

PURGE YOUR SPURGE! MYRTLE SPURGE/NATIVE PLANT EXCHANGE

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This April, don't miss out on a great opportunity to purge your spurge and rid your garden of myrtle spurge (or as some call it donkey tail spurge) and receive free Utah native plants in exchange! Myrtle spurge (*Euphorbia myrsinites*) is a non-native, highly invasive, garden plant that is rapidly spreading in our foothills and canyons, crowding out the native vegetation.

CAUTION Milky sap oozing out of stem is toxic and will irritate the skin. WEAR GLOVES, long sleeves, and pants. Protect open wounds and eyes.



Join the Bonneville CWMA, the Great Salt Lake RC&D, and the Salt Lake Soil Conservation District, along with volunteers from the Intermountain Native Plant Growers Association and the Utah Native Plant Society, at the Millcreek REI as we work to protect our canyons by preventing the spread of myrtle spurge in our foothills.

On April 14 & 21, 2007 bring your bagged myrtle spurge to REI at 3200 East 3300 South, where volunteers will be on hand to take your plants and give you up to five potted Utah native plants in exchange. In addition, receive a planting guide and learn about noxious and invasive species in Salt Lake and what you can do to help prevent their spread. Event runs until 3pm.

Location: REI SLC

Contact: For more information contact Salt Lake County Weed Program staff at 801-468-2861 or on the web at www.weeds.slco.org. 14

Cost: Free

Registration Required? No. <http://www.weeds.slco.org>

Vacancies on Utah Wildlife Board

Applications accepted through May 4

Three openings are available on the board that sets the rules that govern wildlife management in Utah. These rules include the state's hunting and fishing laws.

The Utah Wildlife Board Nominating Committee is seeking qualified nominees to fill the three seats on the seven-member Utah Wildlife Board. Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. will appoint the new members to six-year terms.

Potential board members must represent a wildlife constituency group (sportsmen, people who watch wildlife, ranchers, etc.) No more than two board members may come from any one of the Division of Wildlife Resources' five regions.

Board members attend 10 to 12 wildlife board meetings each year in Salt Lake City. They're also encouraged to attend monthly Wildlife Regional Advisory Council meetings in their regions. Some overnight travel is required.

Wildlife board nominees should have a strong interest in wildlife and wildlife management and a commitment to represent all of Utah's citizens.

For more information, or to apply, go to Gov. Huntsman's Web site at www.governor.utah.gov/boards. Follow the prompts at the site to learn more, or to apply.

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GOOD NEWS FOR RECAPTURE RESERVOIR

MONTICELLO, UTAH—This week, Division of Wildlife Resources aquatic biologists Justin Hart and Kenny Breidinger conducted a gillnetting survey of fish populations at Recapture Reservoir in San Juan County. Many northern pike, measuring 18-24 inches were collected; and several pike measured as long as 31 inches and tipped the scale at 8 pounds. Netting also revealed a number of very robust 11-14 inch



largemouth bass and good numbers of black bullhead, weighing in at 2 pounds.

Hart offered some advice for those wanting to cash in on the cache of fish. For largemouth bass try a chartreuse or pumpkin-colored 3-4 inch curlytail grub, hooked into a ¼ oz. white or pink jighead. Fish the rig slowly along the bottom. An alternate rig might include a 6-inch pumpkin-colored rubber worm, rigged weedless on a bass worm hook with a single piece of split shot about 15-inches above the worm. That rig should be fished slowly along the bottom as well. Boaters who prefer to troll might try a medium-diving Berkley Frenzy in crawdad color or a double-jointed silver Canadian Wiggler for northern pike.

Northern pike and largemouth bass can also be caught by casting crankbaits, spinners, or large jigs along the shorelines and other underwater structure. As the water warms, topwater lures should also produce fish in mornings and evenings. Bullhead anglers should drop weighted worms or commercial catfish baits to the bottom.

Cattle and Airplanes Team Up to Help Wildlife at Hardware Ranch

Hyrum -- Wildlife biologists are using an old-fashioned but innovative approach to restore habitat for mule deer and other wildlife at the Hardware Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

They're teaming cattle with airplanes.

Dropping Seed

Two seasons of intensive grazing by cattle has removed much of the cheatgrass on the south facing slopes of Blacksmith Fork Canyon. Conditions are now ideal to reseed the area with plants that will be perfect for the wildlife that use it in the winter.

The reseeded effort is part of a long-range Division of Wildlife Resources' plan to restore critical big game winter habitats at the Hardware Ranch WMA, which is 15 miles east of Hyrum.

April 6 marked an important phase in the habitat restoration project. Airplanes buzzed portions of Blacksmith Fork Canyon that day, dropping nearly \$30,000 worth of seed on the ground.



The seed mixture the planes dropped is a special blend of forbs and shrubs. The plants are designed to give wildlife the nutrition and energy they need to survive harsh winters. These plants are also designed to help wildlife transition from their winter diet to spring and summer diets.

Challenging Terrain

As biologists contemplated the best way to restore habitat on the steep, rocky hillsides of Blacksmith Fork Canyon, they could see they were in for a challenge. Using tractors and other mechanical means was out of the question, so they came up with a creative approach: put livestock in the area to graze it, and then follow the grazing by reseeding the mountainside by airplane.

“One of the first things we wanted to accomplish with this project was to minimize the fire danger to the existing winter habitat,” says Ron Greer, regional habitat biologist for the DWR.

“Removing the cheatgrass, which is the main fuel [for fires], will protect the sagebrush, bitterbrush and other species [we’ll be planting here].”

The DWR contracted with Diamond J Resources of Rich County to carry out the work. Personnel with Diamond J Ranches have a solid background in range science and in conditioning cattle to graze steep slopes.

Preparing the Seed Bed

In addition to removing the threat of fire, the cattle that are grazing in the area during this third year of the program have created ideal “safe spots” for seed to germinate and take root.



“These safe spots have soil temperatures that give the seed better chances of growing,” Greer says.

“Ultimately, we want to be able to winter thousands of mule deer, like we used to on this slope.”

For more information, call the Hardware Ranch WMA at (435) 753-6206 or the DWR's Northern Region office at (801) 476-2740.

REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY

DATE: April 12th, 2007

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SANDY CITY - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Sandy City REI store. REI is located at 10600 South & 230 West in the northwest corner of the South Towne Mall property. Due to construction, the 106th mall entrance is closed. The mall can be accessed at 104th and State St or at 100th South. For more information, please call (801) 501-0850 or visit our website at www.rei.com and click on the *stores & events* link. Attendance is limited to fifty participants on a first-come first-served basis.

ADVENTURE TRAVEL TO MAGICAL COSTA RICA

Thursday, May 10th, 7pm

For years you've probably heard friends rave about Costa Rica: its natural beauty, wildlife, friendly people, reasonable prices, erupting volcanoes, beautiful beaches, and the mysterious rainforests. You know what? It's all true! It's hard to imagine that there can be such diversity in landforms and wildlife in such a small country, but you'll soon be telling your friends about that amazing place called Costa Rica.

ORIENTEERING

Thursday, May 17th, 7pm

Learn to navigate using a map and compass to find checkpoints in this fun outdoor sport suitable for all ages and abilities! Instruction begins in the classroom with basic concepts such as orienting the map, choosing routes, and using handrails and catching features before culminating in a practical exercise outside the store on a simple map. Bring a compass if you have one or borrow one from the instructor. Instructor Ed White first tried orienteering twenty years ago and has been hooked ever since. He has competed throughout the US and Canada and is the current U.S. Champion in the Men's 40-44 age group.

ROCK CLIMBING 101

Thursday, May 24th, 7pm

If you are ready to learn the ropes in one of this country's fastest growing sports, then this is the evening for you! Topics will include an overview of climbing, equipment, safety, and training. REI Climbing Gurus offer this primer on Rock Climbing.

SALT LAKE CITY - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Salt Lake City REI store. REI is located at 3285 East & 3300 South. For more information, please call 486-2100 or visit our website at www.rei.com and click on the *stores & events* link and select Salt Lake City.

DANCE ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS

Tuesday, May 15th, 7pm

Dance Across the Mountains is an incredible photographic journey through the eyes of professional nature photographer Jeffrey Ambrose. This journey spans the vast mountain regions of Alaska, Canada, Montana, Utah and more. Come enjoy this epic journey through some of the most beautiful landscapes in western North America. Jeffrey Ambrose was born and raised in the embrace of the Wasatch Mountains near Salt Lake City, Utah. He has been photographing the wild lands of North America for many years. His photographic focus is to capture more than just images, but to capture the feelings and moods associated with his experiences.

BACKPACKING SKILLS FOR YOUTH

Wednesday, May 16th, 7pm

How do you prevent your hiking boots from causing blisters? What is the best way to load up your pack? What do you do if you encounter a moose on the trail? For answers to these questions and more, join the experts from REI tonight for some fun and useful tips on backpacking and camping. This evening's presentation, designed for the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts, will cover the ins and outs of gear essentials such as packs, tents, sleeping bags, stoves, footwear, and clothing layers. A special section titled "Respect It!" will highlight the seven principles of Leave No Trace outdoor ethics. Families, youth groups and scout troops are encouraged to attend!

GPS 101

Tuesday, May 22nd, 7pm

A Global Positioning System is a fun and accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join REI navigation expert John Higgins as he unveils the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover basic GPS functions such as determining latitude and longitude, programming routes, and recording travel.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT REI:

UTAH NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 12th, 9am

Spruce up your house and yard with drought tolerant indigenous plants! Purchase your native perennials, cacti, trees, and shrubs available for sale. 10% of the proceeds will benefit the Salt Lake Chapter of UNPS. Sale runs 9am until 4pm at REI in Salt Lake City or as supplies last. The Utah Native Plant Society is dedicated to the appreciation, preservation, conservation and responsible use of the native plant and plant communities found in the state of Utah and the Intermountain West. Their goal is to foster public recognition of the spectacularly diverse flora of the state—a natural treasure to be valued, respected and protected.

REI ADULT CLIMBING NIGHT

Thursday, May 17th, 6:30pm-8:30pm

We would like to invite you to attend Adults-only (16 & up) climbing night at the Salt Lake City REI store. This is a perfect opportunity for beginners as well as experienced climbers to climb our one-of-a-kind wall on routes ranging from 5.5 to 5.13 in difficulty. You are welcome to invite your friends & family to attend. Please RSVP via email to espreng@rei.com so that as many of our REI certified belayers are available as necessary. Climbing harnesses of all sizes will be available at no charge, and climbing shoes can be rented for the evening at the low cost of only \$2.00. Whether you are looking to start climbing, train for next summer, or meet people with similar interests come enjoy an evening of climbing & camaraderie with your friends at the Salt Lake City REI.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

INTERMOUNTAIN CUP SERIES: SHOWDOWN AT 5-MILE PASS

Saturday, May 5th, 9am

Experience the Intermountain Cup: The classic Mountain Bike Race Series of the Intermountain West! The 13th Annual Showdown at Five Mile Pass is presented by Racers Cycle Service. This race is fantastic for spectators and racers. Experience winding double track loops course. REI will be on hand to provide a hydration station and prizes for winners in different categories.

<http://www.intermountaincup.com>

UTA RIDESHARE BIKE BONANZA

Friday, May 18th, 4pm

Music, food, prize drawings, free bike tune ups, activities for kids and much more! This year the Bike Bonanza is happening in conjunction with the Downtown Alliance's. Join us at the Gallivan Center (239 S. Main Street) from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Pick up your registration packet for the Salt Lake Century Ride at the event too. Cost: free. Visit www.utarideshare.com for event updates.

THE SALT LAKE CENTURY RIDE

Saturday, May 19th, 7:30am

The Cycle Salt Lake Century, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, is proud to sponsor this twentieth annual recreational bicycle event that features your choice of 33, 67 or 100 mile routes. Your entry fee will assist the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee to build and maintain bicycle routes and trails and promote bicycle advocacy in Utah. All riders will depart from and return to the Utah State Fair Park. All routes head north with the 67 and 100 mile routes traveling to Antelope Island. All cyclists are welcome. This is a non-competitive event. The 33 mile option is the perfect route for a family, parent with a child or the first timer to an organized bicycle event. Entry fee is \$40.00 pre-registered or \$45.00 day-of event. Registration fee includes lunch, food and drink at the rest stops and a commemorative short sleeved T-shirt. www.cyclesaltlakecentury.com.

INTERMOUNTAIN CUP SERIES: 2ND ANNUAL STAN CRANE MEMORIAL

Saturday, May 28th, 9am

Experience the classic mountain bike race series of the Intermountain West! The Stan Crane Memorial is presented by Revolution Mountain Sports. This course features full-on XC racing right in your back yard of fun, tight single-track & climbing on a wide dirt road. 1,100 vertical per lap! REI provides the Hydration Station & prizes for winners in different categories. <http://www.intermountaincup.com>

CLASSES:

STAY SAFE IN THE OUTDOORS: BASIC WILDERNESS LIFE SUPPORT CLASS

Saturday, May 19th 9:30am & Saturday, May 26th 9:30am

Created for all outdoor enthusiasts, the Basic Wilderness Life Support® certification is a one day course designed to help you prevent and treat injuries and illnesses common in outdoor activities. Developed at the University of Utah, School of Medicine the course will teach you to prepare for your outing, assess injuries and scene safety, decide whether to evacuate or treat a patient, and methods of evacuation. The curriculum was developed from our advanced course used to train medical professionals and will be taught by one of our certified instructors. The course includes morning lectures at REI and an afternoon outdoors (weather permitting) participating in hands on scenarios. At the end of the day you will receive your BWLS certificate. Cost is \$95 per person. Please register by calling REI's customer service department at (801) 486-2100. <http://www.bwls.org>

FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH

ABAJO MOUNTAINS Good fishing is expected at Foy Reservoir. Fishing at Lloyd's Lake ranges from fair to good. Blanding #3 and #4 offer good fishing with baits or spinners. Recapture Reservoir remains slow.

BOULGER RESERVOIR Last weekend, the reservoir was mostly ice covered. No report on angling success.

CLEVELAND RESERVOIR The ice has receded from the shoreline and bank fishing is available. Dedicated Hunter Mike Mills described fishing as good last weekend. He indicated that a worm tipped with PowerBait was the best bait.



ELECTRIC LAKE Thin ice covers the lake with open water on the north end. Try open-water angling elsewhere.

GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR The reservoir was ice covered last weekend. No report since that time.

HUNTINGTON CREEK In the fly-only zone, fishing has been good with beadhead prince or zebra tail nymphs or with stoneflies. Bait fishing has been fair below the forks.

HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK No report. The water level is extremely low. **HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR** (also known as **MAMMOTH RESERVOIR**)

The ice is very soft and slushy and may not be safe.

No report on angling success. Try fishing elsewhere until the shoreline opens up. Closed to the possession of cutthroat trout. As of June 7, using motorboats with 10 horsepower or more will be prohibited.

JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR Last weekend, an angler on DWR's fishing forum reported trolling a shad rap and catching a 21-inch splake. Aquatics Biologist Justin Hart recommends a whole chub or a 3-inch curlytail grub on a ¼ oz. jighead, tipped with chub meat. April and May have traditionally the best months to fish Joes Valley for trophy-size splake. A couple of 11 pounders were caught in 2006. Special regulations apply. Please refer to the 2007 fishing guide.

LAKE POWELL Visit <http://www.wayne@wayneswords.com> for the fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

Officers J. Shirley and Casey McVay who checked anglers in the Bullfrog area reported that striper fishing was very good. Anglers were catching them at most traditional places with usual baits. Bass fishing was fair. Walleye fishing was fair to good in the Good Hope Bay area.

LASAL MOUNTAINS Hidden Lake is now accessible. DWR Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud reported good fishing with nymphs and streamers. Rainbows range from 8-11 inches.

LOWER FISH CREEK Try dark-colored beadhead nymphs, fished near the bottom.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR No recent report.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR The ice is off and fishing has been great! Last weekend, Tom Ogden fished the west side from a float tube. He said that any wet fly pattern would probably work as long as it was fished on the bottom. He tried a variety of #8 wooly buggers and leeches with good success. Most of his fish ranged from 13-19 inches.

Lieutenant Carl Gramlich reported several successful fishing forays. He recommends a silver Mepp's for spincasters or wooly buggers for fly fishermen.

Paul Petrucka of SLC reported catching a mess of fish with an olive wooly bugger.

Conservation Officer Chris Pugliese called fishing "fantastic" last weekend. He said bait fishermen were catching limits on egg sacks.

Aquatics Biologist Mike Slater did well with "a green midge fly with some flash to it." He saw a number of fishing parties taking limits of trout with egg sacks.

After a creel survey, Dedicated Hunter Mike Mills reported that he found eggs and cheese to be the best baits and Panther Martins or Jake's Spin-a-Lures to be the best spinners.

Possible problems for Beekeepers in Orem area

This is a concern many of us need to learn more about. Orem is treating for the Japanese Beetle this year. At our presidency meeting last night it was brought up that this would be a problem for some of us beekeepers, even if we are out of the treatment zone. Our bees fly several miles and from what I have been able to learn the chemicals are toxic to the honeybee. I got most of my information from the links at the Orem website.

Merit is a chemical they will treat with in June. "Imidacloprid (Merit) is highly toxic to many beneficial insects including honeybees. However, the areas to be treated are small and any possible harm to beneficial insects by the program will be very localized."

"Tempo® is a synthetic pyrethroid insecticide that kills insects by contact and by stomach poison action. It is used to control a variety of chewing and sucking insects, including the Japanese beetle. Cyfluthrin controls crawling, flying and wood-infesting insect pests on indoor and outdoor surfaces. It is also used to control pests of trees, landscape ornamental plants, residential and commercial lawns, and food plants such as hops, cereal, corn, deciduous fruit, peanuts, potatoes and other vegetables." They will treat with this about every 2 weeks.

Then the article said, "Two to three years of applications are often needed to eradicate isolated pest populations."

My hives are about 1 mile outside of the treatment area. The question I couldn't find an answer to is, "If my bees are not killed by the chemicals, will the honey be contaminated and unsafe for human consumption?"

INTERESTED IN A FREE, GUIDED FISHING TRIP?

For the second year, the Utah Conservation Officers' Association is sponsoring a free, guided fishing trip to Flaming Gorge Reservoir. Six lucky youth will win a tackle package and an all-expense-paid trip in June 2007. Winners receive overnight accommodations, good food and great company.

Kids, don't miss your chance to learn new fishing techniques under the guidance of top fishing experts! Sportsman's Warehouse has promised some neat fishing tackle for all winners. The Utah Bass Federation and Division of Wildlife Resources are supplying the guides and fishing experts.



What's the catch? Submit an essay online at www.wildlife.utah.gov before April 30th. The theme is: "Why a bad day of fishing is better than a good day at school/work." One winner will be selected from each grade from 7-12. Winners will be notified by phone on May 25, 2007.

Turn off the Game Boy for a few minutes and warm up that keyboard! It's an easy topic and you'll be done before you know it. Think about the good times you've shared with mom, dad and the rest of the family. Maybe you caught a lot of fish. Maybe you didn't. But you had a great time, right? Tell us about it. Maybe you'll get lucky.

Orienteering Events scheduled

Can you FEEL the fever? The fever for the orienteering event this weekend from 3 to 5 pm?
Can you HEAR the stampede? The stampede of runners and hikers heading for Pine Canyon near Toelle?
Can you SEE the controls? Ed White has placed controls for a Beginner course of 4.0 km, Intermediate 5.5 km and Advanced: 7.0 km.
Can you TASTE the peanut butter sandwiches the Coulters usually bring for a picnic lunch?
Can you SMELL the ENOUGH There won't be any smells except sweat!

NO CHARGE for this event! Free! See you there!

Upcoming events:

May 17 7-8 pm clinic REI Sandy clinic Ed White

May 19 3-5 pm Draper Tihomir Asparouhov

June 9 10-1 Kaysville Suellen Riffkin

August 18 10-1 Big Cottonwood Ed White

Sept 15 10-1 Soldier Hollow Harrison Coulter

Sept 29 7-9 pm Night O Ecker Hills Middle TBD

Oct 13 10-1 U of U TBD

March? 2008 10-1 Ski O

The Roundup -- presenting the latest Monolithic news - April 13, 2007



Next Workshop - Monolithic will hold this year's second dome-building Workshop, May 8-12 at its headquarters in Italy, Texas. It will include hands-on experience building a Monolithic Dome home. Get the details and reserve your spot NOW!

<http://shop.monolithic.com/products/monolithic-dome-workshop>

It's the Law - Read about new legislation passed in Arkansas that requires "the inclusion of tornado shelters in the construction of all new public school facilities."

<http://www.monolithic.com/domenews/2007/Apr/arkansas%20law>

Progress at a premier, Monolithic Dome megachurch - Faith Chapel Christian Center in Birmingham, Alabama has completed the footing for their sixth and final dome. It will function as their Family Activity

Center. http://www.monolithic.com/gallery/churches/faith_chapel-expan/pic01.html

Monolithic now has a Director of Interior Design - Judy South first became fascinated with interior design as a high schooler. Since then, Judy's decorated or redecorated both conventional and Monolithic Dome homes and offices. <http://www.monolithic.com/idi/intro>

For Sale: The Europa Dome - This four-dome home, on 1.1 acres that share the pond at Charca Casa in Italy, Texas, is available for purchase. Buyers can finish it out to their liking. <http://www.monolithic.com/gallery/homes/europa>

The Inn Place - A complex of new, Monolithic Dome rentals, that follows a pattern established by Monolithic, has been built -- and already occupied -- in Brenham, Texas. <http://www.monolithic.com/domenews/2007/Mar/mcguckin>

Temporary Grain Storage Covers - Monolithic's state-of-the-art welder in Bruco, our Airform factory, has the capability to build superior grain storage covers. <http://www.monolithic.com/gallery/industrial/grainstorage>

Florida will soon have its second Monolithic Dome school. – The Children's Reading Center, a charter school, is now in construction in Palatka. http://www.monolithic.com/domesinnews/2007/03march/floridanews_palatka

The GHP 2000 Monolithic Concrete Pump - It was the focus of a feature article in "Concrete and Masonry Construction Products" magazine.



<http://www.monolithic.com/domesinnews/2007/03march/concreteproductsmag>

Hurricane Rita victims plan move to Monolithic Dome - This feature story recently ran in Shreveport, Louisiana's "The Times." <http://www.monolithic.com/domesinnews/2007/03march/shreveportnews>

For Sale: Gorgeous luxury home in Centennial, Colorado - Read the description and see the pictures of this unique Monolithic Dome home. <http://www.monolithic.com/gallery/homes/centennial/index.html>

Check It Out - For the latest on Monolithic Domes and related topics, check our website. New articles, profiles and discussions, as well as updates of old ones, are posted often. <http://www.monolithic.com/>

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Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustavson

April 11, 2007

Lake Elevation: 3599

Water Temperature: 53-66 F

The main event is right around the corner. Large and smallmouth bass will begin spawning with the next warming trend. The long range weather forecast is for sunny and warm by the weekend (April 14-15). My best guess for spawning then is April 17-20. Did I mention that this is the best year in recent memory for big bass? You may want to mark down these dates in RED on the calendar. Fishing is going to be even better than it is now.

While waiting for the bass spawn, the prespawn pattern is not bad. Warming draws all fish to the shallow edge of the channel where sunlight is warming the sand and rock. ALL FISH are using the same warm water spot. There will be a mixed bag of bass, stripers, crappie and walleye all sharing the warmth. Find a sunny exposure with shallow water next to a deep travel route. There must be a few tumbleweeds, tamarisk or aquatic weeds to provide the comforting shelter fish crave. Find a brushy warm spot and the fishing is beyond belief.



Stripers are still numerous and very hungry. Cast to weeds/brush with jerk baits, spinner baits, tubes, grubs or weightless senkos. Cover lots of ground because fish are bunched in small isolated areas. Fishing sandy points in mostly slick rock canyons is very productive. Locate steeper schools to find the other species. Catching one fish will likely lead to grappling with many more willing fish. Sort through stripers on almost every cast to find an occasional big bass, walleye, or crappie.

The other option is to fish bait in the channels of main canyons for stripers. Anchovy fishing is good lakewide with the many stripers that still remain. They were not all caught last year and most survived the winter. Expect spring fishing to be almost as good as 2006. Stripers have been regularly caught at the dam, Antelope Canyon, Power Plant Intake, Padre bay canyons, Rock Creek, and the mouth of Dungeon canyon. It is still important to keep as many stripers as possible to reduce their numbers and bring predator and prey populations back in balance.

Near Bullfrog, try Lake and Moki Canyons, Halls and Bullfrog Bays. In the upper lake Good Hope to

Trachyte Canyon is probably the best fishing on the lake. The upper San Juan is always special.

Next week will be as good as it gets in the spring, if the weather warms as forecast. I hope you can make it.

***Friends of NRA* Tops \$100 Million**

(FAIRFAX, Va.) - A *Friends of NRA* banquet held March 30 set a benchmark for 15 years of dedication and loyalty. The \$80,000 raised by the 2007 MidHudson *Friends of NRA* dinner in Poughkeepsie, NY put the total net income raised by *Friends of NRA*, since its inception in 1992, to over **\$100 million**. A total of 610 guests attended the banquet, which was held on March 30th. It took 9,250 events for *Friends of NRA* to eclipse the \$100 million mark, averaging a little over \$10,000 per banquet.

Friends of NRA is a grassroots fundraising program that supports thousands of programs related to firearms education, hunter safety, wildlife conservation, range improvements, youth marksmanship, law enforcement, etc. Working with NRA field representatives, members and volunteers organize banquets in their communities, complete with auctions, special drawings, and fellowship. Much of the merchandise at the banquets is donated or provided at reduced cost by hundreds of participating vendors.

"As frontline defenders of the Second Amendment, NRA members time and again showcase their dedication, effectiveness, and hard work that make *Friends of NRA* events so enormously successful," said NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre. "The volunteers devote countless hours of energy organizing the banquets, and thousands upon thousands of NRA members have been attending and contributing every year since the program was launched. These folks are the backbone of NRA and their efforts are invaluable in helping build a firewall around the Second Amendment to preserve America's unique freedoms."

Half of the profit raised by each *Friends of NRA* banquet must be spent in the state in which it was held. The other half supports qualifying national-level programs like Eddie Eagle or Women On Target[®]. State Fund Committees made up of volunteers review grant applications from local organizations and make recommendations to The NRA Foundation on how the money might best be used in their areas.

"The *Friends of the NRA* is the face of the NRA, run at the grassroots level by all walks of life," commented Gale Knull, chairman of the MidHudson *Friends of NRA* committee. "In our committee, we have a large-city fire chief, air controller, engineer, retired police officer and some teachers. You can't get any more diverse than that."

To find a *Friends of NRA* in your area, visit www.nrafoundation.org/friends

JORDAN RIVER OHV CENTER OPENS FOR SEASON

Salt Lake - The Jordan River Off-Highway Vehicle Center opens for the season April 21. The new track is open Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The old track is open Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call (801) 533-5425.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT EDGE OF THE CEDARS STATE PARK MUSEUM

Blanding - Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum is seeking volunteers to assist with the Four Corners Indian Art Market May 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers will work four-hour shifts.

The art market is a celebration of contemporary and traditional Native American arts and culture. Activities include Hopi and Navajo dancers, food, pottery, arts, crafts, and jewelry. For more information, please call (435) 678-2238.

STATE PARKS TO HOST SUMMER VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

Salt Lake - Utah State Parks and Recreation hosts the Intermountain Volleyball Association Tournament statewide, throughout summer 2007. Teams can register at www.imvolleyball.com.

Tournaments are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

May 5 Sand Hollow State Park - Hurricane
May 19 Green River State Park - Green River
June 2 Huntington State Park - Huntington
June 16 Starvation State Park - Duchesne
June 23 Bear Lake State Park - Garden City
July 24 Utah Lake State Park - Provo
August 11 Yuba Lake State Park - Levan
September 8 Otter Creek State Park - Antimony

Camping is available for participants and spectators. Call 800-322-3770 from outside Salt Lake and 801-322-3770 from within the calling area. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information, contact beachblast151@yahoo.com.

YOUTH ATV CLASSES AVAILABLE

Morgan -- Utah State Parks and Recreation offers Know Before You Go! ATV education courses in Morgan County Saturday, April 14 and 21, and May 26. Students must pre-register for classes, and will be notified of the time and location of the course at that time.

Youth age eight to 16 are required by state law to take a safety class prior to operating ATVs on public lands or trails. To register or for more information, please call (801) 538-7433 in the Salt Lake calling area or toll free, 1-800-648-7433 (1-800-OHV-RIDE).

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

April 13 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River
The Many Faces of Bats! How many species of bats are there? Are they helpful or harmful to humans? Learn the answers to these and many other bat myths during this 45-minute program. Meet at 8 p.m. at the amphitheater just past the campground. For more information, please call (435) 564-3633.

April 14 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
Exploring Desert Potholes: Fairy shrimp, tadpole shrimp, clam shrimp and more*study the amazing organisms dependent on desert potholes during a two-mile round trip hike beginning at 9 a.m. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information, please call (435) 628-2255.

April 14 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River
Junior Ranger Program - Predators and Prey. Who are the predators and who are the prey at Goblin Valley? How do they survive in this harsh environment? This program is geared toward children six

through 12, but everyone is welcome. Earn a Junior Ranger badge and have fun! Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Observation Point above the Valley of the Goblins. The program will last one hour. For more information, please call (435) 564-3633.

April 14 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

Discover Goblin Valley- Join the park naturalist for an evening walk through the goblins. Find out how the goblins came to be and who lurks around in the night! Meet at 8 p.m. at the Observation Point above the Valley of the Goblins. The program will last one hour. Don't forget your flashlight! For more information, please call (435) 564-3633.

April 21 - 22 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Endurance Horse Ride: Antelope Island State Park staff and volunteers host this endurance horse ride. Participation is through the Sundowner of Utah. This is a private event, however, spectators are welcome to watch. For more information, please call (801) 773-2941.

Nature/Bird Walk Schedule

The Wild Bird Center leads free nature/bird walks. The cost of the walk, as we like to say is "enthusiasm." We provide the rest. We leave the store at 10 a.m., (unless otherwise noted) and carpool to the destination. The walks are designed for birders at all levels, especially families. Dress for the weather and bring binoculars.

April 7 East Canyon Sage Grouse Lek (leaving at 5:30 a.m.)
April 14 Beus Pond

Fast Rainbow Trout Fishing

Shore and boat anglers catching lots of rainbows at Flaming Gorge

Dutch John -- If you'd like to catch some big rainbow trout, right now is the time to hit Flaming Gorge Reservoir in northeastern Utah.



In

April, the rainbow trout fishing at Flaming Gorge can be amazing.

Getting In on the Action

During April and early May, mature rainbows in Flaming Gorge move to locations that both shore and boat anglers can easily access. These areas include points that jut into the reservoir and shorelines covered with small to medium-sized rocks. Although the rainbows can't spawn successfully without running water, they move to these areas anyway, thinking they'd make good spawning locations.

Some of the best spots to try at Flaming Gorge include Sheep Creek Bay, Hideout Canyon, Lucerne Marina, Linwood Bay, Kingfisher Island, Antelope Flat, Swim Beach, Mustang Ridge and Sunny Cove.

Most points, boat ramps and bays in the Wyoming end of the reservoir also produce chunky spring rainbows.

Fish up to 25 inches have already been caught at Flaming Gorge this month.

Tips for Success

If you're fishing from shore, try casting a 1/16 to 1/8 oz. dark-colored jig out to deeper water and then reel the jig to shore.

If the water isn't too deep, fishing a night crawler below a bobber also works well. Fishing on the bottom of the reservoir, with a single marshmallow near the eye of the hook and a night crawler below it, is also a good technique.

Spinners, spoons and small minnow lures also work well. If the fish are following your lure, but they won't hit it, try reeling your lure in a little slower, or try fishing with smaller lures.

Fly anglers can find success using dark-colored wooly buggers, streamers or leech patterns with sinking

line. Trolling along rocky shorelines in a float tube, with a fly trailing behind you, is an effective technique. A slower presentation seems to be especially effective this time of the year.

The same techniques that work from shore will also work from a boat. You'll be fishing the deeper water on points and rocky shorelines, just like shore anglers do. The only difference is you'll be casting in the opposite direction: you'll cast your lure or bait into shallow water and then reel it into the deeper water where your boat is.

Make sure you let your jigs and lures sink deep enough to get down to where the fish are.

Handling Fish

Some of the fish you catch may be mature females. They'll release eggs when you handle them. Since these fish don't spawn

successfully in the reservoir, making them release eggs isn't a problem.



If you plan to release the fish you catch, try and keep them in the water, and use a pair of pliers to remove the hook. Also, try to keep the amount of time you spend touching the fish to a minimum. And don't be afraid to take some of the fish you catch home; Flaming Gorge rainbows are as tasty as they get!

Start Your Fishing Season Right

In recent years, this fantastic rainbow fishing at Flaming Gorge has lasted into the first two weeks in May. Beginning about mid-May, the mature rainbows return to deeper water in the reservoir and are harder to access.

If you're looking for fishing and great scenery, give Flaming Gorge a try over the next few weeks. You'll probably be glad you did!

Red Butte Garden Events

APRIL 18 - MAY 23

NAME THAT PLANT WEDNESDAYS, 6:30 -8:30 PM

As spring wildflower season begins, deepen your knowledge and appreciation of plants and how they are classified and identified. We'll cover the basic anatomy of flowers, leaves, fruits, and other important diagnostic features. Then we'll examine the features of the most common plant families you will encounter in Utah and where these groups fit into the flora of the world. You will receive classroom and field training identifying plants to species using dichotomous keys, herbaria, and hand lenses. Limited to 25 participants.

Greg Mauer, Botanist

MEMBERS \$120 / NONMEMBERS \$134

REGISTRATION REQUIRED 581-8454 OR [CLICK HERE](#)

Happenings at the Utah Rivers Council

Ogden River Cleanup! Join Council staff and the Ogden Sierra Club Saturday, April 21, from 9-12 pm, to clean a stretch of the beloved Ogden River and help to remove trash from this urban backyard river. Refreshments will be provided by The Oaks. All ages welcome – space is not limited, but please RSVP so we can accommodate all participants! Contact Chantal at 801-486-4776 or chantal@utahrivers.org for details and to RSVP.

Write your letter to the editor and get it published! Come to the Utah Rivers Council Letter to the Editor training on Thursday, April 26, at 6 pm. We'll cover the basics of how to write a letter to the editor featuring the hottest water topics, including wild and scenic river designation issues, and explain how to get published. Contact Chantal at 801-486-4776 or chantal@utahrivers.org by April 25 to reserve your place.

Protect Utah's remarkable rivers! Utah Rivers Council is launching the Get Wild with a River campaign as part of our effort to ensure Utah's most outstanding rivers on Forest Service land are protected under the Wild and Scenic Act. The Forest Service is doing a two year suitability review of their rivers and we need your help. By "adopting" a candidate river, you will help us make sure our outstanding rivers get the protection they deserve. For information and a list of candidate rivers, please contact Chantal at 801-486-4776 or chantal@utahrivers.org or visit our website:

http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=22

City Creek Cleanup! Join Council staff and Salt Lake City Watershed Saturday, May 5, from 9-12 pm, to clean a stretch of City Creek and help to remove trash from this urban backyard river, along with the invasive weed dyers woad. All ages welcome – space is not limited, but please RSVP so we can accommodate all participants! Contact Chantal at 801-486-4776 or chantal@utahrivers.org for details and to RSVP.

News/Events

Global warming is cause to focus on water conservation now. Global warming will lead to a decrease in precipitation and cause drought across much of the western United States. This only adds more urgency to the need to make sure that Utahns conserve water today. View the Salt Lake Tribune editorial at http://www.sltrib.com/search/ci_5611962?source=email

Snowpack levels are extremely low this year. Abysmal may be the best description of the spring runoff, with no part of the state retaining more than 50 percent of the typical snowpack for this time of year. For the full story view the article in the Deseret News -

<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/1%2C1249%2C660210435%2C00.html>

Appeals court rejects Bush salmon plan. A federal appeals court Monday rejected the Bush administration's 2004 plan for making Columbia Basin hydroelectric dams safe for salmon, saying it used "sleight of hand" and violated the Endangered Species Act. The ruling upheld an earlier order requiring the dams to sacrifice power production to help juvenile salmon migrating to the ocean. There is also a possibility that four dams on the Snake River in Washington will be breached to restore salmon.

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2003659892_salmondams10m.htm

International climate scientists confirm fears about Utah's future. In a report entitled "Climate Change 2007: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability," an international panel of scientists zero in on predicted climate changes worldwide and region by region. For Utah, the group predicts shrinking snow seasons that will curtail Utah's ski industry, flash flooding that will lead to landslides, heat waves, and a longer wildfire season. To learn more about the report and the reactions of local leaders, read the Salt Lake Tribune's coverage at http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_5615181.

Development agreement between Beaver County and the proposed Mt. Holly Club delayed. In a meeting regarding the proposed Mt. Holly Club development at the former Elk Meadows ski area/subdivision outside Beaver, Utah, the Council recommended that prior to any pre-construction work, the developer submit documentation that it has the water rights necessary to construct an 18-hole golf course, residential units for 1,204 people, and a new ski resort. While the County has been pro-active in requiring the developer to implement soil erosion measures to protect downstream water quality from pre-construction work, the Council also recommended that the developer be required to conduct NEPA analysis. For Salt Lake Tribune coverage on the current status of the Mt. Holly Club, visit http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_5577143 and http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_5615174. For a copy of the Utah Rivers Council comment letter, visit www.utahrivers.org.

Step It Up Celebration. Mark your calendar for the local citizen gathering on April 14 for the National Day of Climate Action. In conjunction with over 1,000 rallies across the country, this gathering will focus on telling Congress and Governor Huntsman to Step it Up! and provide leadership in climate action, along with climate change impacts upon Utah's water supply and the individual climate actions we each can take.. For more information, please visit the following websites: www.stepitup2007.org or <http://eh.wetpaint.com/page/A+Runoff+Celebration>

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer with Bend-in-the-River! With Spring comes opportunities for groups to come out to the Bend-in-the-River Urban TreeHouse and Green Space to help with maintenance, such as weeding, watering, planting, and mulching. Volunteers are needed Saturday morning, April 21, Earth Day Planting and Celebration. The Bend is located at 1030 W. Fremont Ave. (1100S). To learn more about the Bend-in-the-River, or to find directions, visit our website at www.bend-in-the-river.org or email Tara at TPoelzing@sa.utah.edu

2007 Service Trips with Utah Backcountry Volunteers are filling up! You still have time to make this year's vacation an unforgettable and fulfilling experience! Spend a week in Utah's spectacular outdoors this Spring lending your muscle to make a difference on the ground where you're enthusiasm and support

is needed most. Check out trip details at www.utahbackcountry.org or call Dave at (435) 785-8955 for more information.

Visit www.utahrivers.org for updates and upcoming events!

Stiff Penalties Handed Down in Poaching Case

Penalties include jail time, stiff fines and community service

Randolph -- Two Cache County men have received stiff penalties for poaching a bull elk in Rich County last fall.

Case Begins

As night fell on the evening of Oct. 14, 2006, Division of Wildlife Resources Conservation Officer Kip King encountered two elk hunters. The hunters were packing the head of a trophy bull elk and some of the animal's meat.

King became suspicious. He asked the two men -- Marshall Lindsay and Roger Nix, both of Wellsville -- to go with him the following day to the spot where they killed the animal. King would help them retrieve the elk and pack it out.



Lindsay and Nix accepted King's offer, but the following day they refused to cooperate.

After the men refused to cooperate, King started a search to find the elk. A total of 59 hours were spent hiking, riding all-terrain vehicles and driving trucks in an effort to find the carcass. Officers also spent 13 hours flying over the area in a helicopter.

Despite their intense search efforts, wildlife officers could not find the carcass, which the hunters had hid from sight.

Elk Carcass Discovered

On Nov. 7, while guiding a cow elk hunter, Lawrence Huffaker located the elk carcass the officers had been looking for in the bottom of Meachum Canyon, on the Deseret Land and Livestock Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit.

Huffaker contacted the appropriate authorities.

Tips from concerned citizens like Huffaker make a huge difference in solving poaching crimes. Cases initiated by citizens through Utah's Help Stop Poaching Hotline (1-800-662-DEER [3337]) are a high

priority with DWR conservation officers.

The DWR has 44 field officers throughout Utah. Each of their patrol districts averages more than 2,000 square miles. Help from the public is critical in helping these officers solve wildlife-related cases.

In this case, the tip from Huffaker was crucial. It allowed King to collect the evidence he needed for a case. That evidence led to Nix's and Lindsay's conviction, and punishment and restitution for their crime.

Sentencing



On March 27, 2007, the two men appeared in the 1st District Court in Randolph for their sentencing hearing.

Lindsay was placed on probation and ordered to serve 30 days in jail. He'll spend 15 of those days in the Rich County Jail. The remaining 15 days will be served as work release in the Weber County Jail, at Lindsay's own expense.

Lindsay was also fined \$2,000. In addition, he and Nix will pay \$8,000 in joint restitution for the elk they killed.

Lindsay was also ordered to serve 240 hours of community service at the Cache Valley Public Shooting Range and at the Tremonton gun range.

Nix was also placed on probation and was ordered to serve seven days in the Rich County Jail. He was fined \$2,000 and will join with Lindsay in paying the \$8,000 restitution.

Nix was also ordered to serve 120 hours of community service. Judge Judkins of the 1st District Court recommended Nix provide his service at the Cache Valley Public Shooting Range and/or at the Tremonton gun range.

Winchester Pledges \$500,000 For NRA Endowment

(FAIRFAX, VA) -- Winchester Ammunition has made a groundbreaking \$500,000 pledge to permanently endow NRA's Marksmanship Qualification Program. The gift allows Winchester to become the exclusive, permanent sponsor of the program, which will now be formally known as the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program.

"Winchester is one of the oldest and most respected names in the hunting and shooting industry, and we are honored by this expanded and permanent partnership in support of our flagship program," commented NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre. "Winchester's decision to endow the program reflects not only its commitment to manufacturing quality products, but to step up and help ensure that Americans have continued opportunities to enjoy shooting and exercise their Second Amendment rights. The potential impact this gift will have on participation in hunting and the shooting sports is virtually unlimited. We cannot thank the company's leadership enough for their generosity and enormous commitment to our mission."

Winchester and NRA were founded within a few years of each other-1866 and 1871, respectively. Both groups have been national leaders of youth shooting education programs for generations, and the original NRA Marksmanship Qualification program is actually based in part on a similar program begun by Winchester in 1918, known as the Winchester Junior Rifle Corps. Winchester transferred this visionary program to the NRA in 1926, where it was merged with its existing youth training offerings.

Many shooting coaches and hunter education instructors consider Marksmanship Qualification an indispensable way to encourage young people, develop their shooting skills, and grow their interest in the shooting sports. The program provides attractive pins, patches, and certificates to participants as they achieve progressively higher shooting standards. More than 200,000 such awards were distributed in 2006 alone, and 1,700 shooters reached the program's highest level, "Distinguished Expert." Although originally designed specifically for youngsters, the program has grown over the years to reach beginning adult shooters and hunters as well. Since qualification awards can be obtained in 13 different shooting disciplines, participants need a wide variety of ammunition, making Winchester a natural fit as a partner.

Commenting on the gift, Winchester Ammunition President Dick Hammett said, "Winchester and NRA cooperated on this program almost a century ago, and the need for us to cooperate again is stronger than ever. By supporting the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program, we are giving increasing numbers of American citizens, young and old, the chance to explore the profound benefits that hunting and the shooting sports have to offer. We are proud to help accomplish this mission."

A formal check presentation will be made at the NRA Board of Directors' meeting, to be held in conjunction with the NRA Annual Meetings in St. Louis, April 12-15.

**Attention ladies 14 years and up! You're invited to the 2nd Annual
Southern Utah's "REEL" Women
Women in the Outdoors Event
May 19, 2007**

C0-Hosted by NWTF's Southern Spurs Chapter.

At the beautiful Quail Creek State Park, with classes also being held at Washington County Regional Park, and Red Cliff Recreational Area.

Located just North of St. George on I-15.

Come enjoy activities like the amazing red rock formation and water hike into the Red Cliff Recreation Area, Bass Fishing, Archeology Fieldtrip, Shotgunning, Archery, Dutch oven cooking, Bird house construction, Canoeing, Muzzleloader, and more.

The NWTF'S *Women in the Outdoors* program provides opportunities for women to learn new skills, meet people with similar interests, and obtain a greater appreciation of the outdoor world.

Friday, May 18th (optional)

5 p.m. group hike into the Red Cliffs Area. 7 p.m. Picnic

Saturday, May 19th

7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast 1:30 p.m. Classes to resume

8:00 a.m. Classes to begin 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Noon Lunch 6:30 p.m. Raffle, Games, and Auction

1:00 p.m. Group Photo

Directions: Take the Leeds exit off I-15. Head south on eastside frontage road. Follow signs to Quail Creek State Park. It is about 5 miles off I-15.

FOR QUESTIONS:

Lisa Clove call 435-867-6362 or email r_l_clove@hotmail.com

Traci Day call 435-586-6503 or email t_day4341@hotmail.com

Melissa Spragg call 435-229-7321 or email cspragg@infowest.com
Darbe Wardle call 801-641-1836 or email bowhuntingal29@yahoo.com
Tracy Jarvis call 801-754-1193 or email teamwito2000@yahoo.com (Regional Coordinator)

LIST OF CLASSES (classes about 2 hours long, unless noted)

Archeology (4 hour morning class) Take a step back in time and visit some Anazi and Puite Indian art along with a large Indian ruin about 1500 years old. You will car pool to the "Lands End Site" west of St. George. Once you get there it will be about a ½ mile walk along the cliff area, it is safe and groomed. This adventure will be guided by Marian Jacklin of the US Forest Service.

Archery Learn bow safety, equipment identification, selection, and shooting stance. The bows are a very easy draw length, do not worry about having enough strength. You can do it! Taught Terry Beck with T&T Archery

ATVing (4 hour class-bring your own ATV) Safety first by Sand Hollow State Park staff. Then explore the sand dune and desert trails guided by State Park Staff. You will need to car pool over to this class (about 3 miles).

Bird House Construction Build and paint a functional bird house for your backyard using precut wood pieces.

Sex in the Outdoors and Dutch Oven Cooking Setting up a romantic getaway for a weekend; keeping your relationship fun. Learn the basics of dutch oven cooking.

Canoeing Learn strokes, equipment involved, how to get into canoe safely, and what to do if the canoe tips over. Bring extra clothes, just in case you get a little wet.

Bass Fishing Learn the technique and actually fish in Quail Creek.

GPS Operation Learn the basic information on a GPS, as well as, how to navigate the GPS. Taught by Jason Nicholes with NWTF's Southern Spurs Chapter.

Knots, Ropes, and Lashings Learn a variety of knot tying methods taught by Lael Christensen.

Metal Detecting: Scott Dalebout will teach us how to find treasurers hidden beneath the ground.

Mountain Biking (4 hour class) Brian Jeppson from *Cedar Cylce (435-586-5210)* will teach basic maintenance and safety, then Brian will take you on some of the trails around the Quail Creek area. You are welcome to bring your own mountain bike or Brian can bring you a rental for \$10 additional fee to be added to registration.

Muzzle Loading Learn the fine art of black powder firearms, purpose, loading, and care of a muzzle loader using a very light load, very little "kick". Instructed by Todd Nebeker of the NWTF State Board.

Outdoor Photography Learn how to take great outdoor photos and what to use to make them spectacular. Taught by Lynn Chamberlin. Please bring a camera.

Repelling: Rock Climb and Repel in the Red Cliffs Recreation area with experienced instructor, Ben Heaton with **The Mountain Shop(435-586-7177)**.

Self Defense/Personal Protection Learn how to watch your surroundings, as well as, protect yourself.

Shotgunning Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned shooter this class is always one of the favorites. Come get some one on one lessons from an experienced "clay breaker".

Survival Skills Learn how to face challenging situations and stay alive, by Lael Christensen. Such as, fire starting, building a shelter, etc.

Turkey Hunting and Calling Learn about biology, habits, equipment, clothing, strategies, calling, and safety considerations with Floyd Coles.

Wildlife Jewelry Learn how to make your own jewelry using deer horns and stones.

Scrapbooking to include items found in nature. Make and take 1 sheet and 1 card.

Horse Shoes: Learn the basics of horse shoe throwing and participate in a tournament for a prize.

ALL SHOOTING CLASSES WILL CARPOOL OVER TO WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL PARK SHOOTING AREAS
(About 3 miles south of Quail Creek).

Items to bring: plenty of *drinking water*, fold up chair (bag-up kind will work best, you will take it with you from class to class), clothes for rain or shine, comfortable shoes, camera, sunscreen, and hat. If you would like to participate in the raffles, games, and/or auctions, we accept cash, checks, and credit cards.

Due to the amount of planning involved in this event, we will need everyone to preregister by May 10. No refunds or cancellations after May 10. Rain or shine, the event will proceed.

REGISTRATION

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____ - _____ - _____
Email Address _____
Parent or guardian signature (if under 18 years of age) _____
Emergency Contact _____ and Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____

If you would like to register by phone using your credit card please call Tracy Jarvis 801-754-1193. All participants can take 8 hours of instruction. These are all 2 hour classes. All classes will be assigned in advance in order received. Please list eight classes you are most interested in. List your favorite as 1 and last choice as 8. Every effort will be made to place you in your preferred classes.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____

\$60.00 Registration fee will include all instruction, all materials, all meals, membership or extended membership which includes the quarterly "Women in the Outdoors" Magazine for one year, memories and skills to last a lifetime, and a great time!

_____ I will be there on Friday. ***Camping at Sand Hollow or Quail Creek State Park can be reserved by calling 1-800-322-3770. Both are within about 5 miles of each other.***

_____ I am unable to attend, but would like to become a member. I will include \$25 for membership.

_____ I would like to come as a **SPECIAL GOLDEN HEN SPONSOR MEMBER for \$225**, instead of pay registration fee of \$60. Sponsors will receive special recognition, receive a sponsor gift, receive upper level membership, and Golden Hen only raffle tickets.

Return this form and fees by May 15, 2007

Make checks payable to: Women in the Outdoors

Mail to:

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Tracy Jarvis 801-754-1193 teamwito2000@yahoo.com (Regional Coordinator)

If you would like to receive updates about Women In The Outdoors please email: teamwito2000@yahoo.com . You will be added to WITO contact list only. It will help us notify everyone more efficiently.

Save Money -- Fish on a Weekday

Fees reduced for anglers at Utah state parks

You can save money -- and fish during one of the quietest times of the week -- by fishing at a Utah state park on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

From now until the end of the year, anglers who have a valid 365-day Utah fishing or combination license can save up to 50 percent off the regular day-use fee when they visit a Utah state boating park on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Utah residents who are 62 years of age and older will receive up to half off the senior day-use fee.

The state park day-use fee covers up to eight people traveling in the same private vehicle. This discount offer continues through the year, but it's not valid on holidays.

To receive the discount, all you have to do is show your valid fishing or combination license as you enter the park. Your group needs only one valid fishing license to receive the discount, but everyone in the group who wants to fish must have a valid Utah fishing or combination license.

Fishing and combination licenses are available at www.wildlife.utah.gov and from fishing and hunting license agents and Division of Wildlife Resources offices across the state.

Prairie Dogs May Not Be Hunted

Season reopens June 16

Many hunters may not be aware that they cannot hunt prairie dogs in Utah right now. This news may come as a shock to sport shooters, who often target prairie dogs this time of the year.

Just like game animals, prairie dogs now have "open" and "closed" seasons.

From April 1 to June 15, prairie dog hunting is prohibited across Utah.

This law doesn't apply to landowners, who need to control prairie dogs on their private property.

Protecting prairie dogs during their breeding season encourages successful reproduction and rearing of young. After June 15, hunting is allowed only for the whitetailed and



Gunnison's prairie dog species. The threatened Utah prairie dog, found in southwestern Utah, is protected throughout the year by the Endangered Species Act.

The population of whitetails that reside in Coyote Basin in northeastern Utah are also protected throughout the year and may not be hunted. The whitetails in Coyote Basin are a prey base for black-footed ferrets, another federally-protected species that live in the area.

Gunnison's prairie dogs are found in areas east of the Colorado River. Whitetailed prairie dogs are found in other parts of eastern Utah.

DWR Recommends More Antlerless Deer, Elk and Moose Permits

After another mild winter, Utah's big game animals are in great shape.

How well the animals are doing is reflected in the Division of Wildlife Resources' 2007 antlerless hunting recommendations. Taking female animals is the main tool biologists have to keep big game animals from increasing past the number their habitat can sustain.

This year the DWR is asking for an increase in antlerless deer, elk and moose permits. Pronghorn antelope permits would decrease by about 250 permits.

You can learn more about the proposals, and provide DWR biologists with your input and suggestions, at any of five public meetings. The meetings will be held April 17.

Citizen Regional Advisory Council representatives will take the public input received at the meetings to the Utah Wildlife Board when it meets April 26 in Salt Lake City to approve Utah's 2007 Antlerless Addendum.

The April 17 meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. You can participate and provide your input at any of the following locations:

Northern Region
Brigham City Community
Center
24 N. 300 W.
Brigham City

Central Region
Springville Junior High
School
165 S. 700 E.
Springville

Northeastern Region
Western Park, Rm. #2
302 E. 200 S.
Vernal

Southeastern Region
John Wesley Powell Museum
885 E. Main St.
Green River

Southern Region



Snow College South
Administration Building
800 W. 200 S.
Richfield

Antlerless Permit Recommendations

The number of antlerless permits available in 2006, and the number the DWR is recommending for 2007, are as follows:

	2006	2007
Doe Deer	1,080	1,705
Cow Elk	4,999	8,031
Cow Moose	63	89
Doe Pronghorn	587	347

Deer

Utah's Deer Management Plan calls for 411,300 deer after the hunting seasons are over in 2010.

To reach that goal, the plan also sets a benchmark: 320,000 deer in Utah by 2008.

DWR biologists are happy to report that the 320,000 deer benchmark has almost been reached two years early.

"Based on computer modeling we did after the 2006 hunting seasons were over, we estimate that more than 318,000 deer were in Utah last winter," says Anis Aoude, big game coordinator for the DWR.

The DWR wants to increase the number of doe deer permits, but not for areas where most of Utah's deer are found. "We want the state's deer herds to keep growing," Aoude says.

Instead, the DWR is recommending more permits for deer herds that live in low-elevation valleys and don't migrate. Many of these deer are causing depredation and nuisance problems in the areas where they live.

Hunts for these deer are usually held in August and September, before deer from other areas migrate into these low-elevation areas to spend the winter.

Elk

Utah's elk populations are also doing well.

After last fall's hunts, DWR biologists estimated the state's elk population at more than 63,800. That's less than 5,000 animals away from a statewide goal of 68,200 elk.

"Elk herds on many of the state's units are actually over the population objective for those units," Aoude says.

The DWR wants to increase cow elk permits to bring these herds back to the number their habitat can sustain.

On units where elk are approaching the population objective, taking some cow elk will help ensure the herds don't grow too fast. "If a herd overshoots its population objective, then we have to recommend a lot of cow elk permits the following year," Aoude says. "That's something we don't want to do."

Moose

Moose populations in northern Utah are also doing well. In fact, populations near Ogden are doing so well that a new cow moose hunt has been created. The DWR is recommending 10 permits for the new hunt.

"There are so many moose in northern Utah that the moose are actually starting to damage their habitat," Aoude says. "In addition to creating the new Ogden moose unit, we're also recommending more permits for some of the other units."

Pronghorn

Utah's largest pronghorn antelope herd lives on the Parker Mountains in southwestern Utah.

During the past two years, doe pronghorn permits have been increased to try and bring the area's pronghorn population back to its objective. Biologists have also taken pronghorns off the Parker Mountains and transplanted them to other areas in Utah and outside the state.

"Our objective is to count 1,500 pronghorns on the unit after the hunts are over," Aoude says. "We're getting close to that objective. That's why we're recommending a decrease in doe pronghorn permits this year."

A Good Time for Big Game

Aoude says good weather and intense habitat improvement projects over the past few years are starting to pay off. "All of Utah's big game animals are doing really well," he says.

"Over the past few years, much of the state has enjoyed mild winters and wet springs and summers," Aoude says. "All of these conditions help animals."

Aoude says fewer animals die during a mild winter. And a wet spring provides good vegetation for does and cows.

"Good vegetation in the spring helps does and cows produce more milk for their young. That results in strong, young animals," Aoude says. "Good summer rains also provide plenty of vegetation for the fawns and calves, which helps them grow to a good size before fall and winter arrive."

For more information about the April 17 meetings, call the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

More Hunters Will Be Hunting Big Game in Utah This Fall

Salt Lake City -- More hunters will have a chance to take a big bull elk or a big bison in Utah this fall.

At their April 5 meeting, members of the Utah Wildlife Board raised the number of hunting permits for most of Utah's big game animals. Permits for elk and bison were increased the most.

It won't be long before hunters learn whether they drew a permit in this year's Utah Big Game Draw. Draw results will be available by April 27.

More Elk Permits

Some record-sized bull elk have been taken in Utah over the past few years, but there are still plenty of big bulls in Utah for hunters to take.

Biologists manage each of Utah's limited entry bull elk units so the average age of the bulls taken by hunters falls within a certain age category.

The age of the bulls that hunters took on 26 of Utah's 28 units during the 2006 season was higher than the age objective for those units. That means the animals were older than the objective called for on those units.

The age of the bulls taken on two units was at the objective for those units. None of Utah's limited entry units were under the age objective.

"This means more hunters can be allowed in the field and plenty of big bulls will still be left for hunters to take in years to come," said Craig McLaughlin, Wildlife Section chief for the DWR.

With that in mind, board members approved 2,169 limited entry bull elk permits for this fall's hunts. A total of 79 of those permits are management bull elk permits. These permits allow hunters to take bull elk that have five or less antler points on at least one side.

Management permits are being offered for the first time to reduce the number of smaller bull elk on four of Utah's best limited entry units. All of these units have extremely high bull to cow ratios.

More Bison Permits

Board members also approved more hunter's choice and cow bison permits for the Henry Mountains in southeastern Utah. Bison permits for the Henry Mountains jumped from 23 in 2006 to 75 this year.

"In 2005, our biologists flew two aerial surveys of the Henry Mountains," McLaughlin said. "They didn't see many bison during either survey."

Even though bison are big animals, McLaughlin says they tend to gather in small groups and are effective at hiding under pinyon/juniper trees.

"Bison are strong animals, and we were pretty sure that the herd had not experienced a big die-off," he said. "We guessed that the bison had probably moved into thicker cover where it was harder for us to spot them."

DWR biologists decided to be cautious, however, and hunting permits were cut in 2006.

"Our biologists flew another survey this past August, and this time they spotted the bison," McLaughlin said. "They saw lots of bison."

"We've confirmed that the herd is doing really well. That's why we recommended that the board raise the number of bison permits available for the Henry Mountains this fall."

Buck Deer Permits Will Stay at 95,000

General season buck deer permits were one group of permits that board members decided not to increase. The total number of Utah general season buck deer permits will stay at 95,000 in 2007.

In 2005, general season buck deer permits in the Central and Northeastern regions were cut by 1,000 permits each. The permits were cut because the three-year buck to doe ratio in each region had fallen below the minimum of 15 bucks per 100 does called for in Utah's Deer Management Plan. As a result, the total number of Utah general season buck deer permits was reduced from 97,000 (the level where permits had been since 1994) to 95,000 permits.

Surveys conducted by DWR biologists after the 2005 and 2006 hunts found that the three-year buck-to-doe average in the Northeastern Region had increased to 15 bucks per 100 does. That number meets the objective called for in the state's deer management plan.

In the Central Region, the three-year average had fallen slightly to 13 bucks per 100 does.

Based on the findings, the DWR recommended returning 1,000 permits to the Northeastern Region.

Citizens representing the Northeastern Regional Advisory Council (RAC) voted against the DWR recommendation, however. They expressed concerns that allowing 1,000 additional hunters in the region could cause the buck to doe ratio to fall back under 15 bucks per 100 does.

Board members agreed with the RAC and voted not to return the 1,000 permits to the region.

Permits for 2007

Permit numbers for 2006, and the number of permits the board approved for 2007, are listed below:

	2006	2007
General season buck deer	95,000	95,000
Limited entry deer	999	1,014
Limited entry bull elk	1,835	2,169
Pronghorn antelope	855	833
Moose	138	151
Bison	29	81
* (these bison totals include permits for the Henry Mountains and Antelope Island)		
Rocky Mountain goat	79	90
Desert bighorn sheep	36	39
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep	15	18

A list showing the total permits for each unit in the state will be available at www.wildlife.utah.gov/hunting/2007permits by April 9.

Cooperative Conservation Pays Off For Bonneville Cutthroat Trout

Federal judge dismisses lawsuit, praises work to help one of Utah's native fish

Implementation of voluntary conservation efforts by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and other partners has been crucial to the conservation of the Bonneville cutthroat trout, a fish found primarily in Utah and southwestern Wyoming.

Because of these efforts, in 2001 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) decided it was not necessary to list the Bonneville cutthroat trout under the Endangered Species Act. This finding was based on results of a comprehensive status review. The review found that viable, self-sustaining populations of Bonneville cutthroat trout were widely distributed throughout its range and were being restored or protected rangewide.

After the 2001 finding, the Center for Biological Diversity, the Pacific Rivers Council and the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance filed a lawsuit challenging the USFWS's decision.

On March 7, 2007, Denver Federal Judge Richard Matsch dismissed the lawsuit. In his dismissal order, the judge ruled that the USFWS properly considered the value of voluntary conservation measures that have helped improve the cutthroat's status. According to the judge, "Cooperation, with a demonstrated commitment to preservation of the species with the interaction of government and nongovernment agencies, is inherently more effective than government edicts or mandates."

The plaintiffs could appeal the judge's decision to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

"The Fish and Wildlife Service has always believed that the recovery and conservation of imperiled species can be better accomplished through voluntary cooperative partnerships than through regulatory measures," says Mitch King, director of the USFWS's Mountain-Prairie Region. "By joining forces, we can accomplish far more than we could on our own."

In the mid 1990s the states of Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada, with assistance from conservation partners, developed several conservation agreements and strategies. The purpose of the agreements and strategies was to ensure the long-term conservation of Bonneville cutthroat trout by providing guidance on how to eliminate threats and to encourage further conservation actions through interagency coordination. Since that time, the partners who signed the agreements have worked cooperatively to restore, expand and protect Bonneville cutthroat trout in various types of habitat, including multiple-sized streams, lakes and reservoirs.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) chairs the rangewide Bonneville Cutthroat Trout Conservation Team. Members of the team have undertaken a broad array of conservation activities and have made much progress over the past six years. The team has surveyed and monitored Bonneville cutthroat trout populations; restored, acquired and protected habitat for the trout; removed and controlled nonnative fish; developed brood stock; and worked with federal partners to ensure federal land is managed in a way that protects Bonneville cutthroat trout.

"The restoration of Bonneville cutthroat trout into unoccupied portions of their historic range is one of the most important things the team has accomplished," says Roger Wilson, UDWR sport fisheries coordinator and chairman of the Bonneville Cutthroat Trout Conservation Team.

"In the 1950s, Bonneville cutthroat trout were thought to be extinct," Wilson says. "Today, through our restoration efforts, Bonneville cutthroat trout now occupy about 35 percent of their historic range in Utah.

"The team's conservation efforts will accelerate over the next several years as we develop additional brood sources and expand our conservation activities."

The UDWR is one of seven divisions in the Utah Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Through its Endangered Species Mitigation Fund, the DNR participates in recovery and restoration efforts for dozens of listed and sensitive species in Utah.

The state of Utah annually provides about \$3 million to recover federally listed species. This money is also used to manage and improve habitats for sensitive species so they do not require federal listing.

“The successful efforts of our partners, including the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, the states of Wyoming, Idaho, and Nevada, the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the Confederated



Tribes of the Goshute Reservation and Trout Unlimited demonstrate the true power of community-based conservation,” says Larry Crist, the USFWS’s Utah Ecological Services field supervisor.

More information about the Bonneville cutthroat trout and ongoing conservation efforts to help the fish is available at <http://mountain-prairie.fws.gov/species/fish/bct/>