S. Congress on National Wildlife Refuge Discusses Funding and Management of Federally Administered Lands**

(Washington DC) –America's premier sportsmen's rights organization, the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA) today testified before a U.S. House of Representatives committee on issues identified by a recent independent evaluation concerning the National Wildlife Refuge. This was the fourth time this year that USSA has been asked to offer its expertise to Congress on issues of importance to sportsmen.

The USSA identified four major areas of concern to sportsmen including:

- The need for new guidelines that ensure the importance of wildlife management programs within the Refuge System;
- The need to guarantee that hunting and fishing are to be the last programs impacted by any budget shortfalls;
- The need to make certain that land purchases for the Refuge System match the priorities established by wildlife management professionals;
- The need to develop a new way of funding public land management in an era of stretched resources.

The testimony was provided by USSA Director of Federal Affairs William P. Horn, a former Assistant Secretary for the Interior for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

Horn concluded his testimony by stating: "We need to assist the Service in making the most efficient use of these resources while working to develop a new funding model to assure that sufficient funds are available to ensure sound conservation, management, and use of our incomparable Wildlife Refuges."

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance is a national association of sportsmen and sportsmen's organizations that protects the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers in the courts, legislatures, at the ballot, in Congress and through public education programs. For more information about the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and its work, call (614) 888-4868 or visit its website, [www.ussportsmen.org](http://www.ussportsmen.org) .

### **Snowbasin Resort - 9th Annual Uphill Downhill Race and Fall Festival - Fall Colors Abound.**

Snowbasin, Utah -- The 9th Annual Uphill Downhill Race and FALL FESTIVAL -- A Farewell to Summer and Bring on the Winter at Snowbasin Resort. Fun, Food, Competition and Entertainment. Saturday, September 27, 2008.

Runners and hiking participants will test their mettle and be inspired by the Alphorns echoing over the mountainside. ALL RACERS ARE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR A WINTER SEASON PASS.

Either run uphill only, 2300 vertical feet from the Plaza -- or go the full distance back down to the base.

Race and festival director Steve Andrus, "Welcomes competitors to challenge themselves amongst the crisp cool air and beautiful Autumn colors and indicates the fall festival is a wonderful way to wind down the summer season and welcome the upcoming winter season. "

Gondola rides are available to enjoy the Fall splendor on the mountain. Remember KIDS SIX AND UNDER ARE FREE. Gondola rides are wheel chair accessible.

Kids Zone from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon in the Wildflower Meadow is FREE

Featured Music is the Alphon Quartet and the Polkatonics.

BBQ on the Plaza at the base area featuring menu items such as Bratwurst, Sauerkraut and German Potato Salad from 11-4

Polkatonics reflect the Oktoberfest atmosphere with their performance from 12-3 on the Plaza.

Race starts at 9:00 am

Pre-registration 25.00

Late registration: \$35.00

Pre registration closes September 26th.

Reminder: Early season pass sales ends September 30th.

**WILD BIRD CENTER FRANCHISEE, WILLIAM FENIMORE, NAMED  
"FRANCHISEE OF THE YEAR"**

September 15, 2008, Glen Echo, MD – William Fenimore, owner of the Wild Bird Center of Layton, Utah, was selected as the International Franchise Association's (IFA) "Franchisee of the Year" and honored at a special IFA event held today 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 and regional 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 ([www.wildbird.com/stores/lay](http://www.wildbird.com/stores/lay)) 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.

### **Creatures of the Night**

When: Friday, October 24, 5-8 p.m.

Where: Ogden Nature Center, 966 W. 12th Street in Ogden

Cost: \$5 Ogden Nature Center members / \$6 non-members

Who: All ages are welcome — great for families!

Dress: Dress for outdoor weather, costumes are welcome. This event will be held rain or shine.

All ages are invited to the Ogden Nature Center for a fun, non-frightful evening of trailside education and adventures!



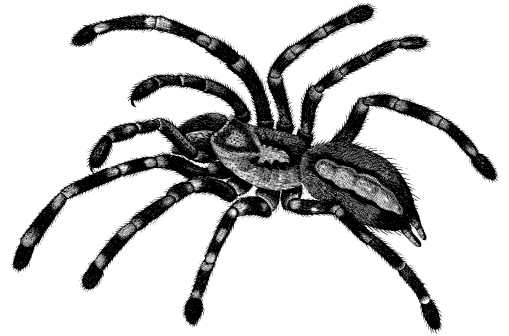
Take a crepuscular creep along our trails where you'll meet Ogden Nature Center naturalists transformed into nocturnal animals -- each with a tale to tell!

Meet live owls, snakes and spiders.

Enjoy trailside treats, campfire songs, face painting & carnival games.

Make fall nature crafts that you can take home.

Please call to pre-register at 801-621-7595. Children must be with an adult.



### **Pumpkin Carving Contest**

In conjunction with Creatures of the Night, the Nature Center is holding its first-ever, Pumpkin Carving Contest. All community members are invited to participate.

Please drop off your carved pumpkin to the Ogden Nature Center by 3:00 pm Thursday, October 23rd. Your wacky and fascinating pumpkin characters will be displayed during the Creatures of the Night event on Friday Oct. 24th. Prizes will be awarded just prior to Creatures of the Night at 4:30 pm in the plaza of the L.S. Peery Education Building. Pumpkins may be taken home at 8 pm. For more info. call 801-621-7595.

### **LATE SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES**

#### **Make-and-Take Rain Sticks at Mountain-to-Metro in Downtown Ogden (formerly Harvest Moon Festival)**

Saturday, September 27 / 2-5 pm

Ages: Children

Cost: FREE

Come celebrate fall in Ogden! Meet Nature Center staff and volunteers at the Harvest Moon Festival on the 100 block of 25th Street and make a rain stick to take home.

#### **Things with Wings Preschool Program**

Ages: 3-5

Cost: \$3 per child

Choose a time:

T- Sep. 30; 9:30, 11:00, 1:00

W- Oct. 8; 9:30, 11:00

F- Oct. 10 9:30, 11:00, 1:00

Th- Oct. 23; 9:30, 11:00, 1:00

Learn that bats, birds and even seeds can fly as you explore nature's winged wonders. Net insects, enjoy high-flying songs, stories and snacks and make a mama bat to take home.

#### **Bookworms**

Tuesday, September 30 / 5:30 pm

Ages: Adults

Cost: FREE

Join our discussion on Rachel Carson's books, *Sense of Wonder* and *Silent Spring*. Held in the Visitor Center Discovery Room. Refreshments provided.

## OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

### **Be a Local-vore in the Top of Utah**

Tuesday, October 7 / 7 pm

Ages: 10 and up

Cost: \$5 for members / \$6 for nonmembers

Alison Einerson from Buy Local First will teach why buying locally is important and tips for how to go about it. Participants will receive a "local list" for Top of Utah sellers and have the chance to decorate a canvas shopping tote to take home. Pre registration required by Oct. 6.



### **The Autumn Garden**

Thursday, October 9 / 6:30-8 pm

Ages: 10 and up

Cost: \$3 for members / \$4 for non-members

Winter will soon visit your garden and you'll want to be prepared. Join gardener extraordinaire Barney Barnett of Willard Bay Gardens to learn how to keep gardens beautifully blooming throughout the fall and how to get them ready for next spring. Learn about fall blooming plants, basic bulb planting, dividing and moving perennials and other great tips for getting your garden ready for winter.

### **Recycled Mitten Making**

Tuesday, October 14 / 6-8 pm

Ages: 12 and up

Cost: \$8 for members / \$10 for non-members

Come create the perfect winter accessory. These stylish winter mittens are warm, cozy and earth friendly. Jenny Frame will walk you through the simple art of mitten making from recycled wool. These mittens make great gifts for all ages and are adorable as décor! All supplies will be provided.



### **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? Join Lisa Romney of the Sustainable Ogden Committee as she answers these questions and more. Lisa has served as environmental adviser to Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson and currently works as business development coordinator for Chevron Energy Solutions.

## **Creatures of the Night – A Not-So-Scary Halloween Event**

Friday, October 24 / 5-8 pm

Ages: All

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

A crazy night of outdoor fun – without fright! Take a crepuscular creep to learn about nocturnal animals. Meet live owls, spiders and snakes! Enjoy trailside treats, campfire songs, face painting and games. Costumes welcome. Bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. (more details coming in a separate release)

## **Bookworms**

Tuesday, October 28 / 5:30 pm

Ages: Adults

Cost: FREE

Join our discussion on *The Tree: A Natural History of What Trees Are, How They Live, and Why They Matter*, by Colin Tudge. Held in the Visitor Center Discovery Room. Refreshments provided.

ONGOING

## **Wildlife Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday at 3:30 pm

Ages: All

Cost: FREE to members / \$3-Adults, \$1.25-Children for non-members

Get an up close look and learn about slithering snakes, beautiful birds, creeping spiders and other animal species native to the Great Basin region. Each week an Ogden Nature Center wildlife specialist will introduce a different animal. Learn about unique characteristics, habitats, behavior and more.

**To register** please call 621-7595. Some class sizes are limited to ensure a quality experience for participants and instructors. Call in your reservation and pay with VISA or Mastercard, or come in person to pay with cash or check. We cannot accept reservations through the mail or without payment. We reserve the right to change instructors or cancel classes due to circumstances beyond our control, including illness, inclement weather or low attendance.

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th Street in Ogden. More information about the Center is available at [www.ogdennaturecenter.org](http://www.ogdennaturecenter.org)

## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual “Save Our Heritage” Rally to Be a Packed House**

This Saturday, September 27, presidential candidate, Arizona Senator John McCain is scheduled to speak to a packed house in Columbus. With only a handful of tickets left, more than 1,200 people will be joining the festivities.

Doors for the rally, which is sponsored by Gander Mountain and U. S. Sportsmen’s Alliance, will open at 3 p.m. at the Aladdin Shrine Temple. Everyone in attendance will receive an entry into the grand prize drawing for 20 acres of their very own hunting paradise, made possible through a



generous donation of B & N Coal Co., Dexter City, Ohio. Dinner is sponsored by Toyota Direct, which is also sponsoring the silent auction.

In addition to the grand prize, USSA will be giving away dozens of guns and bows, and other great prizes. Our live auction looks to be better than ever too, with an African safari, Maine bear hunt, Argentina dove hunt, Colorado archery hunt, a Brittany Spaniel puppy, Alaskan fishing trip, multiple Canadian fishing trips and many other great items.

This great event is made possible through the support of our sponsors, including Gander Mountain, B & N Coal Company, Toyota Direct, Rocky Boots, [www.OutdoorsInsurance.com](http://www.OutdoorsInsurance.com) and Ohio Outdoor News.

### Avalanche Safety Tips

Each year, avalanches claim more than 150 lives worldwide, and many more are caught in the "White Death" but survive. In recent years, these numbers have been increasing due to the boom in outdoor recreation. Skiers, hikers and backcountry recreationists are drawn to the mountains, where they can potentially trigger avalanches as they cross hazardous terrain. Most of these avalanches occur from December to April, and it is imperative that these outdoor enthusiasts be equipped to survive an avalanche.

**Tom Murphy**, program director at the American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE) and a member of the advisory panel for **Brooks-Range mountaineering equipment** ([www.brooks-range.com](http://www.brooks-range.com)), recommends taking an avalanche course before venturing into the backcountry. "All travelers need to be prepared and carry the appropriate rescue equipment when traveling in the backcountry. All members of the group must carry a shovel, probe and beacon and be proficient with each of these tools," suggests Tom. "Also, always get an avalanche bulletin before heading out into the backcountry in the winter. If you're unsure of the snow stability, err on the side of caution and stay away from slopes where avalanches might occur."



Following are some products from Brooks-Range that will help facilitate an avalanche rescue this season:



**Brooks-Range Backcountry Shovel** - This shovel weighs only 1 lb, 12 oz. and features a heavy-duty D-grip handle. The 20" telescoping lightweight aluminum shaft provides a long reach, which is great for extra leverage in snowpack. The scoop is made of tempered aluminum and a serrated edge that makes short work of the toughest ice and hard pack. Should an avalanche occur you will need a shovel to extricate your party member. MSRP: \$ 50.00

**Brooks-Range Ultralite Rescue Sled** - This sled is easy to assemble and is designed to transport a person using his/her own skis and poles. The skis act as sled runners and are connected using lightweight stretcher

bars. The poles are crossed and attached to the skis using straps, creating a platform for the patient, who is wrapped in a vivid red ultralight-weight rip-stop nylon fabric and placed on the skis/poles. The whole sled weighs just 12 oz. and folds into a compact storage envelope measuring 6' x 11' x 1". AIARE instructors have personally tested this sled, along with several ski guides and Search and Rescue (SAR) professionals and have found it to be the most dependable, sturdy platform available for emergency transport in the backcountry. MSRP: \$238.00

**Brooks-Range Ski Guide Cards/Toolkit** - This invaluable card set condenses critical safety and survival information that has been developed by professional mountain guides, avalanche and backcountry professionals to help remember key points in the field. They are also sold with a map tool with ten scales, Universal Transverse Mercator and slope indexes as well as an Emergency Latitude/Longitude Ruler for providing lat/long position to air rescue teams. MSRP: \$ 75.00



In addition to having this important gear, Tom has these additional tips if you are caught in an avalanche; the actions taken in the first few seconds could save your life.

- Yell - call out for attention!
- Try to quickly exit to the side or flank of the avalanche. If you can't get off, fight to get to the rear of the avalanche where there is less turbulence.
- Grab trees rocks or what ever you can to get out. Kick, swim, and fight to stay on the surface, if caught in the turbulent flow of the avalanche, curl into a ball, protect your face.
- As the avalanche begins to slow, it will come to a stop quickly. Be prepared to push a hand toward the surface and attempt to make an air pocket in front of your face.
- Relax and hope your partner knows how to use the beacon, shovel and probe.

If you are part of a rescue team, Tom has these tips to help get your team member out of an avalanche:

- Take charge and assign a leader.
- Take a head count and find out who is missing.
- Asses safety of the party - are there any other potential hazards that could occur during your rescue such as another avalanche?
- Turn your transceivers to search mode.
- Identify the "last seen point" for the victim and determine the search areas based on that.
- Begin a systematic search - Single searchers create a "zig zag" search pattern; multiple searchers line up in a horizontal line across the mountain, and search straight downhill.
- Yell to others when you have a signal Locate the victim with a probe (gently), when you find the victim, do not remove the probe.

Determine the depth and size of the hole required and start digging (hard and fast!) downhill and away from the probe, working your way toward the probe.

## **Top 5 Ways to Observe National Hunting and Fishing Day**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. -- One of the great annual traditions in the outdoors, National Hunting and Fishing Day, is set for this Saturday, Sept. 27.

For the past 37 years, the day has served as a public reminder that hunters and anglers are America's premier conservation supporters. Through licenses and excise taxes, they now generate \$100,000 every 30 minutes for fish, wildlife and habitat programs -- benefiting all citizens who appreciate wild things and wild places.

Top 5 ways to observe National Hunting and Fishing Day 2008:

1. Introduce a newcomer to the outdoors.
2. Visit your sporting goods retailer, treat yourself to a new piece of hunting, fishing or shooting gear, then get outside and enjoy it.
3. Organize, volunteer or attend a National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration in your area. Many event listings are posted at [www.nhfd.org](http://www.nhfd.org).
4. Remember those whose service to our country will prevent them from joining us afield this fall. Appreciate the freedoms that make hunting, fishing, shooting and conservation possible.
5. Log on to [www.nhfd.org](http://www.nhfd.org) to learn more about the historic conservation leadership of hunters and anglers. Share the story with non-hunters! While online, enter to win a new ATV or bid on National Hunting and Fishing Day commemorative items.



Urged by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, formalized by Congress, proclaimed by every U.S. President since Richard M. Nixon, National Hunting and Fishing Day has an official home and national coordinator in Wonders of Wildlife.

The Springfield, Mo., museum develops communications campaigns, event-planning tips, promotional items and free online tools to help build public appreciation for hunters, anglers and shooters. Learn more at [www.nhfd.org](http://www.nhfd.org).

Honorary chairman for 2008 is outdoor TV personality Michael Waddell.

National Hunting and Fishing Day sponsors include Wonders of Wildlife, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Bass Pro Shops, The Sportsman Channel, National Wild Turkey Federation, Realtree, Cabela's, Woolrich, GunBroker.com, Outdoor Channel, Safari Club International, Hunting Heritage Trust, Smith & Wesson, Field & Stream and Outdoor Life, and Yamaha.

### ***Don't Waste Dixie brings recycling education to children in local schools***

**St. George**—This Wednesday, the recycling message tied to this week's Don't Waste Dixie event is also being carried to area school children. At 12:45pm Wednesday afternoon, a Heritage



Elementary first grade class will learn more about waste and the environment, the benefits of recycling and opportunities for recycling in their own communities.

While Jenifer Harris Washington County Solid Waste District's Recycling Coordinator, shares the same message upon request throughout the year with schools, church groups, Boy Scout groups and rotary clubs; getting the word out to children is key. "The children of Washington County are the ones who will be carrying on the heritage of this area—they have a lot of influence in their own homes and neighborhoods and a lot of power to do good in their communities," Harris said. There's no limit to the extent of Harris's work—she shares an anti litter, recycling message year-round in an effort to "to educate the public, to answer questions and let the public know about recycling opportunities in Washington County," Harris said. To schedule an educational presentation on recycling and waste management contact the Washington County Solid Waste District at 435-673-2813.

## **IS YOUR CAR CHILDPROOF?**

*AAA Offers 10 Ways to Keep Your Child Safe from Crashes*

SALT LAKE CITY, September 22, 2008 – AAA Utah is kicking off National Child Passenger Safety week by reminding parents that it is as important to childproof your family vehicle as it is your home.

Automobile crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 2 to 14 and the leading cause of injury-related death for children under age 2, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In 2006, on average, three to four children were killed each day and more than 500 were injured as occupants in motor vehicle crashes.

### **AAA's 10 Ways to Childproof Your Vehicle**

- **Use child locks** – Be sure to engage child safety locks on the vehicle doors to keep children from opening the door while the vehicle is in motion.
- **Use correct safety restraint** – Always use the safety restraint system appropriate for a child's age, height and weight. There are four stages of safety restraint systems:
  - Stage 1: Rear-facing child safety seat
  - Stage 2: Forward-facing child safety seat
  - Stage 3: Booster seat
  - Stage 4: Lap and shoulder belts

Information on the correct restraint for a child based on age, height and weight is available at [www.aaa.com/carseats](http://www.aaa.com/carseats) .

- **Install seat correctly** – According to NHTSA, three out of four child safety seats are improperly installed. When installing a safety seat, be sure to read the installation instructions thoroughly. It's best to have a seat checked by a certified technician. You can find your local AAA technician at [www.aaa.com/carseats](http://www.aaa.com/carseats). Prior to purchasing a safety seat,

parents can find information on how easy particular safety seat features are to use and properly install from NHTSA's Ease of Use Ratings.

When installing a child seat with LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for Children), be sure to buckle the unused seat belt prior to installing the safety seat to prevent possible strangulation.

Do not install the seat using LATCH and the seat belt together.

- **Secure loose items** – Loose items such as purses, briefcases, laptops, CDs and umbrellas can potentially become flying projectiles during a sudden stop or crash. Make sure any items in your vehicle – including items in both the front and back seat areas – are secured to avoid harming vehicle occupants. A 10-pound laptop bag can have 300 pounds of force in a 30 mph crash.
- **Position away from air bags** – Children should be positioned away from both front passenger airbags as well as side-impact airbags. All children should be seated in the backseat until age 13.

It's best to position children away from side-impact airbags because leaning or resting their head against the airbag when it is deployed could result in injury or death.

- **Entertain with soft toys** – Give children only soft toys to play with in the vehicle. Hard toys can become dangerous projectiles during a sudden stop or crash. They also can be harmful to other vehicle occupants if thrown by the child while playing.
- **Secure unused safety seats** – Always make sure unused safety seats and attachments are secured in a vehicle. Booster seats or car seats should be buckled up even when they are not in use to avoid become airborne during a sudden stop or crash. Unused LATCH and tether attachments from safety seats should also be secured to avoid injuring occupants.
- **Avoid non-regulated products** – Do not use any non-regulated products such as mirrors, window covers, harness covers or extra padding, that are not recommended by your child safety seat manufacturers. These products and add-on accessories may cause injury to children or other occupants during a crash.
- **Lock parked vehicles' doors and trunks** – Keep the doors, trunks and hatchbacks locked and the keys out of reach when the vehicle is not in operation to eliminate any risk of children climbing into the vehicle. Children should understand vehicles are not a place to play.

One of the best ways to childproof a vehicle is to always have adult supervision in and around vehicles. Children should never be left unattended in a vehicle, with or without the engine running. For more information, visit [www.aaa.com/carseats](http://www.aaa.com/carseats).

**Timpanogos Cave Trail Re-opens September 27, 2008**

Timpanogos Cave National Monument Superintendent Denis Davis announced that the rehabilitation of the cave access trail was completed ahead of schedule, and therefore, the cave trail and cave system will re-open on September 27, 2008. Due to the rugged terrain, steep cliffs, and exposure, visitors could not be safely routed around trail rehabilitation equipment and work. Park staff and the Intermountain Region's project manager concluded that for public safety the only acceptable alternative was to close the trail during the week when the trail rehab work was underway.

The visitor center and concessions operations will also remain open on a daily basis to serve American Fork Canyon visitors and school groups. The visitor center hours will be 8:00am to

5:00pm daily. Evening programs will continue to be offered bi-monthly throughout the winter, and will resume on a weekly basis again next May. This season the last day for cave tours is scheduled for October 19, 2008.

"We are extremely pleased that the contractor was able to complete this important cave trail rehabilitation work safely and ahead of schedule. This has allowed us to re-open the Timpanogos Cave Trail and Cave System for visitors to enjoy throughout the autumn season," said Superintendent Davis. "We appreciated the public's patience while this project was on-going and invite all to come see the improvements along the cave trail."

"With the fall colors and seasonably cooler temperatures approaching, American Fork Canyon is a beautiful and pleasant place to spend some time," said Superintendent Davis. "In addition to driving the Alpine Loop road, a hike up the trail to Timpanogos Cave System can provide a

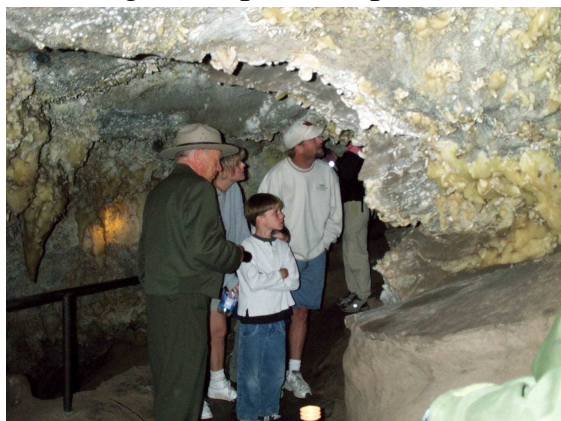
wonderful view of the canyon and bright foliage. You do not need to pay for a cave tour if all you want to do is hike the trail. An autumn picnic at Swinging Bridge Picnic Area is a delightful way

to relax and enjoy the season."

Timpanogos Cave will continue offering advance ticket sales until October 5, after that, tickets will be available on a first-come first-served basis until October 19 when the caves are closed for the season. Tickets can be purchased over the

phone in advance of the tour day by calling the visitor center at (801) 756-5238 and using a credit card. Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for juniors (ages 6-15), \$3.00 for children (ages 3-5), and children 2 and under are free. Seniors (age 62 and over) with a Golden Age Passport or Senior Pass are \$3.50. Cave tours are limited to 20 participants per tour. Hiking the 1.5 miles to the cave is considered moderately strenuous, gaining over 1,000 feet in elevation. The cave tour and hike takes approximately three hours. The cave temperature is a cool 45 degrees Fahrenheit; light jackets, plenty of drinking water and sturdy walking shoes are recommended.

### **Bird Refuge Hosts Wildlife Photography Display**





The work of local wildlife photographers Darlene Ebeling and Brian Ferguson is currently on display at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge's wildlife education center. The public is invited to stop in to view their photographs.

Darlene Ebeling's photography features many wildlife species, although her real love is birds.

Darlene, husband Bob, and their five children, moved to Brigham City from San Diego in 1962. Their family has traveled to many parts of the country, and Darlene has thousands of slides to prove it! The Refuge became close to their hearts as soon as they moved to Utah, and many of Darlene's images were taken there. Darlene and Bob love sharing the Refuge with friends and family and have volunteered many hours since retirement.



Brian Ferguson grew up loving to camp and fish. After graduating from Northern Arizona University in 1972 he spent 37 years with the U.S. Forest Service which gave him the opportunity to spend more time in the great outdoors. He is an avid fisherman, hunter and birder. Brian, and

his wife Linda, are members of the Brigham City community, moving here after retirement. Brian also volunteers at the Refuge, guiding visitors on Refuge tours and assisting with the environmental education program. Brian loves to take pictures for himself, but is happy to share images with his family, friends, and the rest of the world.

Darlene and Brian's photographs will be on display at the Refuge's wildlife education center through September and October. The center is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. The center is located at 2155 West Forest Street, just one block west of I-15 at exit #363. For more information, call (435) 723 - 5887.

### **“Without a trace!” BLM & Forest Service event supports Don’t Waste Dixie Recycling Week**

In support of Don’t Waste Dixie Week and the Washington County Washington County Solid Waste District’s recycling initiative, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service will host “*Without a Trace!*” Friday September 26, 2008 at noon. Guest speaker Fred Ybright, a 30-year “Leave No Trace” expert, will introduce time-honored approaches to land-use ethics including minimum impact recreational use. The lecture kicks off the season’s brown bag lecture series hosted at the Interagency Office located at 345 East Riverside Drive in St. George, Utah. For the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service, supporting Don’t Waste Dixie Week is a comfortable fit as the committee’s mission parallels the Leave No Trace program sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

“I think it’s a one hundred percent match, there’s no doubt that our objectives are the same,” said Ken Welton, Brown Bag Lecture Series Coordinator and BLM Volunteer. “The whole philosophy of the Leave No Trace Program really is in preserving the environment for future generations so they have the opportunity to enjoy it the way we know it now. We want our kids to enjoy the quality of life we enjoy now, particularly here in Washington County,” said Welton.

For Fred Ybright, it’s a passion and love for the outdoors that’s compelled him to share the Leave No Trace message with the public for the past 30 years. The former Wilderness Coordinator for the Pine Valley Mountain Wilderness and the regional US Forest Service Leave No Trace National Representative said the primary theme which underscores leave no trace approaches is simple; it’s about taking the environment and natural landscapes into consideration during activities on public lands.



“Everyone one of us knows of places we used to go that we once loved and now it’s not what it was because it’s been loved to death and overused or abused. But there are still some of those places left that are still beautiful and pristine. The more we try to practice leave no trace ethics, the longer those really special places will last,” Ybright said.

Leave No Trace, he said, is more than simply carrying out garbage. “You’re going to make less of an impact on the landscape if you plan ahead for your recreation activities—and that’s the first step of Leave No Trace,” Ybright said.



Admission is free, but space is limited for this popular lecture series. **Obtain tickets in advance** from the Interagency Information Center to reserve a seat. Attendees are encouraged to bring a sack lunch to enjoy during this noon time lecture. The lunchtime-brown bag lecture series is sponsored by the Arizona Strip Interpretive Association, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service. **For more information call 435-688-3246.**

### **Service Project seeks Volunteers for Public Lands Day**

I've been working with the Forestry Service and will be doing fencing up in the Sessions Canyon area up above the Bountiful B. We will be meeting at the B at 9 am/. Please come if you can and bring some friends! Water provided!

This web site has the list of all the registered sites in Utah:

<http://www.publiclandsday.org/involved/sites.htm?state=Utah>

### **TOYOTA TUNDRA ADDS TO ITS VERSATILE LINEUP WITH TWO NEW TRD PACKAGES**

DALLAS, Sept. 25, 2008 - - Toyota's 2009 Tundra full-size pickup truck will enhance its on- and off-road appeal with the addition of two new option packages from Toyota Racing Development (TRD).

A new TRD Rock Warrior Package is specially tuned and equipped with dynamic appearance features for off-road adventure and a powerful look, while a new TRD Sport Edition Package is optimized for an aggressive street appearance.

"Tundra continues to be among the leaders in the full-size pickup truck segment in performance, durability, functionality, safety and value," said Don Esmond, Toyota senior vice president, automotive operations. "These attributes, along with two new and exciting TRD packages and 45 different model configurations allow the Tundra to help meet the needs of a diverse group of truck buyers."



The TRD Rock Warrior and Sport Edition packages add to Tundra's versatile lineup offerings by appealing to image-conscious truck buyers. In addition to the demand for traditional truck attributes, these buyers like to reflect their personal tastes through a truck with a strong street or



off-road image.

The TRD Rock Warrior Package enhances the performance of the Tundra 4x4 with the addition of a tuned suspension and many performance and styling enhancements, inside and out. The TRD Sport Edition Package adds an array of unique exterior and interior features to give the Tundra 4x2 the look and feel of a custom street truck. In addition to their styling and performance attributes, both packages are built off of the value-driven Tundra grade, providing buyers with an attractive price.

TRD Rock Warrior will be available exclusively on the Tundra grade 4x4 Double Cab (standard bed) and CrewMax equipped with the 5.7-liter V8 engine. In addition to its tuned suspension, the Rock Warrior is equipped with Bilstein® shocks, TRD 17-inch forged alloy wheels with BF Goodrich® All-Terrain T/A tires, color-keyed front bumper and grille surround, matte-black rear bumper, fog lamps, black cloth interior with manual bucket seats, accessory shift knob and pedal covers, and TRD Rock Warrior side panel graphics. The Rock Warrior will come in two exterior colors, Black and Super White.

TRD Sport Edition will be available on the Tundra grade 4x2 Regular Cab and Double Cab (standard bed) with the 5.7-liter V8. The Sport Edition is equipped with color-keyed front and rear bumpers and grille surround, color-keyed heated outside mirrors, color-keyed door handles, fog lamps, black cloth interior with manual bucket seats, accessory shift knob and pedal covers, accessory 20-inch machined star five-spoke alloy wheels and TRD Sport Edition side panel graphics. The TRD Sport Edition will be available in two exterior colors, Black and Radiant Red.

Pricing for the TRD Rock Warrior and Sport Edition packages will be announced closer to their launch in November 2008.

### **Bull Elk Rifle and Muzzleloader Permits Sold Out**

Permits to hunt bull elk with a rifle or muzzleloader in Utah sold out recently.

Permits to hunt on spike only units sold out on Sept. 24. Permits to hunt on any bull units sold out the morning of Sept. 25.

Last year, permits didn't sell out until Oct. 3.

Even though rifle and muzzleloader permits are gone, permits to hunt elk with a bow and arrow are still available.



There's no limit on the number of general archery elk permits the Division of Wildlife Resources can sell, so there's no problem getting one.

Utah's general archery elk hunt ended across most of the state in early September, but hunts on the state's three extended archery areas will continue into December.

Extended archery areas are located along parts of the Wasatch Front, in parts of the Uintah Basin and in the Sanpete Valley.

More information about the extended archery areas is available on page 29 of the 2008 Utah Big Game Guidebook. The free guidebook is available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks).

The guidebook is also available at DWR offices and from hunting license agents across Utah.

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

### **Weather Wasn't Kind to Upland Game Birds**

A long, snowy winter and a hot, dry summer were not kind to upland game birds in Utah. But don't give up hope. As Utah's upland game hunts get underway, there are some bright spots!

Utah's 2008 - 2009 upland game season started Aug. 23 with the white-tailed ptarmigan hunt.

Since then, other hunts have started or will start soon.

Season dates for each of Utah's upland game hunts is available on pages 32 - 35 of the 2008 - 2009 Utah Upland Game Guidebook.

The free guidebook is available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks). You can also obtain a copy at DWR offices and hunting license agents across Utah.



### **Quail**

California and Gambel's quail are doing well in Utah this year. Both species are found in only a few areas in the state, but if you can find them, you should have some good hunting.

One of the best places to find quail is the Uinta Basin in northeastern Utah. Parts of south-central and southwestern Utah, especially Millard County, also have good numbers of birds.

You'll typically find California quail on private property. Please remember that you must get written permission from landowners before entering their property.



#### Cottontail rabbits

Depending on where you hunt, you could find yourself in the middle of a bunch of cottontail rabbits this season.

Cottontail rabbits are known for their cyclic population patterns, which means the population will erupt and then crash over a certain period of time.

For that reason, you'll find different rabbit numbers in different areas of the state.

"Focus your efforts in northern, south-central and southwestern Utah," says Dave Olsen, upland game coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "That's where the state's rabbit populations are doing the best this year."

In other areas of the state, rabbit numbers are down a bit.

"A cottontail rabbit population cycle generally covers a 10-year period," Olsen says. "Rabbit numbers will build for a few years. Then they'll decline for a few years before they build again."

"In parts of central and northeastern Utah, rabbits appear to be headed into the downward side of that 10-year cycle."

Whether you're in an area that has lots of rabbits or just a few, you should still find enough rabbits to keep your kids interested. "Rabbit hunting is a great hunt for kids and families," Olsen says. "It's a good way to get your kids outdoors and give them a good chance for some fun shooting."

#### Other upland game birds

Olsen says the number of forest grouse and ring-necked pheasants available in Utah should be similar to last season.

Chukar and Hungarian partridge numbers should also be similar to last season. And last season, their numbers weren't that good.

"Even though most of the state received a good amount of snow and rain this past winter and spring, those storms missed much of the West Desert and other chukar and partridge areas in Utah," Olsen says.





“The West Desert has most of the chukar habitat in Utah,” he says. “Unfortunately, the poor water conditions in the desert did not produce the vegetation, insect life and water sources that chukars rely on.”

#### Walk-In Access program

If you’re looking for a new area to hunt, visit [www.wildlife.utah.gov/walkinaccess](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/walkinaccess). The Web site lists private land that’s now open to public hunters through the DWR’s Walk-In Access program.

“Most of this land is in northern Utah,” Olsen says. “Those who work in the program are always looking for additional productive wildlife land to enroll in the program.”

Olsen reminds you to remember your ethics and behavior when hunting on Walk-In Access areas.

“Landowners who allow the public to access their lands are providing sportsmen with a real courtesy,” he says. “Each of us needs to do all we can to make sure landowners have a positive experience.”

#### Birds with bands

Researchers have banded sage-grouse in certain parts of Utah.

If you’re one of the 1,120 hunters who were lucky enough to get a permit for this season, you might also be among those who are lucky enough to take a bird with a band on it.

If you take a bird that’s wearing a leg band or a telemetry radio transmitter, biologists need your help.

Two telephone numbers are listed under the “Attention chukar and sage-grouse hunters” heading on page 5 of the 2008 - 2009 Utah Upland Game Guidebook. Please call either of these numbers and report the band number to the person who answers the phone.

In return, the researcher you visit with will give you a summary of the bird’s life history. That history includes where and when the bird was banded, its age and other information he has about the bird.

#### Keep track

Page 27 of the 2008 - 2009 Utah Upland Game Guidebook is a chart that lets you track your

upland game hunting success this season. Olsen encourages you to make the form your hunting diary this season.

“After every hunting season, we randomly survey hunters by telephone,” Olsen says. “If you use this chart to track your hunting success, you’ll be ready to provide us the information we need to help us better manage Utah’s upland game.

“It’s also fun to track your success from year to year.”

Take a kid hunting

Olsen says upland game hunting is one of the best ways to introduce young people to a lifetime of hunting and outdoor activity.



“Upland game hunting is often the gateway that gets kids interested in Utah’s outdoors and hunting,” Olsen says. “Remember how you got introduced to hunting and the outdoors, and return the favor – take a kid hunting with you this season.”

### **Apply for a Cougar Hunting Permit --Applications accepted until Oct. 6**

If you want to hunt cougars on limited entry units in Utah this season, you need to get your application in soon.

Applications must be received at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov) no later than 11 p.m. on Oct. 6.

If you need help completing your application, please call (801) 538-4700 no later than 6 p.m. on Oct. 6.



You’ll be applying for a limited entry cougar permit. Permits to hunt on Utah’s harvest objective units go on sale Nov. 6.

“If you draw a limited entry permit, you cannot buy a permit to hunt on a harvest objective unit,” says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. “Before you apply for a limited entry permit, make sure a limited entry hunt is the hunt you want to participate in.”

More information about the two permits is available in the 2008 – 2009 Utah Cougar Guidebook. The guidebook is available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks).

The guidebook is also available at DWR offices and from hunting license agents across Utah.

If you have questions about hunting cougars in Utah, please call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office. You can also call the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

### **The Layton, Wild Bird Center (WBC) celebrates its 7th Anniversary, Saturday, October 11**

All nature and wildlife enthusiasts are invited to the celebration at the Wild Bird Center in Layton. The festivities will be from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

See and learn about wild Birds of Prey. Hawk Watch International and the Ogden Nature Center will be exhibiting Bald Eagle, Great Horned Owl, Red-tailed Hawk, Swainson's hawk and many other beautiful raptors. Bring your camera and photograph a raptor up close and personal.

The Wasatch and Great Salt Lake Audubon Chapters, The Utah Nature Conservancy and the Division of Wildlife Resources, Farmington Bay Nature Center will be joining the celebration with exhibits at the Wild Bird Center. It is a celebration for the community who has supported the start and growth of the Wild Bird Center these last seven years.

The Wild Bird Center is a community resource with extensive free outreach programs. Its Outreach Program has won 7 National and an International award recognizing the efforts of Bill Fenimore, owner of the Wild Bird Center. Utah Division of Wildlife Resources late Director, Kevin Conway and current Director Jim Karpowitz have each presented Fenimore with the Division's Partnership Award.

The WBC expert staff makes "free" educational nature presentations to scouting groups, schools, senior centers, garden clubs, conservation groups and many other organizations throughout the top of Utah. Backyard habitat, landscaping for wildlife, enjoying wildlife and wild bird identification are just a few of the classes available.

There will be refreshments, snacks, door prizes and a drawing for free Binoculars, as well as other surprises for those joining the Wild Bird Center, as it celebrates its 7th Anniversary from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Wild Bird Center is located in the Layton Market Center, 1860 North 1000 West, Layton, exit 332 Antelope Drive off I-15 (located across from Barnes & Noble). Call the Wild Bird Center at (801) 525-8400 or its web site at [www.wildbird.com/layton](http://www.wildbird.com/layton) for information.

### **Are Anglers Keeping Too Many Cutthroats?**

Wasatch County -- If there's one comment wildlife officers at Strawberry Reservoir hear time and again, it's "a guy at the fishing cleaning station had cutthroat trout that we're not allowed to keep. The fish were within the slot limit. I'm certain of it."

So what is the cutthroat trout slot limit at Strawberry Reservoir? Why does it matter? And how many anglers are breaking it?

Cutthroats at Strawberry



You may keep a total of four fish at Strawberry Reservoir. Those fish can be any combination of trout or kokanee salmon.

But there's also another rule: only two of the four fish can be cutthroat trout that are less than 15 inches in length. And only one can be a cutthroat trout that's more than 22 inches long.

You may not keep cutthroats that are between 15 and 22 inches long. All cutthroat trout from 15 to 22 inches must be released immediately.



Also, you may not fillet the trout and salmon you catch at Strawberry, or remove their heads or tails, until you get the fish home.

"This special limit on cutthroats is one of the main reasons Strawberry Reservoir is one of the best trout fishing waters in the country," says Alan Ward, the Division of Wildlife Resource's lead aquatic biologist at Strawberry.

"Bear Lake cutthroat trout are excellent chub eaters," Ward says. "They're the key to keeping the Utah chub population in the reservoir in check."



"If the chub population at Strawberry ever gets out of control, the fantastic fishing anglers have enjoyed at the reservoir for years will be gone forever."

So how are anglers at doing? Are they obeying a rule that's vital to ensuring that fishing at Utah's most popular fishery remains good for them and their kids and

grandkids?

Recently, DWR and other law enforcement officers conducted a checkpoint at Strawberry. What they found provides some answers.

### Checkpoint results

During the checkpoint, officers stopped and checked 346 vehicles. Of the anglers checked, just more than 3 percent of them (3.3 percent) were written a citation for committing some type of fishing violation.

That's slightly higher than the 2.5 percent compliance rate officers usually see at the reservoir.

"The results tell us that more than 96 percent of the anglers at Strawberry are obeying the law," Ward says. "We're very happy about that. But we won't be entirely happy until we get 100 percent compliance."

Ward explains why it's so important to obey the fishing rules at Strawberry.

"Anglers spend 1 million hours a year fishing at this award-winning reservoir. Because of the huge amount of pressure the water receives, it's absolutely vital that anglers obey the regulations," Ward says.

"It's really rewarding to see that our management strategy at Strawberry is working and to see the smiles on the faces of anglers who fish here," he says. "But we need the help of anglers to keep the reservoir one of the nation's best fisheries."



### More information

More information about the cutthroat and rainbow trout in Strawberry, including easy ways to tell the difference between the two, is available in the DWR's free Strawberry Reservoir brochure.

The brochure is available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov). You can access the brochure directly by typing

[www.wildlife.utah.gov/strawberry/pdf/strawberry\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/strawberry/pdf/strawberry_brochure.pdf) into your Web browser.