REI Sandy Presents The 4th Annual Bike Bonanza 2008

Recreational Equipment, Inc.'s (REI) Sandy store, located at 230 W 10600 S in the northwest corner of the South Towne Mall Property, will host Bike Bonanza 2008 on Saturday, April 26th from 11am-3pm.

Kids will have the opportunity to learn about proper bike safety at the Bike Rodeo, sponsored by the **Sandy Police Department** from 11am-1pm Navigating their way through the course of cones and signs will earn each child a certificate. **Free Helmets will be given away to rodeo participants while supplies last.** Cyclists of all ages can also attend one of the 8 mini-clinics on various topics such as Basic bike maintenance, Bike safety and Ride preparation, being presented throughout the day. Participants will receive a goodie bag for attending. Free bike inspections by certified REI technicians and bike registration will also be offered. Local cycling and cycling advocacy groups will be on hand with information as well.

There is no charge for this event. Please call 801-501-0850 with questions, or click the *Stores & Events* tab on REI.com for more information on this and other REI events.

REI is an outdoor retail co-op dedicated to inspiring, educating and outfitting its 2.8 million active members and the community for a lifetime of outdoor adventures. Founded in 1938 by a group of Pacific Northwest mountaineers seeking quality equipment, REI operates retail stores nationwide, two online stores – REI.com and REI-OUTLET.com – and an adventure travel company, REI Adventures. REI offers products from all of the top brands for camping, climbing, cycling, hiking, outdoor fitness, paddling, snow sports and travel, including its own line of award-winning gear and apparel. While anyone may join or shop at REI, members pay a one-time $15 fee and receive a share in the company's profits through an annual member refund based on their purchases. As an active supporter of the communities in which it does business, REI is committed to promoting environmental stewardship and increasing access to

outdoor recreation through education, volunteerism, gear donations and financial contributions.

Committee Holds Earth Day Hearing on Maintaining Public Lands for Hunting, Fishing, Ranching and Small Businesses

Click here to view a list of witnesses and testimony. http://www.house.gov/smbiz/hearings/hearing-04-17-08-public-lands/hearing-04-17-08-public-lands.htm
Click here to view video highlights of the hearing. http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=251A2F0C1CBA6AB6

WASHINGTON, D.C. — With Earth Day just around the corner, the House Committee on Small Business today examined ways to maintain public lands for hunting, fishing, ranching and other small business uses. In 2006, more than 87 million Americans participated in wildlife related recreation—spending more than $122 billion. Small businesses are principal drivers of this important sector of the economy. At today's forum, Members of Congress heard from hunting and fishing outfitters and a rancher, who said the Bush Administration's policies are damaging public lands beyond repair and forcing many ranches and small firms out of business.

"This nation's public lands belong to every tax-payer. That includes the ranchers and entrepreneurs in the outdoor industry who depend on them to grow our economy. It is essential federal policy take this into account," said Chairwoman Nydia M. Velázquez.

There are 34 million hunters and anglers in the United States. In 2006 they contributed nearly $77 billion to the U.S. economy.

"Small businesses are a major component of life in rural America. In many instances, they are the only source of local employment. As important as they are to our nation as a whole, entrepreneurs are even more crucial to these communities," said Chairwoman Velázquez .

Rural small business owners who graze livestock or are in the outdoor industry have seen the number of drilling permits approved by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) quadruple since 1999. Each new drilling site brings a network of roads, pipelines and waste pits to lands controlled by the BLM. Irresponsible management of these projects results in pollution, deforestation and a segmenting of fish and game habitats. That, in turn, undermines the ability of ranchers and small business dependent on tourism to make a living. Witnesses at the hearing noted they were not opposed to commercial drilling, but that the BLM was not enforcing policies specifically developed to ensure responsible use of the land.

"There are ways to foster economic growth responsibly. That's what rural small businesses support, and what the BLM is supposed to ensure." said Chairwoman Velázquez . "Our public lands are not just beautiful, they are major source of economic strength. We should protect them as such."

Ogden Nature Center Announces Earth Day Art Poster Contest Winners And Exhibit

The Ogden Nature Center is proud to announce winners of the annual Earth Day Art Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Be A Planet Protector." 971 entries from children in Kindergarten through the 5th grade were received and all of them are on exhibit in the L.S.

Peery Education Center at the Ogden Nature Center through May.

Sponsored by Ogden City Arts, this contest combines art and creativity with thoughtful ideas by children about stewardship of our environment.

Awards will be given to 24 winners, four winners in each grade, on Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. during the Nature Center's Earth Day Celebration.

KINDERGARTEN

Grand							
	304	Megan Hancock	941-1441	Riverdale Elem.	Mrs.Stevens	Be A Planet Protector	K
1st							
	305	Gadge Whitzell	941-1441	Riverdale Elem.	Mrs,Stevens	Be A Planet Protector	K
2nd							
	341	Bo Reid	731-1056	West Weber	Ms. Smith	Superman Saves the World	K
3rd							
	194	Nicholas Bosworth	392-2158	Homeschool	Marisa Bosworth	Sunshine on Mountains & Palm Trees	K

FIRST GRADE

Grand							
	7	Andrea Espinoza	737-7681	Lincoln Elem	Nancy Shaw	Save our Frogs	1
1st							
	662	Cassandra Martinson	786-1732	N. Ogden Elem.	Maree Wadman	I CAN RECYCLE AND BE A EARTH . .	1

2nd	886	Braxton Moser	435-720-3676	Bunderson	Mrs. Simpson	. I Can Be a Planet Protector	1
3rd	27	Chelsea Hadley	737-1727	Pioneer	Mrs. Deamer	Things We Should Protect	1
SECOND GRADE							
Grand	853	Sarah Clark	499-2515	West Weber	Nopper	Protecting the plants	2
1st	637	Matthew Heiner	334-8676	Lincoln	Wheeler	Animal Protector	2
2nd	136	Wynter McBride	644-8574	Polk	Mrs. Rushton	Use More Sun!	2
3rd	770	Amanda Jacobsen		Valley View	Ms. Taggart	Cleaning Up After Others	2
THIRD GRADE							
Grand	147	Jacqueline Graham	475-4110	Grandview	Sevy	Be a Planet Protector	3
1st	125	Rilely Lamoreaux	731-6288	Plain City	Mr Certsch	Animal Helper	3
2nd	141	James Berghout	644-5589	Grandview	Mrs. Sevy	Be a Planet Protector	3
3rd	90	Samantha Green	782-4139	Farr West	Kim Lavigne	Surround the Planet with Love	3
FOURTH GRADE							
Grand	383	Sierra Hogge	782-2470	Green Acres	Wood	Earth Bank of Savings	4
1st	286	KatelynNielson	621-7986	Bonneville Elem.	Ms, Herring	Endangered Animals	4
2nd	191	Mckenzie Dabb	732-9606	West Haven	Alsup	Caution Rainforest	4
3rd	285	Haylee Bingham	773-9570	Hooper	Mr. Ludlow	Protect Our Trees	4
FIFTH GRADE							
Grand	872	Hannah Smith	479-7375	Marlon Hills	Winget Stanger	Be a planet protector	5
1st	964	Brandon Wayment	392-0692	Marlon Hills	Salcido	Be An Earth Protector	5
2nd	91	Anna Green	782-4139	Farr West	Mrs. Messerly	Its their Planet too--Protect it	5

3rd	557	Morgan Carrington	627-4615	Washington Terrace	Mrs. Fronk	Planet Protector	5

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th Street in Ogden. Admission is $3 for adults and $1.25 for children 2-11. Members of the Ogden Nature Center enjoy free admission.

For more information about the Ogden Nature Center call 801-621-7595 or visit www.ogdennaturecenter.org .

New tool helps fight quagga mussels

Bill gives officers authority to stop, inspect and detain boats and vehicles

The prop on this boat motor at Lake Mead is covered with quagga mussels. Mussels can clog the water intakes on a prop, causing the motor to overheat and seize. The result can be thousands of dollars in repairs.

Photo by Natalie Muth

Utah has a new tool to help prevent quagga and zebra mussels from entering the state—Senate Bill 238.

Passed during the 2008 legislative session, SB-238 gives Utah law enforcement officers and port-of-entry agents the authority to stop, inspect and detain vehicles and boats that may contain a quagga or zebra mussel.

If this intervention is successful, it could save Utahns millions of dollars each year.

New tool

SB-238 gives officers the authority to stop and detain vehicles and boats that the officers have reasonable cause to believe might have been used on an infested water or might be carrying quagga or zebra mussels. That includes vehicles and boats that are traveling down roads, entering or leaving parking lots, or anywhere the vehicle or boat might be.

Also, any boat that has been on an infected water must be decontaminated before it enters Utah or is launched on any water in the state.

Devastating effects

The devastating effects quagga and zebra mussels could have on Utah is the reason legislators passed the new law.

Quagga mussels and their cousins, zebra mussels, attach themselves to boat hulls, boat motors, water system intakes and anything else that comes in contact with the water.

Quagga and zebra mussels are destructive to any lake they inhabit. From consuming massive amounts of plankton, which is fish food, to fouling beaches and plugging pumps, pipes and outboard motors, these tiny mussels take over any water they enter.

"Fighting quagga and zebra mussels will not be easy," says Larry Dalton, aquatic invasive species coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "If a single breeding pair gets into a water, that single pair can lead to a massive colony.

"It will take everyone's help and vigilance to keep this tiny creature out of our lakes. Boaters and others who recreate on Utah's waters need to change their habits."

Clean, drain and dry

Dalton encourages boaters, anglers and anyone who recreates at Utah's waters to **clean**, **drain** and **dry** their boat and any other equipment that touches the water.

Specifically, he encourages boaters and anglers to:

Clean plants, fish, mussels and mud from your boat;
Drain the water from all areas of your boat and equipment;
Dry your boat and equipment in the sun before using it again. In the summer, let it dry for at least 7 days in the sun. In the spring and fall, dry it for 18 days in the sun. In the winter, leave your equipment out for 3 days in the freezing temperatures. Leaving it out for 3 days should be enough to kill any mussels that are on your equipment.

You can also have a professional boat washer wash your boat and trailer, and flush your motor, bilge and live wells, with scalding hot water.

The water must be at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Unfortunately, there are very few boat washers in Utah that have equipment that can heat water to 140 degrees.

"Cleaning, draining and drying your boat and equipment is something all of us can do," Dalton says. "Drying your boat and equipment is just as effective as washing it with water that's 140 degrees."

Legislature provides $2 million

In addition to passing SB-238, the legislature authorized more than $2 million to implement an aquatic invasive species program that the DWR and its partners started in 2007.

The $2 million will jumpstart the program by allowing it to buy decontamination equipment, hire and train employees, and develop informative materials.

Quagga mussels cover the hull of this boat at Lake Mead.
Photo by Natalie Muth

Massive effort

The DWR and its partners have launched a massive campaign to keep mussels out of Utah this year. If you're a boater, you'll be among the first to see the campaign in action.

For example, as you pull up to a boat ramp, you'll likely be greeted by a biologist or a law enforcement officer. They'll give you some information about quagga and zebra mussels. They'll also ask you if you've been boating on a water that has mussels.

If you have been boating on an infested water, they'll ask you to decontaminate your boat before launching it.

Why all of this concern and effort?

Just over a year ago, biologists at Lake Mead discovered a growing population of quagga mussels. During the following months, more and more populations were discovered throughout the lower Colorado River drainage. Biologists found mussels at marinas, popular boating areas, isolated points and even in the intake pipes that supply water to downstream communities in Arizona and California.

Boaters from the lower Colorado River drainage often visit Utah. Because quagga and zebra mussels are usually transported on boats, this discovery puts Utah at risk.

The DWR has purchased 26 boat decontamination units to help keep Utah's lakes clean. If you have been in a quagga or zebra mussel-infested water, you must get your boat decontaminated before placing it on any of Utah's waters.

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

Fishing Report for Northern Utah

CAUSEY RESERVOIR: There is about 150 to 200 yards of open water in the Wheatgrass Canyon inlet. The rest of the reservoir is still covered with unsafe ice. Fishing was slow in the inlet, however, some shore anglers have reported catching fish with PowerBait. Report courtesy of Pavlik Krasnov of www.westerntroutflies.com.

Another report from Dedicated Hunter Kim Coleman included interviews with several groups of anglers at Causey—this is his report:

Fishing Survey: Friday, April 11, 2008. Time: 2:40 p.m. Weather: Mostly sunny, but cool (around 40 degrees when the wind wasn't blowing). There was a very cool breeze of 10 to 12 mph much of the time. Total of seven groups fishing.

Group 1: There were two anglers in this party. They started fishing around 11:30 a.m. I interviewed them at 2:40 p.m. while they were still fishing. They had caught six splake and one kokanee prior to my arrival. They missed one fish and caught a second kokanee as I was talking with them. That happened to be their first keeper. Most were about 10 to 12 inches.

They were fishing with a nightcrawler tipped with wax worm on a regular hook (no jig, ice fly, or other attractant), with a clear bubble about three feet above the hook in order to sink the bait near the bottom yet suspend slightly above the bottom. They had tried nightcrawlers for a while with no luck, but started catching them as soon as they tipped the hook with wax worm. They had lost about the same number as they had caught (six or seven). The fish seemed to either hit once very hard and then grab the bait or bite very very lightly...nothing in between. They were fishing about 40 yards upstream from the ice, although they had fished right against the ice earlier without a lot of luck. They claim the peak time for best fishing is about 12:00 to 1:15 p.m.

Group 2: This was a lone fisherman. I interviewed him about 3:05 p.m. He had a two-pole permit and was fishing about 150 yards upstream from the ice (almost exactly midway between the bridge and where the channel opens up into the dam). It was a steep and treacherous hike down to the edge of the water because of the ice chunks that had broken up and then slid down the steep embankment toward the water. You have to climb over and between the large ice chunks to gain access to the water below.

This fisherman had a nightcrawler sunk to the bottom on one pole, and he only had one quick bite on this the entire time he was fishing. On the other pole he was using spoons and spinners. He claimed that just about anything with silver was catching kokanee, you just needed to find

where the kokanee were. He had already caught six or seven (all kokanee) when I arrived, but had not yet kept any.

He switched lures a time or two, using a Blue Fox for a while, and then a 2- to 2 and 1/2-inch silver spoon with red blotches on one end. He would cast as far as possible, let the lure sink to the bottom, then start retrieving with a twitch/reel action (twitching the tip of his pole about 12 to 18 inches, then reeling two turns, then twitching again, trying the entire time to keep the pole tip down to keep the lure low in the water. He lost four or five fish while I interviewed him and watched (over about a 20-minute period). He finally kept two kokanee about 12 inches long and left about 4:00 p.m. He had been fishing since approximately 1:30 and caught over 10 kokanee and lost more than that. He said you have to really keep your tip pointed down and keep the line low because the kokanee jump and shake the hook loose. He claimed the fishing was pretty good the entire time he was there.

Group 3: There were two people in this group, an elderly man and his wife, and they were fishing only 10 or 12 feet from the lone fisherman (in the main stream channel). They started fishing about 3:45 p.m. They live in Huntsville and visit the reservoir several times a week to catch kokanee. He claims the kokanee like anything with red. He was using a spoon that was silver on one side and mostly red on the other. His wife used the same style spoon with purple rather than red on one side. He claimed if it is longer than an inch and a half long, they won't hit it very much. He seemed to know what he was doing, as they had their limit of kokanee (four each) and were gone in less than 90 minutes, in spite of releasing a few and losing approximately seven or eight. Most were in the 12- to 13-inch size. The spoon was approx 1 and 1/2-inch long and approx 3/8" wide.

These fishermen used a twitch and reel method. They would cast as far toward the other bank as possible, let the spoon sink for three or four seconds, and then start reeling. They claimed the fish were in the upper several feet of the water (whereas the fisherman in interview 2 claimed he did better letting it sink to the bottom). Their spoons appeared to be somewhat similar to a Tady - Vintage, but they claimed Kastmasters and similar designs work very well.

Group 4: This was a lone fisherman. He walked part way down the north side of the channel and was sinking a worm to the bottom and letting it sit. He left after only 20 minutes or so (before I could interview him) and I did not see him catch a fish.

Group 5: There were three in this group. They hiked in on the south side of the channel. They were casting and bottom bouncing jigs (Maribou mostly). They were NOT tipped with any bait. I saw them catch three or four small kokanee (about eight to nine inches) and one small Cutthroat (about eight inches) in about a 45 minute period.

Group 6: This was myself. After watching everyone else catching fish, and having never caught a kokanee yet, I couldn't stand it any longer. I retrieved my gear from the car and tried the twitch retrieve method in the channel where Groups 2 and 3 had fished earlier. I fished for approx 70 to 80 minutes. I had two hits and missed both. Obviously I don't yet have the technique down, or perhaps I didn't have the right lure, or maybe a combination of the two. I tried a two-inch Kastmaster with silver on one side and shiny reflective orange and other

colors on the other side. I tried about everything...1 and 1/2-inch silver/orange Kastmaster, 1 and 1/2-inch silver only Kastmaster, 2 and 1/2-inch silver Cleo, rainbow Rapala, and a few other unknown chunks of steel from my box. Nothing. Obviously, even when the kokanee are "on", some of us can't seem to hook them.

Group 7: This fisherman came to the very upper end of the main channel (where the stream meets the top level of the dam water), but he only stayed 10 to 15 minutes, so I never had the opportunity to interview him.

There were several parties fishing the river between Causey and Pineview, but I did not stop to interview any of them.

COMMUNITY FISHING WATERS: These areas are being stocked regularly but fisning success was reported to be spotty. For a complete list of community fishing areas, visit the DWR Web site.

ECHO RESERVOIR: Officer Bruce Johnson reports that Echo has areas of open water near the shore but winds are shifting daily and that means areas of open water shift from day to day also. Wind and warmer weather will contribute to rapidly deterioriating ice conditions.

HOLMES CREEK RESERVOIR: The reservoir is ice-free and getting lots of fishing activity on Sunday, but fishing was slow. Report from Sgt. Rick Olson.

LOGAN RIVER: The water level rose a few inches within the last three days. Although the water level is a little bit higher, the river is still pretty clear. It won't be long until the run-off hits and the river turns to muddy rapids. Take advantage of this last opportunity to do some spring fishing. During the warm weekend, some evening insect hatches were happening. Fish were taking down flies like Parachute Adams, and Griffiths Gnats. Other small dry flies were also effective. If the fish are not rising, try fishing a dropper rig with a small Copper John. Report courtesy of Pavlik Krasnov of www.westerntroutflies.com.

SOUTH FORK OF THE OGDEN RIVER: The river is running low and clear right below Causey Dam. It should begin to rise shortly as the snow melts. Fishing is good for brown trout. Try fishing the dropper rig with a dry fly on the surface and a small nymph below. The lower portion of the river is running a bit high and muddy. Courtesy of Pavlik Krasnov of www.westerntroutflies.com.

PINEVIEW RESERVIOR: Pineview is mostly iced over, though the ice looks like it's in very poor condition. Most of the bays on the north and east are opening up, but there were no fishermen on any of them shortly after 1:00 p.m. when I drove around the entire reservoir. The ice in the narrows has approximately five to ten feet of open water around the edges.

The bay just north of the Ogden Pineview Yacht club has open water for a few hundred yards, though the slips (docks) are still frozen in. You can drive down 5500 East (on the north end) and park at the end of the dead end and walk about 100 yards to get to open water. Can also get down 5900 East, park, and walk about 150 yards to the water. Geertsen Bay on the northeast side is open for approx 200 yds square. Middle Inlet and Spring Creek have open water all along the end, extending approximately 50 to 150 feet out from the bank, depending on where in the bay you look. There is also water open on the south end at Jefferson Hunt. The water is still quite low, so there's no back-up into the weeds in the bays yet. It's going to be a few days yet, but it's getting close. Report from Kime Coleman, Dedicated Hunter.

ROCKPORT RESERVOIR: Officer Bruce Johnson reports that Rockport has areas of open water near the shore but winds are shifting daily and that means areas of open water shift from day to day also. Wind and warmer weather will contribute to rapidly deterioriating ice conditions.

WILLARD BAY: Mostly sunny, about 45 degrees with a nearly constant cold breezed about 8 to 10 mph.

I waited until later morning to head to Willard, assuming most fisherman (if there were any) would not hit the wipers or walleye too early and I'd have to wait until they came into the ramp to interview them anyway. When I arrived, the South Marina gate was closed, so there is no access there. The channel is closed to fishing until the end of the month due to walleye spawning. I went over to the North Marina where there was one truck and empty boat trailer. Through binoculars I could see two fisherman approximately way across the bay and about even with Pellican Island. They seemed to be heading back to the boat ramp, so I went and checked out the slips while I waited.

One man was trying a white curly tail jig tipped with nightcrawler, throwing it out and bottom bouncing it along the slips. He then tried twitch retrieving it alongside and under the docks, hoping to find a few crappie. He only tried for about 10 or 15 minutes and decided the crappie were not yet there, so he left. By then the two in the boat were almost back. So, I waited and interviewed one of them. They had started fishing about 8 a.m. and then their motor stalled about 10 a.m.

Did you draw a big game hunting permit?

Results available by April 30

If you applied for a 2008 Utah big game hunting permit, your wait is almost over. By April 30, you'll know whether you drew a permit.

Photo by Lynn Chamberlain

"If you draw a permit, congratulations!" says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "If you don't, mark June 12 on your calendar. That's when

general bull elk permits go on sale. It's also the day that any general buck deer permits that aren't taken in the draw go on sale."

Draw results

Utah's 2008 Big Game Draw will be conducted this month. If you applied for a 2008 permit, you should receive an e-mail and a letter by April 30. The e-mail or letter will let you know whether you drew a permit.

If you don't receive an e-mail or a letter by April 30, you can learn whether you drew a permit by logging onto the DWR's Web site or by calling 1-800-221-0659.

Draw results will be available by 8 a.m. on April 30.

Permits not taken in the draw

If you don't draw a permit, you can learn which permits are still available by seeing the 2008 big game remaining permits list at wildlife.utah.gov. The list will be posted by April 30.

"Some general season buck deer permits for the Northern Region and statewide general archery buck deer permits are usually still available after the draw," Tutorow says. "Any permits that aren't taken in the draw will be available beginning June 12."

Tutorow says you probably don't need to buy a permit the first day they go on sale. But she also encourages you not to wait too long. "Utah big game permits are selling out faster and faster every year," she says. "If you wait too long, they might sell out before you get one."

Last year, all of Utah's general archery buck deer permits were gone by July 23. Northern Region general rifle and muzzleloader permits sold out on Aug. 21.

Bull elk permits

June 12 is the first day you can buy a general season bull elk permit. Starting at 8 a.m., you can buy one at wildlife.utah.gov, at any DWR office or from more than 325 license agents across Utah.

A total of 12,300 any bull elk unit permits, and 11,000 spike bull elk unit permits, will be available. The DWR does not have a limit on the number of general archery elk permits it can sell.

For more information, call the Utah Wildlife Services Administrative office at 1-800-221-0659, the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR's Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

More big game hunting permits

1,000 fewer deer permits in northern Utah, however

More hunters will be hunting on some of Utah's best big game units this fall.

More hunters will be hunting bull bison this fall.
Photo by Brent Stettler

On April 10, members of the Utah Wildlife Board raised the number of permits for many of Utah's big game hunts.

The Northern Region wasn't one of those hunts, though. Board members cut 1,000 general buck deer permits from the region for this fall.

"This is a great time to hunt big game in Utah," says Anis Aoude, big game coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "Utah's big game herds are doing well, and the state has a wider variety of animals to hunt than ever before."

Hunters who applied for a 2008 permit will know by April 30 whether they drew one.

Fewer deer permits in northern Utah

After last fall's hunting seasons, biologists found an average of 18 bucks per 100 does on public land hunting units in the Northern Region. Even though the number of bucks was on the high end of the 15 to 20 bucks per 100 does objective, the biologists recommended 1,000 fewer permits for the region this fall.

"We want to be cautious," Aoude says. "The deer herds in parts of northern Utah had a tough time this winter.

"When we do our after-winter surveys later this spring, we'll know better how many deer were lost. But our big game permit drawing happens in April, so the board had to set the permit numbers before we completed our surveys."

Elk, deer and moose

Limited entry elk and deer and once-in-a-lifetime moose permits are among the permits board members increased. Aoude explains why:

Elk—Biologists manage Utah's limited entry elk units so those who hunt the units have the potential to take a bull that will fall into one of four age categories: 6 to 7 years old, 5 to 6 years old, 4 to 5 years old, or 3 to 4 years old. The age of the bull a hunter might take depends on the unit he or she hunts on.

Utah has 28 limited entry bull elk units. On 26 of the units, hunters are taking bulls that are older than the age objective for the unit. "For example, a hunter who hunts a unit managed for 5- to 6-year-old bulls can often end up taking a bull that's one or two years older than the objective for the unit," Aoude says.

"The board needed to increase the number of permits so hunters could take more bulls," Aoude says. "Taking more bulls will allow the herds to get closer to their age objectives."

Deer—Biologists manage Utah's limited entry deer units so there will be plenty of big bucks for hunters each fall.

The Paunsaugunt and Henry Mountains units are Utah's two premium limited entry units. Biologists manage these units so at least 35 bucks per 100 does are left in the herds after the hunts are over each fall.

The rest of Utah's limited entry units are managed so at least 25 bucks per 100 does are still in the herds after the fall hunts.

Only two units in southern Utah aren't meeting that goal. On the rest of the state's units, the number of bucks biologists are finding is higher than the buck-to-doe ratio for each unit. "We have plenty of bucks on these units. And that's great news for hunters. It means more of them can hunt some of these units this fall," Aoude says.

Moose—Utah's moose herds are also doing well. In many of the herds, there are almost as many bulls in the herds as cows.

Permit numbers

The following chart shows the number of permits that were available in 2007 and the number that will be available in 2008:

	2007	**2008**
General season buck deer	95,000	94,000
Limited entry deer	1,014	1,082
Limited entry bull elk	2,090	2,447

Pronghorn antelope	853	945
Moose	151	184
Bison	145	172
Rocky Mountain goat	90	91
Desert bighorn sheep	39	36
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep	18	23

Birding Award presented to Local Company

The American Birding Association has selected Wild Bird Centers of America franchisee Bill Fenimore, owner of the Wild Bird Center of Layton, Utah, as this year's recipient of the prestigious Ludlow Griscom Award.

The American Birding Association (ABA) Ludlow Griscom Award is one of five ABA awards that recognize contributions dedicated individuals make to the cause of birds, birders and birding. The ABA Ludlow Griscom Award for Outstanding Contributions in Regional Ornithology was awarded to Fenimore for his contributions to dramatically advance ornithological awareness throughout the state of Utah.

Fenimore is a birding advocate and proven leader who expresses his enthusiasm through involvement with numerous programs and organizations, including a leading organizer of the Great Salt Lake Bird Festival, author of "Bird Sighting" a weekly Salt Lake Tribune column, vice-chair of the Utah Division of the Wildlife Resources Advisory Council, leader of birding expeditions throughout the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean, author of Backyard Birds state identification guides, just published in Spring 2008. Fenimore also serves as Trustee and Board member of such diverse organizations as the Utah Wildlife and Conservation Foundation, Ogden Nature Center and Utah Wildlife Board Nominating Trustee (appointed by Utah Governor Jon Huntsman).

Fenimore was overwhelmed when he received the call announcing his win, claiming he literally fell into his office chair. Fenimore says, "I am gratified to be considered in the same company as birding icons Roger Tory Peterson and Kenn Kaufman, previous recipients whom I greatly admire and who inspired me to create my State Backyard Bird Guide series. I feel tremendous emotion and awe to be selected for such an honor." Fenimore continues, "Birding has been the pathway for me into a life long enjoyment of

the natural world. It has been a passion to share the joys of birding, especially with young children whom I hope will follow in a similar path."

George Petrides, Sr., founder and chairman of Wild Bird Centers of America, proudly nominated Fenimore for the award, citing his "boundless energy and enthusiasm for all aspects of birding which have significantly raised the visibility of birding causes and interests throughout the state of Utah and beyond." Fenimore has been a successful franchisee with the Salt Lake City area Wild Bird Center since 2001. He earned the company's national "Best Environmental Stewardship" award four years in a row, and received the company's highest honor in 2007 when he entered its "Hall of Fame," a tribute based on his experience and performance as a top-level executive and extraordinary role as a "Birding Ambassador" in his home state.

The ABA Ludlow Griscom Award is sponsored by Leupold Optics, who will present Fenimore with a plaque and pair of Leupold binoculars at the June 2008 ABA convention in Snowbird Lodge, Utah.

Fenimore joins many important contributors to American ornithology, including first award recipient, Roger Tory Peterson, who received the honor in 1980. Peterson is credited with publishing 52 volumes of the Peterson Field Guide Series as well as providing the inspiration and leading to the formation of countless birding associations and wildlife refuges.

Established in 1985, Wild Bird Centers of America, Inc. (WBCA) is a specialized franchisor with more than 85 stores in the U.S. and Canada. Each Wild Bird Center retailer is dedicated to helping customers develop a better backyard birding experience, by providing the finest, field-tested products, old- fashioned customer service, and expert advice. Wild Bird Centers also serve as an active community resource, providing demonstrations, educational workshops and children's programs. For more information, visit the WBCA website at www.wildbird.com or call (800) 945-3247, x202.

DWR proposes more antlerless hunting permits

You might have a better chance than you did last year at drawing a cow elk, cow moose or doe pronghorn hunting permit.

The Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending increased permit numbers for all three species for this fall.

Learn more, share your ideas

The DWR's proposals should be available at wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings by April 14. Once you've read the proposals, you can provide your comments one of two ways:

RAC meetings

Five Regional Advisory Council meetings will be held across Utah on April 29. Citizens representing the RACs will take the input received at the meetings to the Utah Wildlife Board. Board members will use your input to set permit numbers for this fall's hunts.

The April 29 meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. You can participate and provide your input at any of these 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
1765 E. Main St.
Green River

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

E-mail

You can also provide your comments to your RAC via e-mail. E-mail addresses for your RAC members are available at wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings.

The group each RAC member represents (sportsman, non-consumptive, etc.) is listed under each person's e-mail address. You should direct your e-mail to the people on the RAC who represent your interest.

Antlerless permit recommendations

The number of antlerless permits available in 2007, and the number biologists are recommending for 2008, are as follows:

	2007	2008
Doe deer	1,730	1,170
Cow elk	7,931	10,529
Doe pronghorn	392	727
Cow moose	89	109

Doe deer

Most of Utah's doe deer permits are used to control the number of deer that live in and near urban areas throughout the year. However, on some units, such as the East Canyon and Chalk Creek units in northern Utah, the permits are also used to control the number of deer across the entire unit.

The East Canyon and Chalk Creek units are mostly private property. Sometimes the number of deer on the units can climb higher than the population objective for the units.

"It might be hard to remember, but before all of the snow fell this winter, Utah was starting to slide back into a drought," says Anis Aoude, big game coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"The drought conditions affected the habitat the deer rely on. As a result, the number of fawns that made it through their first year of life started to drop," he says. "We want to reduce the number of doe permits on the East Canyon and Chalk Creek units, and a few other units, to allow the deer populations on these units to grow."

Cow elk

While the number of deer in Utah has declined a bit, the number of elk continues to climb. That's the main reason DWR biologists are recommending 10,529 cow elk permits for this fall's hunts.

"Several of the state's elk herds are getting close to their population objective. We want to slow their growth a bit so the herds don't overshoot their objective. If they overshoot it, then we'll have to offer a lot of cow elk permits in 2009. We'd prefer to increase permit numbers slowly rather than all at once," Aoude says.

Aoude says several herds are also at or over their population objective. "Raising the number of permits will help us keep these herds at or near their population objective," he says.

Doe pronghorn

DWR biologists have worked for years to reduce the number of pronghorn in the large herds on the Parker Mountains in southwestern Utah. Lots of hunting permits have been issued, and animals have been taken off the unit and transplanted elsewhere.

Biologists conducted an aerial survey of the unit a few weeks ago. They found there's still a large number of pronghorn on the unit and more work to do.

For that reason, DWR biologists are recommending 350 doe pronghorn permits for the Parker Mountains. The Parker Mountains are part of the Plateau unit.

The remaining 377 doe pronghorn permits the DWR is recommending would be split among the rest of the state's pronghorn units to deal with depredation issues.

Cow moose

Utah's moose herds, including those along the Wasatch Front, continue to flourish. For this reason, the DWR is recommending 109 cow moose permits for this fall's hunts.

NRA to Sponsor 21st Youth Wildlife Art Contest

Fairfax, Va. -- The National Rifle Association is now accepting entries for its 2008 Youth Wildlife Art Contest. The contest, the 21st in the annual series, is open to students in grades 1 through 12, including home-schooled children. NRA membership is not required. The deadline to enter is October 3, 2008. Winners in each grade category will receive $500. Second-place finishers will receive $250, and the third-place award will be $100.

Entries may be submitted in one of four categories, based on school grade. Category I includes grades 1 through 3. Category II is for grades 4 through 6. Category III covers grades 7 through 9, and Category IV includes grades 10 through 12. Entries may portray any North American game bird or animal that may be legally hunted or trapped. Endangered species and non-game animals, such as eagles and snakes, are not eligible subjects. Contestants may call (703) 267-1595 to confirm whether a certain animal or bird is eligible.

Contestants are limited to one entry each. Entries may be in a medium of the artist's choice (oil, water color, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, etc.). Submissions should be on good quality bond or drawing paper, or illustration board. Preferred sizes for

the image are 8-1/2” x 11” or 11” x 14”; matting is optional. Entries need not be framed. Composition must be original. Photographs may be used for reference, but artwork determined to have been traced or copied from an existing photograph or work of art will be disqualified.

Entries must arrive at NRA by October 3, 2008, and must be accompanied by a brief statement signed by the student’s parent, guardian, or teacher attesting to the originality of the work and verifying the artist’s grade level as of October 3, 2008. In addition, the artist’s name, age, home address, phone number, and grade must be printed on the back of the entry or on a note attached to the back of the entry. An optional submission form is available at www.nrahq.org/youth/wildlife.asp. Entries will be judged on effort, creativity, anatomical accuracy, and composition.

Entries should be sent to: NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. Entries will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. NRA assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged artwork, and reserves all rights to reproduce entries. The immediate families of NRA staff members are not eligible to enter. Questions regarding the contest may be directed to (703) 267-1595 or artcontest@nrahq.org.

The contest is supported through a generous gift from Jim Broering, President of AcuSport Corporation, for the creation of the James and Kathleen Broering Endowment

FoxFury’s Brightest 1,000+ Lumen Flashlight Goes Rechargeable

FoxFury’s MF 1000, the first LED flashlight to break the 1,000 Lumen barrier, now has a new optional Lithium Ion Technology Rechargeable Battery System.

The MF 1000 CREE models offers a focused 8° beam angle allowing longer distance viewing. The Tac-Fire CREE (all white light) was recently upgraded to **1,130** (previously 1,000) lumens. See up to 600 ft (183 m) for 45 to 60 minutes of continuous use.

The Rechargeable Battery System includes Lithium Ion Battery Pack, Cap and A/C Adaptor.

The MF has a highly distinct stylized design, which also functions as a heat sink. The MF has a 6061-t6 Aluminum with TPR Bumpers and Polycarbonate Shield, rendering it Durable, Waterproof to 20 ft (6m), Fire and Impact Resistant.

Meeting the demands of: Forensic, Military, Law Enforcement, Fire & Series Recreational Users; the MF 1000 CREE is available in white, as well as additional color/wavelengths. Please see www.FoxFury.com for more information on these models.

MSRP: $ 1,199.99 to $1,999.99 with the Rechargeable system. $899.99 with a standard CR123 battery pack. http://www.foxfury.com/products/mf_1000_series/index.htm

Elk Foundation Announces Colorado Conservation Grants

MISSOULA, Mont.—The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, an international conservation group focused on habitat protection and enhancement, has announced its 2008 first-round project grants for Colorado.

Sixteen conservation grants totaling $182,647 have been awarded. Another $43,449 is available for allocation in second-round grants to be announced later this year.

Grants will affect Clear Creek, Dolores, Grand, Jackson, Las Animas, Mesa, Montrose, Park and Rio Blanco counties. An additional project has statewide interest.

"This is all about ensuring the future of elk, other wildlife and their habitat in Colorado," said David Allen, Elk Foundation president and CEO. "Grants are based on revenues from Elk Foundation fundraising banquets in Colorado, as well as worthy project proposals."

Elk Foundation grants will help fund the following Colorado conservation projects, listed by county:

Clear Creek County—Prescribe burn 200 acres to improve forage for elk and other wildlife in Mount Evans Wildlife Management Area and James M. Jones Wildlife Management Area (also affects **Park County**).

Dolores County—Thin 1,000 acres of encroaching pinion and juniper to rejuvenate sagebrush and improve elk habitat in the Disappointment Valley area on BLM lands.

Grand County—Prescribe burn 500 acres to enhance grasses, forbs, shrubs and aspens for elk in Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest.

Jackson County—Develop watering area for livestock and wildlife, and replace 3 miles of fencing to improve livestock distribution, to enhance forage for elk in Johnny Moore Mountain and Elk Mountain areas.

Las Animas County—Treat non-native vegetation, prescribe burn to promote native forage, and plant cottonwoods to enhance 271 acres of habitat for elk in Comanche National Grassland; treat 250 acres of noxious weeds to improve biodiversity on elk winter range.

Mesa County—Thin encroaching juniper and oak brush, and re-seed native grasses, on 125 acres of elk habitat in Grand Mesa National Forest; invigorate sagebrush habitat by treating encroaching juniper and seeding up to 1,000 acres on BLM lands in Grand Junction area.

Montrose County—Improve forage on elk winter range by treating and seeding 800 acres in Uncompahgre National Forest; treat noxious weeds and re-seed native grasses to enhance forage on 430 acres in Uncompahgre National Forest.

Rio Blanco County—Treat 60 acres of noxious weeds to improve forage for elk and other wildlife in Flat Tops Wilderness Area; remove 2.25 miles of wire fencing from elk migration corridors and calving grounds in Routt National Forest.

Statewide (all counties were applicable)—Provide fiscal support for Colorado Division of Wildlife emergency feeding of elk, antelope and deer.

Since 1984, the Elk Foundation and its partners have completed more than 435 conservation projects in Colorado with a value of more than $101 million. Partners for 2008 projects in Colorado include Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Division of Wildlife, U.S. Forest Service, other agencies, landowners and organizations.

National Park Week Celebration Focuses on "Kids in Parks"

2nd Annual National Junior Ranger Day to be held on April 26

Washington, DC- Spring is in the air and the country's 391 National Park Service sites are perfect places to get out and experience the beauty of the season. President Bush has proclaimed April 19 through 27 as National Park Week and encourages everyone to enjoy the natural wonders and inspirational history found in parks across the country.

The theme of this year's National Park Week is "Kids in Parks." About 200 parks will commemorate the 2nd annual Junior Ranger Day on April 26 with plenty of fun-filled activities and special events. A complete list of National Park Week and Junior Ranger Day activities is available at http://www.nps.gov/npweek.

"Our country's national parks provide children with unparalleled opportunities to have fun while learning something new," said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. "Free blacksmithing classes, fishing lessons, wildlife walks, night star parties, scavenger hunts, and reptile experiences are just a small sampling of Junior Ranger Day activities that will engage children physically, intellectually, and emotionally."

The "Kids in Parks" theme will continue throughout the year as parks expand and improve youth-oriented ranger programs, educational exhibits, and Junior Ranger activities. About 300 National Park Service sites have Junior Ranger programs which encourage children to "Explore-Learn-Protect" national parks. Parks award badges and certificates to those completing the program and sometimes host swearing-in ceremonies.

In addition to seeing the wandering wildlife and spectacular scenery for which national parks are famous, visitors to many parks will find new or remodeled visitor centers, upgraded exhibits, and new uses of technology such as podcasts and cell phone tours.

"I truly hope people will take part in National Park Week activities and continue to visit and enjoy these special places that connect us to our shared heritage and natural treasures," said Bomar.

Listing of National Park Week Events

State/Park Event
Date

Utah
Capitol Reef NP Booth at the Natural Resources Festival
April 24-26, 2008

Zion National Park Earth Day Event with Springdale, Utah
April 19th, 2008

Zion National Park Junior Ranger Day Booth at Zion
April 19th, 2008
Canyon Visitor Center

Cedar Breaks NM Junior Ranger Day
July 5th, 2008

NRA to Auction Special Edition Springfield M1A Rifle

Fairfax, Va. – Collectors of historic firearms have the opportunity to bid on an exquisite, one-of-a kind Springfield M1A Rifle, a priceless addition to any collection. The rifle's stock boasts

carved replicas of the Camp Perry 100th Anniversary logo and the NRA Competitive Shooting Sports logo. National Rifle Association and the Springfield Armory, which donated the rifle,

have their logos engraved on the action-rod assembly. All proceeds benefit the National Rifle and Pistol Championships at Camp Perry.

Bid online at http://www.gunbroker.com/Auction/ViewItem.asp?Item=97502824 through May 18, 2008, which is the conclusion of the 137th NRA Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY. The rifle will be on display at the GunBroker.com booth #1259 in the Exhibit Hall throughout the Annual Meeting, and bids can be placed in person at the booth as well as online.

"Springfield Armory's generous donation of this unique piece is another outstanding example of their dedication to the enhancement of America's shooting sports and the strength of their partnership with the NRA in support of Camp Perry, and the opportunities the National Matches provide to competitive shooters,"
said NRA President John C. Sigler. "We are honored to have their support in this benefit auction."

One of only one produced by the Springfield Armory, the rifle's receiver and barrel along with much of its metal is heat-treated with a stainless-polished finish. Bidding begins at $500 with bid increments of $25.

For information on the NRA Annual Meeting, visit http://www.nraam.org/. For information on Camp Perry, visit http://www.nrahq.org/compete/nm_campperry.asp or contact compadmin@nrahq.org.

Facing the Future: Join Us in Colorado Springs

It is shaping up to be one of the most significant gatherings in a decade on the future of hunting and the shooting sports in America.

With a jam-packed agenda addressing the most pressing issues affecting the industry related to hunting, target shooting and government relations, top industry executives and officials from wildlife agencies and conservation organizations are being invited to attend the National Shooting Sports Foundation's upcoming 2008 Shooting Sports Summit, June 23-25 in Colorado Springs. It is an event not to be missed.

The rallying point for the 2008 summit is the completion of a comprehensive three-year $389,000 NSSF-led study begun in 2005 aimed at improving hunter and shooter recruitment and retention. Results of the "Future of Hunting and the Shooting Sports" project, funded by a U.S. Fish & Wildlife grant and conducted in partnership with Responsive Management, will provide the focus of discussion for two days. An overview of the study and its findings will be presented at 9 a.m. on June 24.

LIVE EYEWEAR LAUNCHES THE NEW COCOONS SUNWEAR WEBSITE*San Luis Obispo, CA* – Live Eyewear announces the launch of the company's new Cocoons website, www.cocoonseyewear.com, designed to deliver quick and easy access to a compendium of information on Cocoons Sunglasses, Clip-Ons and Flip-Ups sunwear collections via the worldwide web. The Cocoons website has an intuitive new design layout that is easy to navigate by both new comers and dedicated followers of the brand.

Visitors to the website are introduced to the Cocoons OveRx concept of quality, innovative design, and superior customer service. The site provides links to Cocoons product pages, sizing guides, product images/specifications, lens information, press releases, testimonial, FAQs, and electronic warranty registration. After determining which Cocoons product is ideal for them, visitors can use the online store locator to find the nearest authorized Live Eyewear specialty retailer, or for instant gratification, convenient links to select Live Eyewear online partners are provided.

Live Eyewear's VP of Marketing, Dave Dean, comments, "The new Cocoons website is extremely user friendly, and allows consumers, retailers and the media to fully understand the functionality and quality of the Cocoons sunwear collection. By including the Cocoons Sunglasses, Clip-Ons and Flip-Ups on the same website, it allows our visitors to understand how each product line is unique, yet fits into the Cocoons OveRx collection. With approximately 62% of the population requiring corrective eyewear, our key to success has been to not only deliver superior quality and innovation, but also a variety of options to meet the needs of our many end users."

In addition to product information, the site also features a detailed Cocoons Pro Staff section that includes angler bios, tournament schedules, videos, and photo albums on BASS fishing icons Mike Iaconelli and Ish Monroe.

For retailers, the exclusive dealer login provides access to download high resolution product images, lifestyle photos, logos, and important Live Eyewear information that can assist each dealer in developing their own personalized marketing campaigns to maximize their OveRx sunwear sales potential. All authorized retailers with an online Live Eyewear account can utilize the online speed order form to quickly place their orders safely and conveniently.

Cocoons sunglasses, Clip-Ons and Flip-Ups are specifically designed to be worn over prescription eyewear. The Cocoons OveRx collection features Polaré lenses that deliver 100%

polarization and maximum protection from damaging UVA&B light, while eliminating harsh glare. Polaré lenses exceed the Class 1 requirements of the European Standard for optical clarity and performance, and meet strict ANSI Z80.3 eyewear regulations for impact resistance, durability, and scratch resistance. All Cocoons sunwear products include a custom case, one year scratch resistant lens warranty and a limited lifetime warranty on the frames. For additional details, contact Live Eyewear at 800.834.2563 or www.cocoonseyewear.com.

Southeastern Utah Fishing Report

GENERAL: It's transition time. Die-hard ice anglers continue to auger through diminishing ice packs, while bank-side fishermen are throwing bait and lures. Boats, tubes and pontoons are beginning to appear at low elevation waters. If you're stuck on ice-fishing, please be extra cautious!

GIGLIOTTI POND: The pond is ice-free, and was lightly stocked with albino rainbow trout, including excess brood stock. A few lunkers have been landed in the past few weeks.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: Conservation Officer Ben Riley fished last weekend and reports that trout stomachs were full of gray scuds. Ben recommends a scud pattern for flycasters, and little red worms for bait fishermen. Randall Stilson surveyed anglers on Sunday and reported fair fishing success. Randall recommends fishing in the deeper holes with worms or nightcrawlers. Tom Ogden has had good luck with a #10 beadhead Montana nymph or #14 beadhead hares ear. The catch consists primarily of browns, ranging from 11 to 14 inches.

HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK: The reservoir continues to fill. The water elevation will be fluctuating all spring and summer to meet irrigation needs. State Park Manager Dan Richards reports slow fishing. Aquatics Biologist Kenny Breidinger fished last Sunday and confirmed Dan's assessment. There's a lot of natural food in the water, making it difficult to lure fish to bait.

JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR: The ice is coming off the reservoir, leaving plenty of room for shoreline angling. No recommendations on tackle and bait at this point. This water has special regulations. Please refer to the 2008 Fishing Guidebook.

LAKE POWELL: Visit www.wayneswords.com for the latest fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

LASAL MOUNTAINS: Conservation Officer TJ Robertson reports slow fishing at Ken's Lake. The best times to fish are early morning or evening. Bass are becoming more active. TJ received a report of a seven-pound bass that was caught last week. Mountain lakes remain inaccessible. The gates to Oowah and Warner are still closed.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR: Park Manager Dan Richards reports fair to good fishing. He has seen a lot of 12- to 14-inch rainbows coming out. Anglers have been using worms or PowerBait. Dan trolled last weekend and caught a mixed bag of rainbows and splake. Both trout species ranged from 12 to 14 inches. Dan had good luck with a silver Kastmaster.

SAN JUAN COUNTY: Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Ken's Lake last weekend. In one hour, he caught a 16-inch brown and 12-inch rainbow. A week ago, Conservation Officer Paul Washburn reported steady fishing at Blanding #4 with traditional baits. Slow fishing was reported at Blanding #3 and Recapture Reservoir. Lloyd's Lake is ice-free. No report on fishing success or tackle recommendations.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: The bite was sporadic. Fair fishing success was most common. The ice pack is variable. A week ago, more than two feet of ice was reported in the mid and upper lake, although an expanse of open water exists on the south end, which grows daily.

A week ago, Volunteer Coordinator Randall Stilson interviewed a party of six, which had each caught a limit of fish. In a full day's fishing, each member of the party had iced an estimated 15 to 20 trout apiece. Their preferred end tackle was a green plastic jig, tipped with chub meat or a wax worm. Green PowerBait was also effective. Their biggest fish was a tiger trout that measured 19.5 inches. The biggest cutthroat was 16.25 inches. The party fished close to the island.

On the Utah fishing forum at www.bigfishtackle.com, one thread posted on April 4 indicated good fishing from daybreak until 9 a.m. "Chester" fished in seven feet of water on the east side. When the bite slowed down, he walked halfway to the island, where action picked up. By 2 p.m., Chester had caught 12 trout, including three cutts, two tigers and seven bows. His biggest fish was a rotund 19-inch cutt. Chester used a white jighead, tipped with a crawler.

Anglers' Legacy

Hook friends and family on fishing!

Remember your first fishing trip? Whether you were young or old, successful or skunked, that initial trip made a lasting impression. And you'll never forget who took you. For me, it was my brother, Joe.

Robin's story: Memories that last a lifetime

I was only five years old, but I still remember it was a sweltering Utah summer, probably sometime in late July or early August.

On weekends, my family would trek to the property we owned above Jordanelle Reservoir. Then we'd spend hours working on projects, especially mending and painting fences. Looking back, that's probably why Joe volunteered to take me fishing!

Joe is seven years older than I am and always treated me like his little buddy. On our weekend trips, we'd help with family projects and then head over to the large, winding irrigation ditch and toss in a line.

I don't recall any spectacular catches during that first trip—just a lot of fun. We had such a good time that we went back whenever we could. In addition to reeling in fish, we'd throw rocks, catch bugs and swing on a nearby rope swing. Then we'd wander back, sunburned and happy, in soppy, squishy shoes.

That time with Joe is one of my favorite childhood memories. It's why I still fish today and why I've taken the Anglers' Legacy pledge.

How Anglers' Legacy works

Launched in May 2006, the Anglers' Legacy program encourages avid anglers to share their passion for fishing. It's very easy: you just sign the pledge and promise to take at least one new person fishing each year.

There's no membership fee and no obligation. You're just confirming that you will share your knowledge and expertise with someone who's never fished before.

In fact, it's probably something you've already done. Have you ever invited a non-angler friend or relative on a trip to your favorite fishing hole? If so, you know just how satisfying it can be.

That's what Anglers' Legacy is all about—simply giving back what you've been given, and promising to introduce somebody new to the activity you love.

Northern and Central Region Fishing Report

BEAR LAKE: The ice at Bear Lake is holding up very well with nighttime temperatures still in the single digits! There is still about a foot of snow along the western shoreline. Access to the ice is good around the lake with the exception of the Bear Lake State Park Marina. Fishing pressure was very light, but the few people that have been fishing are catching some nice-sized lakers and cutthroat. Try right on top of the "rockpile" at Ideal Beach in 37 to 50 feet of water. Try tube jigs or jigging spoons tipped with cisco or sucker meat. Ice along the east side is also holding up very well, but there just hasn't been anyone fishing it. Try the same methods as described above but move out to 50 to 80 feet of water. Don't put your ice fishing gear away yet—there is still some ice fishing to be had at Bear Lake!

For real-time weather (wind speed, water temp, air temp, lake elevation) see bearlakewatch.com If you want to see what the actual weather conditions and ice conditions in the marina are in real-time, you can click on the link to the Live Lake View cams and then click on Bear Lake.

Fishing regulation changes for 2008 include recognizing both Utah and Idaho licenses and the respective state's second pole permits on either side of the lake. What this means is that either a Utah or Idaho license holder can fish on either side of the lake. In addition, if an angler also has purchased a second pole permit (two pole permit) then they can fish with two poles on

either side of the state line too. For those interested the GPS coordinates for the new rockpiles using WGS84 datum going from south to north are: 41 degrees 58.097 minutes; 111 degrees 23.682 minutes; 41 degrees 58.187 minutes; 111 degrees 23.728 minutes; 41 degrees 58.292 minutes; 111 degrees 23.765 minutes; 41 degrees 58.418 minutes; 111 degrees 23.798 minutes; Report from Biologist Scott Tolentino.

BIRCH CREEK RESERVOIR: There was no sign of anyone accessing the area. Access is still by snow machine only. Report from Officer Casey McVay.

BLACKSMITH FORK RIVE: I was impressed with the number of fish rising on calm water at the impoundment just above the power plant at 10:00 a.m. There was nobody fishing the area however. The USGS Web site indicates the water is running at 82 cfs. The river looked pretty clear, yet was running higher than last week. report from Phil Douglass.

EAST CANYON RESERVOIR: Anglers were fishing the open water areas near the inlet and Dixie arm. Fishing was good at the inlet with night crawlers for rainbow trout ranging from ten to twelve inches. Report from Officer Jonathan Moser.

HYRUM RESERVOIR: The reservoir is completely ice-free, yet there was no angling activity on April 9. Report from Phil Douglass.

LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR: Hot fishing right now through the ice! The ice is still twelve inches thick. Report from Officer Casey McVay.

LOGAN RIVER: I went fishing on the Logan on Monday, April 7. I was just past Right Hand Fork. I caught three cutts on nymphs. Could have been some good midge action, but it started to snow. The river was crystal clear, but starting to run faster. The USGS Web site indicates the water is running at 88 cfs. Report from Tod Morrison.

MANTUA RESERVOIR: There is ice on 90 percent of the reservoir with some open water on the southeast end. It looked like some wet areas were forming on the main body of ice on April 9. Report from Phil Douglass.

WEBER RIVER: Fishing for brown trout was good near Croyden. The USGS Web site indicates the water is running at 92 cfs at Coalville and 140 cfs further dwon the canyon. Report from Officer Jonathan Moser.

WOODRUFF CREEK RESERVOIR: Access is by four-wheelers. I checked two anglers with limits of fish on April 5—they were the only ones fishing and they had to take turns on the ice auger to get through three feet of ice. Report from Officer Casey McVay.

Larger lakes & reservoirs

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR: (April 10) Open water on the Charleston portion of the reservoir up to around "The Island" area and beyond. Still ice on about 70% of the Reservoir. Do not ice fish! Please remember that the trout limit is four statewide unless otherwise noted in the proclamation. Yellow perch limit is 10 but you must keep all perch you catch from January 1 through April 30. Remember that the bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit is 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

JORDANELLE RESERVOIR: (April 10) Still much ice on the reservoir but ice fishing is discouraged. Bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Perch limit is 50! Please remember not to fillet bass or remove heads or tails because of the size restriction (for law enforcement purposes).

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR: (April 10) Ice fishing success was reported as good again this week. There is still plenty of thick ice reported by anglers. In fact, ice is very thick and drilling one hole can be a chore. Anglers report drilling all the way to the handle of the auger before breaking through to water. Slush is making ATVs get stuck but some snowmobiles are still on the ice. Regulations for the reservoir include an aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two of which may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches long. All cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released (any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat). Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish!

UTAH LAKE: (April 10) Ice free. Getting several reports of small male walleye being caught success is still slow however. There is no limit on white bass. Remember that tributaries to Utah Lake (from I-15 to the lake) are closed to angling March 1st through May 1st! Largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, but immediately release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

YUBA RESERVOIR: (April 10) Open water. Walleye numbers are up but fishing success for perch and walleye is slow to fair. Not too many rainbow trout in the reservoir. Please keep walleye. New regulations on perch began on January 1 which now allow anglers to keep 10 perch. However all perch must be kept from January 1 through April 30. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

Smaller lakes, reservoirs & ponds

BURRASTON POND: (April 10) Fishing success is fair. Most anglers are using PowerBait.

MILL HOLLOW: Drained! No fishing until 2009!

PAYSON LAKE: (April 2) Gate to Payson Canyon (Nebo Loop) is now locked, therefore no access to the lakes.

SALEM POND: (April 10) Slow success reported for trout, catfish and bass. The park closes at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit of four fish (Daily bag and possession limit is a total of four fish in the aggregate for all species, for example: one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill.

SALT LAKE COMMUNITY WATERS: (April 10) Fair fishing success. Waters will be stocked in week or two.

SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR: (April 10) Open water and good success. Worms work best.

SPRING LAKE: (April 10) Anglers report fair success. Catfish success is slow.

TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR: (April 10) Fair success for trout in open water.

VERNON, GRANSTVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIR: (Tooele Co.) (April 10) Angler John reports open water at Settlement with fair fishing success. Angler Charissa reports a considerable bit of Vernon is ice-covered and some anglers fishing the open water had caught a fish or two (slow to fair success). Grantsville is open water with slow to fair success.

Rivers & streams

AMERICAN FORK RIVER: (April 10) Fair fishing success reported by using worms or small flies.

DIAMOND FORK RIVER: (April 10) Light fishing pressure and fair success by using flies, worms or lures. Most cutts in the areas above three forks are similar in size (about 10 to 12 inches). The previously closed area above three forks opened up to angling on January 1.

HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN: (April 10) Fair fishing success in the creek. Catch basin has not been stocked yet but will be within a week or so.

PROVO RIVER: (April 10) Remember that tributaries to Utah Lake (from I-15 to the lake) are closed to angling March 1 through May 1! Water level was not too high and clarity looked good yesterday below both Jordanelle and Deer Creek dams. Hares ear, sow bugs, and other small surface flies and bottom bouncing nymphs are producing fair to good success. Read the fishing proclamation for the different regulations on the river some areas allow bait and others do not. Size restrictions and reduced limits ("two brown trout under 15 inches") are in place in some stretches.

THISTLE CREEK: (April 10) Fair success by using flies, lures or worms.

POISONOUS PLANTS: IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT

In the "Garden of Evil," author Nancy Pietroski reports on Mother Nature's dark side of potentially toxic plants. With examples of these toxic plants and mushrooms and the typical symptoms they produce, the author arms you with a plan of action. The article is published in the latest issue of *Wilderness Medicine*.

In the United States alone for the period from 1994 to 1999, a million people ingested plants that were possibly poisonous. Fortunately, mortality from these ingestions is rare, writes Pietroski, a clinical pharmacist. Only about 30 deaths were reported from 1983 to 2000. Children account for the majority of exposures (80 percent) but usually ingest such small amounts that minor suffering occurs. Those who harvest plants for food, herbalists who incorrectly prepare the proper concentration of a tea or extract, and those who pick a plant for recreation (to get high, etc.) and do not get the identification right are most at risk for morbidity and mortality due to toxic plant ingestions.

While correct identification of the toxic species could prevent harm, identification is also important after the toxic plant or mushroom has been ingested. Carry a guide to the area in

which you will be traveling and know what a plant is before it tempts your palate, recommends the author.

Beyond identification, detailing the early symptoms, learning how the plant was prepared, how much was ingested, the time of ingestion, and time to onset of symptoms are just a few of the steps when trying to diagnose and treat for poisonous plants and mushrooms. Since mild toxicity occurs within 1 to 2 hours after ingestion and moderate to severe toxicity occurs 4 to 6 hours later, being aware of these steps is critical to proper treatment.

To read the entire article, Garden of Evil—Identifying and Avoiding Poisonous Plants That May Sicken Even Kill You; click here: http://www.allenpress.com/pdf/wimm-25-02-14-17.pdf

Wilderness Medicine is a quarterly medical magazine published by the Wilderness Medical Society. For more information, visit http://www.wms.org.

Additional community meetings scheduled to discuss Lake Powell Pipeline Project
Meetings to be held in St. George and Cedar City

St. George, UT – Earlier this month the state of Utah hosted the first round of community meetings to inform property owners and other interested parties about the Lake Powell Pipeline Project. Because of the high interest and large audiences at these four meetings, a second round of meetings has been scheduled. These additional meetings will be held in St. George on April 22, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Dixie Center, Entrada Room and in Cedar City from on April 23, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Crystal Inn, Windsor Room.

Utah residents are invited to attend one or both of the meetings to learn more about the project and ask questions of the project team. Each meeting will provide the same information to those in attendance. A presentation about the project will be provided at the beginning of the meeting, followed by one-on-one question and answer session with members of the project team.

"Water needs in southwestern Utah will continue to grow, even with increased water conservation, reuse and recycling, requiring new water supplies such as the Lake Powell Pipeline," said Dennis Strong, Division Director. "The economy and quality of life in southwestern Utah depends on having a reliable supply of water."

"There is a lot of interest in this project throughout the state," explained Larry Anderson, Lake Powell Pipeline project manager. "We want to ensure residents are getting timely and accurate information about this very important project for Utah's future, one way to do that is through a second round of community meetings."

On March 4, 2008 the Utah Board of Water Resources filed the first documents related to the Lake Powell Pipeline Project. A Pre-Application Document and Notice of Intent to file an Application for Original License were submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C. This filing begins the environmental assessment and

public review processes for the Lake Powell Pipeline Project.

The Lake Powell Pipeline Project would involve construction of approximately 139 miles of pipeline from Lake Powell to Sand Hollow Reservoir and approximately 35 miles of pipeline from Sand Hollow Reservoir to Cedar City. Pumping facilities at Lake Powell near Glen Canyon Dam and booster-pumping stations along the alignment would help pump the water over the high points in the pipeline. Hydroelectric generating facilities also would be constructed along the alignment.

Once completed, the Lake Powell Pipeline Project would deliver 100,000 acre-feet of water annually from Lake Powell to three Utah water conservancy districts: the Kane County Water Conservancy District, the Washington County Water Conservancy District and Central Iron County Water Conservancy District.

The project would be constructed and funded by the state of Utah through the Board. The water conservancy districts would purchase the water from the Board to reimburse the state of Utah.

The Pre-Application Document is available for public review at the Legacy Center, 43 S. 100 E., St. George, Utah at the Utah Division of Water Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. For questions, please call the toll-free telephone number 877-396-2633.

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CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED
The 15th annual exhibit of birdhouses at the Ogden Nature Center

The Ogden Nature Center is proud to announce its 15th Annual Birdhouse Exhibit, opening on April 19 and showing through August 31, 2008. The public is invited to stroll down Birdhouse Lane to view this year's unique entries along with the Nature Center¹s permanent collection of over 50 birdhouses.

The birdhouse competition was designed to demonstrate ways to attract wildlife to backyards by creating unique, aesthetically pleasing habitats. Entrants are encouraged to use environmentally sensitive materials in their construction. Almost all of the birdhouse creators used environmentally-sensitive building materials, such as recyclable or recycled materials and non-toxic finishes.

"People often ask if the birdhouses are used, and the answer is definitely yes. This time of year we have songbirds popping in and out of the birdhouses while they set up nests inside" said Brandi Bosworth, Public Relations coordinator for the Nature Center. "While many of the birdhouses are strictly artistic, several are functional and get used by birds year after year."

This competition is sponsored by the Utah Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington D.C. along with partners: Jack and Jodi Livingood, the Robin and Brad Farr Family, Shepherd¹s Bush, Pat & Glen Richter, Salt Lake Wild Bird Center, Wasatch Audubon Society, Ogden Blue the Wild Bird Center of Layton and Jeremiah¹s Restaurant.

Exhibition Display:
April 19 through August 31, 2008
Open Monday through Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-4

Admission:
$1.25 for children 2-11
$3.00 for adults

Free for Nature Center members

2008 Birdhouse Judging Results
Judges: Jim Jacobs, Arnold Smith, Deb Marin

Top Awards

Honorable Mention: #8 F. D. "Fig"Newton "You Did Say Birdhouse?" (barnwood) Ogden
Judge¹s Choice: #10 Matt McNaughtan ³Canadian Goose House² (ceramic) SLC
Commission Award #7 Outback Pottery ³Golfer¹s Delight² (wood, clay) Ogden

Birdhouse Category Awards

Imaginative/Artistic:
1st place - #10 Matt McNaughtan ³Canadian Goose House² (ceramic) SLC
2nd place - #15 Mary Stone ³Sunflower Bird Resort² (mesh, cloth, bamboo) Ogden

Best Use of Recycled Materials:
1st place - #21 Tyler Burton ³Warbler Cottage² (recycled wood, shingles, pipe) SLC
2nd place - #16 Mark Fortugno ³Bird Pagoda² (recycled materials) Layton

Unique Use of Materials:
1st place - #17 Dave Mudrow ³Bird Walker² (propane tanks, recycled metal) Ogden

2nd place - # 2 Tim Craner ³Sticks and Twigs² (recycled particle board, twigs) Ogden

Form/Function:
1st place - #22 Joel Zamora ³Stone Haven² (Stones, reclaimed wood, mortar) Ogden
2nd place - #19 Gary Myers ³The Original Bird Stump² (Sycamore, terra cotta, wicker) Ogden

Originality
1st place - # 1 Heinz Jockisch ³Pueblo Birdhouse² (wood, paint, pipe) Touille
2nd place - #11 Matt McNaughtan ³Oh, My Bird² (ceramic) SLC

Children¹s Awards

Form/Function:
1st place - #5 Sara Geis ³Kingfisher² (old barn wood) West Jordan
2nd place - #12 Joy Green ³The Joyful House of Birds² (wood) Ogden

Imaginative/Artistic:
1st place - #18 Lily Bosworth ³Sunshine Way² (reclaimed wood, paint, bark, twigs) Ogden
2nd place - #20 Jacob Kanatsis-Rottan ³Birdhouse on Vacation² (old suitcase) Ogden

Purchased Firewood may not be good for Campfires

With Earth Day next week (April 22nd), plastic water bottles are top of mind – but an even greater threat to Mother Nature may be a favorite pastime for many this spring and summer. As millions of Americans plan their first camping trips of the season and head into the great outdoors, foresters hope they will leave one thing behind: firewood.

Problem: The U.S. Forest Service says transporting firewood lets tree-killing insects hitch a ride into the woods. For example, in New Hampshire, half of all campers come from others states and half of all campers bring firewood from home. Minnesota has over 50,000 loads of firewood being brought into areas where it does not belong.

"Wood trafficking" is a real and pervasive threat – and the insects harbored inside cause about $120 billion in damage, lost revenue, and prevention expenses every year.

The emerald ash borer, a half-inch long, metallic-green beetle, has killed more than 20 million ash trees in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, and Ontario.

What to burn? Bringing firewood into parks is discouraged – or even banned in some states. In-park firewood collection is prohibited because downed wood is a necessary part of the eco-system.

Solution: Shopping may be more eco-friendly than chopping. All-natural store-bought firelogs produce 80 percent fewer emissions (ash, dust, creosote, & carbon monoxide) than

wood – and are bug free:

Java-Log
Java-Log is the first and only firelog made with recycled spent coffee grounds and all-natural wax -- 100 percent renewable resources! Java-Log firelog diverts more than 20 million pounds of coffee waste each year that would otherwise end up in our landfills! www.java-log.com

Pine Mountain
All-Natural Pine Mountain firelogs are made from 100 percent renewable resources, including recycled sawdust and all-natural wax.
www.pinemountainbrands.com

Both Java-Log and Pine Mountain firelogs are longer-burning than firewood (2-3 hours per log) and require no kindling or stoking (simply light the paper wrapper). Available at all major retailers, the firelogs cost $2-3 per log or can be purchased in cases.

Coalition Calls for Renewed Protection of Wetlands

WASHINGTON – A coalition of hunting, fishing and conservation organizations today applauded the members of Congress focused on finding a lasting legislative solution to our national wetlands protection crisis. Their efforts will also restore protections to many of the nation's streams that are also at risk of pollution and destruction.

As the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure today continues hearings on the status of the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act, "it must clarify that protections are needed for our nation's wetlands and other waters in the wake of recent Supreme Court decisions that have narrowed the Act's protections," according to Scott Sutherland of Ducks Unlimited. "We strongly urge Congress to pass H.R. 2421/S. 1870, the Clean Water Restoration Act to provide Americans with the decisive statutory language needed to ensure that these resources will not be destroyed and our water will not be polluted."

"The Supreme Court rulings from 2001 and 2006 questioned the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to enforce the Clean Water Act on certain waters and wetlands," said Jan Goldman-Carter of the National Wildlife Federation. "As a result, protection of some of the most environmentally productive and important waters in our nation were weakened considerably. This is of great concern to the millions of America's hunters and anglers."

At risk are a host of important ecological features, such as prairie potholes, playa lakes, and intermittent and ephemeral streams, essential to America's fish and wildlife populations. Indeed, the U.S. has lost some 52 percent of its original wetlands and continues to lose more than 80,000 wetland acres each year.

"For 35 years, there's been an effective means to protect streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands, but now when they are even fewer in number and their importance and societal values are far better understood, our nation must confront the fact that this protection has been weakened by accumulated legal challenges," said Steve Moyer of Trout Unlimited.

"Hunters and anglers know first-hand the importance of wetlands, lakes and streams," said George Cooper of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. "We cannot allow the vital habitat, clean water and flood control functions that natural wetlands provide to continue to deteriorate – to do so would come at great public cost."

TREE TO BE PLANTED ON NEWLY RENOVATED STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS IN HONOR OF ARBOR DAY

What: Utah Arbor Day Ceremony
Who: Lt. Governor Gary Herbert State Forester Richard Buehler Representatives from the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Eight poster contest winners (K-6 grade and special education), friends family members
Teachers and classmates of the winning students
Utah Arbor Day Committee members
Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl
When: 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Where: Utah State Capitol grounds (northwest corner)

· Ceremony will take place in front of three preserved Giant Sequoia trees
· Tree planting will be on the corner of 5th North and Columbus
Why: Arbor Day is celebrated every year promote the importance of trees in places where we live, work and play. Though the main focus of Arbor Day is to encourage tree planting, it also serves to teach environmental stewardship and how the many benefits trees provide.

As part of the Arbor Day festivities, the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands sponsors a poster contest, in cooperation with the National Arbor Day Foundation, for elementary age students from kindergarten to sixth grade and in special education classrooms. This year's theme is "Trees are Terrific…Inside and Out". The statewide winners (see list below) will be in attendance and will assist Lt. Governor Herbert and State Forester Buehler plant the 2008 Arbor Day tree on the newly renovated grounds of the Utah State Capitol.

Winners:
Grand Prize Winner - Rachelle Bettridge, 4th grade, Fiddler's Canyon Elementary, Cedar City
Kindergarten - Skylar Martinek-Ballard, The Colby School, Park City
1st Grade - Bronwyn Kennington, Meridian School, Provo
2nd Grade - Emma Brumm, Intermountain Christian, Salt Lake City
3rd Grade - Andy Jeong, Reid School, Salt Lake City
5th Grade - Hayden Hatch, Reese Elementary, Spanish Fork
6th Grade - Megan Fallin, Cache Valley Learning Center, Logan
Special Education - Kaycee Hatch, Springdale Elementary, Springdale

Other: This event is open to the public.

For more information, visit www.arborday.utah.gov

Author Rosalie Winard - Book Signing May 15

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Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson April 15, 2008
Lake Elevation: 3591 Water Temperature: 55-65 F

Bass are Building Nests!

Largemouth bass began nest construction this week as air temperature hit 80 degrees. Spawning is imminent with largemouth going first followed by smallmouth a few days later. Warming is long overdue but may work to the advantage of anglers who enjoy fishing for spawning bass. Expect to find bedding bass in shallow water for the next 10 days. Lake levels are not increasing at a quick rate so nests will be visible for the first spawn.

All of this is weather related. Bass move on nests as the water warms quickly. This spawning trigger causes a quick reaction in bass that are now overdue. Bass move on nests and spawn within a few hours. Males are actively building nests today. Each male then spawns with one to two females on the next warm day. On the third day the male drives away anything that comes close to the nest including female bass and fishing lures. Aggression is greatest right after the spawn and decreases with each passing day. By the fifth day of nest tending the male is seen lurking near the nest but not actively chasing. In warm water, eggs hatch and fry swim off in about 7 days. It takes longer if the water cools. Males stay with the black fry for a few days and then spawn again. A male may spawn as many as 6 times during a season if driven off the nest by cooling temperatures. They renest as soon as the water warms once more.

It is fun to sight fish for bedding bass. Watching a slow sinking senko or grub settle onto the nest creates an adrenalin rush as the nest monster rushes to the attack. Enjoy the spectacle but return fish caught on beds so they can protect the nest. If keeping a few bass for dinner – keep the fish that are lurking on the extremities beyond the nest. In the bass community, females are excess fish and should be the ones harvested. Males are vital to perpetuate the species.

Striper fishing is excellent. In the south, stripers have moved into the main channel. It is not necessary to fight the crowd at the dam any longer. Large schools are found roaming the channel near Buoy 1 and 3 and from the Power Plant intake to Buoy 9. The points in Navajo Canyon just past the double islands are beginning to produce some nice catches. Main channel fish tend to move to a slightly different spot each day so a good method to find them is trolling the wall with a deep diving lure. When fish hit the trolling lure, stop and drop bait to fill the cooler in a hurry. With warming temperatures remember to put fish immediately in a cooler with ice to keep the fish fresh. Do not place them on a stringer in warm water. They deteriorate in a hurry unless kept cool.

In the north lake both bait and trolling are working. Moki Wall near the mouth of the canyon is producing for bait anglers, as is the mouth of Lake Canyon. Trolling with a deep diving lure like a Rapala X-Rap is working well in the back of Bullfrog Bay, Red Canyon south of Castle Butte, and White Canyon. Water is stained by runoff beginning at Ticaboo in Good Hope Bay but it is not interfering with fishing until rounding the horn at 2 Mile and 4 Mile Canyons. The backs of these canyons are still clear enough to fish.

Crappie are showing up in modest numbers around brush in the backs of many canyons.
This is the best report of fishing conditions that I have been able to write this year. Watch the weather reports and plan the spring trip now. Try to fit it in between storm fronts for the best results.

Coalition Launches "We Are Wetlands" Campaign

Sportsmen's group launches drive to add 80,000 signatures – one for each acre of natural wetlands lost this year – to petition calling for restored national wetlands protections

WASHINGTON – With Congress confronting the loss of wetlands protections once provided in the Clean Water Act, a national coalition of conservationists is launching a major new grassroots campaign calling for the restoration of federal wetlands protections.

Recent years have seen a pair of complicated Supreme Court decisions effectively roll back the scope of the Clean Water Act, leaving more of the country's dwindling natural wetlands unprotected. In response, the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership is launching the **"We Are Wetlands"** campaign, designed to add 80,000 signatures -- one for each acre of natural wetlands that will be lost this year -- to the call for restored wetlands protections.

The TRCP marked the launch of the campaign near Minneapolis, Minn. at a rally that drew hundreds of sportsmen, along with elected officials and members of the media.

"With more than half of our natural wetlands already gone, we need a strong safety net for wetlands that stretches from coast-to-coast," said James D. Range, TRCP Chairman, who has worked on wetlands protection legislation – including the original Clean Water Act – for more than three decades. "Those who would destroy natural wetlands have widened loopholes in the Clean Water Act's fabric, meaning that our current safety net is letting critical resources fall through."

"When natural wetlands disappear, a lot of things disappear with them," said Geoff Mullins, TRCP wetlands initiative manager. "These include a lot of things sportsmen care about particularly deeply, like ducks, geese and fish, along with things that everyone cares about, like clean drinking water."

Hunters and anglers know firsthand the importance of wetlands," said TRCP President and CEO George Cooper. "We cannot allow the vital habitat, clean water and flood control functions that natural wetlands provide to continue to deteriorate. To do so would come at great public cost."

Greg Holyfield, who will be working to engage Southeastern sportsmen in the campaign, sees the protection of coastal marshes as a critical conservation need. "From the Chesapeake to the Carolinas to Florida to the bayou, there's a bunch of folks who know the value of a healthy back bays, marshes and swamps. We'll be making sure their elected officials hear their voices."

Tim Balzer, TRCP Upper Mississippi River Field Representative, will engage with hunters and anglers with an eye toward conserving the Prairie Pothole region. “At a time when climatic pressures are acute and habitat loss and fragmentation are proceeding at a record pace,” he said, “we must expand the ‘Duck Factory of North America.’”

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing in the coming days to explore issues surrounding wetlands loss. “Our fundamental hope is that our leaders are able to find a legislative solution that delivers a lasting, unassailable statement about the value of natural wetlands and the need to immediately stanch their loss,” said Mullins. “Because when it comes to wetlands, we hunt ‘em, fish ‘em, eat ‘em, drink ‘em. In every way, we need ‘em.”

More details about the We Are Wetlands campaign are available at www.wearewetlands.org.

FUGAWI TOURATEL UNVEILS ULTIMATE ONLINE CANADIAN TOPO MAP RESOURCE

Powerful Web 2.0 based mapping resource offers one stop shop for free Canadian Maps

TORONTO, Canada – GPS software manufacturer Northport Systems, Inc., announced today upgrades to its powerful online map resource, Fugawi Touratel. An interactive mapping website targeting outdoor enthusiasts, Fugawi Touratel allows users to view and print Canadian and US topographic maps from Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS). Fugawi is the first and only company to provide both Canadian and U.S. topo maps in one place. In addition to its new comprehensive collection of Canadian topographic data, Touratel.com now supports faster zoom and enhanced print capabilities including grid lines and large format printing.

“We are pleased to offer Canadian and U.S. topographic maps to the public at no charge though our new web resource, touratel.com,” said Robin Martel, president of Northport Systems. “With the addition of a complete set of topographic maps from Natural Resources Canada to our Fugawi Touratel web services, we are well-positioned for growth into new applications for the Canadian market.”

Designed to enhance outdoor activities such as hiking,

mountain biking, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and more, the touratel.com website is a free service enabling users to view and print copies of high quality maps. The site contains NRCan maps in 1:50,000 and 1:250,000 scales for all Canadian Provinces, and USGS topographic maps for the USA, including Hawaii and Alaska, at all available scales, including 1:24,000, 1:100,000 and 1:250,000. Also available through the intuitive tab-based interface are high quality aerial photos and Google™ maps so the user can review their area of interest utilizing several different map sources. Users can zoom in to any location and print paper copies to take with them.

Availability
For more information on Fugawi Touratel, or to learn more about Northport Systems and its entire product line, please contact (416) 920-9300, or visit www.touratel.com .

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Suggested retail price is $11.95.

Public Scoping Meetings Scheduled for Proposed Ruby Pipeline Project

Salt Lake City, Utah— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah State Office announces that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Ruby Pipeline Project, planned by Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C. The Ruby Pipeline Project proposes to construct and operate approximately 680 miles of 42-inch diameter natural gas pipeline, two new compressor stations, and related facilities in Wyoming, Utah, Nevada, and Oregon. The BLM is participating as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS because the project would cross federally administered lands in all four states, and the Forest Service is also participating

as a cooperating agency because the project would cross the Wasatch-Cache and Fremont Winema National Forests in Utah and Oregon, respectively.

Public scoping comments guide the development of the EIS, and FERC welcomes all comments on the Ruby Pipeline Project proposal. To facilitate this process, six public scoping meetings have been scheduled to provide agencies and the public with opportunities to offer their comments.

April 15, 2008 Elko, Nevada: Hilton Garden Inn, 3650 East Idaho Street
April 16, 2008 Kemmerer, Wyoming: Kemmerer Senior Center, 105 JC Penney Drive
April 17, 2008 Brigham City, Utah: Box Elder High School Auditorium, 380 South 600 West
April 22, 2008 Malin, Oregon: Malin Community Hall, 2307 Front Street
April 23, 2008 Lakeview, Oregon: Elks Lodge, 323 N. F Street
April 24, 2008 Winnemucca, Nevada: Winnemucca Convention Center, 50 W. Winnemucca Blvd.

All meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm in each respective time zone.
Those who cannot attend one of the scheduled public scoping meetings may still comment by either regular mail or e-mail. Regardless of how comments are submitted, please note that they should be as specific as possible.

Comments which express only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response; however, they will be considered in the decision-making process. The most useful comments will identify issues that should be considered in the analysis.

To mail comments, please carefully follow these instructions:

- Mail your comments so that they will be received in Washington, D.C. on or before April 30, 2008.
- Send an original and two copies of your letter to:

  Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
  Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
  888 First Street NE, Room 1A
  Washington, DC 20426

- Address one copy of your comments to the attention of Gas 1, DG2E
- Write Reference Docket No. PF08-9-000 on the original and both copies.

Electronic filing of comments is encouraged. Visit http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/quick-comment-guide.pdf for detailed instructions on how to comment online, but please remember that comments submitted electronically must still be received on or before April 30, 2008.

Information concerning the involvement of the BLM in the EIS process may be obtained from Mark Mackiewicz, PMP, National Project Manager at (435) 636-3616. Information concerning the involvement of the Forest Service may be obtained from Catherine Callaghan at the Fremont-Winema National Forest at (541) 947-2151 and from David Ream at the Wasatch-Cache National Forest at (801) 236-3400.

Additional information about the Ruby Pipeline Project is available from FERC's Office of External Affairs which may be reached at 1-866-208-FERC or on the FERC website at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp . Select the eLibrary link, then select "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (PF08-9).

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to have your personal identifying information withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments may also be published as part of the NEPA document and other related documents. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

CHARGES FILED FOR SHOOTING PRONGHORN

PRICE, UTAH—On April 4, 2008, the Carbon County Attorney's Office filed one Third Degree Felony charge against Jimmy Jorgensen of Carbon County for the wanton destruction of protected wildlife. On or about May 11, 2007, Mr. Jorgensen allegedly shot four pronghorn antelope in Coal Creek north of Wellington. A Class B Misdemeanor was also filed, because all animals had been left to waste.

This case was initiated after Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) officers received a call from a concerned citizen. The DWR urges anyone with information about the illegal harvest of any wildlife species to call the Help Stop Poaching Hotline at 1-800-662-DEER or the Price Dispatcher at: 637-0893. The informant may remain anonymous or will be held in confidentiality.

Snowbasin Resort – Staying Power – Closing Date Extended Through April 27th.

Snowbasin – Utah -- With over 425 inches of snow this season Mother Nature has provided Snowbasin Resort with additional staying power to extend their closing date until April 27th.

Last weekend provided skiing/riding guests with sunny skies and excellent snow.

Lifts operating through April 20 will be Porky, Becker, Little Cat and the Needles Express Gondola.

for Ruger LCP

Lifts operating after the 20th until closing will be Little Cat and the Needles Express Gondola.

Rates effective April 14 through closing are Adults $39.—Child $23.00

Earl's Lodge will be open for dining and Needles Lodge will be open with a limited menu, however Needles at Night fine dining will continue through closing. Retail, Rentals and Snowsports will also be open. Tubing Hill will close at the end of the day April 20th.

Reminder that the Ogden Canyon road will be closed from the mouth of the canyon up to the spill way Saturday, April 19th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for repair through the narrows, no access for vehicles.

Live music will be on the Plaza from 2-5 on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Join us for spring skiing at its best.

New Defender Series Lasergrips for the Ruger LCP Coming Soon

Wilsonville, OR - April 11, 2008: Crimson Trace announces new Lasergrips for the wildly popular Ruger LCP compact pistol. The model LG-431 further cements Crimson Trace's move into the subcompact market of polymer-frame concealable handguns. The LG-431 should be available summer of 2008.

The model LG-431 adds very little mass to the already compact package of the Ruger LCP. This should allow the pistol to fit most holsters. It attaches directly and securely to the trigger guard of the polymer frame using two screws that add to the overall stability of this unit. The Lasergrips clamp to the outside of the trigger guard while hugging the frame as it nears the front of the pistol. With the laser diode housing directly under the barrel, it allows the laser to be closer to the bore of the gun, creating a very accurate laser sighting device. It is instinctively activated by a pressure switch built into the front underside of the polymer Lasergrips. Simply grasping the firearm in a normal shooting grip activates the laser. All electrical components fit into the Lasergrips and are ergonomically designed for comfort.

The Model LG-431 uses either two #357 silver oxide batteries or a single 1/3N 3 volt lithium battery. These small batteries allow the Lasergrips to be unobtrusive yet powerful enough to provide the brightness that Crimson Trace customers expect. Another feature of the LG-431 is that it uses the smaller 3.3mm diameter laser diode versus the standard 5.6 diameter diode that is found in most all other brands of laser sighting devices. This reduces the overall size of the laser diode housing. As with all other Lasergrips, the LG-431 has both windage and elevation adjustments for shooters to adjust the laser on their own. All Lasergrips come with an accessory pack that contains batteries, hex wrenches for laser adjustments, a cleaning cloth and several cleaning swabs. A three-year warranty is standard.

Lasergrips are made in the United States of America. Crimson Trace is the world's only manufacturer of grip-integrated laser sighting systems. Police, all branches of the U.S. Military, and responsible citizens' worldwide use patented Lasergrips. Crimson Trace Lasergrips are recommended as an essential accessory by some of the world's top firearm instructors.

Unique Blind conceals Hunters

Avoiding the sharp eyes of game animals is a high priority for sportsmen. Using a good camouflage pattern is important, but if you move at the wrong time, you run the risk of being detected. A portable blind helps solve the problem by allowing the hunter to remain concealed while hiding excess movements.

While some blinds can be bulky and difficult to set up, Hunter's Specialties® Collapsible "Super Light" Portable Ground Blind makes transportation easy and hassle free. It folds into a handy 14" long package that allows hunters to carry it in their pocket or hunting vest. When you get ready to set it up, simply unsnap the elastic strap, unfold the legs and place them in the ground. Set up, the blind measures 12 feet long by 27

inches high.

A spun bonded polyester material with die cuts for a 3-D effect makes up the camouflage. Built to last through years of use, the Collapsible "Super Light" Portable Ground Blind is available in Realtree® APG™, Realtree® AP™ and Advantage® Max-1 HD™ camo patterns.

Manufactured suggested retail price is $19.95.

REI COMMUNITY CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY

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. For more information, please call (801) 501-0850 or visit our website at www.rei.com and click on the *stores & events* link.

ORIENTEERING
Thursday, May 8th, 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 & catching features before culminating in a practical exercise outside the store using a simple map. Bring a compass if you have one or borrow one from the instructor. Also, the local orienteering club, O-Utah (www.o-utah.org), will be holding an event the following Saturday, May 17th, so you can test what you have learned!

BEST IN TENT CAMPING: UTAH
Thursday, May 15th, 7pm
The very best tent camping in Utah is only a quick read away with Utah native and camping expert Jeffery Steadman on your side. Hand selected for their appeal to tent campers who love seclusion, beauty, quiet, and security, the 50 campsites profiled in *The Best in Tent Camping: Utah* represent the best of the best. Along with a detailed profile and useful at-a-glance information, campground maps show layout, individual sites, and key facilities. Driving directions supplemented with GPS-based coordinates for each campground entrance make getting there a snap.

MOUNTAIN BIKING FOR WOMEN
Thursday, May 22nd, 7pm
Did you spend the winter dreaming of charging up and down the Wasatch Front trails on two wheels? Join Kari Murray, local mountain bike enthusiast, to discuss the basics of mountain biking and how much fun you can have in your back yard! This clinic is geared toward women specific mountain biking and will be covering: the basics of the bike, maintenance, clothing, nutrition and local trails and events.

GPS 101
Thursday, May 29th, 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 experts as they unveil the

mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover an introduction to the GPS system, types of receivers and their common use, and basic GPS functions. An excellent primer for people looking to get started with GPS use.

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.

BEST IN TENT CAMPING: UTAH
Thursday, May 13th, 7pm
With Utah native and camping expert Jeffery Steadman on your side, the very best tent camping in Utah is only a quick read away. Hand selected for their appeal to tent campers who love seclusion, beauty, quiet, and security, the 50 campsites profiled in *The Best in Tent Camping: Utah* represent the best of the best. Along with a detailed profile and useful at-a-glance information, campground maps show layout, individual sites, and key facilities. Driving directions supplemented with GPS-based coordinates for each campground entrance make getting there a snap.

A NIGHT WITH THE BATS
Tuesday, May 20th, 7pm
Did you know that 1 out of every 4 mammals in the world is a bat? That over 50 million years of evolution have gone into shaping the exotic shapes and behaviors exhibited by bats? And that of the 18 species of bats currently known to inhabit Utah, 6 (30%) are listed on the state's sensitive species list? Come participate in an interactive lesson meant to raise your awareness of Utah's local bat species and the specializations that make them both so fascinating and misunderstood. This evening Kimberly Hersey, Sensitive Species Biologist with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, will review the natural history of bats, delve into the world of echolocation, and review local species and conservation efforts.

BACKPACKING SKILLS FOR YOUTH
Thursday May 22nd, 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.

HOW TO STAY FOUND
Thursday, May 29th, 7pm

Feeling lost? Lacking a sense of direction? REI navigation expert Mike Packard will present a clinic aimed at the newcomer to backcountry navigation. He will cover the basics such as route planning, map reading, compass use and declination, and backcountry navigation. Participants are encouraged to bring their own compasses.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT REI:

NATIVE PLANT SALE
Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00am
REI Salt Lake City will host this sale of indigenous and drought tolerant plants. Wildland Nursery which specializes in native plants will offer numerous varieties of native trees, shrubs, and perennials in 4" pots to 5 gallon pots. Many of the plants offered are not commonly found in local nurseries. 10% of the proceeds will benefit the Salt Lake Chapter of the Utah Native Plant Society

REI'S KID'S PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE KICKOFF
Monday, May 19th, 4:00pm-8:00pm at REI Salt Lake
This free program encourages families to get out and hike or bicycle with their kids. The REI Passport program includes a journal with 5 entries. Simply complete any combination of three hikes or bike rides and return after September 1st to REI to get the REI Passport stamped and receive a certificate. The REI Passport is yours to keep. Youth aged 5-14 and their families are invited to attend this open house event which will include:

- Sign up station for the REI Passport to Adventure journal
- Free basic bicycle checks provided by REI bike techs
- Bike safety talks from The Salt Lake Bicycle Collective
- Demonstrations of proper bike helmet adjustments from Girl Scouts and Salt Lake City Bicycle Collective
- An REI hiking/cycling expert who will answer questions about local bike rides or hikes
- Climbing on REI's climbing wall (liability release required, parent / legal guardian must be present)
- Reading tent and fun outdoor themed books from the local library
- Handlers from Hogle Zoo demonstrating Utah native animals

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

SKYLINE TRAIL SKILLS PROJECT
Saturday, May 10th, 8:00am-3:00pm
Help work on a section of the Skyline Trail in Red Butte Canyon. VOU volunteers will install new check dams and reestablish the trail tread. This is an excellent opportunity to gain new skills, meet new people, and enjoy your National Forest lands. No experience is necessary. Lunch is provided. To register, contact Jeff at Volunteers of Outdoor Utah: 801-582-9905 or info@voutah.org. Space is limited so sign up early!

UTA RIDESHARE BIKE BONANZA

Friday May 16th, 4:00pm-8:00pm
Music, Papa Johns Pizza, prize drawings, 2 Specialized Bikes will be given away, Eco-Moto Cycle drawing, free bike tune ups, Vale Bike Parking, activities for kids and much more! Pick-up your packet and check-in for the Cycle Salt Lake, Century. Takes place at Gallivan Center Plaza, 239 South Main Street, downtown Salt Lake City. Visit www.utarideshare.com for event updates.

THE SALT LAKE CENTURY RIDE
Saturday May 17th, 7:30am
The Cycle Salt Lake Century, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, is proud to sponsor this annual recreational bicycle event that features your choice of 36, 67 or 100 mile routes. Your entry fee will assist the Salt Lake City Bicycle Advocacy Committee to build and maintain bicycle routes and trails and promote cycling in Utah. Details, dates and times are listed below. All information on route, registration and entry fees can be found at http://www.nosack.com/CycleSaltLakeCentury/

UTAH RIVERS COUNCIL/REI JORDAN RIVER PADDLE
Wednesday, May 21st 6:00pm
Join the Utah Rivers Council and REI on a Jordan River float! Come explore a fascinating and diverse urban river run in your own backyard. This is a mild, family-friendly trip with canoe and kayak options. You'll also learn a little about the natural history of the Jordan, and about work to restore this city-slicker river. We will provide boats, paddles and life jackets. Space is limited, so contact the Utah Rivers Council to reserve your place today! Boats, paddles and lifejackets provided at no charge by REI. Limit of 22 participants. Register by contacting the Utah Rivers Council at 801-486-4776 or email dave@utahrivers.org. $20 required donation goes to support river advocacy programs. Check out www.utahrivers.org for more information.

CLASSES:

REI/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC GPS NAVIGATION DAY
Saturday, May 31st, 9:00am-2:30pm at REI Sandy
Spend a day in class and in the field with REI GPS experts and Jeff Caulfield, National Geographic Map Expert! Participants should have some familiarity with GPS and/or have attended REI's GPS 101 evening clinic. You'll practice finding your way from point A to point B, first establishing where you are, and then where you want to go. Learn route-finding skills, such as plotting routes & waypoints and using the U.T.M. grid system vs. latitude and longitude coordinates. Classroom session at REI SLC, field session at Dimple Dell Park. Tuition is $25.00 REI members, $35.00 non-members. Please sign up in person or by phone with a credit card at REI Sandy by calling (801) 501-0850.

CLUB & ORGANIZATION MEETINGS: The following meetings are open to the public and take place at REI Salt Lake.

UTAH NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
Wednesday, May 21st, 7pm
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.

Rivers West Introduces First Completely Packable Hunting Jacket

SEATTLE, WA - The new Spider Jacket by Rivers West is its first completely packable hunting jacket. Weighing a mere 1.2 pounds, the new Spider jacket offers all the stretch, durability, and 100 percent waterproof protection you've come to expect from the award-winning H^2P® Waterproof System.

Dual 11-inch ventilation zippers are angled 25 degrees outward from the center front zipper creating superb breathability while providing key storage space with easy access. A waterproof license pocket conveniently located on the left sleeve and matching Sling-Gripper™ shoulders are welded onto the Spider for the look, feel, and performance unique to RIVERS WEST.

Additional features include a radial collar™ to protect the back of your neck, an internal storm fly, and a 13 x 7½-inch mesh tote that stuffs into the left jacket pocket.

With a 10-Year Waterproof Guarantee, a 12-month Unbreakable Warranty, and the new H^2PAPF (Advanced Polymer Fabric) Waterproof System, the new Spider jacket will redefine waterproof packables.

The Spider Jacket will be available in Mossy Oakâ's highly effective new Treestandâ pattern. It is also produced in Mossy Oak Break-Upâ, Obsessionâ and Duck Blind™ to cover every hunter's needs.

The new Treestand pattern utilizes the same silhouette-altering technology found in all the Mossy Oak patterns. It was designed specifically for hunting from an elevated position, effectively erasing the outline of an elevated hunter among the bare limbs of a late fall tree.

The Spider Jacket is available in sizes S-3XL and sells for a suggested retail price of $149.00.

For more information, contact Matt Ryan with Rivers West Apparel, Inc. at mryan@riverswest.com.

Scent Shield® Introduces The S3™ Full Draw Archers Shirt

CANNON FALLS, MN - Robinson Outdoors, Inc., leader in scent elimination for hunters recently announced the development of their all new Scent Shield Full Draw Archers Shirt with Fred Eichler, host of Easton Bowhunting TV.

This lightweight tricot and fleece fabric is ideal for layering, and perfect for any weather. With the S3™ technology you know you are getting the very best in antimicrobial defense, which helps to aid in odor control.

The upper half of the shirt is very durable and water repellent to protect you from the elements. The micro fleece lining in the lower section of the Full Draw Archers Shirt is ideal

for tucking into pants. It is a pullover style with a quarter-zip front and comes in sizes S-2XL. It is available in the new Mossy Oakâ Treestandâ and Teak. The new Treestand pattern utilizes the same silhouette-altering technology found in all the Mossy Oak patterns. It was designed specifically for hunting from an elevated position, effectively erasing the outline of an elevated hunter among the bare limbs of a late fall tree.

For more information on the Robinson Outdoors product line, contact: Michael Mayer, VP of Sales and Marketing, Robinson Outdoors, Inc., 110 N. Park Drive, P.O. Box 18, Cannon Falls, MN 55009-0018, (800) 397-1827, or log on to www.robinsonoutdoors.com.