

## **YAKTRAX® Helps Users Stay Safe During Winter Months *Great for Avoiding Slips and Falls on Snow and Ice***

**(Research Triangle Park, NC,) –** When winter weather sets in, many people face limited mobility due to the challenges snow and ice present. Among adults, especially older adults, falls are the most common cause of injuries and hospital admissions for trauma. However, footwear accessories leader Implus Footcare and their unique winter traction device YAKTRAX are providing people the freedom to head outdoors even in the snow and ice.



Named after the sure-footed Tibetan Yak, YAKTRAX stretch over everything from casual walking shoes to winter boots. Once in place, a grid of skidlock steel coils give users the traction of the

famed mountain sheep on hard-pack snow and ice. Daily errands are no longer put on hold due to the safety and stability ensured by this easy-to-use product

As you walk, hundreds of edges bite into snow and ice, providing stability and grip in all directions. Users can take their normal stride without fear of falling or risking injury with short choppy strides that can shorten leg muscles and tighten hamstrings.

Following hip surgery, sixty-one year old Sydney Woodstock of Vermont found her greatest fear to be an accident on the ice. "Yaktrax have changed my life this winter. I found this product in a catalog and have been comfortable on ice ever since," said Woodstock.

The unique lightweight (3oz) design give users the same solid, secure grip they are accustomed to feeling on dry surfaces. Implus Footcare offers YAKTRAX's in both the YAKTRAX Pro (\$29.95) for active athletes and YAKTRAX Walker (\$19.95) for everyday use. Everyone from kids to the elderly can benefit from the safety and security provided by YAKTRAX, whether they are running, walking or working in winter elements. YAKTRAX is available at over 10,000 retail locations in over 20 countries. For more information, please visit [www.YAKTRAX.com](http://www.YAKTRAX.com). 2008 Monolithic Dome Conference - It's set for March 7-8 at the Wyndham DFW Airport North in Irving, Texas, at a special hotel rate of \$119/per night. It will include informative seminars, a dinner banquet and tours of various Monolithic facilities.

<http://monolithic.com/conference/2008/intro/>

### News from the Monolithic Dome Institute



Your Monolithic Dome Home on TV? - In the past two years, TV producers have contacted more and more owners of Monolithic Dome homes, soliciting their participation in network shows, such as HGTV. Read about those experiences, including tips, strategies and cautions from three dome owners who have been there and done that.

<http://www.monolithic.com/domenews/2007/11nov/tv/>

A Monolithic Anchor Point Provides Safety - Review the data and inspect the pictures of a simple device that can keep a worker safe and secure atop a Monolithic Dome. This article includes installation instructions.

<http://www.monolithic.com/gallery/equipment/anchorpoint/>

Solid House Foundation - Tomas Viguers, Project Manager of Solid House Foundation, describes SHF's efforts building Monolithic EcoShells in economically deprived areas.

<http://www.monolithic.com/gallery/nonprofit/solidhouse/>

Off Grid Central Alberta Monolithic Dome - Mike Forsyth tells about his experiences in designing and building a Monolithic Dome home with passive solar heating in Canada. <http://www.monolithic.com/gallery/homes/forsyth/>

Kansas Residents Like Dome School Proposal - A Nov. 28, 2007 article in The

Garden City Telegram reported that folks in Leoti, Kansas liked what they heard from Lee Gray, of LPDJ Architects, LLC of Salt Lake City, Utah, about their proposed \$5.5 million Monolithic Dome school facility.

<http://www.monolithic.com/domesinnews/2007/11nov/leotikansas/>

Monolithic Dome Home Featured in Coastal Contractor Magazine - Dome of a Home, a vacation resort facility and multiple hurricane survivor



in Pensacola Beach, Florida, recently starred in a full-page article of Coastal Contractor Magazine.

<http://www.monolithic.com/domesinnews/2007/11nov/coastalcontractormag>

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

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### **News from Bowhunters of Utah**

Report of activities:

1- Gordy Bell is on a DWR committee to discuss the use of ATV's and offroad issues. The working group is looking at regulations and enforcement issues that will not only effect hunting but other outdoor activities as well. It seems that the ATV is leaving the established trails and causing some real problems. We are looking forward to progress reports as the group gets underway.

- 2- During the Northern RAC meeting we found out that the DWR was looking at its options of opening up some of the Waterfowl Management Units (WMA) for deer hunting. We suggested that bowhunting would be the ideal management tool. I have been invited to work with the DWR in looking into options on these units. Our goal is to increase opportunity for all bowhunters.
- 3- Newsletter should be coming out shortly. Look for it in the mail
- 4- Shaun Graves was chosen for the President Elect which will turn into the President at the end of Gordy Bell's term of office. This leaves the Vice President position open. Todd Black has replaced John Wester as the project manager on the BOU Board. The Board is still looking to fill the position of Bowhunter Education Coordinator. We invite all with interest to step forward.
- 5- There will be a BOU meeting on Saturday, January 5th at noon. It will be held at the Northern gate of Farmington Bay WMU teaching sheds on the east side of the road. This meeting is open to all BOU members and we will be setting up our yearly calendar and coordinating our efforts to take BOU to the next level. This would be a great place for someone who wants to be more involved to step forward. This is also a place where you can voice your concerns, desires, and ideas to help our organization to become more effective. Lunch (pizza and soda) will be provided to all who attend. We would love to see you there.
- 6- Bucks and Bulls draw will be coming up shortly. Good luck to all!
- 7- We would love to hear more of your hunting stories of this past year! You can send them to me at this e-mail.
- 8- Membership renewals will be sent out shortly. You can renew by using the website or you can use the form and snail mail. We hope that you will take the opportunity to invite your hunting buddies to get on board with us also.

Thanks,  
Shaun Graves BOU Vice Pres/Pres Elect

## **Holiday Storms Hit Utah Ski Resorts**

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH- Major winter storms gave Utah skiers and snowboarders

a very merry white Christmas. Nearly 50 inches of new snow



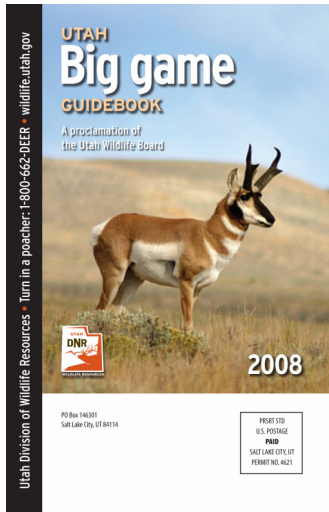
fell last week in Utah's mountains, including an incredible 35 inches falling in the Cottonwood Canyons between Thursday, December 20th and Saturday December 22nd. A Christmas Eve storm blanketed resorts with as much as 15 additional inches, and sunny skies on Christmas Day created perfect powder skiing conditions. Forecasts suggest that an additional 6 - 10 inches is expected in the Cottonwood Canyons by Thursday morning with more storms on the way.

Utah is home to 13 world-class ski resorts. Five of Utah's resorts ranked in the Top Ten for "Best Snow" according to the readers of SKI Magazine in the publication's 2007 survey. More information on Utah's resorts, or skiing and snowboarding in Utah can be found at [www.skiutah.com](http://www.skiutah.com).

### **2008 Big Game Proclamations to Arrive Late**

**PRICE**—This year, 2008 Big Game Proclamations (now called Big Game Guidebooks) will arrive later than usual in southeastern Utah. It may be January

14<sup>th</sup>, before big game hunters will be able to find one at a license agent or Division office. This is disappointing since the application period runs from January 2-31. The delay will leave applicants with only two weeks to select their hunts and submit their applications.



Hunters, who don't want to wait until mid-January, can view the 2008 Big Game Guidebook on DWR's website:

[www.wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations/2008\\_biggame/](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations/2008_biggame/).

After January 2<sup>nd</sup>, hunters can also apply on-line by going to DWR's home page, then selecting the "Licenses" sub-menu, and finally the "Hunt drawing applications" menu. For the first time this year, all applications must be submitted on-line or by phone. No paper applications will be accepted. Instructions will be posted on the DWR website after January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The "on-line only" application requirement is not the only change that awaits big game hunters. For the first time this year, a hunting or combination license must be purchased, before a hunter may apply for a permit in the big game drawing.

"This change is important to the future of the state's wildlife," says Jim Karpowitz, director of the DWR. "As costs continue to rise, the requirement that hunters buy a hunting or combination license will provide us with the revenue we need to continue managing big game and other wildlife into the future."

The hunting license costs \$26 for residents and the combination license costs \$30. Karpowitz has some advice for you as you decide which license to buy. "I'd encourage you to buy the combination license," says Karpowitz. "It costs \$4 more than a hunting license, but it also allows you to fish."

Hunting and combination licenses are available on-line at: [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov). They may also be purchased at a DWR office or hunting license agent across the state.

### ***Utah Winter Games Set to Launch Friends & Family Race Series Weekly Races kick off January 5<sup>th</sup> at Brighton Ski Resort***

*(Park City, UT)* – Gather a group of friends or family members and get set to race at some of Utah's premier resorts as part of the Utah Winter Games Friends & Family

Race Series. Kicking off its 22<sup>nd</sup> season, the Utah Winter Games Friends & Family Race Series is a fun tradition open to skiers of all ages, abilities and disciplines including skiing, telemark and snowboarding. The likes of Tommy Moe and Picabo Street have raced in Utah Winter Games races, now it's your turn! Twenty

different race classes are offered based on age and gender. Each competitor will receive a goody bag and prizes from Utah Winter Games sponsors.

To participate, simply sign up the day of the race at the resort. Cost to race is \$10, plus resort lift ticket (discounts are available for race participants). To qualify for the race series finals, participants must race in at least two qualifiers, or win one gold medal in a qualifier. For more information, please visit [utahwintergames.org](http://utahwintergames.org) or call 1-866-OLYPARKS.

### **Utah Winter Games Friends & Family Race Series Schedule**

January 5 – Brighton Ski Resort

January 12 – Alta (no snowboarding races at this location)

January 19 – Snowbasin

January 26 – Brian Head

February 2 – Park City Mountain Resort – Friends & Family Series Finals

### **One Dead, One Injured in Rare Avalanche at The Canyons**

An unidentified 11 year-old boy was injured Sunday morning in a rare in-bounds avalanche at The Canyons that killed another skier and swept away the boy's father.

The deceased was a male between 25 and 30 years old who died of trauma from injuries sustained in the slide. The boy's father was also swept away by the avalanche but was able to extricate himself from the debris.

The Canyons Ski Patrol arrived on the scene within four minutes of the initial call for assistance, and the deceased was located a mere four minutes later. The injured boy was rescued some 25 minutes thereafter with no pulse or breathing, but was revived by CPR administered by the Patrol before being evacuated to Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City.

In-bounds avalanches at U.S. ski areas are very uncommon thanks to ski patrol avalanche control efforts. As a result, only one other avalanche fatality has occurred within an American ski area during the past ten years, reports the National Ski Areas Association. "Control teams had peppered the area with over 170 lbs of explosives the day before," Utah Avalanche Center forecaster Drew Hardesty wrote on Sunday. "It's a tragic accident."

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**For 45th Anniversary, Park City Mountain Resort Honors Area's Mining Past**  
Park City Mountain Resort will commemorate its 45th ski and snowboard season with Historic Mining Tours.

Mountain Host historians will offer the complimentary Historic Mining Tours at 11 a.m. daily on skis or snowboard to celebrate the resort's mining past. The Historic Mining Tours provide a unique way to learn the town's history and its influence in starting the Park City ski industry. Guests who attend a tour will learn about Park City Mountain Resort trail names - Hoist, Creole, Shamus, Silver King, among others - which are named after Park City mining companies and terminology. As well, the tours give the complete story behind the still-standing mining buildings that speckle the mountainside.

Historic Mining Tours are also offered as self-guided printable tours via the web site, MyMountainPlanner.com, an online interactive guide that allows you to choose a tour of Park City Mountain Resort based on ability level and terrain preference. For families of varying ability that want to stay together on the mountain, MyMountainPlanner.com also offers Family Tours.

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### **Snowbird Renaissance Center Presents An Everest Evening Dec. 29**

An Everest Evening with Dr. Geoffrey Tabin will take place at Snowbird this Saturday, Dec. 29, providing guests with a night of adventure, tales of humanitarian efforts and a special dinner menu.

Tabin, a professor of surgery and ophthalmology at the University of Utah School of Medicine and co-director of the Himalayan Cataract Project, was the first ophthalmologist to summit Mount Everest and the fourth person to reach the highest point of all seven continents. Guests will experience Tabin's presentation, "Impossible Dreams - The first ascent of the East Face of Mount Everest and eliminating preventable and treatable blindness," which documents the Seven Summitter's exploits on and around the world's most challenging peaks and the creation of the Himalayan Cataract Project. Additional special guests include mountaineer and filmmaker David Breashears and expedition photographer Jimmy Chin.

An Everest Evening includes a prime rib and seared ahi tuna dinner, drinks and a silent auction. The auction will include a day of skiing with former Olympian and renowned big mountain skier Jeremy Nobis that will include four lift tickets, early Tram runs and lunch. An Everest Evening will take place in the Cliff Lodge

Ballroom from 6-10 p.m. A ticket to the event is \$200 and tables of 10 are available for \$2,000. For reservations and information on tickets call (801) 933-2147.

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### **Graffiti Art at Brighton Tells The TRUTH About Tobacco**

The Utah Department of Health is taking The TRUTH about tobacco to high-risk youth at Brighton Ski Resort with colorful urban art at The TRUTH Terrain Park. As part of a new sponsorship, The TRUTH is offering skiers and boarders discounted tickets and prizes through [www.warriorsagainsttobacco.com](http://www.warriorsagainsttobacco.com).

The TRUTH commissioned internationally-known graffiti artists to paint the terrain park's rails and wall ride with the theme, "See through the smoke, don't be manipulated." The artwork depicts images of corporate devils seducing others to smoke, burning money to represent the high costs of smoking and the satisfaction that can come from saying "no" to tobacco.

"Brighton is a major smoking hangout," says Chelsey Wilson, snowboarder and youth activist against tobacco. "I think the artwork will really grab the attention of high-risk kids."

Representatives of The TRUTH campaign will be at Brighton every Monday night all season long. Skiers may print a half-priced night skiing ticket from the [www.warriorsagainsttobacco.com](http://www.warriorsagainsttobacco.com) web site for use on Monday nights. By taking part in an anti-tobacco activity, youth may enter to win an anti-tobacco snowboard designed by renowned artist Nate Williams. New signage will be posted near the lift lines reminding skiers and boarders that smoking is not allowed.

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### **Deer Valley Opens New Lady Morgan Express Chairlift**

Ski resort officials cut the ribbon on Deer Valley's new Lady Morgan Express Chairlift on Saturday, opening over 200 acres of new ski terrain across nine new trails for the very first time.

"We are particularly excited about the completion of a new high-speed detachable quad chairlift, Lady Morgan Express, in the Empire Canyon area," says Deer Valley's Director of Mountain Operations, Chuck English. "This new lift opens up 200-plus additional acres of skiing for our guests on nine new ski runs, with

stunning views of the Resort and the nearby Uinta Mountains. Sixty five of those acres offer the beautiful gladed skiing that Deer Valley has become known for."

The moniker "Lady Morgan" comes from a lake in the Empire area, which was named by the area's first miners in the 1890s, and for which the Lady Morgan Bowl ski run is named.

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### **Ski Trips to Utah Just Got Cheaper as Delta Places Salt Lake Flights on Sale**

Budget-conscious skiers and snowboarders should know that Delta Airlines has announced sale fares to Salt Lake City from various departure cities, starting at \$59 one-way for tickets purchased by December 31, 2007. The travel dates for the fare promotion cover the heart of Utah's ski and snowboard season.

Tickets must be purchased at least 21 days prior to departure, but no later than December 31, 2007 for travel through March 7, 2008. A minimum stay of three nights or a Saturday night is required, whichever comes first. Sale fares are blacked out for travel February 15, 16, 18, 23, and 24, 2008.

One-way sale fares are as follows:

- Boise, ID (BOI) \$59
- Bozeman/Big Sky, MT (BZN) \$129
- Chicago-O'Hare, IL (ORD) \$109
- Dallas-Fort Worth, TX (DFW) \$119
- New York-Kennedy, NY (JFK) \$119
- Ontario, CA (ONT) \$89
- Orange County, CA (SNA) \$89
- Portland, OR (PDX) \$89
- Reno, NV (RNO) \$59
- San Diego, CA (SAN) \$79

Fares shown are available online at [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com). Tickets cost \$20 more if purchased from Delta over the telephone, or at an airport or city ticket office. Seats are limited and fares may not be available on all flights.

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### **2008 Sprint U.S. Freestyle Championships Return to 2002 Olympic Venues**

Three Utah Olympic venues will be the stage in March as the 2008 Sprint U.S.

Freestyle Championships return to Park City with four days of title-chasing by the nation's best and the top aspiring freestyle skiing athletes.

Calum Clark, vice president of events for the Park City-based U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA), said the championships will be held at Deer Valley Resort, Park City Mountain Resort and Utah Olympic Park. "These championships will be exciting for all of us. Not only are they the latest example of the ongoing legacy from the 2002 Olympics, but because they involve three of our top USSA venue partners," Clark said.

Upwards of 200 athletes are expected to compete in the four events. "The organizing committee and these venues are competition-tested. These should be a great few days of action-packed skiing to showcase the excitement of freestyle," U.S. Freestyle Director Polly-Jo Clark said.

One other element of the Olympic legacy, Clark said, is utilizing part of Park City's Historic Main Street for nightly awards, sponsor exhibits and entertainment Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. "We're partnering with the City of Park City during these championships, and we want Park City's Main Street, which was a social focal point during the 2002 Olympics, to be a dynamic site again during the Sprint nationals."

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### **Torchlight Parade Highlights Holidays at Deer Valley**

As always, one of the highlights of Deer Valley's holiday season is the annual torchlight parade. This year the parade takes place this Sunday, December 30 at dusk (approximately 6 p.m.) when the Resort's renowned Ski School will dazzle with torches, synchronized skiing, and all sorts of "illuminating" moves.

The parade takes place on Big Stick ski run on Bald Eagle Mountain and is best viewed from the upper deck of Snow Park Lodge, where complimentary hot cider and cookies will be served.

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### **Utah Winter Games Kicks Off Third Annual Winter Fitness Program**

It's time to put down the remote, put on the coat, and get outside because WinterFit season is here. The nation's only statewide, entry-level winter fitness program is gearing up help all Utahns enjoy winter instead of hiding from it.

A community outreach effort organized by the Utah Winter Games, WinterFit is a fun group fitness program where teams made up of anywhere from two to ten people get together, choose a captain, register online, and start improving everyone's health. There are two basic categories, Weight Loss and Minutes of Activity, and each team can chose to be in one or both programs.

Teams can be made up of co-workers, friends, families, and neighbors. Last season, groups of employees formed teams to compete against each other inside an office, the staffs of several elementary schools had a serious rivalry, and some teams just wanted to appear at the top of the leader board.

To find out more, log on to [www.WinterFit.org](http://www.WinterFit.org) or call 1-800-OLY-PARKS.

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### **Lobster Lunch Special at The Canyons' Lookout Cabin**

Lookout Cabin Restaurant, the award winning on-mountain dining spot at the top of the Golden Eagle and Short Cut lifts at The Canyons Resort, will be bringing in live Maine lobsters for a holiday lunch special. Enjoy a 1.5 lb. fresh lobster with



traditional New England lobster bake accompaniments like corn on the cob and boiled potatoes. Start the meal with a grilled chicken Caesar Salad, all for \$49 per person. This special will run through January 6.

Returning chef and Culinary Institute of America graduate, Jacob Guay, and new general manager Dan Black, opened Lookout Cabin for the season on December 14, 2007. Chef Guay starts his second season at Lookout Cabin under the guidance of resort executive chef Sebastian Lizarzaburu. Chef Guay's previous experience in Park City was at the Stein Eriksen Lodge. The chefs will collaborate and

introduce new items to the menu throughout the season for some of the most exceptional on-mountain food available at any resort. Diners also have the option of enjoying one of the most impressive wine lists found at 9,000 feet.

Reservations are highly recommended and can be made by calling (435)615-2892.

More information is available on line at

[www.thecanyons.com/dining.html?dinid=45](http://www.thecanyons.com/dining.html?dinid=45)

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## **Ski Salt Lake Continues Sponsorship of Steven Nyman**

The Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau recently announced its continued sponsorship agreement with U.S. Ski Team member and Utah native Steven Nyman, promoting the marketing organization's Ski Salt Lake program.

The 25-year old Nyman will compete on the season-long FIS World Cup circuit, primarily in Europe, bearing the Ski Salt Lake logo on his helmet and hat. Ski Salt Lake is a cooperative sales and marketing program promoting Salt Lake County's four world-class resorts: Alta and Snowbird in Little Cottonwood Canyon, and Brighton and Solitude in Big Cottonwood Canyon, all of which are within 30 minutes of downtown Salt Lake.

"Continuing our support and sponsorship of Steven on the World Cup simply makes sense," commented Scott Beck, president and CEO of the Salt Lake CVB. "Since the 2002 Winter Olympics, Ski Salt Lake has been picking up momentum both nationally and internationally, and partnering with Steven is a great way to continue to build name recognition in Europe and to American followers of the Alpine World Cup. The fact that Steven's a Utahn and a 'Big Mountain' type racer fits in perfectly with our four award-winning resorts."



## **Season Number Two Underway for Sustainable Seasons**

After a successful launch last year, now that winter is here the Sustainable Seasons project is back for more this ski season to show what the resorts are doing to be more environmentally friendly, and what you can be doing, too.

Biodiesel Bob, the program's truck and mascot will be traveling all around the west to demonstrate the viability of Biodiesel, even in mountain environments. Look for the truck and the athletes as this year's IFSA World Tour stop at Snowbird, along with

other events throughout the west.

Sustainable Seasons is working with groups like Snowbird Resort and KeepUtahCool.com this season. Keep an eye on the website, [www.sustainableseasons.org](http://www.sustainableseasons.org), for the most current information about the project. They have also announced their continued partnership with American Freedom Biodiesel, the official fuel supplier of the Sustainable Seasons Project.

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### **Dean Cummings Brings Ski Camps, Clinics to Snowbird**

A Utah ski resort known for its big mountain terrain and a famed athlete known for his big mountain expertise have joined forces for the 2008 winter season. Dean Cummings will bring his Big Mountain Camps and daily clinics for skiers and snowboarders to Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort, providing guests with a new big mountain experience.

Cummings and the H2O Guide Team will provide a new element to the Snowbird Mountain School this season with the Dean Cummings Big Mountain Experience (BMX). BMX focuses on big mountain and all-mountain techniques and protocols and is a semi-private lesson requiring a minimum of two and a maximum of six participants. BMX instruction focuses on the latest big mountain techniques, backcountry protocols, route selections and terrain management, and will be offered daily by Cummings, members of the H2O Guide Team and Snowbird Mountain School instructors.

For expert skiers and riders, the Dean Cummings Big Mountain Camps offer an opportunity to learn from Cummings' knowledge, experience and ability while being guided into Snowbird's terrain and Utah powder. The four-day/four-night camp combines chairlift, backcountry and helicopter access in Utah's Wasatch Range and will take place Jan. 9-12 and Feb. 6-9, 2008.

For more information or to make a reservation contact Cummings at (907) 835-8418 or Snowbird Mountain School at (801) 933-2170.

### **Two Changes Await Big Game Hunters**

*Applications accepted starting Jan. 2*

Based on past years, as many as 230,000 people will consider applying for a permit to hunt big game in Utah next fall.

If you're one of them, please be aware of two changes:

- You must have a hunting or combination license before you can apply for a permit.
- Applications will be accepted only through the Division of Wildlife Resources' Web site.

## **Start applying on Jan. 2**

You can apply for a 2008 permit at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov) starting Jan. 2. Your application must be received through the Web site no later than 11 p.m. on Jan. 31 to be entered in the draw for permits.

If you're not comfortable applying on the Internet, you can also apply over-the-phone. To apply over-the-phone, you must call (801) 538-4700 no later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 31.

Results of the 2008 Big Game Draw will be available by April 30.

## **Applying for a point**

If you don't plan on hunting in 2008, you can still apply for a bonus point or a preference point.

You can start applying for these points at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov) on Jan. 2. Your application must be received through the Web site no later than 11 p.m. on Feb. 29.

You can also apply for a point over-the-phone starting Jan. 2. The Division of Wildlife Resources will accept phone-in applications at (801) 538-4700 until 5 p.m. on Feb. 29.

## **Changes**

### **License required**

Starting with the 2008 hunts, you must have a current Utah hunting or combination license before you can apply for a big game hunting permit.

"This change is important to the future of the state's wildlife," says Jim Karpowitz, director of the DWR. "As costs continue to rise, the requirement that hunters buy a license will provide us the revenue we need to continue managing big game and other wildlife into the future."

Karpowitz has some advice for you as you decide which license to buy: the hunting license, which costs \$26 for residents, or the combination license, which

costs \$30. “I’d encourage you to buy the combination license,” he says. “It costs \$4 more than a hunting license, but it also allows you to fish.”

Hunting and combination licenses are available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov). You can also obtain one from DWR offices and more than 350 hunting license agents across Utah.

### **Paying less for a permit**

Another change involves the cost for big game permits—some of them will cost less in 2008 than they did this year. For example, Utah residents will pay \$20 less for a general elk permit. And general deer permits cost \$5 less.

You can buy a resident general elk permit for \$45. Resident general deer permits cost \$35.



### **Apply on the Web**

In addition to the new license requirement, you’ll also have to apply for a permit on the Internet this year.

“If you’ve never applied for a permit online before, and you have questions about how to do it, please drop by a DWR office,” says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the DWR. “We have computers you can use and staff members who can help you through the process.”

You can also apply for a permit over-the-phone by calling the DWR at (801) 538-4700.

“If you decide to apply over the phone, you must call us no later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 31,” Tutorow says.

If you want to apply for a bonus point or a preference point over-the-phone, you need to call no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 29.

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

### **Teach Others about Birds and the Great Salt Lake**

*Chance to see bald eagles part of Jan. 5 training*

Farmington -- If you're passionate about birds and the Great Salt Lake—and you want to share your passion with others—the Division of Wildlife Resources wants you in its Farmington Bay Volunteer Naturalist program.

You can learn more about the program—and other volunteer opportunities with the DWR—at a workshop on Jan. 5.

The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Great Salt Lake Nature Center. The center is located at the Farmington Bay Waterfowl

Management Area, 1700 W. Glover Lane (925 South) in Farmington.

“Our volunteers get to play in puddles, see some amazing birds, and share their excitement with scouts and school groups,” says Justina Parsons-Bernstein, director of the Great Salt Lake Nature Center. “If you can tell the difference between a cinnamon teal

and a great blue heron, or if you want to know the difference, you're the kind of person we're looking for.”



Here's what you can do in the following DWR programs:

Farmington Bay Volunteer Naturalist – take people on fun field trips and nature tours. You'll also get to help the staff at the nature center teach school groups about birds and the Great Salt Lake. The staff will teach you about wetland ecology, how to identify birds and how to share what you've learned with others.

Wild Guides Naturalist – this brand new program will give you a chance to get into your community and teach eight- to nine-year-olds about wildlife and the places wildlife live. The DWR will provide you with all of the lesson plans you'll need. You'll also receive neat items to show the kids, including snowshoe hare pelts, and elk and deer antlers.

Community Fishing – teach kids in youth fishing clubs about fish and how to catch them. The clubs meet in the spring at community fishing waters in Utah.

Watchable Wildlife – staff booths at wildlife festivals in Utah. You’ll learn more about Utah’s wildlife, and then you’ll get to share your enthusiasm for that wildlife—including peregrine falcons, mountain goats, bald eagles and bighorn sheep—with those who attend the festivals!

Hunter Education – teach the next generation of Utah’s hunters how to be safe, responsible and ethical.

At the workshop, Parsons-Berstein will highlight the volunteer opportunities at Farmington Bay. Jill West, the DWR’s volunteer program coordinator, will also provide information about other volunteer opportunities with DWR.

The workshop is free, and everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

After the presentation, the staff at the nature center will take those who attended the workshop on a tour of the Farmington Bay WMA. You might see some bald eagles during the tour. The eagles are just starting their winter migration into Utah.

For more information, call Parsons-Bernstein at (801) 589-2373.

### **St. George Seismic Susceptibility Examined**



Salt Lake City, Utah -- An active fault near St. George, Utah, may be more active than previously thought. The Utah Geological Survey (UGS) is currently studying the Washington fault, which transects the St. George basin from north to south and trends

directly through the City of Washington, and close to St. George.

The goal of the Paleoseismic Reconnaissance of the Washington Fault is to determine just how active the fault is and how great of an earthquake hazard it represents to Washington County. “A lot of development is taking place along the fault, and a lot more will take place if the Lake Powell pipeline is ever built,” says Bill Lund, UGS Senior Scientist and Southern Utah Regional Geologist. “Recent trench exposures indicate it may be more persistently active and more recently active than previously thought.”

St. George and Washington County have been repeatedly i

dentified as among the fastest growing communities and areas in the United States. The county's population is expected to roughly triple over the next 30 years to more than 400,000 people. The nearby active Hurricane fault has

long been recognized as a potential source of large earthquakes. If the Washington fault, which is closer to St. George than the Hurricane fault, proves to be more active than previously thought, the recognized earthquake hazard in southwestern Utah could increase significantly.



“Right now, we don’t know how active the Washington fault is, but if what we suspect is true, the Washington fault may eventually be added to the United State Geological Survey National Earthquake Hazard Maps,” according to Lund. “Our goal is not to scare people, but rather to make sure the earthquake hazard is adequately characterized and that people are aware of the potential hazard.”

The Washington fault was added to a list of high priority faults to study due to its proximity to major development. The study is expected to be complete by the end of summer 2008.

### **Saddletree Draw Leasing – Rock House Development Final Environmental Assessment**

Vernal, Utah— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Vernal Field Office (VFO)

announces the availability of the final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record for the Saddletree Draw Leasing and Rock House Development project.

The EA evaluates, analyzes, and discloses to the public the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of a drilling plan proposed by Enduring Resources that would include the lifting of the suspension on lease UTU-81737, and the drilling of up to 60 wells from 17 well pads on that and other valid existing leases in the area.

The project is located about 35 miles southeast of Vernal, Uintah County, Utah, in Township 10 South, Range 23 East (Sections 19-21 and 28-33), T10S, R22E (Section 36), and T11S, R23E (Sections 3-4) in Uintah County, Utah, Salt Lake Base Meridian.

The document is available on the BLM VFO website at <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/vernal.html>. For further information concerning the document, please contact Stephanie Howard at (435) 781-4469.