

More Young Bucks for the Archery Hunt

Archery deer hunt starts Aug. 18

Good news awaits Utah's archery buck deer hunters this fall: more bucks are roaming many of Utah's forests.

The state's first major hunt of the year – the general archery buck deer hunt – starts Aug. 18.

More bucks

“The buck-to-doe ratio has been right

around the minimum objective of 15 bucks per 100 does since 1998.

We've had a couple of years where it's peaked at 17 bucks per 100 does, though: 2000 and now again this year,” says Anis Aoude, big game coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

DWR biologists determine the ratio by conducting on-the-ground surveys after the hunting seasons are over in the fall. This past winter was mild in Utah, so most of the bucks biologists saw last fall, and many of the buck fawns they saw, should be available to hunters this fall. “And archery hunters will be the first hunters to see them,” Aoude says.



The following chart shows the buck-to-doe ratio after the past two hunting seasons:

<u>Region</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Northern	16	18
Central	15	15
Northeastern	16	16
Southeastern	17	20
Southern	17	16

Aoude says more than 320,000 adult deer were in Utah this spring. That's up from about 296,000 adult deer in the spring of 2006.

“Conditions for deer in Utah started improving in about 2003,” Aoude says. “We've had fair moisture over the past few years, and the winters have been mild.”

Wildfires

While deer were affected by some of the wildfires in Utah this summer, the biggest fire – the Milford Flats fire in south-central Utah – burned an area that few deer use during the hunting season. “If you’ve traditionally hunted in an area that’s now burned, I’d strongly encourage you to get out before the hunt opens and see what the area looks like,” Aoude says.

Wet and green?

Even though parts of Utah look like a dustbowl, you’ll see plenty of green vegetation above 7,000 feet in elevation.

And that will affect how you hunt.

“The terrain is going to be dry and noisy at lower elevations,” Aoude says. “If you hunt in these areas, your best chance for success is to hunt water holes and the trails that lead to them.



“If you hunt above 7,000 feet, you’ll find plenty of water,” he says. “Your

best bet in these high elevation areas is to do some preseason scouting and learn the travel patterns of the deer. Then hunt the trails the animals use. You can also spot and stalk deer at the higher elevations because it’s quieter and easier to move around.”

More tips

Aoude also provides the following tips and reminders:

- Practice with your bow. That will increase the chance that you’ll make that perfect shot at a deer count.
- Get away from the hunting pressure near the roads.
- Be aware of the direction the wind is blowing. If you’re stalking an animal, or waiting near a water hole or trail, make sure the wind is blowing across your body or into your face. That way, your scent won’t be carried to the deer.

- A fire restriction that's been in place since July 4 was modified recently. Beginning Aug. 3, campfires will be allowed outside of established campgrounds in the Dixie, Manti-La Sal and Fishlake national forests.

Everywhere else in Utah, fire restrictions remain in effect. You may have a campfire only in facilities built for them in established camping and picnicking areas.

Please visit www.utahfireinfo.gov for the latest fire restrictions in Utah.

- Watch out for thunder storms and lightning. If you get caught in this type of storm, make sure you're not the tallest object on the landscape.

- If you plan on hunting on any of Utah's extended archery areas, you must complete the DWR's Archery Ethics course (you must complete this course every year that you archery hunt). You must also carry your course Certificate of Completion with you while you're hunting. You can take the course at www.wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation.

The following is a look at deer hunting prospects in four of the DWR's five regions:

Northern Region

Mule deer populations are increasing in the Northern Region, and archery hunters can expect to find good numbers of bucks this year.

One exception is the Cache unit, a large public land unit in the northeastern part of the region. The deer population on the Cache unit is well below the management objective for the unit. The current population on the unit is stable to slightly increasing in number.

Randy Wood, Northern Region assistant wildlife manager, says the key for success this year is getting out and scouting the area you plan to hunt before the hunt begins. "The scenario is pretty much the same throughout the Northern Region – hunters can expect to see deer near water," Wood says.

Because of the hot, dry conditions, the deer are more active in the morning and evening, when it's cooler. And that's the situation in all of the region's units.

"All of our regional biologists are really emphasizing that hunters get out prior to the hunt, enjoy the great outdoors and scout the area they plan to hunt to find water and areas where deer can escape the heat," Wood says.

Wood also encourages hunters to pay close attention to the large tracts of private land in the Northern Region. Some of the region's public hunting units have a large number of Cooperative Wildlife Management Units (CWMUs) on

them. For the example, the Box Elder unit has 21 CWMUs. If you plan on hunting on the Box Elder unit, Wood says you can pick up a land ownership map from the Box Elder County Surveyor's office.

Wood says he's encouraged by the good fawn survival biologists observed this year. More than 85 percent of the fawns born in spring 2006 made it through this past winter, and deer populations have increased in nearly all of region's units.

If you have questions about hunting deer in northern Utah, call the Northern Region office at (801) 476-2740.

Central Region

Archery hunters should notice a few more young bucks in north-central Utah.

"Because of plentiful habitat and favorable weather conditions, 2006 was a good year for fawns in the region," says Craig Clyde, Central Region wildlife manager. "Hunters should see many young buck deer in the region this fall."

Clyde says about 45 percent of the deer biologists checked at Central Region checkpoints last year were 2½-year-old or older deer. "We also anticipate another good year for older-age-class bucks in the region," he says. "Our buck-to-doe ratio is 15 bucks per 100 does on public land units in the region."

The western half of the Central Region has fewer deer because of its drier desert conditions.

"The western portion of the Central Region is a tinderbox," says Wildlife Biologist Tom Becker. "It's the driest I've ever seen this area. If hunters try their luck out here in the desert, a water source is the place to focus on."

Becker reminds hunters that the northern part of the Stansbury Mountain range has burned. "I believe at least 20,000 acres have burned," he says. "This will displace some of our hunters, since this mountain range is somewhat popular for deer hunters."

Becker also reminds general season hunters in the Tooele and Juab county areas that a large portion of this area is part of the Vernon limited entry deer hunting unit (please see the 2007 Big Game Proclamation for the boundaries for this area).

The Salt Creek fire near Mount Nebo has also affected wildlife and may force several deer hunters to look for other areas to hunt.

If you have questions about hunting deer in north-central Utah, call the Central Region office at (801) 491-5678.

Southeastern Region

Archery hunters will find more bucks in the southeastern Utah this year, says Bill Bates, Southeastern Region wildlife manager.

“Moderately good fawn production and winter survival over the past few years have strengthened herds across the region,” Bates reports. “Most units show both short and long-term upward trends in the total number of deer.”

While the number of deer is up in the region, the total number of deer on all of its herd units is still below the management objective. Wildlife habitat in southeastern Utah faces a long road to recovery after many years of drought. And that drought continues unabated in the region. “If the weather returns to a normal pattern, the vegetation in the region will rebound, and the deer herds should continue to grow,” Bates says.

Regarding the buck-to-doe ratio for each unit, Bates indicates the Range Creek unit hovers around 31 bucks per 100 does. Along the Central Mountains-Manti unit in Carbon and Emery counties, Bates says the deer population is gradually rising with a buck-to-doe ratio of 17 bucks per 100 does.

Farther south in the LaSal Mountains by Moab, the deer population is on the upswing with a buck-to-doe ratio of 15 bucks per 100 does. The Abajo Mountains in San Juan County support a growing herd with a buck-to-doe ratio of 22 bucks per 100 does.

While deer populations continue to increase, Bates warns against getting over-confident. Unless there’s a dramatic change in the weather pattern, hunting conditions will be hot and dry.

Bates encourages hunters to look for deer near permanent water sources. “This is a good year to do pre-season scouting,” he says. “Take time to observe deer in your prospective hunting area. Learn the bedding, feeding and watering locations; then develop a hunting strategy, based on your observations.”

If you have questions about hunting deer in southeastern Utah, call the Southeastern Region office at (435) 636-0260.

Southern Region

Good numbers of young buck deer await archery hunters in much of south-central and southwestern Utah. Archery hunters who visit the region may find those deer in one of two places.

“Due to hot, dry conditions in June, deer have congregated either near agricultural fields or above 8,000 feet elevation,” says Jim Lamb, the DWR’s wildlife biologist in Wayne County. Lamb also covers part of Sevier, Garfield and Piute counties.

“If you choose to hunt near fields, be sure and obtain written permission from the landowner,” Lamb says.

“In higher elevations, look for deer near water sources or riparian areas. A good number of small bucks should be available to hunters.”

Jason Nicholes is the DWR’s wildlife biologist in Washington and Iron counties. He also covers the southwestern part of Beaver County.

“I expect a good hunt on the Pine Valley unit,” Nicholes says. “The buck-to-doe ratio on the unit is at 19 bucks per 100 does. There should be plenty of yearling bucks on the unit, and a decent number of older bucks should be available too.”

After surveying deer once the 2006 hunts were over, Nicholes also expects a good hunt on the Zion unit. “Our post-season classification from 2006 showed that we have a buck-to-doe ratio of 21 bucks per 100 does on the unit. This unit should also have a good and varied age class of bucks on it.”

Nicholes says the outlook for the Southwest Desert unit isn’t as bright. “Deer populations on the Southwest Desert unit are very low,” he says. “Deer can be found, but they’re small in number and they’re spread out over a very large area. The buck-to-doe ratio for this unit is currently at 28 bucks per 100 does.”

The Milford Flats fire in Beaver and Millard counties has altered deer movement patterns in much of the area west of I-15, says Lynn Chamberlain, Southern Region conservation outreach manager.

“There was some decline in deer numbers in the affected area, but land owners are reporting larger congregations of animals in and around agricultural areas,” Chamberlain says.

If you have questions about hunting deer in south-central and southwestern Utah, call the Southern Region office at (435) 865-6100.



Tips for a Safe Archery Hunt

If you’re an archery hunter, you can stay safe during this year’s archery hunts by following a few, simple rules.

Utah’s general archery buck deer hunt begins Aug. 18. The state’s general archery elk hunt kicks off Aug. 23.

“Every year we receive reports of archery hunters injuring themselves,” says Lenny Rees, hunter education coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Rees says two practices lead to most of the accidents: hunters being unsafe in tree stands or having arrows out of their quiver when they shouldn’t.

Rees provides the following advice to help you avoid these accidents:

1) Tree stands - before climbing a tree, make sure it’s large enough to hold your weight.

To avoid falling while climbing the tree, attach a hauling line to your bow, arrows and other equipment, and leave them on the ground. After climbing into your tree stand, attach your safety harness. Then use your hauling line to lift your gear to you.

Rees also recommends using a portable tree stand, rather than constructing a “permanent” one. “Permanent tree stands have a tendency to deteriorate and become unsafe,” he says. “They’re unsightly, too, and a person damages the tree by putting nails in it.”

2) “Until you’re ready to shoot, keep your arrows in a hooded quiver that covers the broadheads,” Rees says. “One of the most common accidents we see is archers jabbing themselves, or hunters who are walking close to them, while carrying arrows in their hand that should be in their quiver.”

State law requires that arrows be in a case while the arrows are in or on a vehicle. When hunters are outside their vehicles, it’s up to hunters to protect themselves.

More tips

In addition to the safety tips, Rees provides tips on getting prepared for the season, safety items to remember while you’re in the field and tips on tracking animals and preserving their meat.

1) Preparation -

a. equipment checks - make sure the laminations on your bow are not flaking or separating, that the strings on your bow are not fraying, and that the pulleys and cables on compound bows are in good working order. Also, make sure that your equipment is matched, that your arrow’s spline (the stiffness of the arrow’s shaft) matches your bow’s draw weight. If your bow’s draw weight produces more force than your arrow is designed to handle, your arrow will probably fly off target when you shoot.

b. broadhead sharpening - sharpen your broadheads carefully. Your broadheads should be razor sharp, but don't cut yourself while you're sharpening them.

c. practice your shooting as much as possible.

d. obtain written permission from private landowners before hunting on their property or using their property to access public land.

e. know the boundaries of limited entry units and other restricted areas in the general season area you'll be hunting.

2) Never take a shot at a deer or elk that is beyond the maximum, effective range you're comfortable shooting at. Also, before releasing your arrow, make sure of your target and what's beyond it.

3) After the shot -

a. watch the animal and determine the direction it took. Then go to the spot where you last saw the animal and find your arrow. If there's blood on it, and if you have a compass, take a reading of the direction the animal went. Then wait 30 minutes before tracking it. If you track the animal too soon, you can spook it into running. If you wait 30 minutes before tracking it, you'll find most of the deer and elk you shoot dead within a reasonable distance of your starting point.

b. when you track an animal, look for blood not only on the ground but on the brush too. If you begin to lose the animal's trail, tie a piece of biodegradable paper near the last blood spot, and then search for the animal's trail by walking a circular pattern out from the paper. The paper will serve as a marker, letting you know where you started.

Also, tying paper at the locations of the last three or four spots you see, and then standing a distance away and looking at the paper trail, can help you visualize the direction the animal took.

c. once you've found your animal, check to see if its eyes are open. If they're not, the animal probably isn't dead. If its eyes are open, touch one of the eyes with a long stick that will keep you out of harm's way if the animal is still alive. Once the animal is dead, field dress and cool its meat immediately. It's usually warm during the archery hunt, and the warm temperatures can cause the meat to spoil quickly.

Rees also provides tips for reducing conflicts with homeowners and those who don't hunt:

- 1) Find access points to your hunting area well in advance.
 - 2) If access requires crossing private land, you must obtain written permission from the landowner. If you can't obtain written permission, find another access point.
 - 3) Before you start hunting, make sure you're well beyond the required minimum distances from roads and dwellings. If you plan on hunting in Salt Lake County, please remember that the hunting restrictions in the county are more restrictive than the rest of Utah. Read the 2007 Big Game Proclamation closely for more information.
 - 4) Avoid hunting in areas that a lot of people use. Also, whenever possible, avoid hunting near heavily used trails.
- "Most of the people in Utah choose not to hunt, but they support hunting and hunting-related activities as long as hunters are safe, legal and ethical while in the field," Rees says. "When hunters don't behave that way, how people feel about hunting can take a turn for the worse."

Extended archery areas

Archery hunters who want to hunt the Wasatch Front, Ogden, Uintah Basin or Sanpete Valley extended archery areas need to remember the following:

- 1) Before hunting any of these areas, you must complete the DWR's Extended Archery Ethics Course. The free course is available online at wildlife.utah.gov/huntereducation.
- 2) You must carry two items with you while hunting in an extended archery area: your 2007 statewide general archery buck deer permit and your Extended Archery Ethics Course certificate. If you're a member of the Dedicated Hunter program, you must also carry your Dedicated Hunter certificate of registration.

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

DWR Proposes Major Turkey Hunting Change

Waterfowl hunting changes proposed too

More hunters could be hunting wild turkeys in Utah next spring.

The Division of Wildlife Resources will present two turkey hunting proposals at a series of upcoming public meetings. The first proposal would increase the number of turkey permits in Utah by



30 percent for the spring 2008 hunts.

The second proposal would more than double the number of permits. It would also create a third hunting season and would allow hunters in two regions – and a part of a third – to hunt across those regions during the third season.

Proposed waterfowl hunting changes also will be discussed at

the meetings.

The meetings provide an opportunity to learn more about the proposals and to provide biologists with your input and suggestions.

Citizens from Utah's five Regional Advisory Councils will take the public input received to the Utah Wildlife Board when it meets Sept. 6 in Salt Lake City. Board members are expected to approve Utah's 2008 Wild Turkey Hunting Guide and the state's 2007 – 2008 Waterfowl Hunting Guide at the meeting.

Meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

Southern Region

Aug. 14 at 7 p.m.
Beaver High School
195 E. Center St.
Beaver

Central Region

Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.
Springville Junior High School
165 S. 700 E.
Springville

Southeastern Region

Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
John Wesley Powell Museum
885 E. Main St.
Green River

Northern Region

Aug. 22 at 6 p.m.
Brigham City Community Center
24 N. 300 W.
Brigham City

Northeastern Region

Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Uintah Basin Applied

Wild Turkey Productive birds

“Interest in turkey hunting is growing in Utah, and we want to give as many hunters a chance to hunt them as we can,” says Dennis Southerland, upland game coordinator for the DWR. “There are enough turkeys in Utah that we believe we can do that without affecting the turkey populations.”

When it comes to reproducing, Southerland says upland game are different from big game and many other wildlife species.

“Turkeys and other upland game reproduce at a high rate,” he says. “It’s not unusual for a single male turkey to breed as many as 10 females. And female turkeys are very productive. They usually lay a clutch of between 10 to 12 eggs.

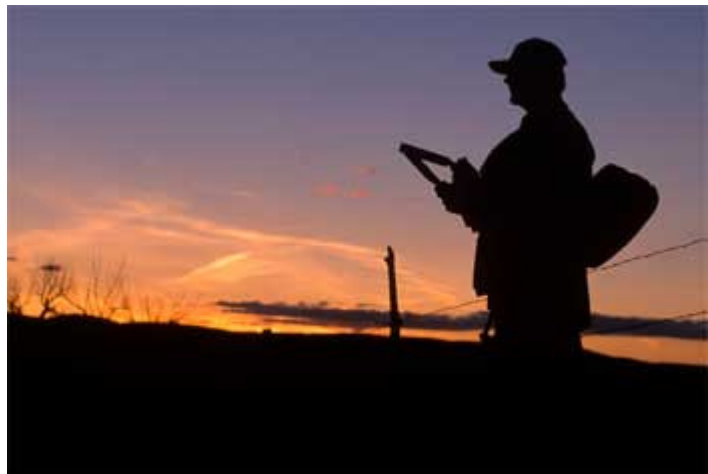
“Only male turkeys are hunted in Utah. We think an increase in permits – even as big as the one we’re proposing – would not have an impact on the state’s turkey populations. And it would give more hunters a chance to get out and enjoy turkey hunting.”

Two proposals

The DWR’s first proposal is similar to what hunters are used to: permits would be increased by 30 percent, and the hunting seasons would be similar to those offered over the past few years. Hunters would be required to hunt in the unit they obtained a permit for.

The second DWR proposal would work like this:

- Three hunting seasons would be held on most units. The first season would begin on April 12. The last season would end on May 31.
- The first two seasons would be very much like the seasons Utah has now: a limited number of permits would be offered, and hunters would be required to hunt in the unit they drew a permit for.



- The third season is where the changes would
- occur. The third season would be 27 days long, and twice as many permits would be offered for it than were offered for the first two seasons. In three regions – the Northern, Central and portions of the Northeastern – hunters would not be required to hunt in a single unit. Instead, they could hunt in almost any unit in the region.

After the hunting seasons, DWR biologists would survey those who hunted that spring, including those who hunted during the third season. If hunters liked the changes, and the harvest data showed turkey populations were not declining because of the changes, even more permits could be offered the following year.

“More hunters would be in the field during the third season,” Southerland says. “But in two of the regions, and a part of a third, hunters could hunt across the entire region. Allowing hunters to hunt across the region should give everyone plenty of room to spread out.”

Turkey plan

Giving more hunters a chance to hunt turkeys one of the goals of Utah’s Wild Turkey Strategic Management Plan.

The proposals biologists will present at the meetings are an effort to do just that.

The turkey hunting proposals were drafted by a committee that included DWR biologists and members of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation and Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife.

Waterfowl

The DWR is also recommending some changes for Utah’s upcoming waterfowl hunting season:

- Paper applications would not be accepted for swan hunting permits. All swan applications would have to be submitted online at www.wildlife.utah.gov.
- Some motorized boat changes would occur at the Public Shooting Grounds Waterfowl Management Area west of Corrine. All of the WMA south of SR-83 – including Pintail Lake – would be open to boats with motors. All of the WMA north of SR-83 would be closed to motorized boats. This would include Crocker, East Crocker, West Crocker, Mud and Spires lakes.

- Swan hunters who missed the deadline to report their 2006 swan hunt success could still apply for a 2007 swan permit if they paid a \$50 late fee.

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

Young Hunters: Get Your Application In for Special Upland Game Hunts

Ten chukar and pheasant hunts – for hunters 15 years of age and younger – will be held in Utah this fall.

These hunts are a great way to introduce young people to upland game hunting.

“These youth hunts are a lot of fun,” says Dean Mitchell, Conservation Outreach Section chief for the Division of Wildlife Resources. “One of the things the kids seem to enjoy the most is not having to compete with older hunters for a bird.”

Getting qualified to participate in one of the youth hunts is easy. All that Hunter Education course graduates 15 years of age and younger have to do is complete an application and write a one-paragraph essay on: “I want to continue the Utah upland game hunting tradition because...” or, “I would like to start my own upland game hunting tradition because...”

Applications due soon

To be considered for a hunt, applications and essays must be received by Aug. 24 for one of the youth chukar hunts. Youth pheasant hunt applications and essays are due by Sept. 7.

The best way to apply for the hunts is online at www.wildlife.utah.gov/uplandgame. Paper applications are also available at DWR offices and hunter education centers, and on page 25 of the 2007 – 2008 Utah Upland Game Hunting Guide.

Hunt dates

The youth chukar hunts will be held Sept. 8 on five state wildlife management areas (WMAs). The youth pheasant hunts will be held Nov. 10 on four state WMAs and one Walk-In Access area.

“Youth hunts are being held across the state, so no matter where you live, a hunt should be offered fairly close to you,” Mitchell says.

The WMAs and the Walk-In Access area will be closed to all other hunters on the day the youth hunts are held.

Getting youth excited about upland game hunting

“Over the past few years, the number of young people who hunt in Utah has declined a lot,” Mitchell says. “These youth hunts are a way to reverse that trend by allowing young people, without competition from other hunters, to go into the field and experience what it’s like to take an upland game bird.

“The hunts also allow us a hands-on way to teach these young people what it means to be a responsible and ethical hunter.”

For more information about the hunts, visit www.wildlife.utah.gov/uplandgame , call the nearest DWR office or see pages 24 and 25 of the 2007 – 2008 Upland Game Hunting Guide.

News from the Heber Valley Gun Club

If you live in Park City, please be sure to tune in tomorrow morning, Saturday August 4 (not sure on the time but you could call station to find out) and catch the short interview piece on the Heber Valley Gun Club shot on location yesterday.

A longer segment about the HVGC, featuring a shotgun lesson with the host, Randi Robsison, will air later in the week on Wednesday or Thursday. I will send another email on Monday to let you know what time and which day.

Thanks to all of our volunteers and generous members lots of great things are happening at the Heber Valley Gun Club. We have been able to make some cosmetic repairs to the club house and Greg Allen has used his excavating equipment to lay the groundwork for skeet towers and we should be able to have them completed by this fall.

We appreciate the many, many members who respond to our requests for volunteer service. We genuinely appreciate you! A special thanks to the Jones' Family, the Siddoways, the Thomsons, Jamisons and of course our board members, Tom Meyers and Jerry Wenner (all from Park City and Summit Co. area) and Bill Sinnott, Greg Allen, Deb Baum and board members Josh Richardson and Dewey Mair who always seem to answer every call for help. Thanks guys!!!

Wendy Mair
Heber Valley Gun Club

**POMONA OFF-ROAD EXPO OCT. 6 – 7 TO HOST SECOND STOP OF
UROC’S SKYJACKER PRO ROCKCROSS NATIONALS**

One of a Kind Event Combines Technical Skill of Rock Crawling with Excitement of Racing

SANTA ANA, CALIF. – (August 2, 2007) The Off-Road Expo presented by Toyota, taking place in Pomona, Calif., October 6-7, will be the second stop of the first-ever United Rockcrawling and Off-Road Challenge (UROC) Skyjacker Pro RockCross National series, a new breed of off-road motorsport that combines technical rock crawling with head-to-head racing, eliminating tedious time trials.

“Having the UROC Skyjacker Pro RockCross Nationals stop at this year’s eighth annual Off-Road Expo is a perfect fit, as thousands of off-road enthusiasts will get to watch and cheer for their favorite teams as they compete against each other in this inaugural series at the expo,” said Off-Road Expo Show Director Tom Gattuso. “With these exciting UROC Pro RockCross races taking place on a special course that will be built on the infield of the race track at the Pomona Fairplex, this year’s Off-Road Expo is truly bigger and better than ever.”

This competition will include heats of more than two dozen racers who will compete in races throughout the weekend, allowing thousands of fans to get an up-close view of all the action. Headlining competitors include *Dirt Sport*’s 2005 Driver of the Year and 2005 UROC Super Modified Champion Shannon Campbell. Campbell, along with 2005 and 2006 UROC Pro Modified Champions “Team Lovell” (driver Brand Lovell and spotter Roger Lovell) and world and former SuperCrawl champion Dean Bullock and team, will lend their competitive rock crawling experience to help pioneer this exciting new form of racing. Sponsored by Skyjacker, the series is presented by Aero Exhaust and SuperSwamper Tires.

“The UROC Skyjacker Pro RockCross Nationals is truly an innovative new sport that marries the technical skills of rock crawling with the sheer thrill of racing as teams are for the first time up against each other on a huge rock crawling race course,” said UROC President Ranch Pratt. “Off-road lovers in attendance at Off-Road Expo are going to love this new race

UROC Skyjacker Pro RockCross Nationals Series to Stop at 2007 Off-Road Expo in Pomona – Page Two

because it eliminates scoring and monotonous time trials while encompassing all the fun of racing with the green and checkered flags, passing and huge obstacles including rocks, sharp corners and berms!”

The nationally renowned Off-Road Expo presented by Toyota will showcase all the latest and hottest off-road toys, technologies, gear and accessories from more than 350 of the industry's leading manufacturers, dealers and distributors. In addition to the line-up of 4X4s, sand cars, ATVs, dirt bikes, rock crawlers, side-by-sides, mud boggers, Jeeps and accessories on display, the expo will also feature special off-road demonstrations, freestyle motocross, RC car races, a special "Off-Road Expo Launch'd Zone" with live bands and a beer garden, Motocross America display, a special "Kidsville" area with entertainment just for kids and a Miss Off-Road Expo competition. As always, there will also be off-road celebrities, autograph signing sessions, entertainment, food and much more.

The Off-Road Expo presented by Toyota will take place Saturday, October 6, from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 7, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Held at the Pomona Fairplex, located at 1101 W. McKinley Avenue in Pomona, Calif., admission to the event is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 and children 5 and younger are free. Tickets may be purchased in advance on the Web or at the box office (cash only) throughout the event. For more information and ticket sales, please visit www.offroadexpo.com.

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Crazy Creek Starts Next Seating Revolution with its Lightest Chair Yet,

Additional Innovations for Spring 2008

RED LODGE, MT (August 2, 2007) – Crazy Creek – the pioneer of outdoor seating comfort – turns 20 this year, marking two decades since founder Rob Hart revolutionized outdoor seating with his creation of the Crazy Creek Original Chair. Set to start the next revolution, Crazy Creek introduces several new innovative chairs and family camping products for spring 2008, including the HexaLite™ – the company's lightest chair yet.

Weighing in at just 14.8 and 18.5 oz, respectively, the new **HexaLite Original** and **LongBack Chairs** (pictured right) take ultra-lightweight seating comfort to the next level, providing outstanding support on any terrain. Made from hexagonal-cored foam and featuring a polyester mesh seating surface, the chairs offer a wide range of sitting positions, can be rolled up compactly, and can be easily toted anywhere with their convenient carrying handle. The HexaLite LongBack provides extra width and back height for more expansive comfort and also doubles as a compact sleeping pad. MSRP: \$33 (Original); \$44 (LongBack)

Crazy Creek also adds to its Crazy Legs™ Line for 2008 with two variations on the Leisure – the **Crazy Legs Leisure Compact** and the **Crazy Legs Leisure Mesh** (pictured below). The framed, captain's-style chair well-suited for tailgating and car camping gets scaled down in size as the Leisure Compact, adding to its portability and making it ideal for small car-camping trips. For hot summer days on the patio or the beach, the Leisure Mesh keeps its cool with breathable mesh fabric. Both feature a handy side table. MSRP: \$52 (Compact); \$70 (Mesh)

Rounding out the new Crazy Creek chair lineup is the **Patio/ Deck Recliner** and the **Camp Chair**, two new products offering versatility and comfort from the deck to the sand. The Patio/Deck Recliner is a tall-back chair, utilizing durable, washable and UV-resistant Textilene® fabric, that can be easily reclined and folded up flat for easy carrying and storage. The Camp Chair features a classic design with full-support fabric and padded armrests, making it a great “anywhere” chair. MSRP: \$72 (Patio/Deck); \$64 (Camp)

And what better to go with the perfect camp chair than the ideal camp table! Crazy Creek introduces several new surfaces for '08, including the **Bamboo/ Aluminum Roll-Up Table** (MSRP: \$60), the **Aluminum Roll-Up Table** (MSRP: \$43), and **Folding Camp Tables** (\$22-\$90) in various sizes, all of which transport and set up easily. Also new is the **Attach-a-Table™** – a convenient swiveling table that can attach and detach easily to most framed chairs, providing the perfect platform for a variety of uses. MSRP: \$36

Finally, to keep your next outdoor trip temperate, Crazy Creek introduces the **Crazy Rolling Backpack Cooler**, a soft-sided model with plenty of storage

space, rolling wheels, backpack straps and a retractable handle; and the **Stove/Hotplate Trivet**, an easy-to-assemble, roll-up square that protects table surfaces from hot items, including backpacking stoves. MSRP: \$64 (Cooler); MSRP: \$16 (Trivet)

Crazy Creek is the creator of versatile, portable, comfort products and the choice among veteran outdoor enthusiasts and those looking for top quality, lightweight products. The company offers a complete line of chairs, tables, tarps, coolers and other accessories for active pursuits, and the products are available at leading sports and specialty retailers worldwide. For more information, contact Crazy Creek at (800) 331-0304.

The Ride for Kids® program supports the efforts of the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation (PBTF) to find the cause and cure of childhood brain tumors.



Join hundreds of other motorcyclists for a scenic ride through the Utah countryside. You'll have a great time while raising funds for the PBTF's medical research and family support programs! Riders on all makes and models are welcome. Registration opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 9:45. The police-escorted ride starts at 10 sharp, rain or shine! The ride will end at Morgan City Park in Morgan.

After a light lunch, participants will enjoy a Celebration of Life program that features interviews with young brain tumor survivors—the Ride for Kids® "stars" of the day. Award presentations to top fundraisers and distribution of premiums will follow. The minimum donation to ride is \$35, but the more money you raise, the more premiums you earn. For each \$300 you raise, your name will be entered into a drawing for a brand-new Honda motorcycle! For more information, call 800-253-6530.

Salt Lake City Ride for Kids® August 18, 2007

We will meet at *Honda World* at 8:30am and ride to

This Is the Place Heritage Park

2601 E. Sunnyside Ave. Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Registration at the park opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 9:45.

The police-escorted ride starts at 10 sharp.

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON BERYL/ENTERPRISE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

What: The Utah State Engineer will hold a public meeting to discuss the development of a groundwater management plan for the Beryl/Enterprise area.

Who: Jerry Olds, State Engineer, Utah Division of Water Rights

When: 7:00 p.m.

Monday, August 6, 2007

Where: Enterprise High School, 565 South 200 East, Enterprise, Utah

Why: This is the second public meeting to present water right and hydrologic data for review and to discuss the next step to develop the groundwater management plan for the Beryl/Enterprise area.

Other:

- Voluntary agreements may be included in groundwater management plans to allow water users to participate in an arrangement for managing withdrawals and to distribute these approved withdrawals assigned to the users of the group on factors other than priority.
 - Possible management plan scenarios will be presented to promote discussion and public input.
 - The Safe Yield estimate of the aquifer will be presented and discussed.
 - The water rights of record have been reviewed and formatted into a priority list.
- Work will continue to verify this information so the records can be used to develop tools to reliably manage the groundwater system.

Written comments may be submitted to:

Utah Division of Water Rights

PO Box 146300

Salt Lake City UT 84114-6300

Utah Tourism Board to Consider Cooperative Marketing Applications

Board Meeting Held in Davis County

Salt Lake City – Members of the Utah Board of Tourism Development will meet on Friday, August 10, 2007, to consider cooperative marketing applications to promote the Utah “Life Elevated” brand. The meeting will be held at 9 a.m. at the Davis Conference Center, Zephyr Room, located at 1651 North 700 West in Layton.

The Utah Office of Tourism has received 48 applications from non-profit tourism entities around the state who are seeking state funding for their marketing projects. This year, \$2.2 million dollars is available for the cooperative marketing program.

“We have appreciated the effort put forward by our tourism partners statewide in helping us brand the state and showcase their local areas,” said Leigh von der Esch, managing director of the Utah Office of Tourism. “This funding provided by lawmakers has made the difference in promoting destinations, as well as arts and cultural events all over the state.”

Other topics on the agenda will include discussion on the strategic plan and a marketing update.

Those eligible for the co-op program include cities, counties, non-profit destination marketing organizations (DMO's), and similar public entities that have been established as a non-profit for a minimum of one year. The Utah Office of Tourism will match up to 50% of the cost of a marketing project. All projects must utilize the state brand and have a call to action.

For additional information, please contact the Utah Office of Tourism, 300 N. State St., Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114, (801) 538-1900.

Fishing Report Northern Region

GENERAL: If you know someone who has never been fishing, or they have been but had poor success, take them to Mantua Reservoir! Sarah Lebo (my son's girlfriend) had never been fishing and on her first trip to Mantua, she was getting frustrated because everyone around her was catching fish and she was not! "I just can't feel them bite!" she said, exasperated. So I decided to have her set her rod down and "hand line." She instantly had success with this method, simply because she could feel the bites with the line directly in her fingers.

Anglers (and hunters too!) often say "it's just great to be outdoors," and truly it is. But it is important, especially for beginners to put them in a situation where they can have success very early in their fishing experience. So, you might have to take a little extra effort or try something a little different to have them experience the exhilaration of catching fish.

CAUSEY RESERVOIR: Dedicated Hunter Jake Barben reported that fishing was very good for rainbow trout and kokanee salmon. He interviewed three parties in boats and gave this report: "They were dropping very low for the Kokes. The needlefish (they used) were of bright orange or yellow colors. They had most success early in the morning along the reservoir side. They said that most people having success are catching the fish very deep due to warm weather and warm water," he said. Regarding rainbow trout success, Jake said anglers mentioned that fishing was best right at first light until the sun crests the mountain. They said fishing was excellent the past few days. They have typically been using bright spinners and some rapalas and done really well with them.



EAST CANYON RESERVOIR: Fishing action from shore was very slow. The north side on the inlet was the only reported action for anglers using worms and PowerBait

Sarah Lebo became instantly intense once she started feeling bites and hooking fish on her first fishing trip. Holding the line in her hand (hand lining) helped her get the feel of fish strikes.

ECHO RESERVOIR: Fishing by the dam was the best bet to catch bass, the best tackle to use was worms.

LOST CREEK RESERVOIR: Fishing from the north end seemed to be better using PowerBait and a woolly bugger I saw float tubes catching fish near the north side along the shore. Fishing on the south side was slow.

MANTUA RESERVOIR: Fishing can be slow from shore and, often the fish are very small. To experience the best fishing at Mantua usually requires a boat, canoe or float tube. If you do not have a boat, consider renting a canoe—Canyon Sports in Riverdale offers canoes for rent for a half or full day.

NEWTON RESERVOIR: Anglers report good fishing for tiger Muskie and bass.

OGDEN RIVER: The South Fork of the Ogden River has undergone some serious habitat rehabilitation work just below the dam and apparently anglers are already seeing results. A pair of anglers fishing the river for the first time reported that they had caught 12 fish, (four browns and six rainbows) using mosquito and

renegade fly patterns. Bait fishermen in the same area reported slow fishing. The Ogden River below Pineview was running high and fast and fishing was slow.

PINEVIEW RESERVOIR: Perch and Bass being caught from shore using worms and PowerBait. Action is better from boat next to shore using small jigs.

ROCKPORT: Fishing along the shoreline at Rockport is slow. Several anglers are getting some bites during two to three hours of fishing. Boat anglers are finding much better success. Trolling is working well. Some boat anglers are finding success using jigs and lures casting into the rock structure. Some perch are being caught with small hooks and worms. Water levels are dropping.

UINTAS: "Worms, worms, worms! Everybody, everywhere was doing excellent on worms," said Dedicated Hunter and Bear River Lodge Operator Adam Pulley. "At the lodge we can't keep them in stock. People are coming in and buying four to six dozen at a time!! PowerBaits are still producing but only in the yellow and green colors. Lily Lake right next door to us was dead all summer. Top producers this last week have been Butterfly, Mirror, Teapot, and Crystal. Most others are still really good," added Pulley.

WEBER RIVER: Fishing action on the river was pretty hot using pheasant tail and pmd emerger and some of the fish caught were good size whitefish. Peak hour seemed to be at 9:00 a.m. Anglers are finding higher water levels but the water is clear.

WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR: Boat launching is "at your own risk" and prop damage was reported by a number of anglers. Fishing, however remains good as wipers continue to chase large schools of shad and trap them against the shoreline. Catfish range in size from 10 inches to five pounds.

Mission Playground: Taking Conscious Clothing to the Next Level

San Diego, California (August 8, 2007): The past year has been full of continued growth and optimism for Mission Playground, a San Diego-based conscious active and lifestyle clothing company whose globally mindful and progressive designs promote environmental awareness. Founded over four years ago, Mission Playground continues to develop and market an entire eco-conscious clothing line for men, women and kids.

Founded by Mark McMahon, the Company's objective is to raise environmental awareness through its practices, design and art. Mark commented that "we've

seen environmental graphics in the past that say ‘recycle’ and ‘save the earth’,” and that’s good, but today the general public wants something more artistic, more thought-provoking and challenging.” As a result, the size of Mission Playground’s Spring 2008 line increased almost two-fold while maintaining its insightful integrity, individuality and core messaging.

The company utilizes environmentally and socially conscious suppliers and incorporates sustainable materials whenever and wherever possible. With ongoing research and new fabrications becoming more prominent, Mission Playground strives to incorporate such findings into their collections. Mission Playground’s philosophy is simple and pure. As Mark states, “I don’t think people have to radically change their lives to make an impact...everything we do has a positive or negative effect on the environment.”

For Spring 2008, Mission Playground is pleased to introduce an eco-conscious active collection, complete with recycled polyester board shorts, merino wool tees and tanks, recycled polyester/organic cotton active pants and shorts, and recycled polyester accessories. In the past, Mission Playground has incorporated a few active pieces, but this is the first season they will introduce performance-driven fabrications that are easier on the environment.

Mission Playground’s board shorts are complete with eye-catching embroideries, screen prints and unique styling details, these shorts are made using a blended 78% PET recycled polyester/22% polyester fabric. And, if you need a surfboard to compliment these shorts, Mission Playground is introducing their first-ever environmentally-friendlier surfboards, a result of a collaboration with Homeblown, which supplies its proprietary Biofoam™, a true bio-based product from renewable, agricultural resources.

Through an additional collaboration with Project 9 Wool, Mission Playground is able to introduce merino wool tanks for women and tees for men. These pieces are produced using the finest wool construction and advanced construction methods to create a natural technical fabric for an active lifestyle.

Items from the Spring/Summer 2008 catalog will be available February 1, 2008.

DuraCord® Launches “DuraCord® Recycles” – An Environmentally Friendly Recycling Program

Greenville, NC -- DuraCord® , manufacturer of DuraCord® Textiles and DuraCord® rope products, has launched an environmentally friendly recycling program that processes and recycles all DuraCord® products. Marketed as “***DuraCord® Recycles***,” this program offers end-consumers the option of returning any DuraCord® product to DuraCord®’s Greenville, NC facility to be recycled into other useful products and avoid ending up in land-fills.

DuraCord® yarns currently make up the long-lasting, weather resistant fabrics of DuraCord® Textiles as well as rope and yarn for Hatteras Hammocks, Pawleys Island Hammocks, Sawgrass Mills Outdoor Rugs, and Hatteras Outdoors woven furniture Made with DuraCord®. The process in which DuraCord® yarns are produced has always followed an environmentally friendly manner due to the lower temperatures required as well as lower water consumption during the manufacturing process. As an alternative to other less environmentally friendly synthetic fibers, DuraCord® is proud to now offer the ability to be recycled with the ***DuraCord® Recycles*** program. By inviting customers and consumers to do their part to help the Earth, ***DuraCord® Recycles*** creates another revolutionary feature to an already amazing product.

DuraCord® fabrics and yarns from hammocks to rugs will be collected at DuraCord®’s Greenville, NC operations and shipped to a facility at which the reclaiming and conversion process will occur. End products of the recycling process include automobile door handles and trunk liners, air filters, household radiator fans, flowerpots, and weed block fabrics.

“DuraCord® has been the answer to outdoor durability with the hand and softness of natural fibers,” states Carlos Arosemena, Business Development Manager for DuraCord®. “We feel personally obligated to encourage our customers and consumers now to be environmentally aware of all possible ways to reuse these yarns. ***DuraCord® Recycles*** provides the opportunity for yarns to be regenerated into other useful, everyday products; and in doing so, reducing the impact the yarns have on the environment.”

The newest addition to The HammockSource offerings is the Joia Brazilian Hammock Line – constructed of 100% DuraCord® yarn.

Hans Saari Memorial Fund Launches Ski Exploration Grant

Bozeman, Montana The Hans Saari Memorial Fund (HSMF), a grant-giving organization established to honor the life and values of ski-mountaineer Hans Saari, has announced the launch of its Ski Exploration Grant program.

The Ski Exploration Grant **provides ski mountaineers a unique opportunity to receive funding assistance through a program designed for and focused**

specifically on skiing. The grant encourages the development of skills and qualities consistent with Hans Saari's approach to skiing and travel in the mountains. Saari believed that mountains are an integral part of the cultural and spiritual lives of the people who live amongst them and understood that physical pursuits are only a part of mountain exploration. *The grant supports innovative ski expeditions and progressive exploratory projects in alpine environments while also encouraging the creative documentation of the experience through film, photography, writing and other media.*

The Hans Saari Memorial Fund was established in 2001, following Saari's death while skiing in the Alps. Saari had gained an international reputation as a writer and adventure columnist. He was highly regarded for his ski expeditions, many of which yielded first descents from some of the world's most challenging peaks. The mission of the HSMF is to foster an appreciation for skiing and its personal challenges, alpine environments, and mountain cultures by promoting ski exploration and education.

Historically, the HSMF has supported avalanche education in Southwest Montana through grants to the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center and by assisting ski professionals with continuing education opportunities. In 2007, the HSMF introduced a new scholarship program for individuals to accompany its grants. In June, HSMF awarded its first scholarships to three Bozeman area high school students who attended a five day Teton ski camp organized by Exum Mountaineering.

Applications for Ski Exploration Grants are due March 1, 2008 Applications and additional information can be found at hansfund.org

INTRODUCING THE CITY GRILL

The World's Most Compact Gas Kettle BBQ to Launch for the First Time in North America at Outdoor Retailer Show Aug. 9-12

Deerfield Beach, Florida – August 7, 2007 – Advanced Outdoor Concepts, distributors of the world's finest outdoor cooking systems, announced today the U.S. unveiling of **Outdoorchef's City Grill**. The City Grill is the world's most compact gas kettle barbecue. In addition to live demos and samples cooked on the City Grill, information on the complete Outdoorchef line, including the Ascoma and Roma Grills.

Featuring a unique interior flip funnel design, the City Grill allows for healthy and versatile outdoor cooking. The grill includes an interior funnel that flips, giving



users two cooking options; with the funnel flipped upwards for indirect barbecuing, grilling and baking that allows heat from the gas burner to rise so that it is distributed evenly on all sides; or with the funnel turned downwards in the Volcano position for grilling at very high temperatures or with a cast-iron griddle.

The City Grill can cook everything from sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs to vegetarian dishes, desserts, roast beef, fish, steaks, and poultry – even an Indonesian rice dish. Experts attest to its superiority, as evident by the American Academy of Taste “Chef of America Award” the City Grill has under

its belt.

Its unique design virtually eliminates smoke, making it perfect for even the smallest of apartment balconies. It is the only barbecue that reduces flare-ups 100

percent. A carrying bag, which can be used as a protective cover, makes transport easy, while the included portable and quad pod upright stands give the City Grill versatility.

“Word of mouth has brought the City Grill great notoriety abroad and we expect the same buzz in the United States,” stated Chris Holloway, president of Advanced Outdoor Concepts. “It is a perfect addition to the Advanced Outdoor Concepts product roster. We anticipate an overwhelming demand for the Outdoorchef family of products,” Holloway added.

All parts of the City Grill, including the kettle, funnel and cooking griddle are porcelain-enameled, making cleaning a breeze. A well planned range of accessories guarantees users can cook a variety of meals all year round. And the City Grill’s superior craftsmanship ensures it will last a lifetime. The entire Outdoorchef line of products is more than just barbecues – with these products you can easily cook, bake, roast and grill. Outdoorchef is the outdoor alternative to the kitchen in your home. From sausages to tasty pizza, from delicious paella to Asian specialties out of the wok, the culinary diversity is unlimited. With Outdoorchef, barbecuing and cooking outdoors becomes an incomparable leisure time adventure. You become the Culinary Entertainer™, delighting yourself and your guests.

The City Grill retails for \$199.00 and will be sold exclusively through Advanced Outdoor Concepts and its authorized resellers. For more information on the City Grill and the entire Outdoorchef line, please visit www.outdoorchef.com/intusa/index.php.

In Brief: Release Summary

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Southeastern Region Fishing Report

GENERAL: Until autumn arrives, it's very important to fish during the cool hours of the day. Early morning or late evening anglers will always catch more fish than the mid-day bait dunkers. In addition, artificial flies and lures will often have the advantage over baits during the heat of summer. Baits are more effective, when floated off the bottom. That's where the trout will be, as they search for colder water.

Holders of valid fishing licenses qualify for entrance fee discounts at state parks from Tuesdays through Thursdays until the end of the year.

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

ABAJO MOUNTAINS: Sergeant J. Shirley checked fishermen over the weekend. He said that Monticello Lake provided fair fishing for anglers using dry flies or floating bait. The algal growth has made fishing very difficult. Foy Lake offered better fishing, even though it is similarly plagued by algae. Recapture was fishing poorly for pike or trout, but can be good for bullheads with traditional catfish baits. Blanding #3 is the best Blanding-area reservoir. Best fishing will occur in the morning. Blanding #4 produces larger trout than #3. At #4, anglers should seek the deeper water.

ACADEMY MILL RESERVOIR: Ray Allred backpacked to the pond on Saturday. He caught and released 15 10-inch tiger trout in two hours, using a #10 brown leech.

BENCHES RESERVOIR: Success has ranged from fair to good. One creel survey technician recommended spring green PowerBait on a treble cheese hook with a slip sinker and length of leader. Another technician suggested a pink PowerBait/worm combo. One spincaster had good luck with a gold Gitzit. A silver spoon is Casey Mickelson's choice. Fly fishermen should take along a black gnat for evening surface feeding.

BLUE LAKE: Fishing was good with worms or flies.

BOULGERS RESERVOIR: Success ranges from one extreme to the other. Dedicated Hunter Louis Santi rated fishing as poor on one day; whereas Dedicated Hunter Kyle Medley described the catch rate as excellent. A nightcrawler tipped with a white marshmallow is recommended.

CLEVELAND RESERVOIR: Fishing success swings from poor to good. A worm/PowerBait combo can be effective. Good PowerBait colors include lime and lemon-twist. Todd Munford reported fair fishing for off-shore bows on the northwest side. Todd recommends a nightcrawler tipped with a yellow marshmallow. Tom Ogden tube-fished a week ago and landed six bows, ranging from 12 to 18 inches. He used fast-sinking line in 15 to 20 feet of water with #8 wooly bugger or leech. The darker colors seemed to work the best.

DUCK FORK RESERVOIR: Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Duck Fork on Saturday, and reported good fishing for tigers, ranging from 9 to 17 inches. Darek recommends a black, olive or brown wooly bugger. The bite is light and a slow retrieve is best.

ELECTRIC LAKE: Fishing success was poor for several weeks. Still-fishing from a boat with a dead minnow holds the greatest chance for success.

FAIRVIEW LAKES: Todd Munford of King's Outdoor World reports that lake levels are low, concentrating the trout. Best fishing will be had from a tube or toon. Trout are hitting crawlers. Fly fishermen do best with a black leech pattern on sinking line.

FERRON RESERVOIR: Slow fishing has prevailed until late. Boats are landing most fish. The top lures are silver Jake's or Panther Martin's. Conservation Officer Casey Mickelson recommends green wooly buggers or deer fly imitations.

GIGLIOTTI POND: The pond was restocked last week, and fishing was good with a worm and bubble, says Conservation Officer Chris Pugliese.

GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR: The reservoir continues its season of poor fishing. For best results, fish early or late. The algal bloom has made bad fishing even worse.

GRASSY LAKE: Don Candelaria reported good fishing with worms and PowerBait.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: Fishing flips between fair and good. Fly fishermen have a number of patterns to choose from: black ants, black gnats, midges, and Chernobyl ants or elk hair caddis. Browns are 11 to 13 inches.

HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK: Last week, Clifton Elliot of Price landed a 25 pound channel catfish from the bank with a nightcrawler. He was

fishing in the late evening and floated the crawler off the bottom with a barrel sinker and 2-1/2 feet of leader. Elliot told a friend he had seen another cat, which he guessed weighed more than 35 pounds. The water level is extremely low, and the ramp is out of the water.

HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR: (also known as MAMMOTH RESERVOIR)

Fishing success runs cold and hot. Try a worm/cheese combo using orange glitter PowerBait. Beginning in June, motorboats with more than 10 horsepower were prohibited. This reservoir has special fishing regulations.

JOE'S VALLEY RESERVOIR: Dedicated Hunter Don Candelaria reported poor fishing success. Dead chubs are the best bait year-round. Special regulations apply at this reservoir. The limit is two fish. Only one may be over 22 inches. All trout from 15 to 22 inches must be immediately released.

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

LASAL MOUNTAINS: Sergeant J. Shirley reported excellent fishing at Oowah and Dark Canyon. Shirley noted that the biggest fish are coming from Dark Canyon with a Jake's Spin-a-Lure. Trout can be caught in the early morning with PowerBait or marshmallows at Ken's Lake. DWR Habitat Specialist Duane Swasey recommends live grasshoppers at Don's Lake. 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.



Mack Cook (L) of Pleasant Grove and Dave Pfeigl (R) of Lindon with Scofield trout. They used a minnow and bubble separated by six feet of leader to catch the rainbow trout.

LOWER FISH CREEK: Success ranges from fair to good. One spincaster reported good luck with a yellow Panther Martin with red dots. Todd Munford of King's Outdoor World recommends a #18 Griffith's gnat or #12 hopper.

MILLER FLAT RESERVOIR: Slow fishing continues. No recommendations.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR: Park Manager Dan Richards recommends trolling with Shad Raps or Roostertails at a depth of 6 to 12 feet. Pop gear and spoons have also been effective.

PETE'S HOLE: Fishing success was good with a worm/PowerBait combo. Rainbow is a good color.

POTTER'S PONDS: Fishing ranges from slow to fair with bites coming in spurts. Try a worm/PowerBait combo.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: The Bureau of Reclamation intends to drop the reservoir about five feet for dam improvements. State Park Manager Dan Richards says that the Madsen Bay ramp may be out of service by mid-August. The Mountain View ramp is expected to remain open until September. Fishing success ranges widely with lots of contradictory reports. A week ago, DWR Accounting Technician Tressa Christianson reported still-fishing with a party of five around the island. In four hours, the party caught about 50 rainbows, which averaged more than two pounds, with a 17-inch length. The party used rainbow sparkle PowerBait and/or rainbow PowerNuggets, floated off the bottom with a slip sinker and two to three feet of leader. A few lures stand out from the rest—a black Panther Martin with yellow dots, and Jake's Spin-a-Lure.

SOUP BOWL: Dedicated Hunter Don Candelaria described fishing as excellent with worms and rainbow PowerBait. Wooly buggers are a good fly choice.

STRAIGHT CANYON: Try worms or black Panther Martins with yellow dots.

WRIGLEY SPRINGS RESERVOIR: There was a partial fish kill in recent weeks. Summer heat and low oxygen have caused a number of trout to "belly up."

WILLOW RESERVOIR: Fishing is improving since the Jungle fire. The best baits are green PowerBait or grasshoppers. Most trout are about 11-inches long. Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen recommends green wooly buggers or deer fly imitations.

SPOT Inc. Announces SPOT – The World’s First Satellite Messenger

Revolutionary emergency messenger and personal tracker allows users to summon help from virtually anywhere on the planet

SALT LAKE CITY, August 7, 2007 – SPOT Inc. today announced the introduction of the SPOT[®] Satellite Messenger. The SPOT messenger gives consumers a vital line of communication, independently of cellular coverage, with emergency services, friends, and family. SPOT is a revolutionary product that is designed to raise the safety factor for hundreds of millions of people around the world.

“All of us have heard the news stories of people getting lost, stranded or worse in the mountains or remote areas beyond the range of their cellular phones and we’ve all wondered what would we do if caught in those same dangerous or potentially life-threatening situations,” said Darren Bassel, Director of Retail Marketing for SPOT Inc. “Now, with SPOT, you can send a message for help or tell family members, friends or the authorities exactly where to find you using GPS accuracy. For anyone who ever drives their truck or car, or works or plays anywhere regardless of cellular coverage, help is now only a push button away.”

SPOT message and tracking functions enable users to send messages to friends, family or emergency responders, based on varying levels of need and to visually track the location of the SPOT Satellite Messenger:

- **Alert 9-1-1** dispatches emergency responders to an exact location
- **Ask for Help** sends a request for help to friends and family
- **Check In** lets contacts know where you are and that you are okay
- **Track Progress** sends and saves your location and allows contacts to track your progress using Google Maps™

Weighing just over 7 ounces and priced at less than US \$150, the SPOT Satellite Messenger provides consumers with the ability to send for emergency assistance in time of need; notify employers, friends or family of their status; and allows them to visually track the messenger’s location and progress on a computer using Google Maps™ and the SPOT website. SPOT uses convenient, easy-to-replace AA size lithium batteries for complete portability and when powered on, has a standby battery life of approximately 12 months. SPOT floats and its rugged waterproof construction is engineered to withstand a wide variety of extreme environmental shock and temperature conditions.

SPOT is ideal for the growing market of outdoor enthusiasts, specifically when they are backpacking, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, ice and rock climbing, skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing or participating in recreational maritime activities. Experian[®] Simmon's Research estimates that the qualified outdoor enthusiast market alone exceeds 64 million consumers in the United States. SPOT is also ideal for those who need to notify others of their status after a natural or man-made disaster.

The National Association for Search and Rescue estimates more than 50,000 search and rescue missions are initiated each year in the United States alone. Many of these missions are undertaken without search and rescue knowing the exact location of the missing party. SPOT removes this unknown by providing GPS location coordinates that are accurate to within 20 feet.

SPOT can also be used for commercial lone worker safety applications for those businesses with employees operating in remote areas outside the range of cellular and other wireless communications. It is also a valuable safety tool for any person who drives their automobile outside of cellular coverage or for emergency messaging during natural disasters such as hurricanes or other situations when cellular or land-based communications may be damaged or unavailable.

Mr. Bassel added, "Never before have all of these innovative features existed in one device – in some cases, the technology just didn't exist, and those that did were too expensive. Now, virtually everyone can afford a potentially life-saving satellite messenger. The SPOT Messenger really represents the next-generation of satellite-based solutions for consumers. This product is just the first in what we expect to be a series of innovative SPOT satellite products designed for the everyday consumer. We anticipate our solutions will serve our customers around the world with long term peace of mind for years to come."

Pricing and Availability

The SPOT Satellite Messenger will be available to the public starting November 1, 2007 through retailers and through SPOT Inc.'s Web site, www.findmespot.com. The SPOT messenger will be available for \$149 USD. Initially, service fees will be offered for at \$99 USD. Later, monthly and multi-year options will be available. Optional features include automatic tracking service (SPOTcasting) and private rescue service for countries or regions with non-responsive emergency services.

Coverage

SPOT works around the world, including virtually all of the continental United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Australia, portions of South America, Northern Africa and Northeastern Asia, and hundreds or thousands of miles offshore of these areas. SPOT uses the GPS satellite system to determine a user's location and the SPOT network to transmit that location and the user's status. The SPOT network features satellite technology with a proven 99.4% reliability while processing over 6 million messages a month – the equivalent of 2.3 messages per second.

Product Specifications

Approximate Dimensions: 4.38 X 2.75 X 1.5 inches

Operating Temperature Range: -40 to 185 degrees Fahrenheit.

Weight: 7.37 ounces

For more information on how SPOT Inc. is helping users *live to tell about it*TM with its SPOT Satellite Messenger device, visit www.findmespot.com.

Equipped To Survive Foundation Decries Misleading Use of PLB Terminology

Gilbert, Arizona - Doug Ritter, Chairman and Executive Director of the independent non-profit Equipped To Survive Foundation (www.equipped.org/etsfi.htm), is warning media, consumers and retailers that a new product designed to help save lives, could actually end up killing someone.

The "TracMe Personal Locator Beacon" does not deliver the same critical lifesaving capabilities as the 406 MHz Personal Locator Beacon we have all become familiar with. Confusion on this issue may lead consumers to purchase the TracMe homing beacon for use in inappropriate circumstances when its lack of capability could lead to fatalities.

406 MHz Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) are earning a well-deserved reputation for saving lives. These personal-sized distress beacons (large pocket sized) use the same technology and international COSPAS-SARSAT satellite aided distress system that's been used in marine and aviation (EPIRBs and ELTs) for many years and saved thousands of lives. When activated, the PLB alerts Search and Rescue that you need help and provides a location. The Search and Rescue community like to say that these 406 MHz distress beacons take the "search" out of "search and rescue." If you are not familiar with the lifesaving 406 MHz distress beacon technology, please see: <http://www.equipped.org/blog/?p=65>

The current generation PLBs (available in the U.S. for sale today) weigh less than 10 ounces and cost about \$650 with GPS. Previous generation PLBs, which weigh 12-14 ounces, cost from \$450 - \$550, without or with GPS, respectively (street pricing).

The recently introduced TracMe Personal Locator Beacon is \$150 and weighs just 1.6 ounces. It is small enough to fit on your key chain. Because the manufacturer (TracMe Beacons Pty Ltd of Australia) is using the same PLB nomenclature, consumers might be tempted to believe it has similar capabilities to a real PLB, and given the lower price, weight and size, be tempted to purchase it as a distress beacon. Doug Ritter warns, "Don't!"

A distress beacon that doesn't notify someone you are in distress and provide location information is no distress beacon. TracMe is simply a homing beacon, nothing more.

The TracMe operates on FRS (Family Radio Service) channel 1. Yes, the same FRS frequency as used by those ubiquitous inexpensive walkie-talkies you see at Wal-Mart, Cabelas and elsewhere.

When activated it transmits a recorded message, a beep and then "Help... Emergency," every 15 seconds. This analog transmission does not serve as a distress alert, unless someone quite close just happens to be monitoring or talking on Channel 1, unlikely in most cases. Unless someone notifies authorities, for example that you are overdue returning home or never made it back to camp, nobody knows you need help.

The TracMe serves only as a homing beacon, allowing SAR to locate you via various means, once they know to come look for you. It has limited range and limited capabilities, so SAR has to have a pretty good idea where to look for you in the first place (more important details at <http://www.equipped.org/blog/?p=65>).

TracMe do explain the limitations and do state that it isn't a 406 MHz PLB, but that doesn't mean everyone will read the "fine print" or understand it. This is not only true of consumers, but also of retail salespersons who may not be adequately trained or who are more interested in making a sale. There are significant concerns in the SAR community, including the responders and providers, not just manufacturers of 406 MHz PLBs; that people will purchase this so-called Personal Locator Beacon believing that it provides the considerable

capability of a real 406 MHz PLB. That could end up killing someone.

They have expressed their concerns to TracMe and TracMe has chosen to disregard their concerns. TracMe feel that their disclaimers adequately address this. However, TracMe also says in their literature and on their web site that TracME is suitable for (among others listed): Yachting, Boating, Fishing, Kayaking, Canoeing, Climbing, General aviation, Outback 4 wheel driving and all outdoor adventure activities. Oh, really?

The seriousness of this issue was brought home as the result of recent emails enquiring about this so-called PLB for uses that would only be appropriate for a 406 MHz PLB. However, most consumers are not going to be writing us for advice. There is definitely already confusion out there, and TracMe is just barely starting to ramp up their marketing efforts.

Whether or not the TracMe device is a viable and effective solution for locating people who are lost or in distress is an entirely separate issue which has yet to be determined. TracMe may well have a place in the effort to save lives, however, it should be obvious after this brief comparison that it is not a PLB in the sense of the widely accepted use of the term in either the SAR community -- or the public at large. This is not the PLB that we have come to know as a result of recent rescues and considerable news coverage.

Bottom line is that a real 406 MHz PLB alerts authorities that you need help, tells them where you are and also tells them who you are. The TracMe does none of that. A true PLB, in my opinion and that of most SAR authorities, provides satellite distress alerting and inherent location capability that really can save your life. TracMe is not a true PLB.

TracMe says, "most simply, we call it that because it is using ordinary English an accurate and precise description Our lawyers and trademark offices around the world have called the phrase personal locator beacon a generic description of the device." It is possible that it is, indeed, entirely legal, COSPAS-SARSAT wasn't prescient enough to trademark the term, but is it ethical?

Call me cynical, but in my opinion there's really only one logical explanation for TracMe to have chosen to call their device a PLB. They could have used any number of equally descriptive and marketable names. However, then they wouldn't have benefited from all the publicity that PLBs have received and will likely continue to receive.

In any case, the important point is that as they escalate their marketing efforts you should not be confused by TracMe's misleading, in my opinion, use of Personal Locator Beacon. If TracMe won't change their name and marketing efforts, the consumer needs to be warned of the substantial differences in lifesaving capability.

STATE PARKS BOARD TO CONSIDER FEE CHANGES

Salt Lake City - The Board of Utah State Parks and Recreation will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, August 17 to consider proposed fee changes for day-use, camping, golf, and other state park facilities. The board meeting will be held at the Department of Natural Resources located at 1594 West North Temple in Salt Lake City.

Proposed fee changes include a day-use increases from \$1 to \$3; camping fee increases from \$1 to \$5; reduced fees for pedestrians and cyclists at selected locations; and a \$5 increase for the Utah State Parks Annual Pass.

After board members review, change, and/or approve the proposed fee schedule, Utah State Parks will solicit public comment.

A G E N D A

Board of Utah State Parks and Recreation Meeting
August 17, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Department of Natural Resources
1594 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

AGENDA

9 a.m. Welcome and Review and Acceptance of Agenda - Parks Board Chairman
Scott Parson ACTION

9:05 a.m. Review and Acceptance of June 14, 2007 Minutes - Scott Parson
ACTION

9:10 a.m. Director's Report - Director Mary Tullius, Deputy Directors Bruce
Hamilton and Mark Forbes INFORMATION

9:40 a.m. Review and Approval of Fee Schedule ACTION

Noon Lunch

1 p.m. Continuation of Fee Schedule Review and Approval ACTION

3 p.m. Adjournment ACTION

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) should contact Wendy Griffith at (801) 538-7418 at least five working days before the meeting.

Youth Trap Shooters Crowned National Champions

Six States Represented Among Medal Winners

SPARTA, Ill.—More than 1,600 youths from 29 states competed. In the end, six states rose to the top with teams earning national honors, trophies and scholarship awards at the National Shooting Sports Foundation's (NSSF) Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) National Trapshooting Championships.

	National Champion Teams	2nd Place Teams	3rd Place Teams	Total Winning Teams
Missouri	1	2	1	4
Tennessee	2	-	1	3
Ohio	1	1	-	2
Alabama	-	1	-	1
Nebraska	-	-	1	1
Nevada	-	-	1	1

Competition was held in four divisions Aug. 6-7 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Ill. The youth event kicked off the 108th annual Grand American World Trapshooting Championships, which run through Aug. 18.

"These young shooters not only competed against SCTP teams from around the country, they battled through wind, heat and nerves, and still put up impressive scores. In fact, over 300 shooters broke 190 or better out of 200 targets, and one

shooter—Matt Bartholow of Rapid City, South Dakota—ran 200 straight," said Zach Snow of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), which coordinates SCTP at the national level.

On Monday, the multi-Grammy and Country Music Association award-winning Charlie Daniels Band appeared at the shooting complex and performed a concert saluting youths in the shooting sports.

Across the country, nearly 10,000 students in more than 40 states competed this year in SCTP trap, skeet and sporting clays.

SCTP was launched by NSSF in 2000 to offer students in grades 12 and under an opportunity to compete as a team in trap, skeet, sporting clays and the international versions of trap and skeet. Program partners include the national governing bodies for each shotgun discipline: Amateur Trapshooting Association, National Skeet Shooting Association, National Sporting Clays Association and USA Shooting. The ultimate goal is instilling in young participants a commitment to safe firearm handling, teamwork and leadership.

For more information, visit www.nssf.org/sctp and view an [expanded version of this press release](#) with quotes from team coaches.

Results

SCTP National Trapshooting Championships
(held Aug. 6-7, World Shooting and Recreational Complex, Sparta, Ill.)

Varsity Division (Grades 9-12)

1. Missouri—Arnold Junior Trapshooters, 971 out of 1,000 targets (John Battles of Hillsboro, Nicholas Edwards of Fenton, Benjamin Hutchings of Labadie, Kyle Kopsie of Imperial, Jacob Wideman of Pevely).
2. Missouri—Kansas City Trap Association, 970 (Danny Robertson of Independence, Rachael Hopkins of Pattonsburg, Austin Hunt of Kansas City, Lee Taylor of Independence, Brandon Alexander of Platte City).
3. Nevada—Silver State Claybreakers, 968 (Austin Tischler of Sparks, Derek Menezes of Reno, Evan Martin of Reno, Evan Fine of Reno, Garrett Schmidt of Reno).

Junior Varsity Division (Grades 9-12)

1. Tennessee—Arlington Trappers, 965 (Cody Cochran of Arlington, Brandon

Barker of Arlington, Taylor Garrison of Bartlett, Curtis Robinson of Arlington, Keaton Irving of Arlington).

2. Alabama—Waterfall Valley Claybusters, 964 (Stephen Mitchell of Russellville, Kollin Hester of Tuscumbia, Jacob Gist of Russellville, Alex Pounders of Russellville, Blake Reed of Spruce Pine).

3. Nebraska—Oak Creek 4-H Seniors, 961 (Tanner Wemhoff of David City, Dillon Petrzilka of Brainard, Tanya Prothman of David City, Taylor Cieslik of Weston, Austin Zeilinger of Rising City).

Intermediate Division (Grades 6-8)

1. Ohio—The Sportsman's Club Clay Crushers, 953 (Nathan Waldock of Attica, Matthew Ritz of Attica, Alisha Lutz of Attica, Joshua Reed of Willard, Clay Mesnard of Bloomville).

2. Missouri—Arnold Junior Shooters, 947 (William Fisher of Arnold, Cody Morton of Hillsboro, Joshua Robert of House Springs, Peter Fritz of St Louis, Michael Kurtzeborn Jr. of St Louis).

3. Missouri—Tina-Avalon, 945 (Garrett Ray of Tina, Wesley Johnson of Chillicothe, Zachary Huffmon of Tina, Lee Rucker of Tina, Dale Weidner of Tina).

Rookie Division (Grades 5 and under)

1. Tennessee—Chester County Smokin' Eagles, 919 (Dalton Mitchell of Luray, Blake Carnell of Henderson, Cole Lawrence, Brandon Hughes of Reagan, Jake Williams of Beech Bluff).

2. Ohio—The Sportsman's Club Clay Crushers, 872 (Aaron Walter of Bloomville, Justin Miller of Covington, Bryan Dearth of Clyde, Alex Scheiber of Attica, Clay McCarthy of Tiro).

3. Tennessee—Hoodlum Alley Claybusters, 818 (Vincent Caldwell of Shelbyville, James Haithcote of Unionville, Chase Smith of Shelbyville, Matthew Townes of Shelbyville, James Anthony of Shelbyville).

Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson
Lake Elevation: 3606

August 8, 2007
Water Temperature: 81-88 F



Full moon has faded into darker nights and just like clockwork stripers have started boiling again. The hot spot is the Colorado River inflow from Farley to the Horn above Good Hope Bay. Reports of day long boils and catching more stripers than can be imagined are rolling in.

Launching access is still possible at the site of the old Hite marina but this will be the last weekend for launching there due to declining water levels. Some boats have launched successfully at Farleys Canyon but it takes 4WD and courage to make that happen. The best bet for a nice fiberglass boat is to motor up from Halls or Bullfrog and camp near Trachyte. Fishing results will make the trip more than memorable.

In the main body of the lake, small boils are found each morning from Wahweap Bay to Good Hope and on the San Juan. These boils are small and quick. There may not be time to see the boil and get to the school in time to catch a fish. But look for surface action in Navajo Canyon, West Canyon, Rock Creek, San Juan, mouth of Escalante, and Rincon. Boils may be seen from Bullfrog to Good Hope and morning twilight is the best time to look.

Catching is quick on small spoons (Kastmaster and CC Spoons). Full size surface lures work. When fishing near Trachyte it is advisable to remove the front hook so the fish is the only one impaled on the hook. The Lucky Craft Gunfish 115 in clear Ghost color is amazing topwater bait. It "walks the dog" with a spitting action that is hard to resist.

Summer schools of adult stripers are right where they have been for the last two months. Some spots not recently mentioned include, mouth of Last Chance, Oak Canyon and Reflection Canyon - just inside the canyon mouth in the shady alcove. There are literally hundreds of striper spots (probably one in every canyon) just waiting for an anchovy chum shower to get the fish started. Look for shade near a rockslide along the steep wall to locate a willing school of stripers. When the school lights up, they will eat all anchovy baits and many other offerings for the next hour or more. Return the next morning or evening for more action.

Bass fishing is improving. The best technique is drop shot, split shot or Carolina rigged plastic grubs or tubes fished slowly along the bottom at 20-30 feet. Perhaps the best presentation for bass is trolling a deep diver along the 20 foot bottom contour. Bass fishing may be better in the main lake than at the Colorado River inflow where boiling stripers are dominating the forage.

Catfish and bluegill fishing is hot. Both species are easy to catch on bait near camp.

UTAH WINTER GAMES JOINS FORCES WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS TO GET UTAHNS OUTDOORS THIS WINTER

Park City, UT (August 6, 2007) -- It's about to get a lot harder for Utahns to lounge in the recliner and make excuses for why they can't exercise, because a high-energy coalition is gearing up to make winter fun—and active—for everyone.

The Utah Winter Games is forming new partnerships with community health leaders, KUTV2 and the Utah Department of Health (UDOH), to promote better health all winter long. The program is called WinterFit, and it's an innovative way to encourage exercise using KUTV2's Workout on the Web segments as one way to meet weekly physical activity goals.

Workouts on the Web are just one part of KUTV2's long history of promoting healthy lifestyles, Popular morning anchor Mary Nickles is the official spokesperson for Check Your Health, a regular KUTV2 program dedicated to

promoting healthy lifestyles, and funded by a collaboration of community partners interested in health. Check Your Health Project Coordinator, Jane Sims, says the “Eat Healthy, Be Active” campaign involves a comprehensive approach to personal well being with regular televised segments on health, fitness, and nutrition. The station has workout tips, recipes, and health information you can use right away. They keep the message coming year round that you can improve your health, your fitness, and your outlook on the world by using simple means.

It’s natural, then, that KUTV2 has signed on as the media sponsor of the Utah Winter Games, in part because of the obvious synergy between the health and fitness-oriented station and the healthy programs sponsored by the Games, which are the nation's oldest and largest statewide winter games.

“We introduced WinterFit last November, said Utah Winter Games Director, Heidi Hughes. “WinterFit uses a team concept to get people motivated to get off the couch and outside in the winter – and have fun,” she said. “There’s no reason people should shut down and stop being active for the five months Utah has snow,” Hughes added.

Studies show that the average person gains four pounds over the winter from inactivity, while the average WinterFit participant loses four pounds.

In addition to encouraging activity, WinterFit has a message board where participants can post and trade healthy recipes. The feature fits perfectly with KUTV2's Fresh From the Kitchen segments, which feature dietitians from the UDOH and Intermountain Healthcare, another sponsor of Check Your Health.

Hughes has now been invited to join the UDOH-led Physical Activity Work Group, a statewide partnership. The move could not have come at a better time for everyone involved, as Hughes and the Games’ staff prepare to build on last year’s WinterFit success. Lynda Blades, UDOH physical activity coordinator and chair of the Work Group, is pleased to see WinterFit implemented for the second year. “By getting involved in this type of program, participants may find the social motivation they need to become more active and control their weight during the winter months,” she said.

This winter, health, fitness, and well-being won't take a vacation just because the snow starts to fall.

The Utah Winter Games are the oldest and biggest amateur winter sports event in the country. They continue the legacy of 2002 in Utah by making it possible for large numbers of people of all skill levels to have a wonderful time with winter sports.

RECORD CROWD IN SF BAY AREA SAYS NATIONAL FOREST TRAIL PLAN IS FLAWED

PLEASANT HILL, CA (Aug. 2) - A record crowd of off-road recreationists and public land users objected to a federal trail plan that threatens to close 75% of off-highway vehicle (OHV) routes on forest lands in the Sierra Nevada. On August 2, over 350 concerned citizens attended a public meeting in Pleasant Hill, California, to review the newly released Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for motorized travel management on the Eldorado National Forest.

Members of the OHV community spoke up in strong protest to the Forest Service's proposed plan to close over 1,000 miles of popular jeep roads and dirt-bike trails. Trail enthusiasts stated that many of their favorite routes in the remote backcountry would be closed if the Forest Service follows through with this draft plan.

Don Amador, Western Representative for the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail recreation advocacy group, stated, "This is certainly the largest OHV access-related meeting in California that I have attended since starting with the Coalition in the early 1990s. The record crowd was informed and highly motivated. It is clear they care deeply about their continued access to and active management of federal forest lands. They also understand that the Eldorado National Forest is just the tip of the route planning iceberg."

"For the last few years, the OHV community has shared concerns about the route inventory and designation process in California. We are particularly concerned, after seeing the Eldorado draft plan, with the value the public has received from more than 8 million dollars of state 'green-sticker' OHV trust funds supposedly applied to this effort," Amador concluded.

At present, public comments on the Eldorado DEIS are due on September 4, 2007. The BlueRibbon Coalition has submitted a formal request for the agency to issue a supplemental EIS to address certain errors in the plan. View a copy of this document at www.sharetrails.org/uploads/PL/FS/SEIS_request_FINAL_08.02.07.pdf.

Southern Region Fishing Report

BAKER RESERVOIR: Fishing is slow to fair.

BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES: Some success for catchable rainbows in Upper and Lower Barker using worms or PowerBait. Yellow, Flat, and Joe Lay hold some nice brook trout. Try black marabou jigs or black wooly buggers fished near any structure. Good success for cutthroat and tiger trout in Round and Long Willow Bottom casting lures and flies from shore.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES: Beaver Mountain has had moderate to heavy pressure the past few weeks. The number of fishermen, however, is down significantly from past years. Fishing was generally slow. Mornings and evenings are best. Anderson Meadow Reservoir had been the most consistent producer. Flies work well in the evening.

BEAVER RIVER, LOWER: Due to recent rain, less water is being released from Minersville Reservoir, though there is still plenty of water in the river to fish. Pressure is moderate and success is fair to good. Recent sampling found abundant rainbows and browns. There are a surprising number of fish in the river. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with respect. Much of the private land is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass so watch for signs.

BEAVER RIVER, UPPER: Pressure is light. Fishing is fast for small browns and rainbows with a dry fly-dropper combo. Lures and bait should also produce. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

BOULDER MTN LAKES: Reports of good fishing are coming in from several of the North Slope lakes. Some of the best reports this summer have come from Fish Creek Reservoir, where fishing was good to excellent for splake and tiger trout. Cutthroats are also present. Fishing is very good at Donkey Reservoir for small to medium-sized (up to 14 inches) brook trout. Fishing has also been good at Blind Lake. Good success reported for brook trout and a few grayling at the Row Lakes using spinners. A standard technique at the brookie lakes is a black marabou jig fished near any cover. Wooly bugger, leech and scud patterns will also work. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four of which only two may be over 14 inches.

CHALK CREEK: Small stream east of Fillmore. Catchable rainbows have been stocked in the campground area. Wild rainbows are abundant everywhere else in the stream and can be caught with spinners and flies.

CLEAR CREEK: Water is clear and fishing is good, especially for rainbows in the upper stretches. Try wet flies if the trout are not hitting top water flies. Drifting worms through the holes has also been productive.

CORN CREEK: Catchable rainbows were stocked in the campground area. Wild brown trout are abundant everywhere else in the stream and can be caught with spinners and flies.

DUCK CREEK/ASPEN MIRROR: Catchable rainbows have been stocked. Brook trout are also present. Fishing is slow to fair with bait, better success with flies.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER KINGSTON CANYON: Irrigation releases are making fishing difficult. There is public access on a section of Kingston Canyon midway through the canyon that was purchased through the Blue Ribbon Program. Look for the signs. Most of the remainder of the canyon is private and posted, so ask permission first.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER BLACK CANYON: Unlike Kingston Canyon, flows are low and clear here. Brown trout are abundant and will take a variety of lures and flies. Good success reported using hoppers with a nymph dropper. For the section of river from the BLM property boundary (about four miles south of Antimony) upstream to the confluence with Deer Creek, special regulations include the use of artificial flies and lures only and a limit of two trout. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER ABOVE TROPIC RES: Flows are low and generally clear. Fishing is good for small to medium-sized brown trout. Best trout water starts near Kanab Creek and upstream. Lots of shiners below. Some of the tributaries also hold good trout populations.

ENTERPRISE RESERVOIRS: (Upper and Lower) The upper reservoir will be completely drained soon. Limits in both reservoirs and the outlet stream of the lower reservoir (Little Pine Creek) have been doubled to eight trout and 12 bass, with no size restriction. The water is dropping steadily and shorelines are fairly muddy. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Upper Enterprise Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. We recommend that adults limit their consumption to one eight-ounce portion per month. Women who might become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one two-ounce portion per month.

FISH LAKE: Fishing for perch is fast by jigging just off the weedline. Fishing for splake is generally slow some fish have been caught jigging at 40 to 60 feet. Good success for rainbows trolling pop gear in 15 to 20 feet. Trolling for lake trout is slow to fair some action trolling at 70 to 80 feet. A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limits on tiger muskie apply here: one fish, which must be over 40 inches.

FORSYTH RESERVOIR: The reservoir is full. Fishing is good early in the morning and late in the evening. White jigs are best for splake. Try worms or pop gear and worm for tiger trout. Fish are all about one or two pounds. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

FREMONT RIVER: Brown trout are abundant above Mill Meadow Reservoir and will take most flies or spinners. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

GUNLOCK RESERVOIR: Some larger bass have been caught this year. No recent reports. A fish consumption advisory was issued for largemouth bass from Gunlock due to elevated levels of mercury. We recommend that adults limit their consumption of largemouth bass to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who might become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. Remember special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

JOHNSON RESERVOIR: Fishing is fair to good for tiger muskie by casting rapalas near weed beds or trolling rapalas and spoons. Perch colors work particularly well. Mostly small fish with a few over 30 inches. You may go a while in between hits, so patience is a must. Pressure was moderate. The reservoir contains an abundance of suckers, Utah chubs, and small yellow perch. Special regulations: Whole fish and amphibians are not allowed as bait. Cut bait must be no longer than one inch in any dimension and only one piece per hook. Limit one tiger musky over 40 inches. Immediately release all tiger muskies less than 40 inches long.

KOLOB RESERVOIR: The Kolob road near Virgin was washed out with recent floods. No word yet on when the bridge will be repaired. You can still reach the

reservoir by the gravel road from Cedar Canyon. No recent fishing reports. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 18 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations.

KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR: Aquatic weeds are very thick making trolling difficult. Best success is from boat or shore using bait. Fisherman using float tubes and dry flies when the hatches are on are seeing good success. Most trout have been running between 12 and 14 inches with a few larger cutts and rainbows up to three pounds.

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR: Good fishing for 10- to 15-inch rainbow trout. Bait, lures and flies have all produced. Fly fishing can be effective in the evening.

MAMMOTH CREEK: Flows are low and clear. Moderate pressure on weekends, especially in Hatch Meadow. Good success with flies and spinners. Public access is possible on some of Mammoth Creek west of Highway 89 please watch for and respect private property postings. Special regulations apply to a section of Mammoth Creek check the proclamation for details. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR: Water level has dropped. Trout fishing has slowed down. Perch fishing is better, with lots of good-sized fish. Fishing pressure was higher than usual. Remember that the perch limit is 20. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR: The water level has dropped to less than 10 feet above the conservation pool, but recent rain has allowed irrigation releases to slow down and the water level is holding. The water is relatively warm and fish are starting to stress. Some hooking mortality was observed in the last few weeks, so anglers need to make an extra effort to limit the amount of stress put on fish they catch. Trolling with lures with treble hooks seems to be especially hard on the fish. Using single hooks and releasing fish without removing them from the water will help reduce stress. These conditions typically last through August and September. Fishing is generally slow, but should pick up when temperatures start to cool in September. Some anglers have caught smallmouth bass on the rocky shorelines. Most of these fish are small eight or nine inchers. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, with a limit of one trout, which must be over 22 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-

DEER) to report violations. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES: The water levels in many of the lakes have been dropping. Fishing is still good at all of the lakes. Barney Lake: Good success reported for 15- to 20-inch tiger trout. Try wooly buggers fished deep and slow. Manning Meadow Reservoir: Fly fisherman are having fair to good success. Mornings and evenings are best. Attractor patterns with small wet droppers are producing cutthroats up to 20 inches. Anglers in float tubes are doing fair using sinking line with wooly buggers. Remember special regulations: At Barney Lake, trout limit is 2 and tackle is restricted to artificial flies and lures. Manning Meadow is also restricted to artificial flies and lures, and the trout limit is one fish over 22 inches.

NAVAJO LAKE: Pressure remains heavy. Fishing has slowed, but can still be good with the right technique. Try fishing early and late in the day. Flashy lures have worked well all year for rainbows and splake. Also try casting wooly buggers from a boat or float tube. Good numbers of brook trout are also present. Try dark-colored marabou jigs and wooly buggers for brook trout.

NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR: Fishing can often be difficult because fish are swamped with food golden shiners. Some success for small to medium-sized smallmouth bass. One angler reported catching bass and some larger rainbows with spinners in shallow water near the inlet. Also reported catching a wiper. Recent sampling found that wipers have survived and grown well. One- to two-pound fish are abundant. Try trolling lures that imitate shiners. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. We recommend that adults limit their consumption to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who might become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month..

OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR: Water level is at 41 percent. No problem launching boats. Fishing has slowed but is still good from boats. Shore fishing can be spotty, but at times was good. Lumps and sores have started to show up on some rainbows at Otter Creek. These are caused by a skin infection brought on by the warm water temperature. This infection affects only the skin, so the flesh is safe to eat. The infection will dissipate as the water cools later in the fall. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

PANGUITCH LAKE: (New regulations now in effect) Limit is four trout, which must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. Release all trout 15 to 22 inches. Tips for releasing fish in the slot (15 to 22 inches): If a fish swallows the hook, please cut the line to avoid mortality. A fish can pass a swallowed hook and survive, but digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks. Fishing continues to be slow, both from boat and shore. Look for success to pick up as water cools in the fall.

PARAGONAH (RED CREEK) RESERVOIR: Recent sampling found that rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base. Fishing was a little tough. Bait is not as successful for wild fish, so try flashy lures or flies.

PINE LAKE: Fishing is slow to fair for 10-inch rainbows using bait and any kind of lure or spinner. Cutthroat trout are also abundant. Bank fishing is popular along the dam. Float tubes and small boats work well for fishing other parts of the lake. Catchable-size rainbow trout were stocked, and fishing should be good throughout the summer.

PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR: Catchable size rainbows have been stocked.

PIUTE RESERVOIR: Fishing is good. Water is down to 29 percent. Can still launch boats. Fishing has slowed but is still good for nice rainbows. Fishing from shore is spotty but can still be good using PowerBait or worm/marshmallow combinations. Anglers are picking up some small mouth bass on the north end of the lake. Try crankbaits or tube jigs near rocky cover. Recent sampling found that rainbows are more abundant than ever before and are in great condition. Most fish average 16 to 18 inches and two pounds.

QUAIL LAKE: Bass fishing was hit and miss. Try fishing in early morning or near dark to avoid the heat. Try chartreuse curly tail jigs or crayfish-imitating lures. Senkos are also popular here. Crappie and bluegill are being caught in 25 to 30 feet. Trolling for rainbow trout was productive. Shore fishing for trout is hit and miss. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

SAND COVE RESERVOIRS: Upper reservoir: Catchable rainbows have been stocked. Lower reservoir: Fast action for one- to two-pound largemouth bass on just about anything. Some large fish up to three pounds are present. Fast action for bluegill with a worm suspended below a bobber. Fish early and late to avoid the heat.

SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Bass fishing was good to excellent. Lots of small bass caught near shore with a variety of lures and jigs. In general, green seems to be a productive color. Larger fish are also showing up regularly. Fish are found in most habitats, from the rocky dikes to submerged brush. Recent sampling found lots of small bass as well as good numbers of larger fish up to four pounds. Anglers have reported catching fish up to six pounds. this year. Small bluegill are also abundant. Try fishing early and late to avoid the heat and water skiers. Lots of recreational use on the weekends, so be prepared to face crowds. Special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park.

SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK: Turbidity has increased due to recent rain. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream (south) from the town of Hatch. Intermittent sections of good habitat are present above Hatch and easily accessible from Highway 89. Asay Creek west of Highway 89 is on private land and access is restricted.

SEVIER RIVER MARYSVALE CANYON: Water is still high, but a few fisherman are catching browns using bait.

THOUSAND LAKES MTN: Fishing is generally slow to fair.

TROPIC RESERVOIR: Water level has dropped. Catchable rainbows have been stocked. Fishing is fair to good for the catchables. Small brook trout are abundant. Some brown trout are also present, with a few reaching 20 inches.

URBAN PONDS: Iron County: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in Parowan Pond and Woods Ranch Pond. Channel catfish have been stocked in Parowan Pond. Fishing at Woods Ranch was very good. Washington County ponds: Trout fishing has slowed down with the hot weather. Largemouth bass and bluegill are present in Skyline and the Tawa Ponds. Try a worm suspended below a bobber for bluegill. Try chartreuse curly-tail jigs for bass. Check out the new Razor Ridge Pond in Washington City (on Telegraph Street, just south of SR-9).

WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Fishing was good for rainbows. Fast action for bluegill with a worm suspended below a bobber. Bass fishing is also good.

YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR: Fishing was slow to fair. Lots of pressure. Weeds are thick.

Invasive mussels detected in Lake Powell

Boaters asked to inspect their vessels for mussels

PAGE, ARIZ. — New test results indicate the presence of an extremely small number of individual, larval quagga or zebra mussels in Lake Powell. Two cooperative research and monitoring efforts, conducted on July 19 and 30 by the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Park Service, and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, detected three individual mussel larvae at the Wawheap Marina and near the Glen Canyon Dam.



Photo from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, La Crosse Fishery Resource Office

Dr. David Britton, an expert on quagga and zebra mussels for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said, "While the test results indicate the presence of individual larval quagga or zebra mussels in Lake Powell, much uncertainty remains. We do not know at this point if an established population

is present. We also do not know for certain how quagga or zebra mussels will affect Lake Powell."

Five water samples were collected from Lake Powell and analyzed by a Bureau of Reclamation laboratory in Denver (see table below). The samples were analyzed using two different methods a microscopic technique and DNA fingerprint technology. Three of these samples did not indicate the presence of any quagga or zebra mussels. Two of the samples, collected at the Wahweap Marina and near the Glen Canyon Dam, indicated the presence of three individual larval mussels when tested with the microscopic method and DNA fingerprint technology. The testing methods cannot distinguish whether or not these are quagga mussels or zebra mussels, which are closely related.

"Additional samples have been collected from Lake Powell and are being analyzed for quagga and zebra mussels. In the coming weeks, more samples will be collected from various locations around the lake to determine if mussels are

present in other areas," said Kitty Roberts, superintendent of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

The National Park Service, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Bureau of Reclamation, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been closely working with each other to monitor the spread of quagga mussels since they were found in Lake Mead in January 2007.

The National Park Service's existing quagga and zebra mussel prevention program will remain in place. Boats that have been in water bodies with known quagga or zebra mussel infestations in the last 30 days will continue to be required to be decontaminated before entering Lake Powell. High pressure, hot water decontamination stations are available at all marinas within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, including Wahweap, Antelope Point, Bullfrog, and Halls Crossing marinas.

As a preventative measure, the National Park Service will also begin requiring any boats that are slipped or moored in Lake Powell to receive a decontamination wash before they exit the park if they are being moved to a non-infested lake. In addition, people with boats in the marinas at Lake Powell are strongly encouraged to conduct a thorough inspection of their boat to look for quagga or zebra mussels which may be attached.

To prevent quagga mussels or any other aquatic nuisance species from being spread to other lakes, all visitors leaving Lake Powell or any other body of water should thoroughly wash their boats and trailers after they leave the lake. Bilges, wet wells, motors, and any other part of the boat that could hold water must be completely drained. Any other gear that has come into contact with the water such as waders or fishing equipment should also be washed. The boat and all gear should be allowed to thoroughly dry in the sun for at least five days before being used in another water body.

Detailed descriptions about how to clean your boat and equipment are available online at: www.wildlife.utah.gov/quagga/pdf/boat_inspection.pdf. Further information about quagga and zebra mussels and how to prevent their spread is available online at www.100thmeridian.org, www.protectyourwaters.net, and www.nps.gov/glca.

Quagga/Zebra Mussel Test Results as of August 8, 2007:

Sample Date	Location	Microscopic Results	DNA Fingerprint Results	Number of Veligers Detected
July 19	Main Channel near Glen Canyon Dam (sample 1)	Positive	Positive	1
July 19	Main Channel near Glen Canyon Dam (sample 2)	Negative	N/A*	0
July 30	Main Channel near Glen Canyon Dam	Negative	N/A*	0
July 30	Wahweap Marina, south side breakwater	Positive	Positive	2
July 30	Antelope Point Marina Launch Ramp	Negative	N/A*	0

**Note: The DNA fingerprint method has not been done on these negative samples.*

You need a new HIP number before some Hunts begin

Some hunters aren't getting one; other hunters are getting too many

If you plan on hunting doves or pigeons this fall, you need to get a Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) number for the 2007 season.

Your HIP number from last season won't work.

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

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

Don't get too many

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

If you obtained a HIP number after Feb. 1, 2007, your number is valid for the 2007 season.

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

It's easy

If you haven't obtained your HIP number for the 2007 season, it's easy to get one. Just log onto www.uthip.com or call 1 (877) UTAH-744 (1-877-882-4744).

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

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



Larger animals can escape

Trapping and cougar hunting rules approved

SALT LAKE CITY — Animals that trappers aren't trying to trap will have an easier time escaping from snares in Utah. And the number of cougars that hunters take in Utah this season should be

similar to the number taken during the past three seasons.

Photo from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Both of these items are an outcome of decisions made by the Utah Wildlife Board at the board's Aug. 8 meeting in Salt Lake City.

Breakaway snares

Starting with Utah's 2007–2008 season, trappers in Utah must use breakaway snares. These snares allow bigger animals to escape if they're accidentally trapped.

"Larger animals should be able to escape from these snares," says Kevin Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "These animals include deer, elk, cougars and black bears. When one of these animals puts enough pressure on the snare by pulling on it, the snare releases and lets the animal free."

Bunnell says it's rare for larger animals to get caught in these traps. "But when they do get caught in them, they should be able to escape," he says.

The only exception to the breakaway snare rule are traps set in water, or traps that have a loop size that's less than three inches in diameter. "These traps aren't big enough to trap larger animals," Bunnell says.

Bunnell says the cooperation the DWR received from the Utah Trappers Association is one of the main reasons the board approved the change. "The Utah Trappers Association was very supportive of this change," he says.

Cougar hunting

Hunters will probably take about 300 cougars in Utah during the state's 2007–2008 season. That would be similar to the past three seasons in Utah, when an average of 311 cougars were taken each season.

"An effort was underway a few years ago to reduce the number of cougars in Utah," Bunnell says. "The goal was to bring them into better balance with the deer, bighorn sheep and other animals that cougars prey on."

"It appears those efforts have worked. Now we're trying to find the proper balance. We think the recommendations the board passed are another step to finding that balance."

Overall, the board reduced the number of hunting permits for Utah's limited entry units, and the total number of cougars to be taken on the state's harvest objective units, by about seven percent for the upcoming season.

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

Central Region Fishing Reports

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR: (Aug 8) Fish are still quite deep and jigging or downriggers will be best for trout and an occasional kokanee salmon. Shoreline fishing is considered "fair" and as the weather cools it should pick up. Tributaries to the reservoir opened up on July 14 (read proclamation). 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 8) Fair to good success for small mouth bass near rocky points and submerged vegetation/structure by casting various types of action lures. Fair 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 8) Recent newspaper article stated that reservoir may be closed in the near future to recreation. According to State Park Ranger Rick Redmond, this is absolutely not true! 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. Angler Cliff reports catching nine walleye this week by slowly trolling bottom bouncers with a worm. One of the big walleye weighed in at over 11 pounds! Call the state park for boat launching information at (435) 654-0171. 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 8) Catfish are biting! Several reports of at least "fair" success by using stink bait, worms, shrimp, etc. White bass success is spotty—move around until you find a school of white bass. Use small, bait-tipped lures for the

white bass—a plain worm can be effective as well. No largemouth bass reports from anglers recently but success should be good along edges of deeper water and vegetation. 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 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 8) Several anglers have reported 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 8) Success is good 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) are in place as well in some stretches.

BURRASTON PONDS: (Aug 8) Fair to good fishing success.

DIAMOND FORK RIVER: (Aug 8) "Fair" success by using flies, lures or bait on the first 10 miles of stream below the treatment area (beginning at turnoff to Dmd. Frk and 10 miles upstream). Remember that the first through sixth water creeks were not treated last year 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 10 miles of Diamond Fork (from the turnoff of Hwy 6) is not affected by this treatment. 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 8) Catch basin/reservoir is still empty. Most anglers report that the best fishing on Hobble Creek is in the early morning or evening with flies, small spinners or lures.

THISTLE CREEK: (Aug 8) Light pressure with fair success.

SALT LAKE WATERS: (Aug 8) Anglers report fair to good fishing by using traditional baits.

AMERICAN FORK RIVER: (Aug 8) Fair success by using flies or worms. Light fishing pressure.

TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR: (Aug 8) Fair to good success by using traditional baits.

SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR: (Aug 8) The lake is stocked and fishing success is fair to good! Please respect the many swimmers by fishing away from the beach area.

SALEM POND: (Aug 8) Angler Scott and son Josh fished three times this week and report slow to fair success for trout and fair success for catfish (but fast action for the small bluegill was found along the edges of the pond). The bluegill can actually be seen and a small piece of worm will work great. Catfish bite the best once the sun goes down. The park is closed to 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 8) Fair success for both trout and catfish. Worms and PowerBait work best.

PAYSON LAKES: (Aug 8) Fair to good fishing success is being reported for both rainbow and brook trout.

VERNON, GRANTSVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIRS: (Tooele Co.) (Aug 8) Fair fishing success at Grantsville and Settlement. No word again this week on water level of Vernon expect it to be very low.

MILL HOLLOW: Drained! No fishing until 2009!

Danner Launches the Ultimate Breathable SolutionLighter Feet to Fight the Heat at Outdoor Retailer

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 9, 2007--Danner, Inc. celebrates 75 years of heritage in the footwear industry today with the launch of Danner's new breathable footwear and accessory solutions at Outdoor Retailer in Salt Lake City, UT. Danner, a subsidiary of LaCrosse Footwear, Inc. (Nasdaq/NMS:BOOT), is a

leading provider of branded work and outdoor footwear for expert users.

Danner introduces the optimum cooling solution concept to consumers, pairing its new Dri-release EXO Edge technical hiking socks with the ultra breathable EXO Edge multisport shoes and Formation light hikers. Danner's tradition of introducing new technology continues to play a role in advancing footwear, and this new cooling combination achieves ultimate breathability.

"Danner has taken comfort to the next level offering new breathable footwear and socks for spring 2008," said Joseph P. Schneider, president and CEO of Danner, Inc. "Our new athletic-inspired EXO Edge and Formation light hikers redefine the interior climate of the shoe and today's standard for footwear comfort. This new product launch also helps mark Danner's proud celebration of 75 years of developing quality and innovative footwear."

Breathability

The expert Danner consumer appreciates quality and stability, something they can now find wrapped up in a new lightweight, breathable package with the EXO Edge and Formation. Danner offers two breathable footwear options to meet consumers' needs. Danner has created a breathable technology, DXTVent for ultimate ventilation from toe to heel. Utilizing a combination of performance materials, DXTVent allows outdoor enthusiasts to feel true breathability and climate control. DXT stands for Danner Xpert Technology, a promise that the breathable technology lives up to Danner's quality standards. For consumers wanting waterproof protection, the boots are also developed with the premium GORE-TEX XCR(R) breathable and waterproof membrane. XCR is built for extended comfort with its extremely breathable membrane, while still providing waterproof protection for wet and rugged conditions.

EXO Edge Multisport Shoe

The EXO Edge multisport shoe is a highly anticipated new lightweight style offering for Danner consumers, created to provide full footwear support and comfortable enough to double as a sports, casual or weekend shoe. The heel chassis on the EXO Edge is not only a stylish component, it is built to function as a ventilator that enforces breathability along with heel stabilizer support. Airflow can cycle through the mesh upper to the heel chassis, for increased toe-to-heel breathability. Additional external and internal components are perforated for continued breathability. The EXO Edge utilizes Danner's EXO outsole as a base to

develop the new EXOLite platform, which reduces weight, increases support, and enhances full flexibility needed for performance in a variety of outdoor conditions and sporting activities. An added trail guard sits in between the midsole and the outsole to provide an extra protection layer in the forefoot against debris and rocks.

Formation Light Hiker

Changing the face of a supportive performance hiker, the new formation features a new lightweight platform, styling and enhanced breathability options. Experts that seek off-trail support without the weight will be impressed with Danner's new Formation. The Formation is built with the ultra stable TERRA FORCE(TM) X platform that consumers have come to trust; but now, even more lightweight than ever with Danner's new TFXLite.

Dri-release(R) EXO Edge Technical Hiking Sock

The new Dri-release EXO Edge technical hiking series is half of the footwear equation when it comes to performance and breathability. Danner's new Dri-release EXO Edge technical hiking series dries four times faster than cotton or wool. The new socks utilize a patented blend of soft and natural merino wool and synthetic fibers to achieve cool feet. The merino wool absorbs and wicks moisture off of the skin, while synthetic fibers repel and force moisture through the surface of the sock, where it evaporates faster than 100 percent wool and most other technical socks. Also featuring FreshGuard(R), the series inhibits the formation of odors utilizing environmentally friendly sterilization techniques. Danner has refined the ultimate performance sock with fit features that make all the difference in terms of comfort, including cushioned toe and heel and seamless Lin-toe for better performance and fewer blisters.

The EXO Edge is available in low 3.5-inch or mid 5.5-inch ankle heights with waterproof GORE-TEX XCR(R) or DXTVent. The EXO Edge will be available in men's sizes in Charcoal/Burnt Orange, Charcoal/Grey, Brown/Black, charcoal/Navy, and Charcoal/Brick at retail in December 2007 with a suggested retail price from \$99.95; women's styles will follow in 2008. The Formation is offered in Brown/Black and Charcoal/Grey in a 3.5 or 5.5-inch height. The boots are available with GORE-TEX XCR(R) or DXTVent breathable options. New for spring 2008, the Formation will be available in men's sizes in January with a suggested retail price from \$109. The Dri-release EXO Edge Sock Series will be available in January in Black/Grey, Grey, Black/Brown, and Tan in low cut and quarter crew styles with a suggested retail price from \$11.

About Danner, Inc.

Danner designs and manufactures a complete line of innovative, functional and performance footwear for experts in the work and outdoor markets. With a commitment to craftsmanship, Danner continues to build on the Company's 75-year heritage of being the "Experts Choice" by making premium-quality hiking, hunting, occupational, uniform and rugged casual footwear for men and women. Located in Portland, Ore., Danner is a wholly owned subsidiary of LaCrosse Footwear, Inc. For more information, please visit www.danner.com.



ANOTHER MONSTER CATFISH CAUGHT IN HUNTINGTON

Figure 1

PRICE, UTAH--Price resident Calvin Grogan landed a lake-record catfish at Huntington North Reservoir on 8-8-07 at 10:20 p.m. Huntington North Reservoir is located two miles north of the town of Huntington in Emery County. The channel catfish measured 36 inches and weighed 27 pounds.

Mr. Grogan was fishing from the bank near the boat dock. He baited his size 2 treble hook with raw chicken meat and liver. Once hooked, it took Grogan 20 minutes to land the fish.

This latest catch breaks a lake record, established recently by Clifton Elliot of Price, who landed a 25-lb. 34-inch catfish on 7-26-07.

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

Zebco purchases fishing line brands from Shakespeare

TULSA, Okla. (Aug. 9, 2007) - Zebco W.C. Bradley, best known as a rod and reel company, has acquired four brands of fishing line from Shakespeare Co. LLC of Columbia, S.C. The announcement was made today by Zebco President Jeff Pontius upon completion of the transaction.

The purchased fishing line brands are Cajun Red, Omniflex, Supreme and Outcast. Details of the acquisition are not being disclosed.

"We are pleased to have this opportunity to enter the fishing line market," Pontius said. "The acquired business is a small but growing 'beachhead' for us in the line market and we plan to expand on it over time."

The transaction is a result of a Federal Trade Commission (FTC) decision. Shakespeare's parent company, K2 Inc., is owned by Jarden Corp., which recently acquired Pure Fishing Inc. Because Pure Fishing already has the leading market position on fishing line with brands like Berkley Trilene, Stren and Spiderwire, the FTC required Shakespeare to sell its fishing line business.

"We are excited about the line opportunities," said Bob Bagby, Zebco vice president of marketing. "Cajun Red pioneered the idea of red line which quickly becomes less visible in use since red is the first color absorbed by water. The red line continues to grow in popularity and we're confident we can further build on its momentum."

Pontius expanded on the company's plans, saying that although transfer of ownership to Zebco has already occurred, the change will not be apparent to consumers for awhile as the existing inventory moves through distribution. "The brands we acquired will remain the names on the product," he said. "They are good, popular brands. The transition should be relatively seamless for all customers."

Zebco will ultimately move the line business to its facilities in Tulsa and Claremore, Okla., but does not foresee any changes to its workforce needs over this time.