

## 5,400 VISITORS FIND HIDDEN TREASURE IN UTAH STATE PARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY GEOCACHE ADVENTURE

Salt Lake City - More than 5,400 visitors have found the 50 hidden geocaches in 41 parks and museums as part of the Utah State Parks 50th Anniversary Geocache Adventure. Geocache Organizer Bob Hanover reports that not all of the coveted 500 limited edition geocoins have been found.

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunt using a global positioning satellite (GPS) receiver. Participants enter coordinates into a GPS unit, which lead them to hidden geocaches. Throughout the year, all participating parks offer free rental of Magellan GPS units to anyone who wants to play.

Novice and veteran geocachers have waded through ankle-deep water, hiked among sandstone goblins and petroglyphs, unraveled a dinosaur mystery, and uncovered clues along trails and shorelines.



Other geocache adventures include boat-in only caches, strolls among Native American sites, treks to scenic views, and even a not-so scenic, but interesting excursion to an outhouse.

Inside each cache, visitors find free small gifts, and if they're lucky, a limited edition 50th Anniversary commemorative coin. Geocoins are placed randomly statewide, throughout the year.

Most state parks are fee areas and visitors have been overwhelmingly supportive of Utah State Parks by paying required entrance fees. The agency offers a \$70 annual pass for avid geocachers and visitors.

For more information on the Geocache Adventure, events, discounts, activities, or to reserve a campsite, visit [www.stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov) or call (801) 538-7220 or 1-877-UT-PARKS.

## **FREE ADMISSION AT EDGE OF THE CEDARS STATE PARK MUSEUM**

Blanding - Join museum staff Saturday, September 29 to celebrate Free State Parks Day and Smithsonian Day. Enjoy the Puebloan Pathways Exhibit, which follows

the history of the Puebloan people. View the exclusive 2007 showing of Serene Supplee's original watercolors, Anthony Lott's original oils and acrylics, and Kelly Pugh's historical paintings.



The video Riches, Rivals, and Radicals, One Hundred Years of Museums shows throughout the day. The video traces the history and development of museums throughout the country.

Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum is located at 660 West 400 North in Blanding, and is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. For more information, please call (435) 678-2238.

## **FROM PHOTOGRAPHY TO FUNGI - FALL EVENTS IN UTAH'S STATE PARKS**

October 1 - November 30 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse  
Art Exhibit: Enjoy the artwork of Rourke McDermott at the visitor center art gallery. (801) 725-9263

October 3 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding  
Pottery Demonstration: Join Gregory Holiday for this demonstration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This program is free with museum admission. (435) 678-2238

October 5 - 7 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding  
Photography Workshop: Learn techniques for photographing the canyon country of southeast Utah with award-winning photographer J. R. Lancaster. Students will photograph the landscape, ruins, rock art, and vegetation and learn new skills and techniques. Class hours are Friday evening 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuition is \$175. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. (435) 678-2238

October 6 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Hike with Friends: Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park leads a four-mile morning hike up Lime Canyon. Participants should meet at 9 a.m. at the visitor center and car pool to the trailhead. Bring water, snacks, sturdy shoes, and dress for the weather. (435) 654-1791

October 6 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Junior Ranger Program - What Did They Harvest? Join park staff at the Fielding Garr Ranch at 2 p.m. for a fun-filled experience learning about the foods people of Antelope Island harvested. Though this informative Junior Ranger program is geared for children ages six to 12, everyone is welcome. (801) 649-5742

October 6 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Junior Ranger Program - The Fun of Fungi: Children age six through 12 can become a Junior Ranger by joining the naturalist for this one-hour program designed to get kids excited about nature! Program begins at 1 p.m. at Huber Grove. (435) 654-1791

October 9 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Kids will be Kids: Celebrate Ivins Heritage Days! Join park staff and find out what it was like to be a pioneer kid. Learn the games they played and create your own pioneer toys to take home. Event begins at 6:30 p.m. and registration is required. (435) 628-2255.

**Make the call for clean water!**

**<http://online.nwf.org/callforwater>**

Click the link to find out who your representative is, what their phone number is, and also how to deliver a short and sweet message asking your Member of Congress to support this bill.

**What is the Clean Water Restoration Act?**

Recent decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court have resulted in an unprecedented rollback of protection for many water bodies not directly connected to a major river or lake or that does not hold water year-round. These account for more than 20 percent of the nation's wetlands and 60 percent of streams.

*At risk...*

- An 80-acre lake in Wisconsin full of bluegill, bass and pike.
- Playa lakes teeming with hundreds of thousands of sandhill cranes and geese.
- A 69-mile canal that supplies drinking water to Californians.

The Clean Water Restoration Act restores the protections these waterways enjoyed over the last three decades and helps ensure their existence for our children's

future.

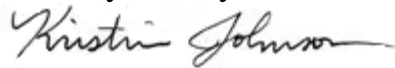
**Protect these waterways today!**

**<http://online.nwf.org/callforwater>**

Join us Wednesday, September 26 for the "National Clean Water Call-In Day" and urge your representative to cosponsor and vote "YES!" to the Clean Water Restoration Act.

(If you can't make the call Wednesday, don't worry, anytime in the coming days is still fine.)

Thank you very much!



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### **Skiing's Red Carpet Roll to a Premiere Near You**

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (September 25, 2007) - For skiers, fall is the time to buy new skis, cram in some cross-training and start wearing ski boots around the house. However, there is one aspect of fall that reigns supreme above all other preseason rituals. ski movie premieres. Ski movies are high-energy films, full of the latest and greatest in skiing and snowboarding. Audiences are thrilled with powder shots, mega-hucks and crazy jibs from out-of-this-world.

"Everyone should experience a ski movie premiere," said Lynsey Dyer, professional big-mountain skier and featured athlete in this year's Teton Gravity Research Film (TGR), "Lost and Found". "It is so great to not only see what is possible in our sport, but to feel the camaraderie of the ski community at these events. It's truly inspiring."



Regardless of people's ability or terrain preference, there is definitely a film for everyone. Check out the following films:

"Realtime," Level 1 Productions

09/27/07

Atrium Building (2020 Lincoln Avenue), Ogden, UT

Doors: 5 p.m.; Show: 9 p.m.

Tickets available at the door

All ages

[www.level1productions.com](http://www.level1productions.com)

"Lost and Found," TGR

09/28/07

Harry O's, Park City, UT

Doors: 8 p.m., Show: 9 p.m.

Tickets available at [www.feedthehabit.com](http://www.feedthehabit.com)

21 and older

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

"Seven Sunny Days: Short Stories from a Long Winter," Matchstick Productions

10/12/07

Club Suede, Park City, UT

Doors: 7 p.m., Show: 8 p.m.

Tickets available at Suede night club, 435.658.COOL

21 and older

10/13/07

In the  
Venue,  
Salt Lake  
City, UT

Doors: 6  
p.m. &  
8:15

p.m.,

Show: 7

p.m. & 9 p.m.

Tickets available at the Sports Den, 1.866.582.5611



18 and older; minors must be accompanied by an adult  
mspfilms.com

"Playground," Warren Miller Films

10/24/07

XanGo Grand Theatre at SCERA Center, Orem, UT

Show: 7:30 p.m.

10/25/07

Abravanel Hall, Salt Lake City, UT

Show: 6 & 9 p.m.

10/26/07

George S. and Delores Dore Eccles Center for the Performing Arts, Salt Lake City, UT

Show: 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.



10/27/07

Peery's Egyptian Theater, Ogden UT

Show: 3, 6 & 9 p.m.

11/8/07 & 11/9/07

Utah State University - Kent Concert Hall,  
Logan UT

Show: 8 p.m.

12/01/07 - 4/01/08

Snowbird Conference Center, Snowbird, UT  
Various times throughout the season.

All ages

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

The Levitation Project

10/30/07

Port O Call, Salt Lake City, UT

Show: 10 p.m.

Premiere for ARTBOARD 2 and a fall 07 costume party with shwag

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

"Thanks in Advance," Burton World Tour

10/08/2007

Gateway, Salt Lake City, UT

Free General Admission

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

## FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH

**ABAJO MOUNTAINS** Conservation Officer Paul Washburn reports that trout are hitting on traditional baits at all San Juan County lakes and reservoirs. Rapalas or spoons are recommended for pike at Recapture Reservoir.



### **DUCK FORK RESERVOIR**

Fishing has been good with a Jake's Spin-a-Lure. Tigers get up to 17-inches. Special regulations apply. Refer to the proclamation.

### **FAIRVIEW LAKES**

Try rainbow PowerBait floated off the bottom with a slip sinker. A red crystal bugger on sinking line has been good for fly casters.

### **FERRON RESERVOIR**

Fishing has been very good with nightcrawlers.

### **GIGLIOTTI POND**

The

catch-rate was super for the Kids' Fishing Day last weekend. Anglers using red and white daredevils had non-stop action. Nightcrawlers, salmon eggs and white PowerBait were also effective.

**GREEN RIVER** Cast pieces of nightcrawler into eddy pools for 12-inch catfish.

**HUNTINGTON CREEK** Good fly patterns include a: #10 beadhead Montana, #12 beadhead hare's ear, or #12 beadhead ugly. Special regulations exist on Huntington Creek. Please consult the proclamation.

**LASAL MOUNTAINS** No recent report. A week ago, Conservation Officer Tj Robertson reported that smallmouth bass action was improving on the northwest side of Ken's Lake. Robertson recommended a brown Yamamoto doubletail plastic grub with green speckles. Trout were biting on worms and PowerBait.

**POTTER'S PONDS** Throw a red and white Daredevil for fast fishing, according to Brian Archibald of Spring Glen.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR** Aquatics Program Manager Paul Birdsey fished last week and had good luck, trolling a gold flatfish for 14-18 inch rainbow trout. He fished with 2 ½ colors of leaded line in 15-17 feet of water.

Early this week, Tom Ogden fly-fished from a tube. He said that bank fishermen and tubers who were on the lake early had caught a lot of fish. For flycasters, Tom recommended black and red wooly buggers in size 8.

Dale Openshaw of Price says that fishing is very good in the evening after the sun leaves the water. He recommended nightcrawlers or salmon eggs, and observed that the trout are full of small crawdads.

**WILLOW RESERVOIR** Fishing has been good with baits for the 14-inch trout.

## **Lake Powell Fish Report**

By: Wayne Gustaveson

September 26, 2007

Lake Elevation: 3601

Water Temperature: 71-74 F

Details of this report will include general concepts that will work through mid October. I will be on vacation for two weeks so there will be no new fish reports until I return.

Water temperature continues to fall as nights are cool and days short. In springtime temperatures in the 60's and low 70's are the periods of greatest fish activity. That works just the same in Fall. Expect bass, stripers, walleye and sunfish to feed heavily before it cools enough to cause inactivity in forage fish and predators alike.



Bass are feeding on shad, sunfish and crayfish in shallows. Lake level decline is stranding more aquatic weed beds each day. Forage fish hiding in weeds must relocate as the weeds dry up. Sunfish and shad are vulnerable to predation during the relocation process. Largemouth bass are very shallow as they live in the grass with sunfish. They can be caught next to shore or on very shallow flats that may not be deep enough for boat operation. Find weeds and largemouth are close. Use surface lures or weedless presentations to fish shallow weeds. Plunking a fluke or senko into an open pocket in a weed mat can be deadly.

Smallmouth bass will be on rocks because that is their preferred habitat. That means crayfish are more important in their diet. If prey fish swim by they will attack, but their primary search image is bottom oriented. Fishing with bottom bouncing grubs/tubes in open water is more likely to be rewarded with smallmouth than any other species. Crayfish imitating lures fished slowly on the bottom around rocks is the best technique for catching smallmouth bass. As I write this, smallmouth bass are more often found on the “outside edges” meaning they are more likely to be on the main channel side of a rock, instead of the side nearest shore. That can change on a daily basis, but for starters look on the deep water side of a rock ridge and then adjust as needed.

Striped bass are hungry and constantly looking for fish forage in open water. They are most talented at feeding and trapping prey in open water. They have little finesse while working a weedy bottom near shore. A good general strategy is to fish the outside reefs for bass while keeping an eye on the graph for fish in deep water. A spoon can be rigged and waiting. Employ the spoon at the first sign of multiple fish at 30 feet or deeper. These fish could be a school of larger bass or a striper school. Either one will be fun.

Active stripers will respond immediately to a



shad (spoon) dropped into a school. Stripers are so competitive that they rush to see which fish can get the shad first. The entire school responds to a single feeding opportunity. Draw the school off the bottom by hooking one fish, and keep them going with a shower of anchovy chum at 10 minute intervals. Striper schools will suspend under the boat, often following it, and actively feed, sometimes for hours, as long as bait is presented.

Some striper starting spots include: Warm Creek near the floating restroom, Rock Creek in all three arms, Oak Canyon, Piute and Neskahi Canyon on the San Juan, main channel near mouth of Long Canyon, main channel at buoy 86A, dome rock in Bullfrog Bay, mouth of Knowles Canyon, and Striper City from the horn at Good Hope to White Canyon.

Don't be surprised to catch a big catfish, walleye, sunfish or crappie. All fish are active at this temperature range.

## **WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION NORTH OF PRICE**

**PRICE, UTAH**—The Bureau of Land Management and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources have been engaged in a project to improve almost 2,000 acres of wildlife habitat northeast of Price. The joint effort intends to reduce fuels as a fire prevention measure and to improve rangeland for the benefit of wildlife and livestock.

Expanses of pinyon/juniper woodland in the treatment area are being broken up with heavy equipment, which grinds up the trees. A low-flying airplane is used to broadcast a mixture of shrub and grass seeds over the treatment area. This produces a rich seedbed for the growth of desirable shrub and grass species.

Patches of pinyon and juniper trees are left in random patterns to provide cover and movement corridors for wildlife. Pinyon/juniper woodlands are beneficial to wildlife by providing protection from wind and temperature extremes. They also offer escape and resting cover. Unfortunately, these tree species tend to dominate and take over a rangeland, preventing the growth of other plant species desirable to wildlife.

The treatment area overlaps important seasonal habitat for many species of wildlife. It's especially important as a winter range for deer and elk. In addition to its big game inhabitants, the area is home to coyotes, foxes, squirrels, cottontails and jackrabbits. A variety of songbirds and raptors are found throughout the area

as well. Human recreation includes hiking, biking, camping, hunting and off-roading. The area's commercial value lies in its rich coal and gas reserves.

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For more information, log onto the Hunter's Specialties website at [www.hunterspec.com](http://www.hunterspec.com), write to 6000 Huntington Court NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402, or call a Consumer Service Specialist at 319-395-0321.

## **SNOWMOBILE COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO NEW YELLOWSTONE WINTER USE FEIS**

Earlier today the National Park Service released its

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**Protecting Your Snowmobile Access**

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final environmental impact statement (FEIS) on winter use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. This is the latest step in the process of developing a long term winter use plan for the Parks. The FEIS is an important step toward a final decision that will formalize changes and restrictions in snowmobile access to the Parks.

Jack Welch, President of the BlueRibbon Coalition, stated, "We are thankful for the fact that the agency will apparently decide to allow for some level of continued snowmobile access to the Parks. We are not satisfied. In fact, we are very disappointed by the level and nature of the access outlined in the FEIS preferred alternative. We maintain ample reserves for the coming fight, which we deem unfortunate but inevitable, over this issue."

BlueRibbon and its partners believe several factors in the FEIS preferred alternative are cause for concern in the snowmobile community. If adopted as the final decision, the preferred alternative would:

- Reduced daily snowmobile entries to YNP from 720 to 540
- Require 100% BAT and 100% commercially guided snowmobile access
- Close the East entrance over Sylvan Pass
- Cease maintenance of the Continental Divide Scenic Trail, but allow trailering of snowmobiles, between Flagg Ranch and Moran Junction
- Require BAT snowmobiles for fishing access on Jackson Lake.

"We are certainly concerned, but note the news is not all bad," added Welch. "This is not a final decision and we will continue our efforts to achieve reasonable management prescriptions. Regardless of the final decision the Park Service has announced that a "transition period" will occur in the upcoming 2007-2008 season in which none of the new restrictions will be implemented. We are also pleased that the Grassy Lakes Road remains accessible from Idaho with non-BAT sleds to Flagg Ranch, which is popular with some riders and essential to the continued operations of the Ranch," Welch noted.

Here are the details of this season's snowmobile access 2007-2008. On December 19, 2007, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks and the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway opens for the 2007-2008 season. We anticipate that the temporary plan, that has been in effect for the last three seasons, will remain in effect for the coming season. Simply put, all entrances will be open, including Sylvan Pass. Total number of snowmobiles in Yellowstone will be 720

snowmobiles per day. All snowmobiles entering the Parks will be BAT and commercially guided.

In closing, be assured that BlueRibbon and its partners in the snowmobile community will continue the fight to regain a satisfactory level and type of snowmobile access to Yellowstone and Grand Teton Parks. We continue to recommend that you please come and visit and enjoy these two treasures of the National Park System this winter.

For continued updates please continue to visit our Yellowstone-dedicated website at [www.saveyellowstonepark.com](http://www.saveyellowstonepark.com)

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



### **National Public Lands Day Volunteers to Improve Area's Public Lands**

Utah ... Ten volunteer projects will be hosted in Utah by the Bureau of Land Management on September 29. These projects will celebrate National Public Lands Day (NPLD), a nationwide volunteer effort to protect America's natural resources.

Please be advised,  
The Cedar City Field Office National Public Lands Day activities at Three Peaks Recreation Area will take place October 6, 2007 at 10am. This differs from most offices around the state with activities scheduled for Sept. 29.

Volunteer projects will take place in the following locations around the state:

- 1) Paiute ATV Trail/Great Western Trail September 20; in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Jamboree (Richfield)
- 2) Little Sahara/Jericho Picnic Area (Fillmore);
- 3) Ken's Lake Recreation Area (Moab);
- 4) Westwater Canyon (Moab);
- 5) Cottonwood Wash Petroglyph Site (Fillmore);
- 6) Three Peaks Recreation Area (Cedar City) will be held October 6;
- 7) Cottonwood Scenic Area (GSENM);
- 8) Fisher Towers Trail (Moab);
- 9) Tom's Canyon Trail (Kanab); and,
- 10) Pritchett Arch Hiking Trail (Moab)

This year's activities will focus on trail and boundary signing, camp and trail improvement/maintenance, constructing fences, picnic area restoration, painting and replacement of picnic tables, placing barriers near streams to protect damaged areas, removal of invasive plants and tamarisk trees, redocumentation of historic places, litter cleanup, and most importantly educational workshops.



“National Public Lands Day provides Americans a chance to roll up their

sleeves and give something back to the community,” said Bureau of Land

Management’s director, Selma Sierra, “and getting people out onto these

sites gives them an opportunity to appreciate their public land.”

The Bureau of Land Management will sponsor more than 100 NPLD sites on public lands around the nation. Last year, nearly 10,000 volunteers and their community partners, numerous federal, state and local agencies contributed \$12 million in improvements to America’s public places on National Public Lands Day.

The BLM, one of several federal agencies sponsoring events, is an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior. It manages more land – 262

million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. The BLM accomplishes this by managing for resources such as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural and other resources on the public lands.

The National Environmental Education &

Training Foundation (NEETF), chartered by Congress in 1990, focuses on environmental learning as a solution to critical challenges in natural resources management, education, health care and business. In its mission to support environmental education, NEETF initiates programs and public/private partnerships that will result in an environmentally knowledgeable public, environmentally competent professionals and environmentally capable leaders and policy-makers. For more information, including a list of National Public Lands Day sites, activities, and contacts, visit <http://www.neefusa.org/>.



### **Orienteering Event needs Event Leader**

Would you like to learn EVEN MORE about orienteering? Are you available October 13?

We planned to have a meet at the U of U on that day. However, there's a home football game and the U is discouraging groups from using the campus. We still want to have a meet, but just somewhere else. Also, we've had a number of new, enthusiastic, talented O'ers this season and we wanted to give you the opportunity to run an event. It's one of the best ways to become more expert.

If you'd like to be a Meet Director for October 13, email Suellen at [sriffkin@aim.com](mailto:sriffkin@aim.com). You may select to have the event at any site we currently have a map. (We're suggesting Pine Canyon, Kaysville, Brighton or Draper.) We will help you create the courses, using the OCAD software. You'll have help setting up and taking down controls and we can probably help you "run the table". (It's just that some of our seasoned Meet Directors want a chance to COMPETE ON A

COURSE!)

Stay tuned for more info about the Night/Score O September 29.

### **Harvest Festival at the American West Heritage Center, Wellsville, UT.**

The Blue Sage Trio will be performing at 4:00 in the Livery Stable on Saturday the 29th.

In conjunction with the Harvest Festival, the center will be holding two contests: a Folk Band Contest on Friday the 28th and a Fiddle Contest on Saturday the 29th. All Bluegrass, Celtic, Americana, or other acoustic bands centered around a folk tradition are welcome to enter the band contest. Contact the Center if your band is interested in competing or if you would like to compete in the fiddle contest.



For more information call the Western Heritage Center at 1(800) 225-FEST (3378) or visit their website at:

<http://www.awhc.org/page.php?n=festivals>

Here's a direct link to Saturday's entertainment schedule:

[http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dmj3638\\_22gqqszs](http://docs.google.com/Doc?id=dmj3638_22gqqszs)

Hope to see some of you there...

Mike Iverson

***CHASING THE HUNTER'S DREAM*** is one book no hunter will want to be without. A complete illustrated guide to the best hunting destinations around the world, with priceless advice on equipment, outfitters, safety, recipes, trophy care, and more. It is written by Jeff and Sherol Engel, hosts of the award-winning television series "Engel's Outdoor Experience," and James A. Swan, a columnist, author, and writer for the show.



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- And much more

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#### **About the authors**

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**Utah's First Snowfall**

Snow has landed! That means that winter is just around the corner. Now is the time to start thinking about your own private powder stash in Utah. [SkiUtah.com](http://SkiUtah.com) has all the information you need to dream, plan and make your ski vacation a reality. Order our Winter Vacation Planner, containing over a hundred pages of information about Utah's 13 world class ski resorts and the many restaurants, lodges, retail centers and other amenities which complement them. The planner also contains a



relief map showing the major interstates and arteries in the state from Powder Mountain to Sundance Resort. A map key is used to indicate the locations of other planner listings giving a greater sense of how accessible Utah's really is.



Solitude Mountain Resort under a blanket of fresh snow. 9-24-07

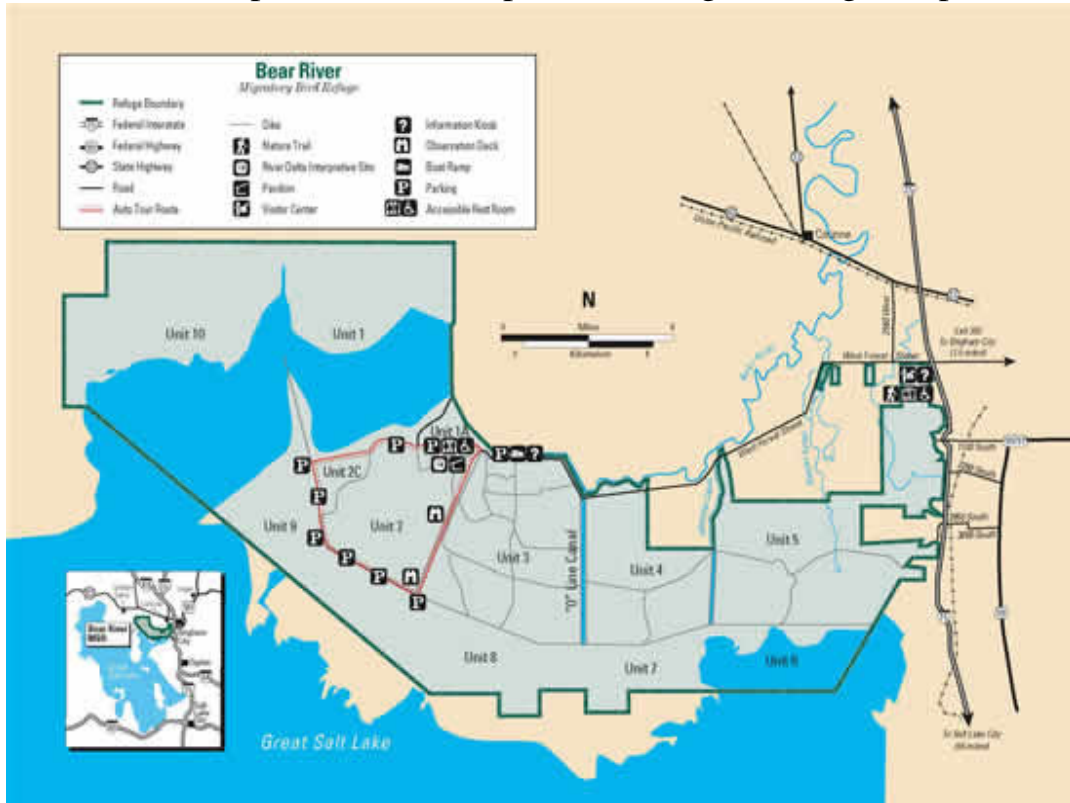
The Inn at Solitude. 9-24-07

Need some extra motivation? Warren Miller has an awesome eight minute Utah section in this year's film Playground. Check out their website at [www.warrenmiller.com](http://www.warrenmiller.com) to see the trailer and find a screening near you.



## Burn Planned at Bear River Refuge in October

The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge will be conducting a prescribed burn the first week of October. Just over 1,000 acres will be burned in two wetland management units - 2B and 2C. These units are adjacent to the Refuge's auto tour route, and are part of the area open to hunting. Burning is expected to be completed



in one day with monitoring by staff to follow until the fire is declared out. The objectives of the prescribed burn are to control an invasive wetland plant species and reduce hazardous

fuels.

The Refuge is attempting to decrease the number of wetland acres occupied by an invasive plant species known as Phragmites. It has little value to wildlife and often displaces more desirable plant species that provide food and cover to wild birds. The strategy to control this plant is to apply an herbicide in the fall when the plant is drawing resources to the roots and rhizomes and follow up with a prescribed burn.

The use of prescribed fire following herbicide application has several benefits. 1) Fire removes prior years growth, allowing for better visual inspection of the effectiveness of the treatment. Areas needing follow-up treatment are also more accessible. 2) Open areas created by fire allow for easier seed germination by desirable wetland plants, whose seeds are already present in the soil. 3) Open space desired by migratory birds is created.

During the burn, the public will not be allowed in the units due to the hazardous nature of the activity. Adjacent units may also be closed during the burn to avoid any possible risk to the public.

Please contact Greg Mullin at (435) 734-6435 or the refuge at (435) 723-5887 for further information. You may also visit the Refuge web site at <http://bearriver.fws.gov> for more detailed information on Phragmites control.

## **Learn about creepy crawlers, awesome owls, baffling bats & other denizens of the dark at..SCREATURES OF THE NIGHT**

When: Friday, October 19, 6-8 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

Dress: Dress for outdoor weather, costumes are welcome

This event will be held rain or shine

The whole family is invited to the Ogden Nature Center for a fun, non-frightful evening of trail-side education and adventures!

Highlights include:

A night-time creep along our pumpkin-lit trails where you'll learn about creatures that

roam through the forest at night

A <sup>3</sup>freaky facts<sup>2</sup>

scavenger hunt

Presentations

about bats, spiders

and owls

Music, stories and

Halloween

goodies around

the campfire

Halloween fun

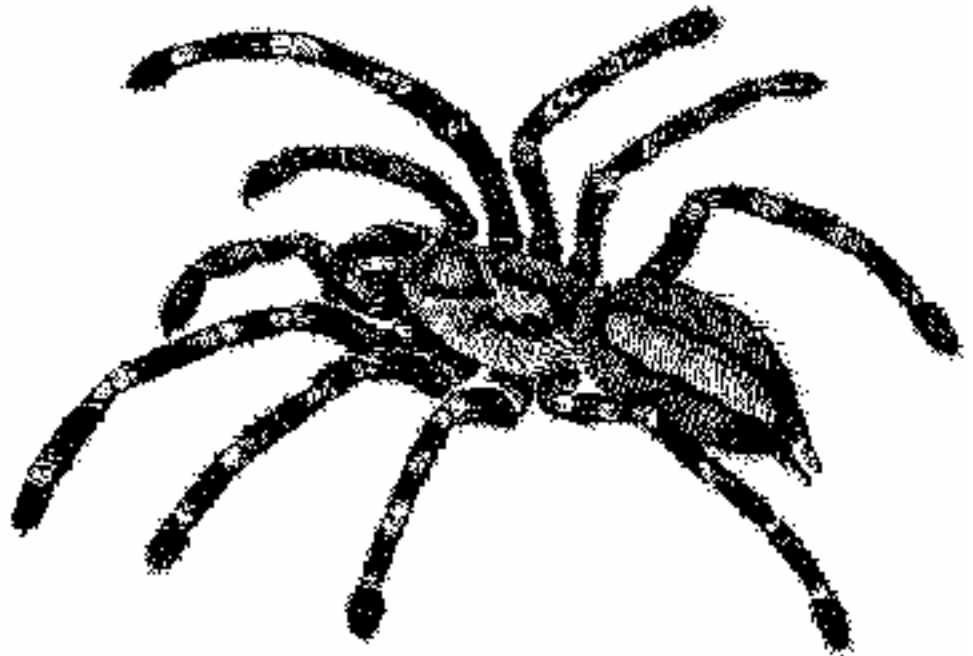
with pin the nose

on the pumpkin, a

pumpkin walk,

fortune

telling, face painting, a fish pond and more



3 craft stations where kids can make egg carton pumpkins, teasel spiders, and animal masks

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

## **FALL ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY AT THE OGDEN NATURE CENTER**

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th Street in Ogden, Utah. For more information or to make reservations for classes, please call 801-621-7595.

### **OCTOBER**

Cooking Delight -- Uniting People with Natural Foods

Friday, October 5 / 6:30 8:30 pm

For adults, 21+

\$45 -- includes meal, free gift, cooking presentation, live musician and an artist! Wine pairings available for an additional charge. Menu: Mango, Corn and Black Bean <sup>3</sup>Salsa<sup>2</sup> with Shrimp, Grilled Organic Veggie Salad with Homemade Balsamic Vinaigrette, Tomato, Basil and Feta Orzo with a Pesto Sauce.

Writing Children's Books -- Nature Writers Series

Tuesday, Oct. 9 / 5:30 7 pm

For adults

\$5 / members, \$6 / nonmembers

Learn a different style of writing each month of this series. The first part of each meeting will be a sharing of writing done during the month. Taught by teacher/naturalists William Pollett & Susan Snyder. Please call to pre-register by Monday, Oct. 8

Rock Hounding in Utah -- About Utah Series

Wednesday, Oct. 10 / 6:30 7:30 pm

For adults and children 8+

\$5/members, \$6/nonmembers

Utah Rocks! Get a general overview of rocks in Utah and rock hounding.

Instructor: David Wonderly of Bryson's Gem and Lapidary. Please call to pre-register by Monday, Oct. 8

Nature's Cleansers

Saturday, Oct. 27 / 10:30 11:30 am

Adults and children 6+

\$10/members, \$12/nonmembers

Melt and pour soaps with <sup>3</sup>natural additives.<sup>2</sup> Materials included.

Instructor: Amber Hansen

Please call to pre-register by Thursday, Oct. 25

Bookworms

Tuesday, Oct. 30 / 5:30 pm

For adults, 12+

Free/members, \$3/non-members

Join ONC staff and volunteers for a discussion based on <sup>3</sup>Reason for Hope,<sup>2</sup> by Jane Goodall. Refreshments will be provided.

## NOVEMBER

Indoor Desert Gardens

About Utah Series

Thursday, Nov. 1 / 6:30 7:30 pm

For adults and children 8+

\$5/members, \$6/non-members

Pot succulents for indoor winter enjoyment. Bring your favorite pot (or we will have some available for purchase) and choose from a variety of fun and interesting succulents to pot. Bring money to cover the cost of plants and a pot. Plants will be approximately \$3.50 each. Instructor: Barney Barnett from Willard Bay Gardens. Please call to pre-register by Tuesday, Oct. 30

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Bizzy Buzzy Bugs

Bring your little bugs (ages 3-5) out for Ogden Nature Center's Fall Preschool Discovery Days. They will buzz and crawl their way around the Ogden Nature Center as they hunt and net insects. They'll see a spider up close, grow their own wings, enjoy a buggy snack, sing buggy songs and hear buggy stories.

There are several times to choose from:

Fri., Sept. 28: 9:30 am, 11 am or 1 pm

Tues., Oct. 9: 9:30 am, 11 am or 1 pm

Thurs., Oct. 11: 9:30 am, 11 am or 1 pm

Programs are 1 hour. \$3 per child / adult chaperones are free. Space is limited. Please call 621-7595 to pre-register

## ONGOING

Wildlife Wednesdays

Every Wednesday / 3:30 pm

For all ages

Members/free, Adults/\$3, Children/\$1.25

Slithering snakes, hooting owls, awesome eagles, dessert tortoises, tarantulas and more. Meet a different animal up close each week and learn about their behavior, habitat, diet, unique characteristics and more.

This Saturday night, bring a date! Bring the family! Free! Bring flashlights and headlamps.

Hidden Valley Park, 11700 South Wasatch Blvd. Directions available [www.o-utah.org](http://www.o-utah.org)

There will be 2 competitions, because of varying amounts of light. The first Score O will be for those who start between 7 pm and 7:45 pm. The second will be for start times between 7:46 pm and 8:30 pm.

What is a Score O? Instead of a fixed course, participants visit as many controls as possible within a fixed time, in this case, 30 minutes. More distant or difficult controls are often allotted a higher point value. Points are deducted for each amount of time the orienteer arrives after the allotted time is up, say 5 points for every minute. The person with the most points wins.

Help is needed at the table to do scoring and before hand to set controls. Email or call Suellen if you can help. [sriffkin@aim.com](mailto:sriffkin@aim.com) 572-0500

## **Youth Shotgunners Take Aim at Junior Olympic National Championships**

U.S. OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER, Colorado Springs, Colo. -- Young shotgunners with Olympic aspirations traveled to Colorado Springs Sept. 15-22 to compete at the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) USA Shooting Junior Olympic National Championships.

The competition included team and individual matches in the international versions

of skeet and trap shooting, which are shot in the Olympics and at other world events.

Winners included teams from Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana and Missouri, as well as individual shooters

from some of those states and Michigan, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee and California. See complete results below.

The top two male and female shooters in both events claimed a spot on the U.S. national development team.



Since 2000, the National Shooting Sports Foundation's (NSSF) Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) has been introducing thousands of youths to trap, skeet, sporting clays and the international versions of trap and skeet. This year, nearly 10,000 youths from 44 states competed in various SCTP state, regional and national competitions.



NSSF and USA Shooting also hold an annual Junior Olympic Development Camp for a select group of young SCTP talents. Many past camp attendees competed at the event in Colorado Springs, some of which claimed individual and team awards.

SCTP offers students in grades 12 and under an opportunity to compete as a team in the clay target sports. The program is focused on instilling in young participants a commitment to safe firearm handling, teamwork and leadership.

USA Shooting is the national governing body for Olympic and international shooting sports in the United States.

For more information, visit [www.nssf.org/sctp](http://www.nssf.org/sctp) and [www.usashooting.org](http://www.usashooting.org).

## **Results**

SCTP USA Shooting Junior Olympic National Championships  
(held Sept. 15-22, Colorado Springs, Colo.)

### **International Skeet**



## **Team Results (Varsity)**

1. Georgia -- Range Masters, 325 out of 375 targets (Thomas Coggins of Bogart, Nick Kimbrough of Atlanta, and Cody Reid of Acworth)
2. Louisiana -- LA Clay Wings, 316 (Ethan Hall of Jonesboro, Dillon McCartney of Winnfield, and Caitlin Connor of Jena)
3. Indiana -- Hoosier Gun Swinger, 304 (Timothy Baker of Laporte, Tanner Brooks of Walkerton, and Anthony Erickson of Walkerton)

## **Individual Results**

High Overall Male: Nick Kimbrough of Atlanta, Ga. 112 + 25 137  
Male Runner-Up: Thomas Coggins of Bogart, Ga. 110 + 23 133

High Overall Female: Caitlin Connor of Jena, La. 106  
Female Runner-Up: Brielle Eaton of Sierra Vista, Ariz. 81

Varsity:

1. Dillon McCartney of Winnfield, La. 107 + 22 129
2. Brisden Eaton of Sierra Vista, Ariz. 107 + 19 126
3. Chris Haver of Clinton, Mich. 105 + 21 126

Intermediate:

1. Luke Daffern of Tulsa, Okla. 72
2. Nathan Bertrand of Aurora, Colo. 40

## Bunker Trap

## **Team Results (Varsity)**

1. Alabama -- Talladega Sharpshooters, 320 out of 375 Targets (Michael French of Tallassee, Matthew Gossett of Springville, and Brandon Knight of Lineville)
2. Michigan -- North Franklin Hustlers 4, 316 (Ethan Heiden of Clinton, Rachael Heiden of Clinton, and Garrett Walters of Burr Oak)
3. Missouri -- Arnold Jr Trap Shooters, 316 (Kevin Bockerstett of St. Charles, Josh Cresswell of Bonne Terre, and Nicholas Edwards of Fenton)

## **Individual Results**

High Overall Male: Matthew Gosset of Springville, Ala. 120 + 20 140

Male Runner-Up: Josh Cresswell of Bonne Terre, Mo. 116 + 23 139

High Overall Female: Stacey Schroeder of Washington, Mo. 97

Female Runner-Up: Janessa Beaman of Elbert, Colo. 97

Varsity:

1. Print Zutavern of Broken Bow, Neb. 117 + 20 137

2. Ethan Heiden of Clinton, Mich. 112 + 22 134

3. Shane Slocumb of Hartsfield, Ga. 112 + 21 133

Intermediate:

1. Blake Carnell of Henderson, Tenn. 98 + 20 118

2. Dalton Mitchell of Luray, Tenn. 97 + 18 115

3. Michael Flores of Sacramento, Calif. 95 + 19 114

## **Industries, Fish and Wildlife Agencies Unite to Strengthen Conservation Partnership**

*Signing Ceremony to be Held Today in Washington*

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

THORNTON LOUNGE, 11TH FLOOR, HYATT REGENCY on CAPITOL HILL,  
WASHINGTON D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Later today, the nation's conservation and recreation industry leaders will sign an important agreement aimed at strengthening a longstanding partnership for the future of fish and wildlife conservation, hunting, shooting and angling in America.

Officials from the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Archery Trade Association, Wildlife Management Institute, American Sport Fishing Association and National Marine Manufacturers Association will meet in Washington, D.C., today (Sept. 26) for a signing ceremony.

"The initial Industry-Agency Summit meeting hosted by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies in December 2006 was the catalyst for this agreement and the signing ceremony," said Jay McAninch, president of the Archery Trade Association. "We appreciate that Matt Hogan and the Association have taken the lead in working to craft this agreement, and the archery industry stands with our colleagues in the firearms and fishing industry to proudly unite in our support for conservation, hunting, shooting and angling."



Each year, state fish and wildlife agencies use more than \$250 million in excise tax funds paid on fishing, hunting, shooting and boating equipment for fish and wildlife conservation and management and to recruit and retain new hunters, shooters, anglers and boaters. The alliance agreement is centered on accountability and building better communications between parties, pursuing more visible marketing strategies and gauging the long-term vision and use of these funds.

"Without the crucial financial contributions of the hunting, fishing, shooting and boating industries, our celebrated outdoor traditions and healthy populations of fish and wildlife would simply not exist," said Matt Hogan, executive director of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. "Building on the important relationship between these industries and state fish and wildlife agencies is a top priority for us and we're happy to be part of this new agreement."

"The sportfishing industry and the state fish and wildlife agencies have much in common and it is imperative that we work together to assure increased participation of anglers and access to public waters," said Mike Nussman, president and CEO of the American Sportfishing Association. "The sportfishing industry and the state fishery programs have demonstrated for decades the willingness to step up and be the premier conservationists for fishery resources. It is only fitting that we join together with this agreement to assure the future will be as successful as the past."

"The firearms industry remains one of the nation's strongest supporters of conservation programs, providing billions of dollars in support over the years through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act," said Doug Painter, president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the trade association of the

firearms industry. "By continuing to work closely together, all of our organizations can continue to ensure a positive future for our country's outdoor traditions."

McAninch added, "The Archery Trade Association and all archers and bowhunters are proud to continue our commitment to the state agencies and their efforts to protect and manage habitats and wildlife populations as well as provide opportunities for shooters, anglers and hunters. The federal excise tax on archery equipment has grown by more than 50 percent since 2004 and we are ready to work with the state agencies to grow archery and bowhunting as well as to grow hunting and fishing."

### ***Goblins Infest Utah State Park***

Some of them really do look like goblins! They are made of soft sandstone, constantly eroding, changing, morphing into fantastic shapes: goblins, hoodoos, gnomes and various other apparitions from the netherworld.



*Kodachrome Basin State Park*

The place is Goblin Valley, a Utah state park, and it is one of our premier fall play areas. It is located near Hanksville in south-central Utah, just northeast of Capitol Reef National Park. In other words it's located in the middle of nowhere, and that's part of the attraction.

The area around Goblin Valley is desert, dry barren desert. No trees. No shade. It gets blazingly hot during the summer. But the fall, ah the fall is delightful. Cool nights and warm days, ideal for camping, hiking, biking and other outdoor activities.

There is plenty to do in this fantasy world, for both children and adults. Children often squeal with delight as they run between, climb up and jump off the rocks. In all the world, there is no better place to play Capture-The-Flag. (A word of warning: While the rock is soft, it is still rock. I once lugged a Scoutmaster out of the valley after he broke a leg jumping too far from too high. Kids are usually fine; old people with brittle bones need to act their age...)

Adults usually take a low-keyed approach, relaxing on the rim while enjoying the scenery. Many stalk the goblins, camera in hand, seeking transcendent moments when rays of sunlight illuminate the stone, allowing them to capture prize

photographs. Others lie on the rock and execute yoga routines, or strike sublime poses and meditate, seeking to draw power from the rock.

People have long been attracted to this valley because of the unearthly appearance of the rocks. The area was designated a Utah state park in 1964. The park offers a very nice campground with flush toilets and hot showers. The campground fills up quickly on weekends, especially during spring and fall when daytime temperatures are mild. Fall nights can be chilly in this dry desert and so campers need to bring warm sleeping bags.

Incidentally, the movie *Galaxy Quest* was filmed at Goblin Valley State Park because of its unique scenery.

### **Nearby Attractions**

Several nearby attractions are also worth exploring. Temple Mountain on the edge of the San Rafael Swell offers great hiking, mountain biking and motorcycle dirt biking, and has excellent spots for primitive camping.

Little Wildhorse Canyon provides a very popular slot canyon hike suitable for families and youth groups. Other slots in this area provide challenge for more experienced hikers and seasoned canyoneers.

### **Other Parks**

Several other Utah state parks are located in desert areas, where conditions are prime during fall. Snow Canyon, near St George, Coral Pink Sand Dunes near Kanab, Kodachrome Basin near Bryce Canyon and Dead Horse Point near Moab offer unique scenery, great hiking, biking and other recreational activities, plus nice, developed facilities. Goosenecks State Park, near Mexican Hat, has amazing scenery but no facilities or visitor services - not even drinking water.



*Dead Horse Point*

Forgive me if I seem to boast, but these natural wonders might well be national parks, were they located in any other state. Their unique scenery and natural attractions are on par with many areas found in America's national parks.

Fall is a superb time to visit our desert playgrounds.

**GENERAL:** Crowds have dropped off dramatically. Those who take warm clothes and are prepared for the cold and the changing fall weather are experiencing fantastic fall fishing!

**BEAR LAKE:** Jigging has started to produce some nice lake trout. Trolling was productive in 60 to 75 feet of water. Lake trout from 3 to 10 pounds have been reported. Winds can be treacherous—use caution and good judgement when venturing out on the lake, especially with small craft.

**BLACKSMITH FORK RIVER:** Don't miss out on fishing the Blacksmith Fork right now! At the very worst, you'll see spectacular fall colors. One angler reported good fishing and light fishing pressure.

**BIRCH CREEK RESERVOIR:** Some anglers are reporting good catches of nice tiger trout. Tiger trout are fish-eaters, so streamers and countdown rapalas in brown trout colors will be productive.

**EAST CANYON:** The water level is very low yet boat launching is still possible. Fishing was reported to be fair.

**ECHO RESERVOIR:** One angler reported good fishing for "smallish" yet fillet-able yellow perch.

**LOST CREEK RESERVOIR:** Fishing was reported to be fair.

**LOGAN RIVER:** Fly fishers have found blue-winged olive hatches to be sporadic. Nymphing and streamers will be the best bets as weather cools. Fishing is reported to be good and no one is complaining about the scenery either!

**LOST CREEK RESERVOIR:** Fair fishing was reported.

**HYRUM RESERVOIR:** Fishing still seems to be good from the shore. One angler reported good fishing for trout and bass from the dam.

**OGDEN RIVER:** The south fork is fishing well. Fishing and recreation pressure is way down. "This is a great time of year to hit the South Fork with spinners," said Lance Heninger of Angler's Den in Ogden.

**PINEVIEW RESERVOIR:** Fishing continues to be good for bass and tiger muskie.

**UINTAS, NORTH SLOPE:** Be prepared for MAJOR highway construction just south of Mountain View, Wyoming, and the big delays that come with these big projects. A great alternative route is to go through Mountain View and south towards Robertson and on to Stateline Reservoir. Take the North Slope Road and go east through Henry's Fork and on over to Hoop Lake. This diversion will add a couple of hours or more, depending on how many places you stop and fish at, like the Henry's Fork River. If the temptation to hike strikes you on this diversion, fish upstream along the Henry's Fork for about two miles and take the cutoff trail to Alligator Lake.

**UINTAS, WEST SLOPE:** Provo River has numerous lakes within a two-mile hike of Trial Lake that get little fishing pressure in the fall. The Weber River drainage has some wilderness lakes if you have the wilderness itch—best to scratch it now or wait until next year. The weather can change rapidly, be prepared for adverse conditions. For both north and west slope waters, use nymphs, small leech patterns and streamers.

**WEBER RIVER:** Fall fishing is moving into full swing and fishing reports continue to be good, especially above Coalville. DWR will be doing a fish population survey in early October down stream from the mouth of the canyon

**WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR:** Shore anglers are having some success for wipers by using binoculars to spot fish boiling, then wade and cast to them. The northwest corner near the light beacon was a good area. The DWR will be meeting with officials from the Bureau of Reclamation and Willard Bay State Park to discuss dike repair issues. More information will be posted in this report as it is available.

**"Bad to the Bone Just Got Badder!" with Muzzy**

*Enter to win TEN excellent prizes from Muzzy exclusively on The Sportsman Channel Website*

New Berlin, WI – September 25, 2007 - Muzzy and The Sportsman Channel have partnered to give away TEN great prize packages. TEN lucky winners will be selected to win a "Bad to the Bone Just Got Badder!" prize package from Muzzy. This prize package includes:

- 3 Pack of Muzzy MX-4 Broadheads
- Long Sleeve T-shirt
- Advantage Timber Hat and Visor

- Super Odor Eliminator Shampoo and Body Soap
- Broadhead Hat Pin
- Key Chain Compass
- Can Koozie
- Muzzy Decals

For the past 23 years Muzzy has been raising the bar in broadhead performance. *Bad to the Bone just got Badder* with the recent addition of their MX series of broadheads.

The MX-3 and MX-4 are the culmination of 23 years of Muzzy's dedication to manufacturing the highest quality, best-flying broadheads on the market. Muzzy took all of the legendary components it's used in past designs and incorporated them into the construction of the MX Series, broadheads having a more compact profile but wider cutting diameter engineered for maximum strength, flight, and penetration.

The MX-3 is a compact profile, 3-blade with a cutting diameter of 1-1/4" - 1/16" wider than the standard 3-blade, 100 grain broadhead. Design features allow this broadhead to fly truer and faster, applying more power where it counts....at the point of impact.

The MX-4 is a 4-blade, 100-grain, compact profile broadhead with a cutting diameter of 1.125", which is 1/8" wider than Muzzy's standard 4-blade, 100-grain broadhead.

As an extra feature, Muzzy designed the blades for both the MX-3 and MX-4 to be .005" thicker than the standard Muzzy broadhead, resulting in a stronger and tougher body that can stand up to even the biggest of challenges.

**Sportsmen must enter for a chance to win by Saturday, October 29, 2007.**

Winners will be randomly selected and announced by November 1, 2007. To enter for a chance to win visit:

<http://www.thesportsmanchannel.com/newsandevents/giveaways/giveaway.php?ID=24>. For more information about Muzzy visit [www.muzzy.com](http://www.muzzy.com) or call 1-866-387-9307.



The Sportsman Channel was launched in 2003 and is presently available in 15 million households nationwide on a full and part-time basis. TSC is the only channel that can deliver 100 percent hunting and fishing programming 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Recently purchased by InterMedia Outdoors Holdings, TSC is now a part of the nation's largest hunting and fishing media conglomerate and leading content producer.



## **St. George Rotary Club Looking for Barbeque Contestants and Judges**

In conjunction with the grand opening of the new St. George Town Square, the St. George Rotary Club is hosting its Second Annual Amateur Barbeque Contest on October 19, 2007. All members of the community are invited to participate. Local businesses are especially encouraged to sponsor a team.

Three categories of barbeque will be judged: Pork Shoulder; Ribs; and Chicken. Barbeque must be cooked at the St. George Town Square on each team's own equipment. Sauces must be homemade. Meats will be provided on October 18. Trophies will be awarded to the top three in each category and an overall winner will be chosen.

There is a \$100 entrance fee for each barbeque team and a \$100 fee to judge the barbeque. All proceeds will go toward The Learning Center. Please contact Brent Holloway at 435-862-0130 or [hollowayb@gmail.com](mailto:hollowayb@gmail.com) for more information and to sign-up.

## **Trail cameras**

*An exciting hobby, and a new scouting tool*

Many of Utah's trees have some new additions—trail cameras.

If you're not familiar with "trail cams," they're cameras that can be strapped to a tree or some other object in the woods.

Trail cameras come with a motion sensor. When the sensor detects movement in front of the camera, it trips the camera's shutter, and the camera takes a picture.

## **Rapid advancement**

Trail cameras have rapidly advanced in both technology and simplicity over the past 20 years or so. Like many items in the computer and electronics world, every

year a model appears that provides better photographs than the models produced the year before.

The newest models can run hundreds and even thousands of dollars. One benefit of having so many new models out there is that older trail camera models can often be bought at "close-out" or discounted prices. This makes it possible for the average hunter to afford at least one camera.

I bought my first trail camera for about \$60, and I've quickly developed a passion for my new hobby. Seeing the wildlife pictures that my camera takes is as exciting for me as going out on the hunts themselves!



### **Many advantages**

There are many advantages to trail camera photography. For example, these cameras can provide you with great information about the wildlife in a selected area.

In the past, scouting meant extensive hiking, driving, sitting and possibly watching from a blind. While a lazy hunter is not a good hunter, and it's important to thoroughly scout an area

before a hunt, it seems like all of us have less time to do that thorough scouting than we used to. Work, family, church, community and other events keep pushing our hunting and scouting time farther down our list of priorities.

When we do find time to scout, there's a chance we'll make noise as we scour the landscape looking for that big trophy.

### **NPS Grants Reunite Native American Remains with Ancestral Homes**

(Washington, D.C.) --- The remains of at least 187 Native Americans presently housed in museum collections will soon be returned to ancestral lands for burial. The National Park Service has awarded six Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) grants to help fund the transfer of the human remains, and more than 21,500 associated funerary objects, to tribal lands.

Grants totaling \$73,997 were awarded to two museums and two tribes:

§ The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon

**Figure 2**

received two grants totaling \$14,109

§ The University of Colorado in Boulder received two grants totaling \$30,000.

§ The Bois Forte Band of Minnesota Chippewa received a grant for \$14,952.

§ The Thomas Burke Memorial Museum in Washington received a grant for \$14,936.

Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections, and to consult with culturally affiliated Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding repatriation. Section 10 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award grants to assist in implementing provisions of the Act. Additional information on NAGPRA is available at [www.nps.gov/history/nagpra](http://www.nps.gov/history/nagpra).

**The group of us here at Summit Honda have decided that we need to show all of our customers appreciation!**

**So this is how we do it!**

We are having a Party on the Friday 28th of Sept. from 12pm and until 7 pm at the shop.

We will have music, as well as hamburgers, salad, & brats catered by **Clockworks Cafe from 4pm - 7pm.** (While it Lasts)

The Miller Motor Sports Park Roadshow trailer will be here showing off a race-ready Mustang GT, CBR1000RR and Go-Kart.

Customer Appreciation & Prizes such as:

A \$150 dollar Troy Lee Designs watch give away. OGIO bags, Kuryakyn motorcycle accessories, Answer gear, ASV products and MUCH MUCH MUCH More!! **Over \$2000 in give-a-ways.**

**We look forward to you joining us for this unprecedented event.**

## **Wildlife Habitat is Improving in West Coal Creek**

*Equipment chews up trees; seeds fall from the sky*

Price -- Almost 2,000 acres of wildlife habitat is being improved northeast of Price.

In addition to providing better rangeland for wildlife and livestock, the project that's underway should reduce the number of fires in the area.

The Bureau of Land Management and the Division of Wildlife Resources are working together on this project in the West Coal Creek area. The project should run through October.

### **Removing pinyon-juniper trees**

Part of the project involves breaking up



expanses of pinyon-juniper woodland using heavy equipment. Called “bullhogs,” this equipment grinds up the trees.

After the trees are removed, an airplane flies low over the area and broadcasts a mixture of shrub and grass seeds. The shrubs and grass that grow from these seeds should provide an excellent food source for wildlife.

Land managers and wildlife biologists are not removing all of the pinyon-juniper trees, however. They're leaving patches of trees in random patterns. These patches will provide movement corridors for wildlife, and offer them a place to escape and rest. The patches will also protect wildlife from wind and temperature extremes.

Even though pinyon-juniper trees provide some benefits to wildlife, in this area they've taken over the rangeland. Plants that are more desirable to wildlife can't grow.

### **A variety of wildlife**

The area that's being treated overlaps important seasonal habitat for many wildlife species. For example, it's important winter range for deer and elk. It's also home to coyotes, foxes, squirrels, cottontails and jackrabbits. A variety of songbirds and raptors also live in the area.

People use the area for hiking, biking, camping, hunting and off-road riding.

The area also has rich coal and gas reserves.

For more information about the project, call the DWR's Southeastern Region office at (435) 636-2060.

### **Marshall Draw Goes Up in Flames**

*Fire will benefit several wildlife species*

Vernal -- After watching three burn seasons come and go, the Bureau of Land Management and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources finally got the right conditions to light a fire in the Marshall and Pitt draw area on Diamond Mountain in northeastern Utah.

And it was a big fire.

"By the end of today, we should have burned around 3,000 acres," said an elated Steve Strong, natural resource specialist for the BLM.

The burn happened on Sept. 15, 16 and 21.

### **A better area for wildlife**



“We finished the planning stages in 2004 and have been ready to go for the last three years, but this is the first time we had the right conditions for the prescribed burn,” Strong said. “The weather kept

shutting us down: too much wind, too much rain, always something. Even earlier this week, the wind shut us down, but today it has all come together.”

According to Strong and Miles Hanberg, habitat manager for the UDWR, the burn is part of a larger effort to restore and enhance wildlife habitat.

“We’ve got pinyon-juniper (P-J) trees encroaching into new areas because of decades of fire suppression,” Strong said. “Our objective is to remove the encroachment, which is taking over our valuable wildlife habitat: the browse species (like sagebrush and mountain mahogany).

“Our other objective is to create bighorn sheep habitat, mostly on the rocky ridges. We are trying to create openings of 80 to 100 acres that can be used by the bighorns. Once these openings are created, we plan to go in this fall and reseed the openings with grasses, forbs and browse species.

“This first stage was to open up the area by pushing back the PJ from the sagebrush and other mountain browse,” Hanberg said as he looked at photos from the fire. “This burn has created a good mosaic of burned and unburned areas, which is what we want for wildlife habitat. It gives us some established areas with older plants, and some new areas where we are just starting the plant succession.

“The next stage is to go into some even heavier stands of pinyon-juniper, which are covering steep, rocky hillsides. It will be harder to get a good burn [on these hillsides], but it will really open up the area for bighorn sheep. Bighorns rely on their vision and hearing to escape predators, so they avoid forested and tall brushy areas. They prefer open areas near rocky cliffs [where there’s plenty of room for them to see].”

The burn is a cooperative project among the UDWR, BLM, and the Diamond Mountain Land Owners Association.

“The total prescribed burn area is 8,000 acres. We’d like to burn about 3,000 to 4,000 acres per year,” Strong said. “Roughly 60 percent of the land belongs to the UDWR. The rest is BLM, with a small slice of state school trust lands. The UDWR contributed the seed and did the archeological surveys. The landowners will fund the application of the reseed. We [the BLM] contributed the fire crews and [got the fire going].”



### Safe, successful burn

“The first step is safety. We want to make sure we only burn what we want to burn,” Strong said. “To do this, we go in before the fire and lay down a scratch or black line to establish the perimeter. Basically, we look to send the fire into unburnable areas, like rock falls, or physically create those areas by removing the burnable fuels prior to the main fire.

“On the day of the burn, we do a final burn plan using the winds to set our ignition pattern. We set the fire to use the winds and heat to pull the fire up or push it in the directions we want it to go.

“We used three different types of ignition on this fire including a helicopter that drops PSDs, affectionately called “ping pong balls,” because that’s what they look like,” Strong said. “The balls are injected as they leave the helicopter. That triggers a chemical reaction that creates a small fireball about 20 seconds later. The helicopter allows us to light large areas and to get into the center of the fire.

“We had crewmembers with drip torches controlling the edges of the fire. They set fire to the vegetation along the perimeter. That created a burn line, which flowed back toward the center.”

The final technique was something similar to a starter pistol. This technique uses a .22 caliber cartridge to propel a fire starter.

“The pistols shoot something that looks similar to Roman candles. They fly out and bounce around, sending sparks everywhere,” Strong said. “These work well to get fire into the interior from the perimeter. We relied on the pistols when the wind shut down the helicopter for a short while this afternoon.”

The final step of this prescribed burn was having a crew watch it carefully to make sure it didn’t start up again. A couple of days of rain and a snowstorm helped considerably with this step.

“We will reseed it this fall and hope for a good water year,” Hanberg said. “We’ll also treat a few areas for cheatgrass.

“Our goal is to get the plants we want established quickly so the cheatgrass doesn’t have a chance to invade.

“We should see some use from wildlife as early as next year, and the area will only get better as the new plants get established.”

## **You Need a New HIP Number**

*Number of hunters without one increased last season*

If you’re going to hunt waterfowl this fall, you need a Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) number for the 2007 – 2008 season.

Your HIP number from last season won’t work.

“I think our new 365-day licenses may have caused some confusion,” says Tom Aldrich, migratory game bird coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

“Even if the license you bought last season will be still valid for part of this season, your HIP number from last season isn’t valid. You need to get a new HIP number every season.”

## **Don’t get too many**

While some hunters aren’t getting a new HIP number every season, others hunters are getting too many. Aldrich offers the following reminders:

- The HIP number you obtain for the 2007 – 2008 season is valid from February 1, 2007 until January 31, 2008.



- If your 365-day license expires during the season, and you buy a new license, simply transfer the HIP registration number from your expired license to your new license. You don't need to get another HIP number for the 2007 – 2008 season.

### **It's easy**

Utah's 2007 – 2008 waterfowl season opens Oct. 6.

If you haven't obtained your HIP number yet, it's easy to get one. Just log onto [www.uthip.com](http://www.uthip.com) or call 1 (877) UTAH-744 (1-877-882-4744).

You'll need your hunting or combination license to register, so make sure you have it with you before you log onto the Web or call. It only takes about 10 minutes to register.

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

### **Sportsmen's Groups Urge Conservation Measures as Senate Discusses Mining Reform**

*Coalition stresses need for strengthened conservation, royalty assessment on minerals, reclamation incentives and an end to public land patenting and sales*

WASHINGTON – As the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee meets today to discuss hard rock mining on federal lands, an alliance of sportsmen's groups is exhorting committee members to support a responsible approach to hard rock mining that allows for better management of America's fish and wildlife.

The Sportsmen United for Sensible Mining campaign is a coalition of organizations and individual grassroots partners coming together to preserve the American traditions of hunting and fishing. Created to unite organizations, businesses and agencies to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife through sensible mining practices, the coalition is spearheaded by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) and Trout Unlimited (TU), with other hunting, angling and conservation groups joining in.

The sportsmen's coalition launched in response to legislation proposed in May by U.S. Rep. Nick J. Rahall (D-W.Va.), chairman of the House Natural Resources Committee. HR 2262, the Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, is aimed at reforming the 1872 General Mining Law, the fundamental statute governing hard rock

mineral development on public lands. Under the 1872 law, more than 270 million acres of federal land are open to hard rock mining, mostly in the Rocky Mountain West.

Because the 1872 law has never been meaningfully reformed, many of America's most treasured public lands are at risk, including important wildlife habitat and hunting areas, valuable fisheries, popular recreation sites, vital municipal water supplies and sensitive roadless areas. Public lands contain more than 50 percent of the nation's blue-ribbon trout streams and are strongholds for imperiled trout and salmon. More than 80 percent of critical elk habitat is on lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. Pronghorn, sage grouse, mule deer and salmon, as well as countless other fish and wildlife species, are similarly dependent on public lands.

The time for reform of the 1872 law – “the Jurassic Park of all federal laws,” as Rahall called it – is now, as evidenced by a growing body of congressional supporters, including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.). Today's hearing should address numerous issues concerning hard rock mining in the United States, including the efficiency of existing law and effects of hard rock mining on the environment.

“The 1872 Mining Law is a relic of days gone by, a time when the West was wild and untamed,” said Land Tawney, NWF regional representative and manager of the sportsmen's campaign. “It's hard to believe that after 135 years, hard rock mining companies continue to claim federal land for five dollars or less per acre, avoid paying any royalties, pollute the nation's waterways with mining waste and have no real obligation to clean up their mess.”

“In approaching reform of the 1872 mining law, Congress must ensure that key policies are in place – policies that will help protect critical fish and wildlife habitats,” said Tom St. Hilaire, TRCP vice president of campaign management. “The Sportsmen United for Sensible Mining campaign asks that Congress assess a royalty from any minerals taken from public lands, strengthen conservation protections, allow ‘good Samaritans’ reclamation incentives and common-sense liability relief, and prohibit the patenting or sale of public lands under this law. Quite simply, failure to include these measures will permit the mining industry to continue its full-scale destruction of priceless, irreplaceable American public lands.”

“I've seen firsthand how century-old mining activity has impacted our fisheries and water quality throughout the West,” said Rob Roberts, TU's abandoned mine

reclamation coordinator. “It’s imperative that we revamp the laws governing mining on public lands and find good-sense solutions that will protect our fish and wildlife resources for generations to come.”

“Sportsmen United for Sensible Mining looks forward to working with senators from both sides of the aisle on sensible reform,” continued Tawney. “We commend Senator Bingaman and Senator Domenici for holding this initial hearing and anticipate a future when this country’s public lands will be managed in the best interests of fish, wildlife and sportsmen. American citizens deserve nothing less.”