

## “ALL-THE-FRILLS” SHOOTING RANGE IN CARBON COUNTY

**PRICE, UTAH**—If you are a hobby shooter or archer, and you’ve come to appreciate the creature comforts and special amenities, this is your place! The North Springs Shooting Range and Recreation Area, situated 15 miles southwest of



Price, offers all the frills for the demanding (and not so demanding) shooter.

One very special attraction is a complete “Old West Town,” which looks like a Hollywood set for a “shoot-em-up, kill em dead” cowboy flick. It includes 15 buildings and nine shooting bays and has become a very popular venue among cowboy action shooters. Participants and spectators can relax and enjoy food or beverages under the covered patio or in the clubhouse, sitting at the edge of town.

North Springs is an arrow flinger’s dream-come-true. Scattered throughout a pinyon-juniper woodland are 50 3-D targets of North American game animals, which include elk, deer, moose, javelina, turkey, and bear. A few 3-D targets of prehistoric Castle Country fauna lurk in the woods. Most notorious is the Utah Raptor, made famous by its smaller cousin in *Jurassic Park*.

Come wind, rain, snow or sleet, North Springs Range shooters can enjoy their sport without regard to weather. The range features dozens of covered benches &

shooting bays, concrete walkways and modern restrooms. For severely cold or windy days, windproof bays with space



heaters are available. The range caters to pistol and long-range shooters alike, featuring one 600 and another 1,000 yard range. Shorter-range shooters can select from 25, 50 and 100-yard targets.

Law enforcement officers finally have a state-of-the-art facility with a S.W.A.T. building for forced entry tactical training. Besides the standard stationary target training, the range offers a number of extras with turning targets, “running man” targets, bobbars, dueling trees, falling plates and pepper poppers.

The range features a main lodge with a lounge, meeting room, kitchen and restrooms. There are 115 dry campsites on the property. In its phase II expansion, the range plans to develop venues for shotgun, trap & skeet, and mountain man rendezvous.

To get to the range, travel State Road 10 south from Price for 7 miles. Turn right at State Road 122 (Hiawatha Junction).



Travel 3 miles and take a right turn at the Wattis Junction. From the Wattis Junction, drive another 5 miles. Then follow the sign to the shooting range.

The North Springs Range is open to the public from 9 a.m. until dusk from Wednesday through Sunday. A day pass for all firearms and static archery targets is \$5 per person. Kids under 16 shoot for free. An additional \$10 fee is assessed for a day pass with the 3-D archery targets. Yearly, family and group rates are available.

For more information about the range, visit Carbon County's web page at: [http://www.carboncountyutah.com/north\\_spring/index.htm](http://www.carboncountyutah.com/north_spring/index.htm) or contact the Rangemaster, Scott Olsen at: 435-650-7728 or [scott.olsen@carbon.utah.gov](mailto:scott.olsen@carbon.utah.gov).

## **Central Region Fishing Report**

**STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR:** (Aug. 21) Anglers report good success from boats by trolling deep with downriggers or by jigging toward the bottom. More fish are starting to move to shallower water as well and being caught by float tubers, boaters and shoreline anglers. Fish surface regularly in the morning and evening

hours so try a fly during these peak surface-feeding moments. Kokanee are staging in the bays as they prepare to swim upstream to spawn. Take a drive to the visitor center over the next few weeks and view the salmon. 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!

**JORDANELLE RESERVOIR:** (Aug. 21) Regular reports of fair to good success for small mouth bass near rocky points and submerged vegetation/structure by casting various types of action lures. Fair to good success for trout from shoreline and fair to good success for trout from boats. Bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long.

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR:** (Aug. 21) Though the main state park ramp is closed, the Island ramp will remain open to launching "at your own risk". Ramp is out of the water and boats will be launched from the sand. This could pose a problem for larger boats. Call State Park for boat launching information at (435) 654-0171. Trout and bass anglers report fair to good success from both shoreline and from boat by using traditional methods and baits. Remember bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit was increased this year to 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

**UTAH LAKE:** (Aug. 21) Officer Shawn Bagley reports that catfish success is fair to good with best time to fish being at night. White bass success is spotty—move around until you find a school of white bass. Walleye limit was changed this year to 10 but only one can be over 24 inches. There is no limit on white bass. Largemouth and smallmouth bass 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:** (Aug. 21) Slow success for walleye and northern pike. An occasional trout is being caught and of course perch are being caught but they must be immediately released. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

**PROVO RIVER:** (Aug. 21) Success continues to be good for trout by using traditional small surface or subsurface flies or nymphs. This is the prime time of the year to cast out terrestrials such as grasshopper imitations along the surface.

The biggest and best strikes often come by using a grasshopper imitation on the surface! 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") in place as well in some stretches.

**BURRASTON PONDS:** (Aug. 21) Fair to good fishing success.

**DIAMOND FORK RIVER:** (Aug. 21) "Fair" success by using flies, lures or bait on the first ten miles of stream below the treatment area (beginning at turnoff to Dmd. Frk and ten miles upstream). Remember that first through sixth water creeks were not treated last year (getting a lot of inquiries from anglers) and fishing was great on these tributaries. The DWR treated Diamond Fork River last year with rotenone from Three Forks to its headwaters to remove all fish (mostly browns).

Over 20,000 Bonneville cutthroat trout fingerlings were stocked last October into this area to help restore this sensitive species and to provide anglers a good sport fishery. The restoration stretch is closed to fishing but the first ten miles of Diamond Fork (from the turnoff of Hwy 6) is not affected by this treatment and anglers report slow success for brown trout. Diamond Fork, from Springville Crossing to its headwaters, is artificial flies and lures only, and it is closed to cutthroat trout possession.

**HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN:** (Aug. 21) Most anglers report that best fishing on Hobble Creek is in the early morning or evening with flies, small spinners or lures.

**THISTLE CREEK:** (Aug. 21) Officer Bagley reports, "Low Pressure, with fair success."

**SALT LAKE WATERS:** (Aug. 21) Waters are still getting stocked! Anglers report fair to good fishing by using traditional baits.

**AMERICAN FORK RIVER:** (Aug. 21) Fair success by using flies or worms. Light fishing pressure.

**TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR:** (Aug. 21) Fair to good success by using traditional baits.

**SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR:** (Aug. 21) The lake is well-stocked and fishing success is good! Though weather is starting to cool, please respect the remaining recreational swimmers and fish away from the beach area.

**SALEM POND:** (Aug. 21) Angler Scott and son Josh report fair to good success for catfish this week by using night crawlers. Best catfish success is after the sun goes down. Trout success is considered fair. The park closes at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit is 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).

**SPRING LAKE:** (Aug. 21) Officer Shawn Bagley reports fair success for both trout and catfish. Worms and PowerBait work best. Lots of vegetation, so cast into the open water pockets.

**PAYSON LAKES:** (Aug. 21) Officer Bagley reports fair to good fishing for both rainbow and brook trout.

**VERNON, GRANTSVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIRS:** (Tooele Co.) (Aug. 21) Fair fishing success at Grantsville and Settlement. Vernon Reservoir is very low!

**MILL HOLLOW:** Drained! No fishing until 2009!

**GENERAL:** Anglers who enjoy wandering up a creek or river course may wish to wear bright colors to avoid being mistaken for a deer or elk. The archery deer hunt is underway. The elk bow hunt opens on August 23rd.

Bow hunters should pack fishing tackle along with their archery gear. During the mid-day lull, fishing is a great way to pass time and provide a main course for dinner that evening.

Autumn offers some of the best angling of the year. Fish feed actively in preparation for winter. Spawning brown and tiger trout become aggressive and will attack lures with heightened intensity.

Now in effect is a fishing license requirement for 12- and 13-year-olds. The price is \$5.

**ABAJO MOUNTAINS:** Conservation Officer Paul Washburn reported that he and his boys fished Monticello Lake earlier in the week. He said that fishing was great from the dam with PowerBait and salmon eggs. Foy fishes equally well. The rest of the reservoirs in San Juan County are providing only fair fishing.

**BENCHES RESERVOIR:** Todd Munford reports fair fishing for planted rainbows. He suggests using a full bubble in front of 3.5 feet of leader. Tip the end with chartreuse PowerBait or a nightcrawler/marshmallow combination. The best mallow will be chartreuse with a garlic flavor. Fly fishermen may want to try a black gnat for the evening rise.

**BLUE LAKE:** (near Emerald Lake) Small (6- to 10-inch) grayling and 8- to 10-inch rainbow occur in this high elevation lake. Justin Hart recommends scuds or double renegades.

**BOULGERS RESERVOIR:** Fishing was good with a nightcrawler/marshmallow combination along the south shoreline or from the dam. Todd Munford suggests slow-trolling an olive damsel fly nymph or green crystal bugger on sinking line from a tube or toon.

**CLEVELAND RESERVOIR:** Success was sporadic. A worm/orange PowerBait combo is a good bet. Effective spinners include the Jake's or Panther Martin in yellow and black. Todd Munford reported fair fishing from a boat on the northwest side with a crawler/yellow marshmallow combination. Tom Ogden has had luck with dark #8 wooly buggers or leeches.

**DUCK FORK RESERVOIR:** Aquatics Biologist Kenny Breidinger caught six tigers, ranging from 10 to 17 inches two weekends ago. He slow-trolled a brown beadhead nymph from a tube. A Panther Martin spinner with a black body and gold blade was effective earlier this month.

**ELECTRIC LAKE:** Todd Munford recommends fishing on the north end in the vicinity of the mine water discharge with a nightcrawler/salmon egg combo. Fly fishers should try a gnat or mosquito pattern in the evening.

**EMERALD LAKE:** (on the south Skyline Drive) Try a scud or double renegade for a 6- to 10-inch grayling or rainbow.

**FAIRVIEW LAKES:** Todd Munford of King's Outdoor World continues to report excellent shoreline fishing. The best place to bank fish will be the point between the two lakes. Cast to the east. Use PowerBait and

nightcrawlers with a two-leader set-up, where the crawler is hooked onto three feet of leader, and rainbow PowerBait sits on another 18-inch length. Todd recommends fly-fishing from a tube or toon with a red crystal bugger or brown leech on sinking line. Bows range from 12 to 14 inches.

**FERRON RESERVOIR:** Fishing is picking up, especially for boaters. Set the bait on the bottom and let it float up a foot or so. Good lures are Jakes or Panther Martins.

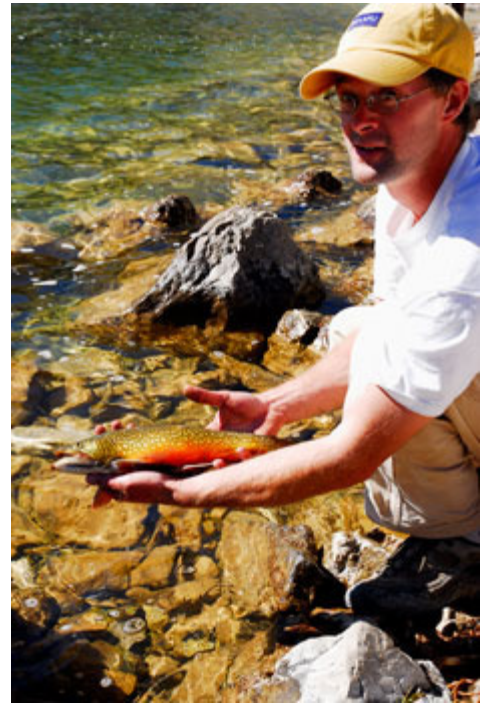
**GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR:** Conditions continue to improve, especially for early birds, using a PowerBait/worm or a worm/mallow combo.

**GREEN RIVER:** Aquatics Biologist Justin Hart and a party of four fished above Swasey's Launch on Saturday. In 5.5 hours, they hooked over 100 catfish with the larger ones measuring around 12 inches. Justin recommends fishing eddy pool bottoms, just below the riffles. Tip your hook with a piece of nightcrawler and enjoy non-stop action! It's a great place to take the kids, enjoy the beautiful scenery and see some wildlife, such as bighorn sheep, deer and lizards.

**HUNTINGTON CREEK:** Tom Ogden has had good luck with a #10 beadhead Montana. Browns run 11 to 13 inches.

**HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK:** Two weeks ago, Calvin Grogan of Price landed a 27-pound, 36-inch catfish. This broke the record established a little more than a week earlier by Clifton Elliot of Price, who took home a 25-pound channel cat. Both men fished from the bank in the late evening. Calvin used raw liver and chicken meat. Clifton fished with a nightcrawler. They used 8- to 10-pound test monofilament line and sunk their baits to the bottom.

**HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR:** (also known as MAMMOTH RESERVOIR) Tom Ogden has had success with a #10 beadhead black leech w/rib. Some spincasters have reported success with a gold Jake's Spin-a-Lure. Bait anglers may



*Mike Ault of Price with a male tiger trout from Duck Fork Reservoir. At this time of year, males take on brilliant coloration as they come into spawning condition.*

want to try a straight crawler at the end of three feet of leader and a full bubble. This reservoir has special regulations. Please refer to the proclamation.

**JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR:** Fishing was slow. The best year-round bait is a Utah chub, which can be caught at the reservoir. Special regulations apply. The limit is two fish. Only one may be over 22 inches. All trout from 15 to 22 inches must be immediately released.

**LASAL MOUNTAINS:** Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Warner Lake on Sunday afternoon. He had good luck with a black woolly bugger or small, dark dry fly. Darek watched other anglers around the lake who seemed to do well with PowerBait and nightcrawlers. Rainbows range from 8 to 12 inches. Darek fished Kens Lake yesterday evening. He rated the catch as fair for 9- to 16-inch bass, using black or purple plastic worms. The Mill Creek Bridge remains under construction and will be impassable until November. Anglers wanting to fish Oowah must access the lake from the south end of the LaSal Mountain Loop Road. Warner Lake fishermen will need to come from the Castle Valley side.

**LOWER FISH CREEK:** Success is variable. Try a yellow Panther Martin with red dots. Todd Munford of King's Outdoor World recommends a #18 Griffith's gnat or #12 hopper.

**MILLSITE RESERVOIR:** Park Manager Dan Richards reports good fishing for 10- to 12-inch rainbows. Dan recommends trolling with Shad Raps or Roostertails in 6 to 12 feet of water. Bank fishing is best on rocky shorelines in the evening. Use worms or PowerBait.

**PETE'S HOLE:** Good fishing continues with a rainbow PowerBait/crawler combo for pan-size rainbows.

**POTTER'S PONDS:** Fly fishers have done well from tubes or toons with woolly buggers or renegades. Silver Mepp's spinners with orange blades are a good bet for spincasters. Good PowerBait colors are rainbow, green or orange.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR:** Todd Munford of King's Outdoor World reports that the best bank fishing is found along the east shoreline off the rocks in the early morning. Orange PowerBait works best for the 12- to 14-inch bows. Tom Ogden has had good luck with a #8 beadhead woolly bugger in red/green or black/green colors. Boaters continue to have the advantage by fishing deeper water away from the moss beds. Good lures include a Panther Martin (black with yellow dots) or Jake's.

**SOUP BOWL:** Good fishing continues for anglers using PowerBait and worms. Tubers have had good luck with woolly buggers.

**STRAIGHT CANYON:** Try worms or a Panther Martin (black w/ yellow dots).

**WILLOW RESERVOIR:** Tom Ogden has had good success with a #8 beadhead woolly bugger in yellow/black. Spincasters should pack Jake's lures. Baitcasters should throw grasshoppers or nightcrawlers. Trout are pan-size.

### **Small Sale Proves to Be Successful**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a total of \$1,249,720 in bonus bids for the Federal oil and gas lease rights on 23 parcels involving over 39,269.22 acres of land in Utah during the oral auction held on August 21, 2007, in Salt Lake City, Utah. In addition to the bonus bids, the sale netted \$58,912.50 in first year's rental and \$2,990 in administrative fees, for a grand total of \$1,311,622.50 in revenues from this lease sale.

Eighteen parcels were sold in Juab County and 1 each in Millard, Rich, San Juan, Summit and Uintah Counties.

If the lease begins producing, the federal government will collect a 12½ percent royalty on production. Fifty percent of all revenues received from bonus bids, rentals and royalty are shared with the State of Utah.

| <b>August 2007<br/>Utah Competitive Sale Results Summary</b> |              |
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| Parcels Offered  | 39           |
| Parcels Sold   | 23           |
| % Parcels Sold   | 59%          |
| Acres Offered  | 68,521 acres |
| Acres Sold   | 39,269 acres |
| % Acres Sold   | 57%          |
| Average Bid/Acre<br>For Acres Offered                        | \$18.24      |

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| For Acres Sold                            | \$31.82        |
| Average Bid/Parcel<br>For Parcels Offered | \$32,044.10    |
| For Parcels Sold                          | \$54,335.65    |
| Highest Bid/Acre:                         | \$220.00       |
| Parcel with High Bid/Acre:                | 138            |
| Highest Bid/Parcel:                       | \$408,000.00   |
| Parcel with High Total Bid                | 17             |
| Total Bonus Bid                           | \$1,249,720.00 |
| Total Rental Due                          | \$58,912.50    |
| Total Administrative Fees Due             | \$2,990.00     |
| Total Receipts Due                        | \$1,311,622.50 |
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## Northern Region Fishing Report

**BEAR LAKE:** A pair of out-of-state anglers indicated that they had caught one 22-inch cutthroat trolling a rapala at 60 feet. Fishing is generally slow.

**BLACKSMITH FORK RIVER:** The water is very low and clear, making the fish extremely wary. Very little fishing activity.

**CAUSEY RESERVOIR:** Good fishing for splake. Salmon fishing is now closed to protect spawners.

**EAST CANYON:** Not many people fishing with rough weather on Saturday—very few boats on the water. All said, fishing was slow on Saturday. On Sunday, however, one angler reported good fishing for smallmouth bass (on the "smallish side") from shore.

**ECHO RESERVOIR:** This lake had only a handful of people fishing on Saturday. Most of the people interviewed said the fishing had been very slow. The ones that had caught fish were catching rainbow trout using worms and PowerBait. They averaged between 8 and 14 inches long.

**HYRUM RESERVOIR:** Fishing at Hyrum was quite slow for most of the anglers. The bass that were being caught were only 10 to 12 inches long. There were a few small perch and bluegill being taken but most anglers said that fishing was very slow. The one exception was a father and daughter that were fishing near the spillway. They were catching bluegill nearly every cast using a piece of worm. The father even commented that he had caught one of the biggest bluegill he had ever seen, guessing that it was close to 12 inches long. The water levels are very low and there was quite a bit of wind, making it tough for most anglers.

**LOGAN RIVER:** The upper Logan River and its tributaries get little fishing pressure. Fly fishers have had good success for cutthroats and browns on the upper Logan.

**LOST CREEK RESERVOIR:** Water level was pretty low—no word on fishing success.

**MANTUA:** There were reports this past week of bass up to five pounds caught at Mantua! Anglers are still reporting good takes of nice bluegill and perch for dinner! (There's a reason they're called panfish!).

**MIRROR LAKE:** The majority of the people were catching rainbow, brook, or albino trout. They averaged from 6 to 14 inches in length. Most of the fish caught where either hooked on flies or PowerBait. Most of the action took place on the north or south ends of the lake.

**NEWTON RESERVOIR:** The fishing at Newton Saturday morning was quite good for panfish. There were a lot of small perch and bluegill being taken. Worms were the bait of choice for catching these fish. Almost all of the bluegill were small fish about the size of your palm. The perch being taken were also quite small, averaging only 4 to 5 inches. A few 12- to 13-inch bass were being taken by float tubers toward the North end of the reservoir using jigs and spinnerbaits. One shore angler had a tiger muskie on to the bank but it got off. He estimated it to be about 20 inches long. The water level in the reservoir has dropped a lot and is now below the boat ramp.

**OGDEN RIVER:** Water was low and clear, perfect for fly and spinner fishing.

**PINEVIEW RESERVOIR:** Water level is really low. Overcast. Many boats, but very few are fishing. Fishermen typically fish in the early morning before all the boaters start up. Very slow.

**ROCKPORT:** This lake had very little fishing activity. The conditions were very windy. Not many people were catching fish. The ones that were catching fish were catching rainbows. Most were using green or orange PowerBait. The fish were 8 to 12 inches in length.

**SMITH AND MOREHOUSE:** Most of the anglers I talked to said that they were catching rainbow and brown trout. The fish averaged 8 to 14 inches in length. Most of the fisherman were either using worms or PowerBait.

**UINTAS:** The backcountry of the Uintas is such a treasure. Check out this nice [travel log](#) of photos from the DWR fishing discussion forum.

**WEBER RIVER:** Fair fishing with flies and blue fox bronze and Panther Martin spinners. Fly patterns that were successful this past week included caddis, hare's ear, prince nymph and copper john.

**WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR:** Kick boaters and paddlers are finding Willard to be blissfully quiet! Anglers are reporting fair fishing for catfish and wipers and finding a few boils. While the action is not red-hot, fishermen are having fun and enjoying the solitude.

**BEAR LAKE:** Surface water temperature at Bear Lake is 71 degrees! That's even quite warm for Bear Lake! Launching is available at First Point ramp, Rainbow Cove ramp, Cisco Beach ramp, North Beach Jetty ramp, and the Bear Lake State Park Marina. The lake level is over two feet lower than the peak level from this spring. Fishing for cutthroat and lake trout is very slow. This is typical for Bear Lake during the "dog days" of summer. Recreational use is high during the afternoons and evenings, so the best time to try fishing is early mornings.

We have talked to a few fishermen and the ones who have done the best are "still fishing" right on the bottom of Cisco in about 80 to 100 feet of water. They are catching both cutthroat trout and lake trout. Trolling was slow, but the occasional cutthroat are being caught. Try running downriggers with flat fish or rapalas at 65 feet and deeper. Some suspended fish are being taken at 65 to 75 feet down over 120 feet of water. There simply have not been many anglers jigging at this time so we do not have any accurate reports with that method. A few fish are being take by long liners off Cisco Beach area. Fishing on the bottom has produced the best results.

Remember a Utah license is valid on the Idaho side of Bear Lake, but you may NOT use a second pole when fishing on the Idaho side of the lake. Idaho license

holders are only able to use one fishing pole on either side of the lake this year. For those interested the GPS coordinates for the new rockpiles using WGS84 datum going from south to north are: 41 degrees 58.097' 111 degrees 23.682', 41 degrees 58.187' 111 degrees 23.728', 41 degrees 58.292' 111 degrees 23.765', 41 degrees 58.418' 111 degrees 23.798'

**BOUNTIFUL POND:** Davis County Conservation Officer Keith Fullencamp says that anglers are catching catfish in the evenings. Community fishing waters are regularly stocked with catfish throughout the summer. See the DWR stocking report at [wildlife.utah.gov/stocking](http://wildlife.utah.gov/stocking).

**HYRUM RESERVOIR:** Water is very low. quite a few fisherman on the dam using a worm and a bobber, and also fishermen on the south bank. Most of them using worms and PowerBait. The south bank fishermen are having the best success. Bass anglers in boats had good success on largemouth bass using spinner baits, crank baits, and fast top water baits (jerk baits). They had caught 10 bass, two over two pounds, and had released all of them. They had the best success early morning and later evenings. The water gets very choppy and murky from the wake boarders and ski boats on the water, in the afternoons.

**LOGAN RIVER:** The river impoundments are getting lots of fishing pressure in the evenings and on weekends, but overall fishing was slow. The upper Logan River and its tributaries get little fishing pressure.

**NEWTON RESERVOIR:** The water level is dropping fast, but boat launching is still possible. Fishing continues to be good for "smallish" muskies and bass. Many of the largemouths are on the small side also, but occasionally a big one will let you know that they are there!

**PINEVIEW RESERVOIR:** Smallmouth bass and muskie fishing is really good! One pair of anglers caught and released 60 smallmouth bass and 6 tiger muskies in an afternoon of fishing. Officer Dave Beveridge reports some anglers have reported catching bluegill in the narrows. Beveridge says that perch fishing was good from shore using worms or small jigs beneath a bobber. "The water level is the lowest I've seen it at Pineview," he added. Pineview has lots of black bullhead catfish that are mostly overlooked by anglers, yet these "mudcats" offer good fishing and are "keeper-sized" (10 to 12 inches).

**ROCKPORT:** Fishing continues to be really good for smallmouth bass and perch. To find the bass, fish structure 12 to 15 feet deep near ledges and make sure your presentation is near or on the bottom. Use soft plastics in green and pumpkin colors, with drop-shotting being very effective. The perch can be found near the south end in about six feet of water. Try small jigs tipped with worm. The rainbow fishing continues to be slow but a few are being caught trolling using normal techniques. With the water temperatures nearing 75 degrees the trout have gone deep and can be found in 25 to 30 feet of water. The trout are starting to get sores on them from the warm water parasites typical this time of year. They are safe to eat.



*Smallmouth bass fishing is hot at Rockport right now.*

**SMITH AND MOOREHOUSE:** The "ole standards"—PowerBait, worms and salmon eggs—were all producing a few fish, most in the 10-inch range. Most anglers reported that as the morning wore on, the fish bites became less frequent. Some anglers had started to send their baits deeper and had felt that it did help the number of bites they were getting. A lot of the anglers reported some fairly light bites, so pay attention to your line or bubble. A few anglers tried spinners and spoons in the earlier hours when fish seemed to be cruising closer to shore, and the ones that were successful had used some type of bait on the hook. The more popular method seemed to be drifting your bait about two to three feet below the surface about 25 yards from shore.

More anglers were located at the end of the lake where the stream flows in and reported more overall success. Many of the anglers said they had dedicated more time to fishing in the evening than the morning but felt that the higher amount of anglers in the evening may also have caused fewer bites since there were more anglers competing for the fish.

**UINTAS:** Green and Orange PowerBait seem to be the ticket! "You can't keep the fish off your hook at Pass Lake," reported Adam Pulley. Most other lakes (Trial, Teapot, Lilly, Butterfly and Mirror) are still producing well on various baits, especially PowerBaits and worms. Mirror Lake's best reports have been worms tipped with a marshmallow. Fly fishermen are doing really well with very small

dry flies. Those on float tubes are producing more results. Whitney Reservoir fishing success is moderate. Again, worms and twist-colored, sparkled PowerBaits are producing the best results. Lily lake is very slow. Most people fish all day and only catch one or two. Most streams provide excellent fishing with spinners, flies and bouncing a worm along the bottom. Lots of brookies and whitefish are in these streams. Most fish caught out of the streams are around 10 inches but are really fun to catch.

**WEBER RIVER:** The majority of anglers surveyed during the morning were fly fishing and using nymphs. Pheasant tails were one of the more popular selections. Hare's ears also were proving to be effective for some anglers. The key to most of the anglers having success was going small. Some success was with size #16, better success with #18 and #20. Some anglers were going smaller but sacrificing hooking ability by doing so. The heads of deeper pools and the tail pools is where the majority of anglers hook fish.

Some of the anglers surveyed said they had made trips up the previous week and done well with dry flies. Again, the key being small sizes #18-#22. Most anglers reported dark colors like griffiths gnat's or olive colors to be their more effective patterns for dries. Two other anglers I came across were fishing with rapalas and had some success. Overall they had more success with their fly rods as well. Most fish were in the 14-inch range. One angler reported having landed a fish about 19 inches long.

**WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR:** Boat launching is "at your own risk" and prop damage was reported by a number of anglers. Anglers are still having good success for wipers and catfish.

**WARNING:** Whirling Disease was found in the Northeastern Region on both the north and south slope of the Uinta Mountains. It is believed anglers are now the main source of movement of the parasite that causes Whirling Disease. To avoid spreading the disease, do not move fish or fish parts from one water to another. Clean the fish well away from the water and dispose of the unwanted parts in the garbage. If that's not possible then bury it in a deep hole or burn it completely. One infected fish carcass can contain over a million spores. Also, make sure to clean, dry and sterilize waders, live wells and other fishing gear before venturing to another water or above a diversion (such as a small dam) which are being built to stop the movement of infected fish.

**BIG SAND WASH RESERVOIR:** Anglers report fair fishing for rainbow trout during the cooler hours. Be aware of the flooded vegetation and the large boulders on the dam swallowing hooks. Try fishing top water flies and lures when it is cool and use either a bubble or floating baits to clear the submerged vegetation and boulders. Catchable-sized fish and fingerlings have been stocked to provide immediate and long-term fisheries.

**BULLOCK / COTTONWOOD RESERVOIRS:** Reports of fair fishing for bass and rainbows and a few tiger musky being taken. Remember tiger musky have a size limit, all fish under 40 inches must be released immediately. Use of heavy tackle and a steel leader to protect your line is advised for those fishing for tiger musky. Small boats can be launched from undeveloped sites near the dams when the water level is high. Cottonwood was drained down for repairs. Reservoirs are located approximately five miles north of the town of Gusher.

**BROUGH RESERVOIR:** Fair fishing for a mix of browns and rainbows during the coolest hours. Most anglers fish from the bank as there is no boat ramp or even a good place to launch due to the mud. The reservoir is managed under trophy catch and release regulations, please read proclamation. Note: use of heavier tackle to bring the fish in quickly and keeping the fish completely underwater when handling greatly increases odds of survival, especially important in hot temperatures. To get to Brough, take State Route 88 south from US Route 40 (Ouray Road). Turn west at the second dirt road past the high power lines. Follow this road approximately two miles staying to the left at each main fork. Road can be quite rutted.

**BROWNIE / SHEEP CREEK / SPIRIT LAKE:** Most reports are of fair to good fishing. Note: bears have been reported passing through this area so be aware and keep a clean camp. Warning: whirling disease was found in this area, please do not clean fish or dump fish parts taken from one lake or stream to another. Also make sure to clean, dry and sterilize waders, live wells and other fishing gear before venturing to another water, as this will also move whirling disease.

**CALDER / CROUSE RESERVOIRS:** Most reports are of good fishing, especially during the cooler hours. Some larger fish have been taken from both reservoirs. The new "trophy " regulation (flies and lures only, no baits) for Calder began January 1, 2007. Please read the proclamation for details on the new regulations.

**CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR:** We've been receiving reports of fair fishing from anglers. Roads are open and in good condition.

**FLAMING GORGE RESERVOIR:** Launching boats is possible on all ramps. Current surface water temps 71 to 74 degrees. Fishing has remained fairly stable over the last few weeks.

Lake Trout Fishing: Anglers report good fishing for small lake trout on most areas of the reservoir. Fish are in traditional areas on underwater humps and points. Fishing for smaller lake trout from Big Bend south in 70 to 100 feet was fair to good. The canyon from Jarvies to Red Canyon was producing limits of smaller fish. Use downriggers to troll spoons and minnow plugs within 10 to 20 feet of the bottom or look for suspended fish 70 to 90 feet. Good colors for spoons and plugs include chartreuse, orange and white. If fish are concentrated try jigging. Good jig colors are white, brown and chartreuse. Try tipping jigs with a small chunk of sucker meat if you can see them on your graph but can't get them to bite with a plain jig.

If you are seeing fish near structure in 100 plus feet, these will probably be lake trout. Use no stretch line to feel strikes and set the hook better. Unlike their larger relatives, the smaller lake trout are excellent table fare with orange flesh and taste as good or better than a rainbow when cooked up on the grill. There's an overabundance of lake trout under 28 inches in the Gorge so do your part to help the fishery and keep a limit of eight fish. Anglers also reporting fair fishing for larger lake trout. For larger lake trout try trolling plugs on downriggers, steel or lead core in Jarvies, Sheep Creek, Linwood, Stateline, Antelope flat, Anvil Draw. Also jigging with 3- to 10-inch jigs can work well. Big lake trout eat big food so lures and jigs can be big also. Remember, only one fish over 28 inches can be kept.

Kokanee Fishing: Kokanee success has slowed somewhat in the canyon area and in the Wyoming end of the reservoir, but certain areas are producing good action. Recent hydroacoustic abundance estimates showed concentrations of fish in the Big Bend, Holmes Crossing, Pipeline, Horseshoe, Sheep Creek, and Allen Creek areas, which are consistent with areas anglers are reporting success. Try fishing at depths from 50 to 60 feet using downriggers or lead core line. Use traditional kokanee gear like needlefish, wedding rings, triple teasers or any other small lure with good action. Using a dodger in front of the lure can sometimes help. Fish from 1.5 to 2.5 mph. Try slowing down to 1.8 to 2 mph if you see fish on the graph but they won't bite. Also try slowing down if fishing after 9 a.m. Change out lures

and colors until you find something they like. Fish can change what they are interested in from day to day and even hour-to-hour.

**Rainbow Fishing:** Fair to good fishing for rainbows on most of the reservoir. If fishing from a boat try trolling spoons or rapalas with downriggers or try long lining with at least 100 feet of line behind boat. The majority of fish seem to be at 30 to 50 feet. Most colors of spoons and minnow lures will work but go with lures in the one to two inch size. If fishing on bottom, try a worm and marshmallow combo to keep the bait slightly off the bottom. Casting spoons, spinners or smaller crankbaits from shore also works well in early mornings when water temps are cooler. In the Utah portion, Sheep Creek, Jarvies, Linwood Bay, Mustang Ridge and off the dam visitor center are all good locations to catch rainbows from shore. The reservoir was stocked with 450,000 rainbows this year. These smaller fish are easy to catch and great for kids to pursue.

**Burbot Fishing:** Try fishing with jigs late in the afternoon, early morning or at night on points coming into reservoir. These fish move deep so adjust your location accordingly. Anglers report burbot being caught in 100 plus feet of water. These fish must be harvested if caught in Utah to help control their population as they were illegally introduced to the upper Green River drainage and could have a major impact on other fish species. They are an excellent eating fish with white, flaky flesh that is similar to a perch. They can be breaded and fried or boiled and dipped in melted butter. Most of these fish are concentrated in the Wyoming portion of the reservoir but are in the Antelope Flats/Linwood areas in smaller numbers.

**Smallmouth Bass Fishing:** Smallmouth fishing is fair for larger fish and fast for the small ones. As larger fish have moved deeper try twist-tail grubs on lead head jigs or small plastic worms in about 15 to 30 feet of water off rocky shorelines and points. Crayfish imitation colors will work the best. Drop shot techniques will also work this time of year. Smaller fish are still close to shore and can be a good way for kids to catch fish.

**GREEN RIVER:** (upper) Not much has changed on the river in the past few weeks. Recreational raft usage of the river will drop off after Labor Day. The flows on the river are currently averaging 850 cfs. Western Area Power Administration has requested that there be a single peak per day during the summer months. Base flow at night will be 800 cfs and will ramp up to 875 cfs by afternoon and start dropping around 7 p.m. Visit the [Bureau of Reclamation Web site](#) for the latest information on flows.

Currently, good fishing on the river. Caddis hatches have been occurring in good numbers. Please remember the slot limit size range has changed from 13 to 20 inches to 15 to 22 inches to make regulations more consistent statewide. Midges have been on the water in early morning hours. Late evening Caddis hatches. Caddis patterns should be #14 with olive or amber bodies. Little Yellow Sallies and PMD's have been good especially in B and C Sections. Terrestrials such as ants, beetles, small hoppers and crickets remain very important. Fat Alberts and cicadas can also work.

The bottom fishing remains very good, with scuds, San Juan worms and small mayfly nymphs. Visit [www.fishgreenriver.com](http://www.fishgreenriver.com) for the latest fly patterns. Spin fishermen should try small rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); small spinners; black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and small jigs. Please check to see that your tube jigs contain no fish attracting scents as they are illegal to use in the river. New Zealand Mudsnaill densities have dramatically increased in several localized areas near Little Hole, and have been documented in most areas of the river. Please thoroughly clean mud and vegetation from waders, boats and fishing gear; and if possible, completely dry equipment before leaving the area. A hot water bath (120° F) will kill mudsnails, and spraying equipment with 409 or a similar soap solution before drying will increase effectiveness

**GREEN RIVER:** (lower) No new reports from anglers. Should be fair to good fishing for catfish, carp and other fish.

**MATT WARNER RESERVOIR:** Anglers reported good fishing for three age classes of fish. Roads were dry and easily accessible from both Highway 191 and Diamond Mountain Road.

**MOON LAKE:** Reports of fair to good fishing for several species. The lake contains a variety of trout and kokanee. Anglers reporting catching fish from both the shore and boats.

**PELICAN LAKE:** Anglers reported fair fishing for bass and bluegills. Some fish, mostly smaller ones, are still in the reeds while most others have moved to deeper waters.

**RED FLEET RESERVOIR:** Recent reports indicate good fishing for rainbows with an occasional brown trout. Bass and bluegill fishing was good. Try fishing the areas with the most cover such as rocky points or submerged vegetation.

**STARVATION RESERVOIR:** Still getting reports from anglers of fair to good fishing for yellow perch, walleye and bass. Some browns also being taken.

**STEINAKER RESERVOIR:** Anglers reported fair to good fishing from shore and boats for rainbows, bass and bluegill. Try to find areas with cover such as rocks and submerged vegetation. We've been hearing good things from both shore and boat anglers, especially in the cooler hours.

**UINTA MOUNTAIN LAKES AND STREAMS:** Have heard of some fair to good fishing on clear-running streams and mid- to high-country lakes. Try brightly colored lures or jigs, trout baits like worms or putty baits or flies by matching the insect hatch. Fishing success on mountain lakes and streams can be spotty so if one hole or lake isn't producing, try moving to another. With over 400 managed fisheries on the South Slope alone, it's easy to find a new place to fish. Always go prepared for serious weather, as the Uinta Mountains are well known for frequent unexpected storms and high winds. Note: The Uinta Mountains have a four-trout limit with a bonus of four more brook trout—see proclamation for details.



### **Mad River Rocket Sled Park Developed**

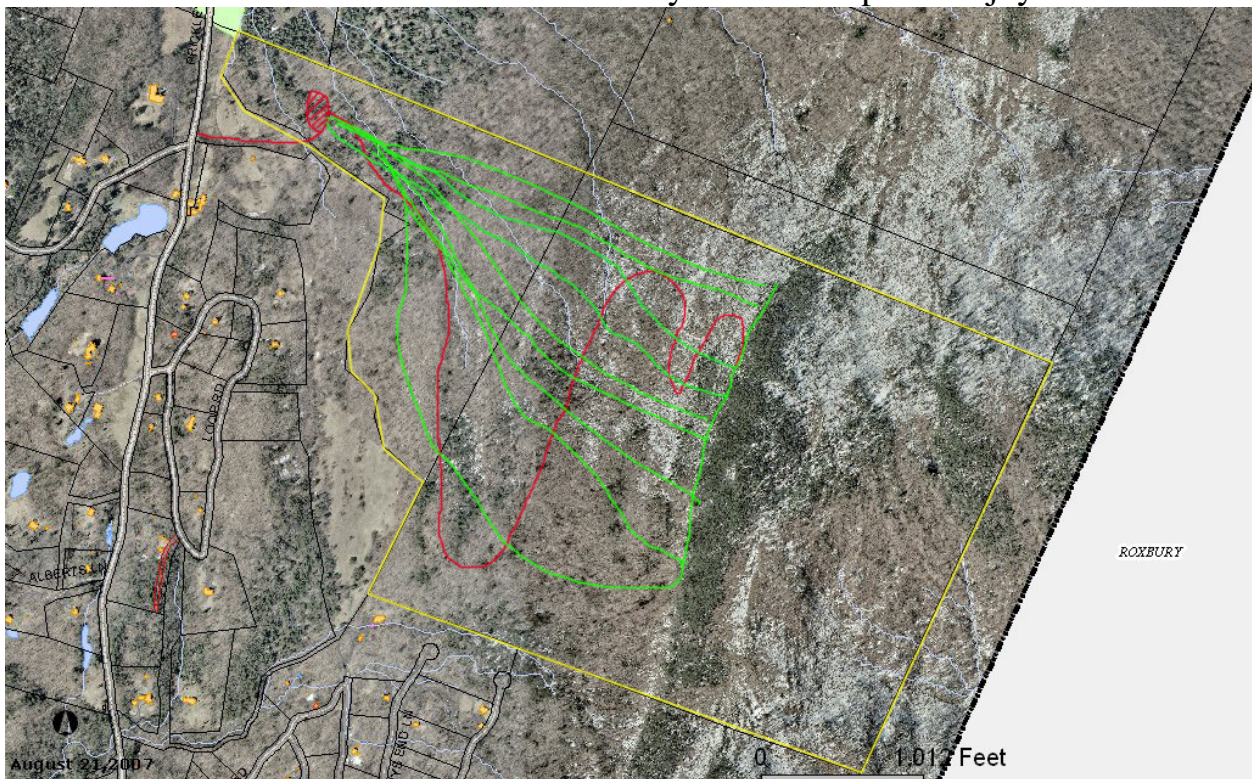
Hello, I hope that you are all having a great summer and enjoying yourselves.

Just thought I would drop you note to tell you about what's new here at Mad River Rocket. Although last season was hurting for snow we gained a huge following of Sledders who are pushing things further than we ever imagined. We have named eight teams to join us for the 07/08 season. We have teams in BC, AK, CO and a couple in Vermont. Each team consists of 8- 10 riders and they will be holding demo days and attending all camps this season. So look for more ridiculous sledding footage from those guys this season.

In other news we have acquired 250

acres of north facing mountain slope here in the Mad River Valley. We are currently building access roads and sledding trails complete with log rail slides and huge cliffs. When complete we will have the world's first Rocket sled park. Aside from making the best sleds on the market, This will be the focal point of our season. It will be our R&D test facility and the home of all things sledding. While building the park we are making every effort to make as little impact as possible while using any timber cut as features within the park. There will be a sledder- cross trail for races as well as huge jumps for the big air comps.

Upon completion you will be able to enjoy a ride to the top on a passenger carrying snowmobile. Take in the views of the valley from the top and enjoy 1211' of



vertical glade slope back down to the pick up. You can cruise through huge maples in the best glades in the state or look for some of the cliff bands that are scattered throughout. Down near the bottom you will find jumps, rails and amazing features made from cut timbers. If you would like more info ( or know someone who might) Please contact me and I can set up a walk through. I would also like to invite all of you for a day of sledding in the park upon completion.

It will be the first of it's kind and you should be the first to sled it.

Have a great day!  
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## **Dove Hunt Forecast**

*Hunt opens on a Saturday*

You might see more young doves when Utah's 2007 dove hunt opens Sept. 1.



The number of adult mourning and white-winged doves might be down a bit from last season, but the number of young doves should be up.

*Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

"The number of adult doves our biologists heard during 'coo count' surveys in May was down a bit from the spring before, but it was still right in-line with the 10-year average," says Tom Aldrich, migratory game bird coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Aldrich says doves breed from early May through August. They'll lay several clutches of eggs during that time. Storms often kill young doves, but a lack of storms this summer means most of the doves hatched in Utah should still be here when the hunt opens Sept. 1.

"The number of young birds might be really good," Aldrich says. "That might offset the lower number of breeding adults we heard this past spring."

### **Saturday opener**

Unless Sept. 1 falls on a Sunday, Utah's dove hunt always opens Sept. 1.

This year, Sept. 1 is on a Saturday. "Having the hunt start on a Saturday will allow kids to get out and hunt on a day when a lot of doves are normally around," Aldrich says.

Aldrich reminds parents that the minimum age to hunt doves and other small game in Utah has been removed. Young people must still pass the DWR's Hunter Education course before they can hunt, however. And they must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.

For more information about the DWR's Hunter Education classes, visit [www.wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation).

### **Where you'll find doves**

To find success, Aldrich encourages you to locate doves before the season opens.

To help you find doves, remember that seeds are the only food they eat. Doves eat seeds from agricultural plants and from weeds. Some of their favorite seeds include wild sunflower seeds; seeds from harvested agricultural crops, such as waste grain; and seeds from weeds (some of the best weed-producing areas are areas that have been disturbed by road building).

Doves also need roosting cover and shade during the middle of the day. And they need water.

"When you find these three things in close proximity to each other—seeds, cover and water—you've probably found a good dove hunting spot," Aldrich says.

Aldrich says you can find doves in almost every county in Utah. Box Elder and Utah counties are the two counties in Utah where many of the doves in the state are taken.

"No matter what the weather does, doves start moving south in mid-August," Aldrich says. "This is tied in with the length of the day. As soon as the days start to get shorter, the doves start their southward migration."

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 prevents Utah, or any state, from opening their season sooner than Sept. 1.

Aldrich says doves usually migrate in flocks of 50 to 100 birds. The young leave first, followed by the females and then the males. They can travel about 50 to 100 miles a day.

"When the doves start to leave, the doves you saw yesterday are probably one county south of you the next," Aldrich says. "But remember that doves north of Utah will often move in and take their place."

Utah's 2007 dove season—and band-tailed pigeon—season run Sept. 1–30.

Because of shorter days and rain storms in the fall, counties in southern Utah often provide hunters more opportunity to take doves throughout the season.

## Reminders

Make sure you're registered in the Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) for the 2007 season. You can register at [www.uthip.com](http://www.uthip.com).

It's a good idea to wear hunter orange during the dove hunt, especially during the opening weekend. "Doves don't seem to notice the hunter orange, and wearing it makes you stand out more to other hunters," Aldrich says.

Most dove hunting happens on private land. Make sure you get written permission from the landowner before hunting on his or her land.

It's usually hot during the dove hunt. Make sure you clean your doves quickly and keep them cool in an ice chest.

Take good care of your dog. Bring water for it, and be careful about taking your dog into an area that might have rattlesnakes.



## **ANOTHER MONSTER CATFISH CAUGHT AT HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVOIR**

*Reservoir is yielding big catfish*

HUNTINGTON — Price resident Calvin Grogan landed a lake-record catfish at Huntington North Reservoir on Aug. 8. The channel catfish weighed 27 pounds and measured 36 inches.

Grogan caught the fish at 10:20 p.m. that evening. Huntington North Reservoir is two miles north of the town of Huntington in east-central

Utah.

Grogan was fishing from the bank near the boat dock that evening. He baited his size-2 treble hook with raw chicken meat and liver, and cast it into the water. Once he hooked the monster fish, it took him 20 minutes to land it.

This latest catch breaks a record at the lake that was established just three weeks ago by Clifton Elliot of Price. Elliot landed a 25-pound, 34-inch catfish on July 26.

This latest catch still falls short of the state record channel cat. It was caught in 1978 at Utah Lake. That fish tipped the scale at 32.5 pounds and measured 39.75 inches.

## **Colorado River cutthroats returned to the Book Cliffs**

*Biologists stock hundreds of fish*

**BOOK CLIFFS** — A project involving everything from backpacks to helicopters and taking hundreds of hours to complete is almost done.



The Roadless Area in the Book Cliffs. More than 4,000 Colorado River cutthroat trout were stocked here starting in late July.

*Photo by Ron Stewart*

During the last week in July, biologists stocked hundreds of native Colorado River cutthroat trout into the Roadless Area in the Book Cliffs. The trout were stocked into the headwaters of West Willow Creek, Pioche Creek and She Canyon Creek.

The Book Cliffs are in east-central Utah.

### **1990s: the project begins**

"The project started back in the 1990s with surveys into the roadless area," says Garn Birchell, project coordinator for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR). "Our biologists had been looking for areas that might have pure-strain populations of Colorado River cuts. The Roadless Area seemed like a perfect spot to look because it was very remote, but it was still connected to the Green River drainage."

The first crews went in on horseback and sampled several of the small streams. "Their first samples were a surprise," Birchell says. "The trout failed the physical test because they had too many characteristics associated with rainbows or other species of cutthroat trout. So did the trout sampled at every other 'out-of-the-way' place they tried."

The biologists also caught brook trout, which are native to the Eastern United States. It was obvious to the biologists that someone had stocked these streams with non-native fish. "It's likely that the native cutthroat trout interbred with rainbow trout [that were introduced to the area]," Birchell says.

The biologists then turned their attention towards the possibility of reintroducing Colorado River cutthroat trout to the area. "By this time we had located several pure-strain cutthroat populations in the Uinta Mountains and in other areas in the Uinta Basin," Birchell says. "Steps had been taken to bring them into our hatchery system, so we now had brood lakes and sources of fish for reintroductions."

Biologists decided that the Roadless Area could make a good genetic reserve for the native Colorado River cutthroat trout if barriers natural or created prevented the fish from intermixing with other fish that were lower in the drainage.

## **2002: project picks up steam**

"Beginning in 2002, an intensive effort was made to map the streams," Birchell says. "During the first surveys biologists noted several natural barriers and also places where barriers might be built. These were mapped along with the seeps, springs and marshy areas. Water flows and temperatures were also noted."

The biologists soon learned that the surveys were the easy part of the process.

"It seemed like everyone and everything got involved," Birchell says. "We needed to treat the streams in order to remove the non-native fish. This involved reams of paperwork and rounds of public meetings and comment periods. Then throw in changing priorities and policies, funding problems, a few retirements and other man-made snags; like having the area that produces rotenone being in a war zone.

"Not to be outdone, nature decided to throw several years of drought, a massive fire, flash floods and mudslides into the mix.

"Fortunately, everyone recognized it was a good project, and all the state, federal, county and tribal agencies have cooperated to get it done," Birchell says.

## 2007: the payoff



Colorado River cutthroat trout are carried from a helicopter to their new home in a Book Cliffs stream.  
*Photo by Ron Stewart*

In mid-summer 2006, using crews flown in by a helicopter, the biologists were able to complete the first round of treatments to remove nonnative fish from the

area. "We placed rotenone drips in the main streams and used backpack sprayers and sand/rotenone mixes to treat the marshy areas, seeps and springs," Birchell says. "In early July, 2007, we did it again to make sure we got all of the fish."

On July 26, 2007, UDWR and Ute Tribe biologists guided two fish trucks from the Whiterocks State Fish Hatchery down a rutted road on Ute tribal lands to the headwaters of West Willow and Steer Gulch. There they met a helicopter pilot from the Utah Highway Patrol. After some brief introductions, the first Colorado River cutthroat trout were airlifted to their new home in She Canyon Creek. A total of 4,000 more soon followed these 15-month-old fish into Steer Gulch, West Willow and Pioche creeks.

In September, biologists also plan on stocking fingerling trout from this year's egg take.

"I've been teased about going to a lot of trouble and expense just to feed a few bears," Birchell says. "But I believe everyone benefits from this reintroduction.

"Returning a native fish to its native habitat has already paid dividends towards keeping Colorado River cutthroat trout off the Endangered Species List." (A recent petition to list the species was denied mainly because of the conservation efforts that are taking place.)

"Sportsmen benefit by having access to another 28 miles of stream that hold a native fish. This should be a good natural preserve as it has spawning gravel, and other fish have shown they can survive the winters and whatever nature throws at them.

"Also, because this is such a remote area, we should avoid many of the problems which threaten other pure-strain populations," Birchell says. "All in all, everyone wins, including the bears."

### **Dear 4M Community Members,**

Earlier this morning, the media announced to the world the launch of Google Sky.

Google Sky is a feature of the Google Earth platform and uses the same easy-to-use interface to search and zoom in on stars, planets, and deep sky objects. The high-resolution imagery is supplied by Hubble. Click on an object and Google Sky will produce lots of information about the object.

Google Sky is sure to attract the interest of many people who are interested in space and science, and if you are interested in Google Sky, we invite you to join Google Sky on Yahoo at [tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/googlesky](http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/googlesky).

I have found myself mesmerized as I scan and zoom in to high resolution imagery. To learn more about and download Google Sky, go to:

<http://earth.google.com/sky/skyedu.html>

Let us know what you think about Google Sky and how you are using it to explore the universe.

Wishing you clear and steady skies,

Scott

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### **LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN UTAH'S STATE PARKS**

Salt Lake - Utah State Park managers anticipate full campgrounds, and busy waterways and trails this Labor Day Weekend. Whether you're camping, boating, biking, or riding off-highway vehicles (OHVs), park rangers encourage visitors to be prepared for a safe holiday weekend.

Please follow these safety tips:

Wear your life jacket

Youth 12 to 17 must complete and pass a personal watercraft education (PWC) course before operating a PWC on their own Youth eight to 15 must complete and pass the Know Before You Go! Course before operating OHVs on public lands Always wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet, goggles, clothes that cover arms and legs, and over-the-ankle boots Ride your OHV only in areas designated for their use - Protect your privilege, stay on the trail

The following parks have campsites available, and reservations may be made up to two days before your arrival: Antelope Island, Bear Lake, Deer Creek, Escalante, Fremont Indian, Goblin Valley, Green River, Huntington, Hyrum, Jordanelle Rock Cliff, Kodachrome, Otter Creek, Palisade, Quail Creek, Red Fleet, Rockport, Sand Hollow, Scofield, Snow Canyon, Starvation, Steinaker, Wasatch Mountain, Willard Bay, and beach sites at Yuba. For reservations or additional information, please call (801) 322-3770 from within the Salt Lake calling area and (800) 322-3770 from outside the area.

## **RIVER TRIP, JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAMS HIGHLIGHT STATE PARK LABOR DAY WEEKEND EVENTS**

September 1 - 3 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Labor Day Weekend Celebration: Join park staff at Fielding Garr Ranch. Make pioneer handkerchief dolls, pick up a needle and quilt, and dip candles. Bring an empty soup can and make a pioneer lantern. Play farm ball or join in a sack race. Activities continue all day. On Saturday, join the park naturalist at 2 p.m. for a Junior Ranger Program. Though geared for children ages six to 12, everyone is welcome. (801) 649-5742

September 1 Jordanelle State Park - Heber City

Junior Ranger Program: Children age six to 10 are invited to the Nature Center from 11 a.m. to noon to learn how animals get ready for winter. Children earn a badge and certificate. (435) 782-3030

September 1 - 4 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

Prehistory of the San Juan River - River Trip: Join Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum and Wild Rivers Expeditions for a four-day, 26-mile journey through the upper canyon of the San Juan River. Edge of the Cedars archeologist Rebecca Stoneman offers participants in-depth information about early inhabitants. Trip includes swimming, hiking, stargazing, and great food and company. The \$820 tuition includes all meals, and transport to and from the river. A significant portion

of trip proceeds will be donated to support educational programs at Edge of the Cedars Museum. Call (435) 678-2238 or visit [www.riversandruins.com](http://www.riversandruins.com).

September 1 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Hike with a Naturalist: Join the park naturalist for an easy stroll through the wetlands at Fielding Garr Ranch. Participants should meet at the Ranch House at 2 p.m. and bring sunscreen, water, binoculars, bird guide, and sturdy shoes. (801) 721-9569.

September 1 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Junior Ranger Program - Making Sense of our Senses: Children age six through 12 can become Junior Rangers, complete with badge and certificate, by joining the naturalist for this one-hour program. Program begins at 1 p.m. at the Educational Yurt. (435) 654-1791.

September 3 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Evening Program: Nocturnal animals live very elusive lives. Join the park naturalist on an adventure into Antelope Island State Park's nightlife. Participants should meet at the visitor center at 4 p.m. (801) 721-9569

## **Deer permits sold out**

*14,000 bull elk permits still available*

Permits to hunt buck deer in Utah this fall are sold out.

Northern Region permits sold out Aug. 21. That's four weeks sooner than last year and more than a month before the muzzleloader deer hunt starts on Sept. 26.

"All of the state's deer permits are gone, but plenty of general bull elk permits are still available," says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "This should be a great year to hunt elk."

The state's general archery elk season starts Aug. 23. General archery elk permits are unlimited in number, so there's no problem getting one.

In addition to the archery permits, more than 7,000 permits to hunt on spike bull only units were still available on Aug. 21. And so were 7,000 permits to hunt on any bull elk units.

Elk permits are available at the [DWR's Web site](#), from more than 350 license agents across Utah and at any DWR office.

### **Elk hunting advice**

"If you're new to elk hunting, I'd encourage you to buy a permit to hunt on the spike bull only units," says Anis Aoude, big game coordinator for the DWR. "There's more spike bulls in Utah, and there's a lot of public land to hunt them on."

If you decide to chase mature bulls on an any bull elk unit, Aoude says the two Uinta Mountains units—the North Slope unit and the South Slope unit—are your best bet.

"Even though the map on page 48 of the 2007 Utah Big Game Proclamation shows a lot of any bull elk units in the state, many of these units are covered mostly by private land, or the elk populations on them are fairly low," Aoude says.

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

### **FUN FAMILY DAY AT STARVATION STATE PARK**

Duchesne - Starvation State Park, Duchesne Chamber of Commerce, and Duchesne City present Fun Family Day Saturday, September 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular park fees apply and cover all activities, snacks, and beverages. The first 100 visitors will receive a free Utah State Parks postcard book.

Events include a photo contest, children's art contest, and fish recipe swap. Drawings and giveaways will be held throughout the day.

Camping is available for \$9 to \$15 per night. Reservations can be made by calling (801) 322-3770 within the Salt Lake area, 800-322-3770 outside the Salt Lake area, or by visiting [www.stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov).

For more information, please call (435) 722-4598.

### **UTAH STATE PARKS AGENCY NAMED AMONG TOP THREE IN NATION**

Salt Lake - Utah State Parks and Recreation is one of three finalists for the

prestigious National Gold Medal Award. The award is presented by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Utah is competing against Tennessee and Georgia state park agencies for the 2007 award.

"It is an honor to be among the finalists for this award," said Utah State Parks Director Mary Tullius. "In 2007, we are also celebrating our 50th anniversary, making this a banner year for state park visitors and employees."

Utah State Parks and Recreation manages more than 40 recreation, scenic, and cultural destinations throughout the state, and hosted 4.5 million visitors in 2006. The agency also administers the state boating and off-highway vehicle programs, which includes access, education, and search and rescue responsibilities.

The National Gold Medal Award is presented every two years. Finalists are selected by a distinguished panel of leaders who have expertise in the field of park, recreation, and conservation management. The selection of finalists is based on comprehensive information provided by each agency highlighting programming, public planning, education, resources, partnerships, and accomplishments within their organization.

The Gold Medal Award winner will be announced September 26 at the NRPA Congress and Exposition in Indianapolis, Indiana.

### **Ogden Nature Center's 22nd Annual Wildwoods BASH slated for Saturday, September 8, 2007 / 5:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a fabulous evening outdoors and help raise funds for the Ogden Nature Center at the 22nd Annual Wildwoods BASH. This fun and relaxing event includes dinner, live entertainment and the Nature Center's signature auction of nature-inspired items.

Stroll down Birdhouse Trail to the Visitor Center where you'll find a casual outdoor party on the back lawn. Be treated to a gourmet dinner catered by the Nature Center's favorite local chefs and improvisational folk-fusion sounds by local musician William Pollett.

This year's auction will include a bronze sculpture of a covey of quail, by artist Terry Johnson, nature-themed art, a bicycle, outdoor getaways (far away and close

to home), pottery, hand-knit clothing, the latest in outdoor gear and more.

All proceeds support the Ogden Nature Center's award winning nature education programs, wild bird rehabilitation and the Nature Center's beautiful, 152-acre nature preserve on 12th Street in Ogden.

Tickets are \$60 per person or \$1000 for a reserved table of 10. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call the Nature Center at 621-7595.

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th Street in Ogden. Our mission is to unite people with nature and nurture appreciation and stewardship of the environment.

### **Search for quagga or zebra mussels continues**

PAGE, ARIZ. — The search for adult quagga or zebra mussels is continuing at the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Since Aug. 10, divers have been searching the Wahweap Marina area for visible quagga or zebra mussels.

They have been carefully inspecting boats, cables and dock structures. As of Aug. 17, about 500 boats in the Wahweap Marina had been thoroughly examined for mussels. No visible quagga or zebra mussels had been found.

Additional sampling for microscopic larval mussels is also continuing in the Wahweap Marina area in hopes of identifying a "hot spot" of activity. Samples were also taken the week of Aug. 13 by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources at Bullfrog and Halls Crossing marinas, in the San Juan Arm of Lake Powell, the Rincon, Padre Bay, and Good Hope Bay.

Most of the samples are being sent to a Bureau of Reclamation laboratory in Denver for processing. In addition, the National Park Service has upgraded its microscopic equipment at the Wahweap laboratory, which allows some samples to be examined locally.

On Aug. 15, a boat with quagga mussels attached to it arrived at the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The boat had come from Lake Mead, where it had been moored since April. The boat was fully decontaminated by ARAMARK at the new Wahweap decontamination station before it was permitted to launch into Lake Powell. This was the second boat this year that had come to Glen Canyon with quagga mussels visibly attached.

Superintendent Kitty Roberts reminds visitors that, "We are still actively trying to prevent quagga or zebra mussels from infesting Lake Powell. At the same time, we are mounting a major search to determine if an established population exists in the Wahweap area, while expanding our sampling to determine if mussel larvae are present in other parts of the lake."

### **Cheri Call Concert News**

Saturday, August 25th

Benefit Concert Silverlake Amphitheater Eagle Mountain, UT 7:00 p.m.

I'll be there with Jericho Road, Jenny Jordan Frogley, Jacob Luttrell, Divine Heritage Gospel Choir, Genesis Children's Choir, breakdancers, and much more! Proceeds benefit needy children in Africa. This will be a huge concert with lots of wonderful performers. To order tickets, visit <http://deseretbook.com/tickets/jr>  
See you there!

### **PARK RANGERS STRESS IMPORTANCE OF WATER SAFETY**

Salt Lake - Three recent drownings in Utah's lakes and reservoirs have prompted Utah State Park Rangers to urge swimmers and boaters to use caution while on the water.

"Accidents can happen suddenly and at any time," stated Utah State Parks Boating Coordinator Dave Harris. "Wearing a life jacket while boating is synonymous with wearing your seat belt on the highway-they are both proven life savers."

Nearly 80% of fatalities from boating accidents could be prevented if a life jacket had been worn. It is likely that nearly 100% of swimming related drownings could be prevented if a life jacket or other floatation device is used.

Harris offers the following safety tips:

- Always wear a life jacket. Utah law requires children under 13 to wear a properly sized life jacket when on a boat. However, it is a safe and smart practice for everyone, including adults, to always wear their life jacket when on the water.
- Never swim alone; always swim with a "buddy." Parents should make sure they are watching their children, even when other adults or a lifeguard are present.
- Don't drink alcohol if you are planning to swim or go boating. Alcohol slows

reaction time and affects balance and judgment.

- Be aware that in natural bodies of water, swift current, deep water and/or a sudden drop-off can get you in trouble, even if you are a good swimmer.

For boating safety information, please call (801) 538-2628 within the Salt Lake calling area or 1-800-743-3792 from outside the Salt Lake calling area or visit [www.stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov) .

## **RECREATIONAL BOATERS URGED TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION**

Boat Owners Association of the United States (BoatU.S.) is urging recreational boaters to contact their legislators to co-sponsor H.R. 2550, which would permanently exempt recreational boats from a complex, ballast water discharge permitting system.

BoatU.S. is pushing for passage of H.R. 2550 "The Recreational Boating Act of 2007." It would continue a 34-year-old exemption for recreational boats and release the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from having to implement an expensive and bureaucratic national permit system by September 30, 2008.

According to BoatU.S., a September 2006 decision by the U.S. District Court for Northern California will have unintended and serious consequences for recreational boating.

Because of the ruling, every recreational boat in the country would need a permit for 'normal operational discharges.' According to BoatU.S., the ruling is an attempt to apply a complex permitting system designed for industrial shipping, to recreational boats.

The original lawsuit was brought against EPA in an effort to control the spread of invasive species contained in commercial ships' ballast water tanks. The tanks, which add stability, are filled overseas and then discharged in U.S. waters when cargo is uploaded. Ballast water is a primary pathway for non-native species, such as the Zebra Mussel, to invade U.S. waters. However, 99% of recreational boats do not have ballast tanks, nor do they cross oceans in any significant numbers.

For more information on this issue, or for help contacting your legislators, go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/gov>.

**Stiff fines the result of knowingly breaking fishing and hunting laws**

## *Breaks sometimes given for mistakes*

MORGAN — Two Salt Lake County anglers recently learned the hard way that fishing methods in their native country aren't legal in Utah.



*Photo by Phil Douglass*

Division of Wildlife Resources conservation officers Keith Fullencamp and Jonathan Moser discovered the two men fishing with a home-made spear gun at East Canyon Reservoir south of Morgan.

Underwater spearfishing is allowed at a few waters in Utah, but spearfishing is not allowed at East Canyon.

It appeared that the two men made the spearfishing mistake unknowingly. However, they did know that they had taken an over-limit of fish. And one of the two anglers did not have a fishing

license.

The Class A misdemeanor charges they were cited with could result in a fine of \$2,500. They might also be fined \$25 for each fish they took over the limit. And they could lose their hunting and fishing privileges in Utah for several years.

### **It's happening more often**

Wildlife officers are seeing situations like the one at East Canyon more often as Utah's population grows. Many people come from countries where fishing and hunting are not regulated, and they break Utah's hunting and fishing rules unknowingly.

For these unintentional mistakes, officers often give warnings or issue citations for lesser offenses that will result in the lowest possible fine.

At the other end of the spectrum are anglers and hunters who break wildlife laws knowingly. Some have the mindset that they'll break the rules and get away with it. Others may not go afield intending to break the law, but once they're in the field

they're tempted to take an over-limit of fish or shoot ducks after shooting hours. Others simply give in to peer pressure from other anglers and hunters.

When officers determine that people knew they were breaking the law, they often cite the offender with a Class B or A misdemeanor. Sometimes, the offender is even cited with a felony.

### **30,000 Kids Learn How to Boat & Fish through NRPA Grant Program**

RBFF is finding strength in numbers through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Take Me Fishing™ Community Initiative grant program. Just two months into the 2007 program, nearly 30,000 kids and their families have already been introduced to boating and fishing.

“The feedback we are receiving from the NRPA sites is tremendous. With nearly 65 percent of all sites reporting in, we’re confident about reaching our annual goal of 60,000 participants,” said RBFF Education and Conservation Manager Jim Stewart.



**National Recreation  
and Park Association**

The NRPA grant program helps local park and recreation agencies improve the quality of their current fishing and boating programs and create new ones by providing funding for equipment, staff training, technical assistance, program resources and marketing. Started as a pilot effort at 10 sites in 2006, the program has been expanded to include 300 communities across the country.

For more information, e-mail RBFF Education and Conservation Manager Jim Stewart or call him at (703) 519-9546.

### **WILDLIFE WEDNESDAYS**

Slithering snakes, hooting owls, awesome eagles, dessert tortoises, hawks, tarantulas and more.

The Ogden Nature Center presents Wildlife Wednesdays every week at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. People of all ages are invited to learn about some of Utah's native animal species up close and personal. Each week you'll meet a different animal and learn about their behavior, habitat, diet, unique characteristics and more. These casual lessons are presented by an Ogden Nature Center staff member trained in conservation biology, ornithology,

education or natural sciences.

Regular admission rates apply:

\$3.00 for ages 12-64

\$1.25 for seniors and children 2-11

Ogden Nature Center members are free

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th St., Ogden. For more information please call 621-7595 or visit [www.ogdennaturecenter.org](http://www.ogdennaturecenter.org).

## **Utah “Life Elevated” Travel Guide Wins Tourism Industry’s Mercury Award**

SALT LAKE CITY – The Utah Travel Guide has been named the best travel guide in the country by the National Council of State Tourism Directors (NCSTD). The prestigious Mercury Award was presented to the Utah Office of Tourism Saturday night in Phoenix, Arizona during the annual Educational Seminar for Tourism Organizations (ESTO), produced by the Travel Industry Association (TIA).

The judges said Utah received the Mercury Award for Print Visitor Guide because the state best showcased its “geography, attractions, recreation and lodging in a single user-friendly publication.”

“We completely reformatted and expanded the guide last year to make it more visitor friendly and to coincide with the launch of our new ‘Life Elevated’ brand,” said Leigh von der Esch, managing director of the Utah Office of Tourism, part of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. “In fact, the guide has been so popular due the success of our advertising that we’re reprinting 40,000 copies to send to out-of-state visitors while production is underway on the 2008 edition that will be published this fall.”

The new 144-page “Life Elevated” edition includes year-round, statewide information on destinations, activities, events, lodging, guides and outfitters, as well as a pullout map of Utah. It was produced in-house with the assistance of designer Larry Clarkson of Clarkson Creative in Salt Lake City. The Utah Office of Tourism printed more than 200,000 travel guides that were used as the primary response piece for visitor inquiries. Copies were also sent to tourism offices and welcome centers around the state. In addition, the travel guide is distributed overseas at trade shows and sales missions in key international markets, including Canada, Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom.

For information on Utah destinations, please contact the Utah Office of Tourism, Council Hall/Capitol Hill, 300 N. State, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114, (801) 538-1900, (800) 200-1160 or by visiting [www.utah.travel](http://www.utah.travel).

### *Happenings at the Council*



**Ogden Paddle Festival.** Join us this Saturday, August 25 from 10 to 5 at the first ever Ogden Paddle Festival at Middle Inlet on Pineview Reservoir! Instruction in kayaking, canoeing, fly-fishing and more will be available, along with boat demos, children's activities, and live music. Sponsored by the City of Ogden and others, proceeds from the event will benefit the Council. \$10 for adults; \$5 for children and \$20 per family. For more information, call Ogden City Rec. at 801-629-8253 or visit our website at [www.utahrivers.org](http://www.utahrivers.org).

**Are you the Ripper of the Year?** Have you ripped your strip? Do you have a beautiful parking strip that you are proud of? This is your chance to gain some recognition for your efforts and also a chance to win some prizes! The Council is launching the first water-wise parking strip landscaping contest. The contest is open to any Utah resident that takes the Rip Your Strip pledge by September 1, 2007.

**Provo River Clean-Up.** Get your hands on river protection! Join us on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to Noon to clean a stretch of the Provo River and trail. Meet at Canyon Glen Park in Provo Canyon, be sure to wear shoes and clothes that can get wet and muddy, and bring a water bottle. For more information, contact Lauren at 801-486-4776.

**If you aren't already a member of the Utah Rivers Council, take the opportunity to become one and join us for a fun and relaxing float down the Bear River.** On Saturday, September 22, Amy Defreese will lead a canoe trip down the Bear River outside of Benson, Utah. Your \$20 donation will register you for the float and enroll you for a one year membership with the Utah Rivers Council. Call to register with the Council at 801-486-4776.

## *Conservation Tip*



*Do you know what your sprinkler system does in the dark? Many of us - rightly - set our sprinkler systems to go off during the night or early morning hours. This reduces evaporative losses compared to mid-day watering. However, if your sprinkler system develops problems such as broken sprinkler heads, you might not see the water waste because you are tucked in your bed. Periodically, turn on your sprinklers during daylight hours to inspect the system for broken, clogged or misaligned heads. For more information and for additional tips on sprinkler efficiency, visit [http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=133&Itemid=219](http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=133&Itemid=219)*

## **Public Comment requested until September 4**

The Logan Ranger District of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest is requesting comments on three alternative actions affecting the Millville/Providence Canyon area. The proposed action will affect 4x4 users specifically, but the long term ramifications have the potential to affect all OHV use in the area. Please take a moment to review the information, and submit a comment to the Logan Ranger District.

For detailed information on this issue, please visit:

<http://www.usaall.org/logan.aspx>.

Additional information can be found here:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/wcnf/projects/proposed/>

Look half way down the page under "Logan Ranger District - Proposed Projects."

**Comments must be received by Tuesday September 4th.** Comments can be submitted by email or USPS mail.

Comments sent by mail should be directed to:

Janet Valle  
1500 E Hwy 89  
Logan, UT 84321

Email comments should be sent to:

[comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-logan@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-wasatch-cache-logan@fs.fed.us)

For information on submitting comments to land managers, please refer to our info library (<http://www.usaall.org/library>).

Special thanks to John Borg for providing the analysis of this issue.

## Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson  
Lake Elevation: 3605

August 22, 2007  
Water Temperature: 80-88 F

### FLIP-FLOP



My Goodness! Something happened to Lake Powell this week. The cause is uncertain but we know that yearling stripers that were feeding on top near Hite went deep. At the same time the bottom feeding fish on the south end came to the surface. I suspect there is a logical reason, such as water level decline displacing shad from brush shelters causing them to seek open water. Rather than try to explain the phenomenon, I just went fishing! It has been awhile since I have found full open water boils where I could reach them from Wahweap or Antelope Point. This morning 103 stripers were caught in 2 hours of fishing.

Warm Creek was where I fished, but my guess is that the same conditions are at work from Wahweap to Dangling Rope and

beyond. At dawn stripers start to hit the surface as widely spaced individuals. A spoon thrown near a single splash is quickly eaten. Top water lures are taken only

half the time. Then as the sun climbs, stripers run shad schools toward shore or into a cove. Real boils erupt with hundreds of yearling stripers feeding tightly together. Fish in full boils hit anything, with walking topwater baits being the most effective. When boiling fish go down to regroup, pick up a hammered silver spoon to follow them to the bottom. When they come back up, use the topwater lure. Fishing becomes non stop catching when using these complementary lures.

Scan the shoreline for the location of the boil. A neat trick is to look toward the East into the rising sun as it peaks over the horizon. Striper splashes will light up like flashing strobe lights as the sun backlights the splash spray. Follow the strobes to the center the activity. My advice is to keep moving while looking for boils instead of waiting in one spot – even if that was where they were seen yesterday. Stripers have no loyalty to spots. They just follow shad that are doing their best to avoid the stripers.

How long will the southern lake boils last? There are no guarantees. Today's boil may have been the last. More likely we should see boils at least through this weekend. Do not wait hoping for a prolonged surface feeding event. My guess is these boils will be short lived. Be prepared to look in lots of places to find boiling fish.

Bass and walleye will be near the boiling stripers. Expect bass to hit as the stripers go deep. Today I found healthy 3 pound stripers on bottom under the 16-inch boiling stripers. As we reeled in each hooked fish, many shad were regurgitated. I am sure the deeper fish were laying low, waiting for the dead and wounded shad shower to come into the deeper water. Again shad-colored spoons are the ticket to find bass, walleye and larger stripers after the boil.

Catfish and sunfish are eager to provide fishing action for all near camp.

## **Moab Calendar of Events**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**1-3 Moab Artists Studio Tour** - Visitors and locals alike will have the rare opportunity to visit the studios of Moab's finest artists and see them at work. Featuring over 20 of the area's finest artists! From 10am until 4pm at the artists' studios. For more information, visit [www.moabstudiotour.com](http://www.moabstudiotour.com).

**1-3 Annual Labor Day Red Rock 4 Wheelers Campout** - Organized by the Red Rock 4-Wheelers - Overnight trips with backcountry camping, with additional day-trips on each of the three days. The club will organize the event and provide the guides, you bring all your other needs. Early trail reservations are recommended since the number of vehicles allowed on each trip is limited. Spaces will be filled on a first-postmarked-first-serve priority system - there is no email, phone, or online registration. Final registration will be held on the morning that the trails leave. Visit the club's [website](#) for further information or mail a request to Red Rock 4-Wheelers, Inc., PO Box 1471, Moab, UT 84532-1471.

**8 "Wings of Color; Essays in Fabric" by Karen Wedding** - Artist's reception at 6 pm on Saturday, September 8th at Moab Art Works (35 N. Main St). For more info call (435) 259 3010 or visit [www.moabartworks.com](http://www.moabartworks.com). Free.

**8-9 Quilting in the Red Rocks Quilt Show** - The Delicate Stitchers Quilt Guild of Moab is hosting a free quilt show on September 8 & 9 at the Grand Center. There will be Nationally recognized quilt instructor Virginia Robertson will be teaching a class as well as merchants, vendors, door prizes and demonstrations. A quilt appraiser will also be on hand to appraise your quilts. For more information contact Debbie Hughes at 435-259-2665.

**27-30 AdventureXstream Series - Moab Adventure Race** - 300+ mile expedition adventure race. For more information visit [www.gravityplay.com](http://www.gravityplay.com) or contact [events@gravityplay.com](mailto:events@gravityplay.com).

**27-30 Skydive Moab Festival** - Skydivers from all across the world will be jumping from 3 - 20+ passenger airplanes and free falling for over 1 minute above Moab's most amazing landscape. Come see over 300+ skydivers jump and make over 3000 jumps in just 4 days. They'll reach speeds well over 150 mph. For more info visit [www.skydivemoab.com](http://www.skydivemoab.com), send an email to [info@skydivemoab.com](mailto:info@skydivemoab.com), or call 435-259-JUMP to make your reservation today.

**28 Community Contra Dance** - Join in the circles, lines, and squares of contra dancing. Dances are caller-led, so no prior experience is necessary. Held at the Moab Arts and Recreation Center, 100 N. 111 E. 7:00 pm instruction, 7:30 dance begins. Come with or without a partner. Donations requested for local charities. Live traditional music! **October 2007**

## *OCTOBER*

**6 Red Rock in Detail** - Paintings by R. Geoffrey Blackburn - Artist's Reception  
6pm –

Moab Art Works (35 N. Main St ). For more info visit [www.moabartworks.com](http://www.moabartworks.com) or call (435) 259 3010.

**5-7 Moab Century Tour** - The Moab Century Tour encompasses an inspiring variety of landscape to awaken the cycling spirit. From the depths of the red rock canyons of Moab, riders begin to glimpse at the towering mountains above. This spectacular route rises from the sculptured canyons of the mighty Colorado River up into the La Sal Mountains, and then descends back into the canyons leaving you speechlessly in awe of the grand scale of this magical place. Channel the energy of riding through this grandeur of Moab's canyon country by putting purpose behind your cycling. By focusing proceeds of the Tour with the Lance Armstrong Foundation, each participant becomes a powerful force against cancer. For more information contact 435-259-2698 or visit [www.skinnytirefestival.com](http://www.skinnytirefestival.com).

**5-8 Utah Rock Art Research Association Symposium 2007** - Keynote speakers will be archaeologist Phil Geib and art historian Dr. Renaldo Morales. Geib's presentation will be "War and Status During the Basketmaker II Period" and Morales' presentation will be "Passion, Posterity, and Propaganda in American Rock Art". For more information visit [www.utahrockart.org](http://www.utahrockart.org). The symposium will be held at the Grand Center (182 N 500 W).

**12-14 Annual Gem & Mineral Show** - 47th Annual Points & Pebbles Gem & Mineral Show. This year's show features dealers, exhibits, field trips and a lot more. Enjoy daily field trips to some of the club's favorite spots. Enjoy a great selection of lapidary craftsmanship and a multitude of specimens await in the many display cases throughout the show, including two massive cases filled with over 1600 minerals & fossils. Dealers feature an array of items including cabs, slabs, rough, jewelry of all sorts, polished stones, glittering faceted gemstones, books & bookends, hand tools, lapidary tools, crystals, fossils, sea shells, exotic minerals, and so much more. Other highlights include door prizes, spin wheel, club table, rock pool, and a silent auction. Old Spanish Trail Arena (3641 S. Highway 191). For more information visit [www.moabrockclub.com](http://www.moabrockclub.com).

**13-14 Annual 24 Hours of Moab Mountain Bike Race** - Annual Team Relay-Style Mountain Bike Race held in the Behind the Rocks Area - An extremely popular 24 hour mountain bike race set in a spectacular red rock desert. Sections

of this course follow an old jeep trail while others contain some wild downhill segments. The course contains 1,100 feet of climb per lap and some challenging sandy sections. [www.grannygear.com](http://www.grannygear.com)

**19-21 9th Annual Jeep Jamboree Moab** - A family-oriented four-wheel-drive adventure that's probably unlike anything you've ever experienced. Jeep Jamborees cater to every level of expertise so they're fun for everyone - from novice to veteran and everyone in between. Jeep Jamborees are strictly for Jeep 4x4s. Any Jeep vehicle with a 4-LO transfer case can participate: that includes everything from showroom stock all the way up to highly modified rigs. Experienced guides help navigate you through scenic switchbacks and some of the most challenging off-highway situations you never thought your Jeep vehicle was capable of. And, perhaps best of all, you'll be meeting and making new friends every day. For more information visit [www.jeepjamboreeusa.com](http://www.jeepjamboreeusa.com). *Note: This small event is not associated with the giant Moab Easter Jeep Safari in March/April.*

**20 YogAmoab Microintensive: YogAslowdown Restorative Rx** - Sat. 9am–noon - \$25 advance registration (before October 10), \$30 thereafter - For detailed information visit [www.yogamoab.com](http://www.yogamoab.com).

**20-21 The Other Half** - The Other Half is a 13.1 mile running event that begins at Dewey Bridge on Highway 128 and winds through some of the most stunning scenery in the country to its finish at the Sorrel River Ranch. For more information call 435-259-4525 or visit [www.moabhalfmarathon.org](http://www.moabhalfmarathon.org).

**26 Community Contra Dance** - Join in the circles, lines, and squares of contra dancing. Dances are caller-led, so no prior experience is necessary. Held at the Moab Arts and Recreation Center, 100 N. 111 E. 7:00 pm instruction, 7:30 dance begins. Come with or without a partner. Donations requested for local charities. Live traditional music!

**27 2nd Annual Pumpkin Chuckin' Festival** - Are you ready to see flying pumpkins, costumes galore, live music, and so much more? Moab's 2nd Annual Pumpkin Chuckin' Festival will be held at the old airport runway on the 27th of October from 10-4pm. Pull out your costumes and get ready for a day filled with fun for the entire family. Costume contests, pie-eating contests, game booths, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, live bands, and of course, sling-shots, catapults, trebuchets, and air-cannons, launching pumpkins across the sky. Tickets will be

sold in advance at WabiSabi. For additional information visit [www.youthgardenproject.org](http://www.youthgardenproject.org) or call 435-259-2326.

**31 Halloween Hoot** - The Moab Arts & Recreation Center (MARC - 100 N. 111 E.) is the place for little ghouls and goblins to hang out on Halloween night. A Halloween Carnival, arts and crafts and a spook-house designed just for the little ones is featured at this community event. **ber**

## NOVEMBER

**2-4 Annual Moab Folk Music Festival** - An exciting gathering of accomplished artists from the national, regional and local contemporary folk music community. From Utah to Texas, to Virginia and New York - the Moab Folk Music Festival brings some of the finest singer/songwriter musicians in the country. All venues are located in historic downtown Moab. Outdoor performances will be held in the Moab Ball Field, which is walking distance from Main Street and has panoramic views of red rock and the La Sal Mountains. Evening performances will be held at Grand County High School. Bruce Cockburn, Catie Curtis, Peter Rowan, Laurie Lewis & Tom Rozum, Mollie O'Brien & Rich Moore, John Smith, Kenny White, Chris Proctor, Wishing Chair, Sand Sheff and more! For additional information visit [www.moabfolkfestival.com](http://www.moabfolkfestival.com) or call 435-260-2488.

**3 Water Song** - Photographs by Bruce Hucko - Artist's Reception: 6pm Saturday - Moab Art Works (35 N. Main St.) - For more information visit [www.moabartworks.com](http://www.moabartworks.com) or call (435) 259 3010.

**17 Mystery Dinner Theatre and Quick Draw Art Auction** - The best fall fun in Moab! This night of great food, great art, theater, and 'who done it' is a fundraiser for the Moab Arts and Recreation Center. Time and place TBA.

**TBA - Bighorn Sheep Festival** - A chance to view desert bighorn sheep in sunny southeastern Utah awaits as the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) hosts its annual Moab Bighorn Sheep Festival. The event is free, and people of all ages are invited to attend. Sheep watchers are encouraged to bring binoculars or a spotting scope along with snacks, beverages and a camera. DWR biologists will guide participants to locations where bighorns have been recently observed. The biologists will have extra spotting scopes and binoculars for people to use. They'll also have several large four-wheel drive vehicles for those who don't have the type

of vehicle needed to reach the areas where the sheep are. The festival begins on Friday evening in the Moab Information Center, located at the corner of Center and Main. DWR will present a program on bighorn sheep ecology and their life history. The following morning participants will gather again at the Moab Information Center where they will split into groups and go in search of bighorn sheep. A DWR wildlife biologist will guide each caravan of vehicles. All of the parties will be in radio contact with each other, so everyone can be advised as soon as sheep are spotted. Those who drive their own vehicle can leave the group at any time. For those who ride with DWR biologists, the field trips generally finish by noon or early afternoon. For more information call 435-636-0260.

**30 Christmas Tree Lighting** - The official beginning of the Christmas season in Moab!

## **DECEMBER**

**1 Electric Light Parade** - Lighted Floats along Main Street in downtown Moab.