

## House Bill 187 Questions

I feel I may have discovered a fact which may show favoritism to specific constituents or friends of Rep. Ferry or others writing this bill.

There may be a "devil" in these "details". If my suspicion is correct, it would completely discredit the "balanced" intentions of this bill.

As you know, the bill lists 14 rivers for public usage. (Now the list is 15 after Friday when Blacksmith Fork was added.) I find it suspicious that a specific 1.1 mile section of the South Fork of the Ogden is curiously protected in the bill. The bill reads:

\*(14) North Branch and South Branch of the South Fork of the Ogden River from Pineview Reservoir upstream to Highway 39;\*

\*(15) North Branch and South Branch of the South Fork of the Ogden River from Causey Reservoir dam downstream to county road 8700 East;\*

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The journalist in me sees red flags. Questions are raised. Questions like:

1. Wouldn't it have been \*easier\* to simply write "from Pineview Reservoir upstream to Causey Reservoir dam"?
2. Why is this 1.1 mile section protected?
3. Why is 8700 East the \*only\* residential street mentioned in the entire bill?
4. Who \*lives\* or has property from Hwy 39 to 8700 East?
5. What makes them \*different\* from the dozens of similar homes and properties upstream of 8700 East?

6. Who stands to \*benefit\* if this section is kept private?
7. What \*relation\* do they have with those writing the bill?



Looking at the aerial (Google) image of the river section, about 19 homes stand to benefit from permanent legal privacy. They all have property with the branches of the South Fork of the Ogden running through them.

- Eight homes on Cottonwood Lane
- One home east of Hwy 39
- Five homes south of 500 South
- Five homes west of 8700 East

Can someone do some investigative journalism? Please visit the Weber County recorder's office. Get ownership information. Contact them. Inquire why their river is more

privileged than their neighbors upstream to the east. Inquire how their section got specific inclusion in the bill. Perhaps inquire of their connections to Ben Ferry.

## **STOP THE PERMIT FEE MEDDLING**

Senate Bill 227, by chronically anti-gun Sen. Scott McCoy, meddles with Concealed Weapons

Permit fees. It would make a large increase in non-resident permit application and renewal fees. This bill RAISES Utah Resident permit fees even though the initial cost is reduced slightly, but raising renewals.

What they don't tell you is that at the end of 2008 the state had a SURPLUS of \$261,814 in the account for processing permits!

They do NOT need more money to do their job.

There are some clever word changes hidden in the bill that turns permit fees into a slush fund for the Utah Highway Patrol.

This bill is on the agenda for Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee - TOMORROW- Wednesday, 25 February 2009, at 4:10 PM in Senate room 250.

## ACTION REQUIRED

ASK the Committee members to VOTE AGAINST SB 227 (Concealed Firearm Permit Fees Amendments)  
Please email, fax or call



IMMEDIATELY, or before 3:00 PM on Wednesday because they will be meeting tomorrow afternoon! Use the following message. (Contact info follows the sample email)  
Senate FAX number for all members is (801) 326-1475

## SAMPLE EMAIL OR FAX MESSAGE

Subject: Vote AGAINST SB 227 (Concealed Firearm Permit fee amendments)

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_

I am asking you to vote AGAINST SB 227 (Concealed Firearm Permit Fees Amendments).

BCI is sitting on a SURPLUS of \$261,814 in the permit fee account, so they do not need any increase in fees.

Raising Utah resident fees is a sneaky smokescreen where the initial fee is lowered, but the renewal is raised. There is no need to increase non-resident fees either.

Permit fees should not be turned into a cash cow for other state programs, and this funding should only support permit costs.

Sincerely.  
[insert your name]

END OF SAMPLE EMAIL OR FAX

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## USSC WEBSITE

<http://UtahShootingSports.com> includes frequent updates of gun related news stories from Utah and around the nation. There are daily updates on gun related bills during the Legislative Session. You can sign up for our Alerts, or remove your name, or change your email address (add the new one and delete the old one).

## Gun Related Bills

### 2009 Utah Legislative Session (updated 2/27/2009)

*Note- the deadline has passed for submitting new bills, so there should be no additional gun bills, unless hidden in other seemingly unrelated bills. Note that full text is not available for some bills, and some may never get written.*

Bill number and link	Bill Title	Status	Sponsor	USSC Comments
<a href="#">HB 25</a>	Gun Dealer Penalty Amendments	Passed House 74-0; Passed Senate 27-0.	Rep. Curt Oda	Fixes conflicting requirements and penalties between Utah laws and the federal laws regarding actions of Federal Firearms

		Waiting for Governor's approval		Licensees.  <b>USSC STRONGLY SUPPORTS</b>
<a href="#">HB 162</a>	Concealed Firearm Permit Amendments	No text available .	Rep. Merlynn Newbold	Believed to be be intended to cover non-resident aliens.  No real need for this bill, and it probably will not be pursued further.
<a href="#">HB 204 S1</a>	Concealed Firearms Instructor Amendments	Passed House 71-0  Awaiting action by Senate Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Committee	Rep. Curt Oda	Reportedly some out of state instructors are not doing a proper course, which may jeopardize recognition of Utah permits.  The substitute bill provides better compliance enforcement.  <b>USSC supports</b>
<a href="#">HB 336</a>	Concealed Firearms Amendments	no text available	Rep. Carl Wimmer	[Expected to be pro-gun rights]
<a href="#">HB 357 S1</a>	Firearms Amendments	Awaiting action by House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice House committee meeting 3/2/09 8:00 AM House Room 25	Rep. Stephen Sandstrom	Clarifies possession of firearm on real property and vehicles by law abiding citizens.  <b>USSC STRONGLY SUPPORTS</b>
<a href="#">HB 431</a>	Amendments to General Government Law	no text available	Rep. Stephen Sandstrom	[Expected to require public access to shooting ranges built with public funds.]
<a href="#">SB 78</a>	Protection of Constitutionally Guaranteed Activities in	Passed by Senate Business & Labor	Sen. Mark Madsen  <b>and 18 out of</b>	Would prohibit discrimination against legally owned items in motor vehicles in parking

	Certain Private Venues	Committee on vote of 7-0.  Awaiting passage by full Senate.	<b>29 Senators as co-sponsors!</b> Bramble Buttars Christensen Dayton Greiner Hinkins Jenkins Killpack Knudson Liljenquist Niederhauser Okerlund Stephenson Stowell Urquhart Valentine Van Tassell Waddoups	lots, including free speech bumper stickers, legally possessed firearms, etc. with some exceptions.  <b>USSC STRONGLY SUPPORTS</b> [Note- similar bill passed Senate in 2007 and 2008 by huge margins, but died in House. ]
<a href="#">SB 96</a>	Concealed Firearm Permit Residency Requirement	Awaiting assignment to Senate Committee.	Sen. Scott McCoy	Eliminates issuing of Utah Concealed Weapons Permits to non-residents.  This is an attempt to restrict the legal carrying of self defense weapons.  USSC believes that there really should not even be a requirement for a permit for a law abiding citizen to carry a self defense gun.  This is just another attempt to incrementally infringe on gun rights.  <b>USSC STRONGLY OPPOSES</b>
<a href="#">SB 45</a>	Concealed Firearm Permit for Retired Peace Officer	Hearing by Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee on Jan. 30th	Sen. Brent Goodfellow	Eliminates fees and training requirement for retired police officer to get or renew a Concealed Weapon Permit. This creates an "elite" group and casts suspicion on "citizens" who must jump through hoops and pay fees

		"held" the bill.  Bill is probably dead for this session.		to get a permit, and cover the cost for cops to get free permits.  <b><i>USSC opposes this bill.</i></b>
<a href="#">SB 227</a>	Concealed Firearm Permit Fees Amendments	Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee on  "Held" the bill on 2/25  This halts any progress indefinitely but does not kill the bill.	Sen. Scott McCoy	Raises permit fees and changes the dedicated nature of the funds. (Read carefully and you will see that Utah permit costs actually go UP despite a slight reduction in initial permit price!)  McCoy wants to raise fees and divert the money to the Utah Highway Patrol!  <b>USSC STRONGLY OPPOSES ANY CHANGES IN CWP FEES AT THIS TIME</b>



## See Hundreds of Tundra Swans

Seeing and hearing just one tundra swan is enough to make your heart jump.

Imagine seeing and hearing hundreds of them. You can at Tundra Swan Day on March 14

The Division of Wildlife Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will host Utah's annual Tundra Swan Day on March 14. Admission is free.

Viewing will take place at three sites -- the Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area west of Farmington, the Salt Creek WMA west of Corinne and the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge west of Brigham City.

Farmington Bay and Salt Creek

Viewing at the Farmington Bay and Salt Creek WMAs runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Spotting scopes will be available so you can get a close look at the swans.

## Bear River

Viewing at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge runs from sunrise to sunset. You can watch swans from your vehicle as you drive along the refuge's auto tour route.

Before heading to the refuge, stop by its Wildlife Education Center at 2155 W. Forest St. in Brigham City. The center has maps and more information about the refuge. The center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On March 14, you can also enjoy photography and birding workshops at the center. And you can meet Einstein, an American white pelican from the Ogden Nature Center!

More information about the workshops is available at <http://bearriver.fws.gov>.



To reach the center, exit I-15 at Exit 363. After you've exited the freeway, turn west. The

center is about one block west of the freeway.

More information

You can call the DWR's Northern Region office at (801) 476-2740 or the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge at (435) 723-5887.

## Watching swans on your own

If you can't attend the March 14 event, you can still get out and watch swans on your own.

The Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge is one of the best places to visit. You can see hundreds of swans along the refuge's 12-mile auto tour loop.

As many as 35,000 swans are in Utah when the swan migration peaks in mid-March.

## Events at Jordanelle scheduled

March 7 Jordanelle State Park – Rock Cliff

Deer Family- How they survive the winter. Join the park naturalist from 10 a.m. to noon to learn about the deer, moose and elk. Bring snowshoes or borrow a pair from the park.

Pre-registration is required. Day-use fee is \$7 per vehicle with up to eight people or free to Utah State Parks Pass holders. For more information, please call (435) 782-3030 or (435) 649-9540.

Rock Cliff is located on the east end of Jordanelle Reservoir just off Highway 32, approximately 2 miles west of Francis.

March 21 Jordanelle State Park – Rock Cliff

Cranes and Herons- Which is which. Join the park naturalist from 10 a.m. to noon to learn the difference between cranes and herons. Bring snowshoes or borrow a pair from the park.

Pre-registration is required. Day-use fee is \$7 per vehicle with up to eight people or free to Utah State Parks Pass holders. For more information, please call (435) 782-3030 or (435) 649-9540.

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### Evening Program

March 28 Jordanelle State Park - Hailstone

Starlight Snowshoe Hike: Join park staff at the Hailstone Event Center for a starlight snowshoe hike beginning at 7 p.m. Snowshoes available but limited. Pre-registration is required. Call today to RSVP (435) 649-9540 or (435) 782-3030.

Hailstone is located off Hwy 40 at the Mayflower Exit.

## Bull elk left to rot

Book Cliffs — A five-point bull elk was shot, hidden and left to rot in the Book Cliffs in east central Utah recently.

Now wildlife officers are looking for help to solve the case.

"On Feb. 1, I responded to a call from our poaching hotline," says Clint Sampson, a Utah Division of Wildlife Resources conservation officer.

The caller said they [were in the Book Cliffs and] noticed a flock of crows and a bald eagle feeding on something. When they got closer, they discovered the birds were eating an elk carcass buried under a pile of old tree limbs.



That's when the caller called Utah's Turn In a Poacher hotline at 1-800-662-DEER (3337).

"The dead bull, a five point, was shot and then hidden under some old tree limbs," Sampson says. "We found the elk on McCook Ridge, about half a mile south of the junction of the McCook Ridge and Indian Ridge roads. No meat was taken. The bull was just shot and left for the scavengers."

The elk was shot about a month ago. If you know anything about this shooting, please call the DWR's Northeastern Region office at (435) 781-9453.

## Statewide Fishing Report

**BURRASTON PONDS:** (February 24) Light pressure and only an occasional fish being caught.

**CANYON VIEW PARK POND:** (February 24) Closed for the season

**DEER CREEK RESERVOIR:** (February 24) Even though several anglers were seen on Feb. 24, 2009 near the Island; ice conditions are getting a little spooky. There are puddles of water throughout the surface and edges will grow weaker as temperatures rise. A few rainbows have



been caught with bait-tipped jigs or simply with worms. Edges get soft so a plank is

recommended.

**JORDANELLE RESERVOIR:** (February 24) There is open water on much of this reservoir. However, there is frozen ice North of Hailstone Marina

and in the Rock Cliff arm. No reports on ice thickness on these two areas but no anglers were seen this morning on the Hailstone side.

**PAYSON LAKE:** (February 24) Closed for the season

**PROVO RIVER, LOWER:** (February 24) Fly anglers are starting to hit the river this week due to the good weather. Anglers are doing well with small, dark nymphs. Lures are still producing some nice browns as well—especially, in the deeper pools.

**PROVO RIVER, MIDDLE:** (February 24) Anglers are doing well by fishing standard small nymphs in the feeding zones. There is light to moderate fishing pressure.

**SALEM POND:** (February 24) Light pressure but an occasional trout is caught. Worms and Powerbait are your best bet.

**SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR:** (February 24) Gate to reservoir will open Mar. 1, 2009. However, it has not been stocked this year.

**SPRING LAKE:** (February 24) Few anglers. Slow success.

**STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR:** (February 24) Anglers report about 20 inches of ice (with snow and slush on top) in many areas. The Narrows area is not safe. Slush will increase over the next week with the warmer temps. Access has been good. Most anglers report some measure of success when using bait-tipped jigs. Try dropping a jig at about 30-feet deep. This seems to be a good depth to find trout. If success is slow, drill a different hole in a different location. There are special species and size regulations here so read the proclamation. Please know the difference between rainbow trout and Bear Lake cutthroat trout.

**TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR:**

(February 24) Unsafe ice!

**UTAH LAKE:** (February 24) State Parks reports open water near mouth of Provo River and unsafe ice conditions elsewhere. Please wait for the ice-off!

**VIVIAN PARK POND:** (February 24)  
Unsafe ice on this pond

**WILLOW POND:** (February 24) Please do not go on the ice. Fish the open water only.



**YUBA STATE PARK:** (February 24) Edges are soft and a plank is often needed on warmer days. Success varies for the perch but most anglers report slow success.

**BEAR LAKE:** (February 24) Park Ranger Josh Gibson reported that while some of the ice is around 13 inches thick, the shore is soft and starting to melt. Anglers are still catching medium to small fish, usually around midday. Conservation Officer Keith Fullenkamp reported that anglers were catching 10- to 14-inch rainbows. White Powerbait fished at various depths seemed to be working best. The upper end of the lake was producing the most fish. However, the point between the boat ramp and Dixie Hollow was particularly hot. Officer Fullenkamp reported that those rainbows averaged 10–16 inches. Anglers who fished worms near the bottom saw the best results. The area off of the state park boat ramp in the center of the lake produced the most fish. Conservation Officer Jonathan Moser recommended using a Rat Finky

tipped with a chartreuse Gizzy Bug, a mealworm or a shrimp. You will find the fish at about 15 feet down, along the shore or near a point. If one area isn't producing the action you want, try moving in or out from shore. Try different depths if things slow down. The south end of the lake had a lot of slush on the ice. Bring some waterproof boots. Snowmobiles and four-wheelers can access the ice only from the boat ramp in the state park. The day-use fee at the state park is \$5.

**EAST CANYON RESERVOIR & STATE PARK:**

(February 17) Park Ranger Josh Gibson reports that anglers are using green PowerBait, shrimp, mealworms, waxworms and nightcrawlers. The ice is between 12 and 18 inches thick. Anglers are still catching small- to medium-sized fish.



**ECHO RESERVOIR:** (February 24) Park Ranger Floyd Powell reports that although fishing is still slow, an angler reeled in a large rainbow trout down by the inlet. Anglers caught 20 or more yellow perch down by the cars. The ice is about 10 inches thick. It's still considered safe, but you should always use caution when venturing out.

**HYRUM RESERVOIR & STATE PARK:** (February 17) Park Ranger Floyd Powell reports fair fishing and about 9 inches of ice. Anglers are catching some yellow perch by the cars and a few rainbow trout on the southwest corner of the lake.

**LOST CREEK RESERVOIR:** (February 24) Dedicated Hunter Jennifer Houston reported that anglers had some success catching 12- to 14-inch rainbows using cutter bugs and mealworms. The ice was thick enough for a four-wheeler to be out on the reservoir. There was some slush near the shore.

**MANTUA RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Dedicated Hunter Chris Grenda reports good success for bluegill, perch, largemouth bass and rainbow trout. Try waxworms, Rat Finkies, mealworms and ice flies. The ice is 10 inches thick.

**OGDEN RIVER:** (February 10) Conservation Officer Dave Beveridge reports slow fishing. Water flows seem to be just right for fishing.

**PINEVIEW RESERVOIR:** (February 24) Biologist Kent Sorenson reported that although the road up to the dam was snow-packed, he had enough traction to creep to the top. Four-wheel drive is advisable. The ice was covered by about 4–6 inches of slush. There was a crust on top of the slush that kept it safe for most anglers throughout the day. The ice is generally safe, but there are some areas where old holes have enlarged and frozen over again. These areas are a bit sketchy, but as long as it doesn't snow again, they will be easy to spot. Fishing was good. Kent and his group got there and started fishing about noon and then quit at around 3:30. They ended up with 33 kokanees among four kids and three adults. The fish were a bit smaller than they historically are, with most around 11 inches. The group used small jigging spoons and a

dropper tipped with waxworms or mealworms for most of the fish. When they were right under the hole and aggressive, the anglers didn't tip with bait and the lures still worked. It's very sporadic action. Anglers can have an hour of nothing, and then a school will show up and deliver five minutes of chaos.

**ROCKPORT RESERVOIR:** (February 24) Joseph Donnell reports that the fishing at Rockport is fair, and anglers are catching a few rainbows. Most of the action continues to be at the south end in about 10 feet of water. There was one report from an angler who fished for about 20 minutes and pulled in a nice two-pound rainbow. Most anglers are catching just a few fish in several hours of fishing. However, with the incredible weather we are having, it is still lots of fun!

**WEBER RIVER:** (February 24) Conservation Officer Bruce Johnson reports that the Weber River between Wanship and Coalville recently provided decent fishing. Anglers reported improved success, and water conditions are still good. Below Echo Reservoir, water conditions are very poor. Biologist Paul Thompson reports that it's becoming more difficult to access certain reservoirs because of weak ice at the shorelines. Use caution. Below Devil's Slide, Saul Gutierrez reports catching two German brown trout and one brown trout. The German browns ranged from 12–15 inches and 1.5–2 pounds.

**WILLARD BAY RESERVOIR:** (February 10) Dedicated Hunter Chris Grenda reports ice over the whole reservoir, except in the North Marina where there is a small pocket of open water. Docks in the North Marina are in the water, and water levels are increasing. Anglers

were not having much success.



**DUCK FORK RESERVOIR:**

(February 25) This reservoir is inaccessible, except by snow machine.

**ELECTRIC LAKE:**

(February 25) Use extreme caution, especially on the north end where there are open water pockets.

**FERRON RESERVOIR:**

(February 25) The reservoir is inaccessible, except by snow machine.

**HUNTINGTON NORTH RESERVOIR:** (February 25) The ice is melting around the edges, and the ice fishing season is over.

**HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR:** (February 25) Fishing is slow, and access is difficult. There's a deep blanket of snow and nearly two feet of ice.

**JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR:** (February 25) Recently, fishing action has been best from 4 p.m. until dark. Most trout range from 13–15 inches. Anglers may have some success using green jig heads tipped with chub meat.

**LOWER FISH CREEK:** (February 25) Anglers who use fly fishing tackle have the best success. Use floating line, a small sinker and one of the following fly patterns: a beadhead hare's ear, a beadhead prince nymph or a San Juan worm.

**MILLSITE STATE PARK:** (February 25) Beware of springs and open water potholes.

**RIGHT FORK OF HUNTINGTON CREEK:** (February 25) Anglers who fly fish will have the best success. The bite is better at lower elevations. Use floating line, a small sinker and a size 12 beadhead Montana.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR:** (February 25) Fishing is still very slow. Anglers haven't found any bait or tackle to be effective right now.

## **STRAIGHT CANYON CREEK:**

(February 25)  
Please be cautious around the icy boulders and steep slopes. Fly fishing tackle, floating line, a small sinker and a wet fly pattern will yield the best success.

**WILLOW  
LAKE:** (February 25) Access is limited to snow machine or ATV.

## **WRIGLEY**

**SPRINGS RESERVOIR:** (February 25) Access is limited to OHV, due to mud and snow.



**BIG SANDWASH RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Anglers report fishing near the boat ramp for up to 16-inch rainbows. It sounds like the action is slowing down. Check the ice carefully before venturing out. The reservoir is being filled.

**BROUGH RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Although the fishing is slow, anglers have caught some fairly large fish. Note: A recent news article reported that Brough is a good bass fishery, but it is not. Brough is stocked and managed as a trophy trout fishery.

**BROWNE LAKE:** (February 26) Anglers report fair to good ice fishing. Check the ice carefully before venturing out. The road gates are closed.

**CALDER RESERVOIR:** (February 26) The reservoir has good ice, and anglers have been using snowmobiles to access the area. Reports indicate slow to fair ice fishing for nice-sized fish. Check the ice before venturing out.

**CROUSE RESERVOIR:** (February 26) No new reports. Check the ice before venturing out. The reservoir is being filled, so expect new ice around the edges and good ice just offshore. Visitors are using snowmobiles to access the area.

**CURRANT CREEK RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Anglers report thick ice. Fishing has been spotty. You'll have to travel through mud, snow and ice to access the dam. The road to the dam is maintained regularly, but at this time of year, a storm can quickly make roads treacherous and impassable.

**FLAMING GORGE:** (February 26) As of Feb. 24, only the Lucerne, Antelope Flat, Mustang and Cedar Springs boat ramps remain open. Sheep Creek and all Wyoming ramps are frozen. Sheep Creek Bay ice is really questionable, and most consider it unsafe. Watch for free-floating ice sheets in the Utah portion. In Wyoming, check the ice carefully as anglers report a wide range of ice thickness. Anglers have fallen through the ice as far north as Firehole. In general, ice has formed from the river arms down past Marsh Creek, but there are areas of open water in that section. All of the ice is irregular, so anglers need to take precautions and be aware of where they are standing. Ice thickness can go from 10 or more inches to three or less in only a few steps. Water temperatures remain in the mid to upper 30s in the lower end of the reservoir. Note the regulation changes for ice fishing and spearfishing for the Utah portion of the reservoir as of Jan. 1. See the [Utah Fishing Guidebook](#) for details.

**Lake trout:** Anglers report fair fishing for 12- to 24-inch lake trout in the Canyon, Antelope and Lucerne areas. Ice fishermen report spotty catches, but fish up to six pounds seem to be moving through in schools. Try points next to deep water in Red Canyon, the Skull Creeks, Jarvies Canyon and in the Antelope Flat/Lucerne area. Fish are scattered from 50 to 120 feet, with most in the 80- to 100-foot range. Smaller fish are suspending off the bottom while feeding on zooplankton. If you are jigging, try tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow or brown. Tipping the jig with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat may increase interest. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons are also working well. Using no-stretch line will help you feel strikes and set the hook better. Use a graph to see where fish are located and place the jig at the same

depth. When trolling, check your graphs and use downriggers to get lures like needlefish, other spoons and Rapalas down near the bottom. Long lining near the surface with small or large fish-imitating lures may produce large fish trying to fatten up on prey near the surface. Let out a couple hundred feet of line behind the boat or use planer boards to get lures out to the side of the boat.

**Kokanee salmon:** Fishing for kokanee is typically slow this time of year. A graph may help you locate fish. You can find fish throughout the water column, so try a range of depths. Downriggers, long lining, lead weights and planer boards can get the small spoons (like needlefish, triple teasers or other erratic-moving lures) down to the right depths. Try trolling at speeds from 1.5 to 2.5 miles per hour. If you are ice fishing, watch for schools of fish on the graph and try to put jigging spoons like Crocodiles and Kastmasters in front of them.

**Rainbow trout:** Boat fishing is good in Utah, and ice fishing is good in Wyoming. There have been reports of larger fish (in the four-pound range) being taken as well as fish in the 12- to 18-inch range. If you are ice fishing, look for fish from 10 to 30 feet deep and use typical rainbow gear. If you are fishing from a boat or shore, try casting lures or baits like a worm/marshmallow combination or PowerBait. Fish can be deep or shallow, so try different depths. Don't be afraid

of harvesting some rainbows. They are really tasty from the cold waters of the Gorge.



**Burbot:** Anglers report good fishing with jigs in 10 to 40 feet of water, over areas with a rocky and shale bottom. Try fishing at night or early in the morning off the points in areas like Antelope Flat and Linwood Bay in Utah (with boats) and Firehole, Lost Dog,

Sage Creek, Confluence, Buckboard, Holmes Crossing, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and Marsh Creek in Wyoming (ice fishing). Use glow tube or curly tail jigs that are two to three inches in size and about 1/8 to 1/4 ounce in weight. Lures that glow, like jigging spoons and jigging Rapalas, also work well. Tipping your lures with sucker or crayfish meat and using smelly jelly or similar scents in crayfish also seems to help. Make sure you recharge your glow lures often. During the day, these fish will move deep (70 to 100 feet), so jigging in deep water may

produce better daytime success. Anglers can now use up to six lines to fish through the ice on the Utah portion of the reservoir. Anglers will not need a two-pole permit to fish with more than one line. Please see the [Utah Fishing Guidebook](#) for more details.

**Smallmouth bass:** Smallmouth fishing is typically slow during the winter months. Try fishing the rocky areas where crayfish will be and adjust depth until you find the fish, likely 20 or more feet down. Crayfish-colored grubs on leadhead jigs or small plastic worms, senkos, twitch and crankbaits may work if you can get the lure right in front of the fish. If you're fishing in the canyon, keep a limit of 10 fish smaller than 10 inches to help thin out the population and increase growth on the remaining fish.

**GREEN RIVER BELOW FLAMING GORGE DAM:** (February 26) Average daily flows on the river are 1,100 cfs for February. The double-peaking flows requested by Western Power Administration will continue. Starting March 1, flows will probably be at a constant 800 cfs until high spring flows begin in May or June. Try fishing scuds, egg patterns and attractor nymphs during periods when no hatches are occurring. Watch for midge hatches to occur during the warmer parts of the day. Streamer fishing is a good technique to use during the winter months. Spin fishermen should try Rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); spinners; spoons; black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and plastic jigs.

**MATT WARNER:** (February 26) The reservoir is ice covered, and anglers have been getting in on snow machines. The last report was of fair fishing.

**MOOSE POND:** (February 26) The Moose Pond is now being refilled, and the surface is frozen. It was drained to make some needed enhancements. If everything goes as planned, the pond should be ready and stocked by early next summer.

**PELICAN LAKE:**  
(February 26) Pelican Lake is frozen. The ice is more than a foot thick, except for the edges. Anglers report fast fishing again for bluegill, although it seems the fish are moving around. Try some new areas if you don't locate fish under your first hole. Anglers are still catching largemouth bass near the good bluegill areas.



Check the ice conditions carefully, especially around the edges, as the reservoir is being filled. Anglers will need to cross two or three steps of water or *very* thin ice to reach the thick ice. Pack a long board, or wear waders or tall waterproof boots to access the ice.

**RED FLEET RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Anglers report fair success rates. Most fish are in the 12-inch range, but some anglers have caught a few larger rainbows. Fish seem to be either near the bottom or about 10 to 15 feet down. Ice thickness is generally over a foot thick, except for the edges. The reservoir is filling, so check the edges carefully before venturing out. Anglers may want to bring a board, waders or tall waterproof boots to access the ice.

**STARVATION RESERVOIR:** (February 26) The main channel has frozen and thawed multiple times this winter. Consider all of the ice unsafe. If you do venture out, check it very carefully.

**STEINAKER RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Anglers report slow to fair ice fishing for rainbows. The reservoir is being filled, so there is new ice near the shore and more than 12 inches a few feet further out. Bring a long board, or wear waders or tall waterproof boots to make it safer and easier to cross the shallows. Check the ice carefully before venturing out.

**BAKER RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Fishing has been very slow. Catchable-sized rainbows will be stocked in April.



**BARKER RESERVOIRS (NORTH CREEK LAKES):** (February 26) Access to this water is generally by snowmobile or ATV. All lakes except Barker and Lower Barker Reservoirs are closed to fishing until April 18.

**BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES:** (February 26) Accessible by snowmobile. All lakes are iced-over.

**BEAVER RIVER, LOWER:** (February 26) The river is ice-free, and flows are low.

**BEAVER RIVER, UPPER:** (February 26) Anchor ice is making fishing difficult.

**BOULDER MOUNTAIN:** (February 26) Most Boulder Mtn. lakes are closed to fishing until April 18. Check the *Utah Fishing Guidebook* for which lakes are still open. Access is limited to snowmobile or ATV.

**CLEAR CREEK:** (February 26) Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners and natural baits.

**CORN CREEK:** (February 26) Access may be difficult. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners and natural baits.



**DUCK CREEK POND / ASPEN**

**MIRROR LAKE:** (February 26) Closed January 1 to April 18.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER IN KINGSTON CANYON:** (February 26) The river is ice-free and the water is fairly turbid. Fishing is slow to fair.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER, BLACK CANYON:** (February 26) The upper reservoir was not stocked in 2008

due to continued repair work on the dam. It will be stocked in spring 2009.

**EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER, UPPER:** (February 12) Enter this week's fishing report on this line

**ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR, UPPER:** (February 12) The upper reservoir was not stocked in 2008 due to continued repair work on the dam. It will be stocked in spring 2009.

**FISH LAKE:** (February 26) The ice is 15 inches thick with a few inches of snow on top. A few ATVs have bogged down in deep snow on the shoreline and on the east side of the lake. There is a lot of pressure on weekends. Fair to good fishing for splake and a few rainbows suspended

20 feet down over deep water. Use jigs or Kastmasters tipped with perch, sucker or chub. Fast action for perch in 15 to 20 feet just outside the weeds. For lake trout, try larger white jigs tipped with sucker or chub in 50–60 feet.

**FORSYTH RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Generally slow fishing and little pressure. Ice is nearly two feet thick.

**FREMONT RIVER:** (February 26) The road above Mill Meadow is not plowed, so access can be difficult. Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners and natural baits.

**GUNLOCK RESERVOIR:** (February 26) The reservoir was drained in fall 2008 for dam repairs. Bass and bluegill will be stocked in spring 2009, but it will take a few years for populations to re-establish.

**JOHNSON RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Musky fishing will be slow until late spring.

**KOLOB RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Accessible by snowmobile. There is very little ice

fishing pressure due to limited accessibility.

**KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR:** (February 26) It is not certain how many fish survived low water this fall. Ice fishing will likely be slow at best this year.

**LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Access is limited to snowmobile or ATV. Ice fishing is usually good if you can get there.



**MAMMOTH CREEK:** (February 26) Though trout get sluggish during the winter, stream fishing can be very productive throughout the colder months. Successful winter tackle includes nymphs, spinners and natural baits.

**MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Ice is 10–12 inches. Fast fishing for perch in 10–15 feet. A few browns and splake are also being picked up. Best success with jigs tipped with perch meat.

**MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Ice is weakening and open water should appear very soon. Fishing has been generally slow.

**MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES:** (February 26) Snow limits access. These lakes typically don't get much ice fishing pressure.

**NAVAJO LAKE:** (February 26) Plenty of ice but the gate is closed and access is limited to snowmobiles or ATVs. Not much pressure because of access, but ice fishing can be very productive here. Ice fishing is a good way to target splake. Try light-colored jigs or Kastmasters tipped with cutbait.

**Otter Creek Reservoir and State Park:** (February 26) The edges were still solid last weekend, but open water at Piute suggests that Otter Creek may only have another week of safe ice.

**PANGUITCH LAKE:** (February 26) New fishing regulations. Please see the *Utah Fishing Guidebook* for more details. Ice is 18–20 inches. Slow to fair fishing for most anglers. Better success for those who get away from the crowds at the popular spots. Try light-colored jigs tipped with mealworms or cutbait in 8–12 feet of water. Some fish are caught on the bottom, while others are suspended halfway up.

**PARAGONAH RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Access by snowmobile—trucks and ATVs may be able to get there, but please use caution. Ice fishing can be productive if you can get there.



**PINE LAKE:** (February 26) Safe ice. Remember the road isn't plowed, so access may be difficult. Ice fishing should be good if you can get there.

**PIUTE RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Lots of open water—enough for tubes and pontoons. Several anglers report good success in the afternoon. Kastmasters, spinners, wooly buggers and Powerbait are all producing.

**QUAIL LAKE:** (February 26) Shore anglers are doing fair to good for rainbows near the inlet and the dam. Powerbait in shallow water has produced the best results. Slower action for trollers. Bass fishing slows down during the colder months though it is still possible to catch fish. Make sure you fish during the warmest part of the day. A very slow retrieve is key—even dead-sticking may help. Many bass

anglers prefer drop-shot rigs in the winter. Don't be afraid to use larger plastics or even hardware.

**SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Bass fishing slows down during the colder months though it is still possible to catch fish. Make sure you fish during the warmest part of the day. A very slow retrieve is key—even dead-sticking may help. Many bass anglers prefer drop-shot rigs in the winter. Don't be afraid to use larger plastics or even hardware.

**SEVIER RIVER IN MARYSVALE CANYON:** (February 26) The river is ice-free and a little turbid.

**THOUSAND LAKE MOUNTAIN:** (February 26) Access is limited by snow. Ice fishing is usually good in Solomon Basin, if you can get there.

**TROPIC RESERVOIR:** (February 26) Snow may limit access. Winter is a good time to target brown trout. The local favorite bait is frozen minnows.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FISHERIES:** (February 26) Catchable-sized rainbow trout, including albinos, have been stocked in all the ponds and fishing is good with any technique. Adults are encouraged to use lures and flies.

**WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR:** (February 12) Thin ice around the edges.



**YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR:** (February 26) A few ATVs have reached Yankee Meadow, but snowmobiles are still recommended. The ice is two feet thick with some slush in the upper layers. There is one report of good fishing; they used green Powerbait.

## Resources for Bird Watchers

As a Great Backyard Bird Count participant, you've discovered the wonders of nature in your own backyard while you help scientists better understand the shifting migration patterns and numbers of birds.

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### 3. What Can You Do About Squirrels?

<http://www.birds.cornell.edu/netcommunity/bbimages/gbbc-email/squirrels.pdf>

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These brochures are filled with expert advice on how to attract birds and how to keep them safe from common hazards. There's something to interest everyone, from the newcomer to the veteran birder.

We hope this information adds to your birding knowledge and pleasure.

Thanks for caring about the birds!

Best regards,

## Best Friends Animal Society Rescue Team Will Travel to Missouri to Evaluate Condition of 200 Dogs Rescued from Commercial Breeder

The Missouri Department of Agriculture has asked Best Friends Animal Society to evaluate approximately 200 dogs rescued from an unlicensed breeding kennel near Tecumseh, Mo. A Best Friends rapid response team of six was en route to Missouri today to examine the dogs and help with placing them with rescue groups.

Best Friends' involvement follows actions by the Ozark County Sheriff's Department, acting in concert with the Missouri Department of Agriculture's Animal Care Facilities Act program, to close the facility and take possession of the dogs.



A six-person Best Friends team will arrive in Missouri later today and is expected to be on site for approximately four days. Preliminary reports indicate that a fire had damaged the kennel and that some dogs had been injured. Noah's Wish, a California-based animal welfare organization dedicated exclusively to rescuing and sheltering animals in disasters, will set up a temporary shelter on the kennel site.

"We will be working to stabilize the situation this afternoon by helping to gather the dogs," said Nikki Sharp, campaigns manager for Best Friends Animal Society. "Then we will assess them and work with the State of Missouri to provide contact with groups who can take the dogs and care for them."

The initial investigation began in September, 2008 when the Department of Agriculture asked River Valley Puppies Kennels to surrender 50 dogs because it had not passed a state inspection or been licensed by the state. Recently, the state discovered that the unlicensed kennel was continuing to do business and took steps to remove all the dogs from the property.

Misti Preston, spokesperson for the Missouri Department of Agriculture said help provided by Best Friends and Noah's Wish would be welcomed at the rescue site.



"Although the Department of Agriculture does everything we can to protect the health and safety of animals, we don't have all of the resources needed here at the Department of Agriculture to facilitate the rescue of large numbers of dogs," Preston said. "We truly appreciate the efforts and rely on outside groups such as Best Friends and Noah's Wish, who bring their experience and knowledge to the rescue effort."

Noah's Wish is an experienced rescue organization, which, like Best Friends, includes experience at Hurricane Katrina and other recent

natural disasters.

"We are looking forward to working with Best Friends as we round up the dogs and make sure they are healthy, safe, and ready to go to a new home," said Noah's Wish Board Chair Amy Maher. "It will be a collaborative effort with Best Friends and the State of Missouri so that we can find better homes for these dogs, who have suffered unfortunate circumstances through no fault of their own."

Sharp said the Missouri State Department of Agriculture's oversight and inspection of commercial breeding operations is a positive step.

“But oversight by the state is only part of the solution,” Sharp said. “Best Friends advocates adoption, but if people do buy from a breeder, they should not buy dogs from the internet or purchase from pet stores because the majority of these dogs come from puppy mills. Additionally, if people notice neglect at a commercial breeder’s facility, they should report this to local authorities who can take appropriate action.”

The action against River Valley Puppies Kennels is one of 23 enforcement actions taken by the State of Missouri since the beginning of the year, resulting in the rescue of more than 1,100 dogs. Operating a breeder’s business without a license in Missouri is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a \$1,000 fine.

### Volunteers Not Needed at Rescue Site

Sharp stressed that volunteers are not needed at the puppy mill site, but people interested in helping can make a donation for the care of the puppies by visiting [www.bestfriends.org](http://www.bestfriends.org). For more information on the Missouri puppy mill rescue, visit: [pupmills.bestfriends.org](http://pupmills.bestfriends.org).

## CALL FOR BIRD HOUSE ENTRIES



Let your creativity take flight! Ogden Nature Center’s 16th Annual Birdhouse Contest and

Exhibit is “For the Birds.”

Start building! Nature lovers, craftspeople, builders, artist, designers and others who give a hoot about birds are invited to enter their hand crafted birdhouses in the 16th Annual Birdhouse Competition and Exhibit. Entries will be received Monday, March 30 through Saturday, April 4 at the Ogden Nature Center. All ages are encouraged to enter up to two creations, and there is no entry fee.

Stoke your creativity and bring in your finest birdhouse whimsical, beautiful, practical, functional, artistic or magical. Please be

sure your birdhouse can last through the summer weather. The exhibit will be on display outdoors April 18 through August 31, 2009 so visitors to the Nature Center can enjoy and be inspired by these backyard habitats.

All birdhouses must be on a post and ready to plant. Entries must be original works and will be judged by an interdisciplinary jury. Winners will receive awards at a reception and awards presentation on Thursday, April 16 at 5:30 pm.

Registration forms and full contest details are available online at [www.ogdennaturecenter.org](http://www.ogdennaturecenter.org) or at the Ogden Nature Center's Visitor Center, 966 W. 12th Street, Ogden, UT 84404. For more information, please call the Nature Center at 801-621-7595.

The exhibit's main sponsors are the Utah Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

### **Rainbows and Brook Trout on Ice: Ice Fishing the Black Hills**

While fishing enthusiasts look ahead to ice out, they are overlooking one of the best opportunities February and March have to offer: late-season ice fishing in the Black Hills. While there are many species of fish to choose from, there is one that provides consistent fishing action that adults and children alike will enjoy.

In addition to being great table fare, trout have the tenacity, appetite and population to make any fisherman's day on the ice a good one. When the temperatures climb, so do their appetites, as increased activity under the ice puts these trout into a feeding frenzy.

While trout found in streams and rivers may be very selective as to their daily diet, fish located in lakes and ponds may be more prone to biting for a variety of reasons. Increased competition, availability of multiple food sources, and increased energy due to the colder water will all play a factor in how aggressive trout will be.

Trout will patrol the lake in search of their next meal, whatever it may be. They may find it in on the bottom of the lake, or just below the ice. Try fishing with four rods (the maximum during the winter months) all at different depths. This will ensure that any fish in the area will have a look at your bait. Also, offer a variety of options until you determine which the trout prefer. Wax worms, mealworms, night crawlers and salmon eggs all work very well through the winter months. Try these baits on jigs, spoons and ice flies, and you will find yourself catching more trout in February and March than you did in December and January; and you'll be doing it while wearing a t-shirt and jeans.

As always, it's important to remember that there is no such thing as safe ice, no matter how cold it gets. Prepare yourself with rope, a life jacket, and always fish with a partner to ensure a fun, safe day on the ice.

Links/Information:        Snowmobile/Ice Fishing Hotline: 800-445-3474

## **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Gröv takes over The Canyons Resort Celebrate. Compete. Watch. Ski. Ride. Gröv.**



**(Park City, Utah) February 22, 2009** – For ten days, March 27 – April 5, The Canyons will be the center of activity in Park City, Utah. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Spring Gröv, a festival of music, entertainment and on-mountain events.

Four bands will take center stage in the Resort Village, kicking off on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> with the annual Pond Skimming Contest and a performance by *The Wailers*, who will perform their legendary album EXODUS. On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Canis Lupus Challenge will be held, followed by the 10-piece funk, R&B, and soul band, *The Soul Survivors*. On Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, The Canyons will host 80's Day and a TBD band in the Resort Village. The music portion of Spring Gröv concludes with Platinum recording artist, *Better Than Ezra*, on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. And, in The Canyons' music tradition, all concerts will be free and open to the public.

Need to rest your weary head after all the fun on the hill and at the concerts? We put together a superb lodging package with tremendous deals at one of our three fantastic on-mountain lodging properties, The Grand Summit Hotel, Sundial Lodge, or Silverado Lodge. Package prices start at just \$97\* per person per night. Package includes lodging at one of our hotels plus breakfast for two and two lift tickets for each night of your stay. This package is available from March 22 through April 12, 2009 and is based on availability.



For additional information on all Spring Gröv events, lodging packages, videos and a full calendar, please visit [www.SpringGruv.com](http://www.SpringGruv.com).

### **New Study Reveals Educational Impact of Kids' Experiences at the Great Salt Lake**

SALT LAKE CITY, UT— [The Nature Conservancy](#)'s work to educate and excite 4<sup>th</sup> grade students about the Great Salt Lake is featured in the Winter 2009 issue of *The Journal of Environmental Education*. Research conducted by the University of Utah suggests that children who participate in the Conservancy's [Wings & Water Wetlands Education Program](#), which involves a wetlands field trip, better understand the concepts taught to them when compared to their peers who studied wetlands only in the classroom. The students in the *Wings & Water* program also formed more positive attitudes about the outdoors and the importance of conservation.

“This study highlights the educational value of experiencing nature first-hand,” said Heidi Nedreberg, who directs the Conservancy's *Wings & Water* Program. “Utah supports one of the world's most important wetland habitats, yet too many kids are only reading about it in books.”

In this groundbreaking pilot study, University of Utah researchers developed a method of evaluating outdoor education programs that tests both knowledge of and feelings toward wetlands. The study compared 4<sup>th</sup>-grade students who learned about wetlands in the classroom with students who participated in The Nature Conservancy's award-winning *Wings & Water* Wetlands Education Program at [The Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve](#) in Layton, Utah.



“Our results show that students who participated in *Wings & Water* were better able to identify which species belonged in a Utah wetland,”

said Adrienne Cachelin, adjunct faculty in the Environmental Studies Program and co-author of the study. “But we wanted to go further and see whether students also formed positive feelings about wetlands, since outdoor experiences may be more central to fostering pro-environmental behaviors than knowledge.”

When asked about their feelings towards wetlands, students who participated in *Wings & Water* were the only groups to express sentiments about conservation, wanting to return, being happy about themselves, and feeling safe, while students who did not attend were the only ones to express negative feelings.

“In addition to helping kids master core subjects like science, our program encourages them to understand the importance of protecting nature for future generations,” said Nedreberg. “It’s exciting to see the impact of field-based programs, and I hope these research findings will inspire more teachers and parents to help children connect to Utah’s natural places.”

Research conducted since the initial study has revealed that students who participate in the *Wings & Water* program are also better able to identify the relationships that exist between wetlands species. Encouraged, the researchers are now working to further develop the method of evaluation and will conduct more research this spring. They hope this article and their continued research will lead other outdoor education programs to also consider testing feelings in addition to knowledge.

The Nature Conservancy's *Wings & Water* Wetlands Education Program provides Salt Lake County and Davis County 4<sup>th</sup>-grade students with a tailored wetlands education experience that corresponds to state core curriculum science standards. Since its inception in 2005, the program

has reached more than 6,000 students in 4 school districts. Based at the Conservancy's Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve, the *Wings & Water* Program features a field trip through the heart of the preserve's 4,400 acres of wetlands. The volunteer naturalist-led tour is complemented by targeted classroom lessons and an innovative student discovery booklet.

## **CAMP HOSTS NEEDED IN UTAH'S STATE PARKS**

**Salt Lake** – Utah State Parks needs camp hosts to assist with the upcoming summer season. A typical season runs from mid-May through mid-September. However, several parks need year-round hosts.

Camp hosts receive a free campsite with hookups (if available), discounts at park gift shops, a volunteer uniform and incentives such as park passes and clothing. Responsibilities include greeting visitors, providing park and area information, collecting litter, cleaning campsites and restrooms, and assisting park managers with a variety of tasks.

For more information or to apply, please contact Robin Watson at (801) 537-3445 or [robinwatson@utah.gov](mailto:robinwatson@utah.gov).

## **MARCH ACTIVITIES AT THE OGDEN NATURE CENTER**

### **COMMUNITY PROGRAMS**

Full Moon Hike    Wednesday,  
March 11 at 7pm

Ages: 12 and up    Cost: \$8 for  
members and \$10 for non-members

Join an ONC naturalist for a walk to  
Picnic Grove under a full moon.

We'll look for signs of creatures,  
share hot chocolate and, if weather  
permits, share stories by an outdoor  
fire. Space is limited. Call 621-7595  
to register.

Nature Photography with Pinhole  
Camera Workshop Saturday, March 14 at 10 am



Ages: 12 and up    Cost: \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members (supplies included)  
Join Ogden writer and photographer Charles Trentelman and learn to use a pinhole camera to take nature photos. Participants will each make their own camera, head outside to snap a photo and then have their picture developed to take home. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is required, 621-7595.

Encouraging Children's <sup>3</sup>Sense of Wonder<sup>2</sup> Thursday, March 19 at 6:30-8:30 pm

Ages: adults only Cost: \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members

Meet in Ogden Nature Center's L.S. Peery Education Building. Walk in the footsteps of renowned naturalist, biologist and author Rachel Carson, by joining local nature educators for a discussion and hands-on workshop designed to help teachers, scout leaders and parents learn ways to enhance and encourage children's innate curiosity about nature. The workshop is being conducted two days before the area's screening of "The Sense of Wonder," a film about Carson's landmark book of the same title. Pre-registration required. Call 621-7595 to register.

<sup>3</sup>Sense of Wonder<sup>2</sup> Open House / Lunch & Film Saturday, March 21

Come to the Ogden Nature Center from 10 am to noon for a nature scavenger hunt and make a nature craft to take with you. Then, trek up to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge in Brigham City for a special screening of "The Sense of Wonder," a film about Rachel Carson's book of the same title. A free light luncheon of local foods will be hosted at the Bear River Refuge's visitor center from noon to 1 pm, which will be followed by a few remarks about Carson's efforts to raise environmental awareness and a Bald Eagle presentation. The hour-long film "The Sense of Wonder" will be shown at 2 pm. Regular admission rates apply at the Ogden Nature Center and members enjoy free admission. Activities and the film at Bear River Refuge are free. For more information, call 621-7595.



Beginning Kundalini Yoga

Mondays 6:30-7:45 pm (8-week session starts March 9 through April 27)

Ages: Adults

Cost: \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members (includes all classes through April 27) or \$10 for drop-ins. Invigorate your body and mind with a beginning course in Kundalini yoga and meditation with certified yoga instructor Bruce Fisk. Please bring a mat or blanket. Call 621-7595 to register.

## PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Floats & Fins & Things That Swim Tuesday, March 24 / 9:30 am, 11 am or 1 pm / Geared for ages 3-5 Preschool programs are one hour long Cost: \$4 per child; adult chaperones are free Try finding a frog or spotting a turtle as we explore the world of creatures that swim. We'll enjoy a snack while hearing fishy stories, scoop in a pond to see what's there and make a magnet fish to take home. Please call 801-621-7595 for reservations

## WILD WEDNESDAYS

Led by an Ogden Nature Center educator, Wild Wednesdays are informal programs that teach about the full ecology of the Wasatch Front. Wild Wednesdays take place every week at 3:30 pm. and are open to the public and all ages, with regular admission rates of \$4 for adults ages 12-64, \$2 for children ages 2-11 and \$3 for seniors 65 and older. Ogden Nature Center members are free. Reservations are not required and drop-ins are always welcome.

March 4th at 3:30 pm    Hiding Habitats with April Phillips  
Guided Habitat Walk --Meet Sampson the Red-tail Hawk and learn about the places he calls home. Then venture out on the Nature Center's trails to look for signs of wildlife and discuss what happens to animals and plants as winter turns into spring.

March 11th at 3:30 pm    Whooo Eats Whom with William Pollett



Learn about predator prey relationships with Chitters the Great-horned Owl. Meet Chitters in person and get an up-close look at skulls, pelts, teeth, and more while learning about the traits that help animals survive in the wild.

March 18th at 3:30 pm    Going Green  
-- a special St. Patrick's Day program with April Phillips  
Green is the theme for our St. Patrick's Day program. Get your green on and discover why so many things in nature are the color green.

March 25th at 3:30 pm    Endangered

in Utah with William Pollett

With the help of Des Ta Te the Bald Eagle and Laser the Desert Tortoise, discover what it means to be an endangered species. Learn what causes animals and plants to become endangered and go extinct. Then learn what you can do to help.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th Street, Ogden, Utah. Regular admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior 65 and older and \$2 for children 2-11. The Nature Center is open Monday - Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-4. For more information, please call 801-621-7595 or visit our website at [www.ogdennaturecenter.org](http://www.ogdennaturecenter.org)

## UTAH STATE PARKS SNOWMOBILE GROOMING REPORT

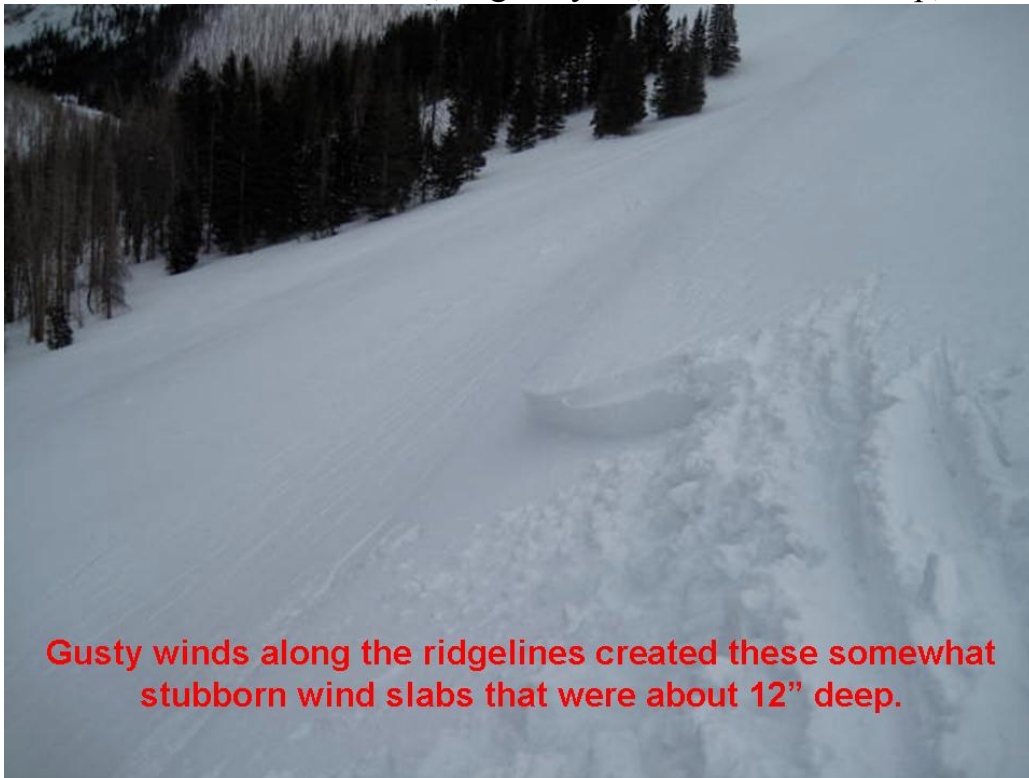
Please find below, current grooming conditions as of February 24. Utah State Parks encourages all riders to carry appropriate avalanche gear and get an avalanche advisory at 1-800-OHV-RIDE or [www.utahavalanchecenter.org](http://www.utahavalanchecenter.org)

BEAR RIVER SERVICE/ WHITNEY – Whitney, Mirror Lake, North Slope Road

BEAR LAKE/ LOGAN CANYON – Sinks, Amazon, Beaver Creek, Franklin Basin, Tony Grove, Garden City, Temple, Swan Flat

HARDWARE RANCH – Hardware Ranch, Danish Dugway, Saddle Creek, the Gorge, Elk Valley Road, Mill Hollow, Hell's Hollow, Strawberry

MONTE CRISTO - Ant Flat, Highway 39, Curtis Creek Loop, Arbs Basin, Wasatch Ridge



WASATCH – Alpine Loop, Snake Creek Canyon, the Narrows, Cummings Parkway, Soldier Hollow, Silver Lake

MIRROR LAKE/MILL HOLLOW – North Fork Trail, Soapstone Basin Road, Highway 35 from Nobletts to Hanna Trailhead, Wolf Creek Summit, Mill Hollow to Lake Creek Summit, Mirror Lake Highway, Soapstone to Nobblets, Highway 150 to

warming hut, Highway 35

STRAWBERRY – Snowcat under repair. NOTE: Sheep Creek is private property; day-use fee required

SCOFIELD COMPLEX – North Skyline, Fish Creek Ridge

EPHRAIM – No new report

MT. NEBO – Payson Canyon gate to Salt Creek gate

FISH LAKE – Monroe and Beaver mountains

CEDAR MOUNTAIN - Cedar Breaks, Brian Head, Strawberry Point

UINTAH BASIN – Red Cloud Loop from Highway 191 to Trout Creek, East Park, Taylor Mountain, Brownie Canyon



Utah State Parks is the state off-highway vehicle authority, providing access, education, and search and rescue on Utah's trails.

## UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

March Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Guided Snowshoe Hikes: The park naturalist is available Wednesday through Saturday for guided snowshoe hikes within the park. New snowshoers are welcome and will receive basic snowshoeing instructions as well as a little taste of winter ecology. (435) 654-1791

March 1 - March 31 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Art Gallery: Enjoy the artwork and photographs of Antelope Island State Park staff and volunteers. (801) 725-9263

March 1 – 31 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier

Kid's Discovery Zone: Kids can pretend to be Fremont Indians and play in the pithouse, weave on a loom, and make their own rock art on the rock art wall. Kids can also pretend to be an archeologist, put on a lab coat, study real artifacts, and learn about Native American culture in



the Archeology Lab. Day-use fee is \$6 per vehicle or free to Utah State Parks annual pass holders. (435) 527-4631

March 5 Utah Lake State Park - Provo  
Sailing Safe and Smart: West Marine Manager Kaye Patrick discusses his 45 years of sailing and how to sail safely. Utah Lake

State Park Rangers are on hand to answer questions about boating on Utah Lake. Meet at the visitor center at 7 p.m. (801) 375-0731

March 14 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Pronghorn/Tracking Adventure: Racing across sagebrush flats in the west, pronghorn sustain speeds over 60 miles per hour. Join the park naturalist and learn more about these unique mammals. Participants should meet at the visitor center at 11 a.m. Later that same day at 3 p.m., join the park naturalist on a tracking adventure. Participants should meet at the visitor center at 3 p.m. This activity is intended for children ages six to 12, however everyone is welcome. (801) 721-9569

March 14 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

Beading Workshop: Master bead artist Wanda Ketchum teaches participants how to make beaded rosettes. Tuition fee includes all materials. Limited to 10 participants and registration is required. (435) 678-2238

### **Three Water Companies Listed as Non-Compliant**

Salt Lake City, Utah – The Utah Division of Water Resources (DWRe) has identified three

water companies as non-compliant with the Water Conservation Plan Act (WCPA). Gunnison City Corporation Water, Smithfield Municipal Water System and Escalante Culinary Water failed to file their required five-year update plans, as required by the WCPA.

The Act requires water conservancy districts and retailers with more than 500 drinking water connections to prepare water conservation plans and submit to the DWRe. This requirement covers systems that provide water to about 93 percent of Utah's population. The Act also stipulates that water conservation plans are to be updated and resubmitted every five years and non-compliance is to be made public information.

The water conservation plans help water agencies to meet their water conservation goals through education and implementation of water-wise practices and through conservation-minded ordinances, often adopted with the required plans. The water conservation plans are assisting in the statewide goal of reducing the 2000 per capita use by at least 25 percent through 2050.

This year, 145 of 148 agencies required to submit water conservation plans have done so. They are compliant with the WCPA and are commended for their efforts in establishing conservation protocol and understanding the demand on their supply systems. The 98 percent rate of compliance is up from 92 percent compliance last year. In 2009, 77 water providers will be required to submit water conservation plan updates. DWRe will send notices to those providers soon.

The WCPA has created an increased emphasis on water conservation among many water providers. It has created a foundation upon which the state can build a successful water conservation framework. By reaching the goal of reducing the per capita water use by 25 percent through 2050, the state will decrease the water demand by more than 400,000 acre-feet of water per year, or more than 130 billion gallons. This is enough water to fill Jordanelle Reservoir beyond its full storage capacity, or fill EnergySolutions Arena floor to ceiling 11,500 times on a yearly basis. Per capita use will be measured again in 2010. The last measurement in 2005 showed a 14 percent reduction.

## **LOWRANCE LEADS THE WAY AT 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BASSMASTER CLASSIC**

*2009 Champion Skeet Reese and 17 Others in Final 25 of Classic Contenders Made Lowrance Their Choice for the Red River Bass Competition*

**Tulsa, Okla.** – Lowrance, a world-leading brand in marine electronics since 1957 and GPS navigational systems since 1992, continues to be the top professional anglers' choice for fishfinding and navigation performance — as proven at the 39<sup>th</sup> Bassmaster Classic, hosted in Shreveport, Louisiana, February 20 – 22, 2009.

Of the 25 contenders who made the cut for Sunday's final competition day, 17 used Lowrance exclusively -- including 2009 Classic champion Skeet Reese and the other top five placing pros.

During the Bassmaster Classic, all contenders are allowed to fish from their own boats, equipped with the electronics of their choosing.

The 2009 Classic winner Skeet Reese attributed much of his success to his Lowrance equipment onboard. “It was awesome for this kind of fishery. I could easily find the breaks and position on the right stumps,” said Reese. “Without Lowrance, I would’ve been unable to see the key points and would’ve been fishing blind.”

“Even the Lowrance GPS maximized my efforts,” Reese said. “It guided me along a creek trail through stumps, and left a plot I could easily repeat. I had a safe trail to follow again and again, and that gave me a five-minute fishing time advantage each way.”

With his win, Reese joins a distinguished group of past Classic winners who depend on Lowrance. In fact, 8 of the last 10 Bassmaster Classic champions have equipped their personal boats with Lowrance.

“We congratulate Skeet on his well-deserved win, and we’re fortunate for all the years he’s been a part of the Lowrance Pro Team,” said Gordon Sprouse, director of marketing for all Navico Americas brands. “With the new Lowrance High Definition System (HDS) displays now shipping, and a side-viewing add-on HDS option coming later in 2009, Skeet and others will enjoy an even greater technology advantage in future bass tournaments.”

The Bassmaster Classic is considered the most prestigious freshwater fishing tournament in the world. The 2009 Bassmaster Classic attendance shattered all previous records, with a total attendance of 137,000 fishing fans besting the previous record of 82,600 attending the 2003 Classic in New Orleans, Louisiana.

For more information about Lowrance and its entire product line, please visit [www.lowrance.com](http://www.lowrance.com), or call 1.800.324.1356 in the USA or 1.800.661.3983 in Canada.

### **“AN AMERICAN HISTORIAN” and “TWILIGHT OF A CONTINENT”**

*The most compelling video on being a wildlife artist, historian, hunter and conservationist ever produced....*

For over 30 years, world-renowned wildlife artist--Gary R. Swanson’s films—*An American Historian* and *Twilight of a Continent*, were almost lost to history forever!

Teaming with Rocky Mountain Television, these *never* before seen or released historical films have been totally remastered, digitally enhanced and converted to DVD, and include new historic footage, as well as exclusive “behind the scenes” interviews with Gary R. Swanson and his family.

Originally produced in 1978 with the remarkable team talents of cinematographer/Editor of *Petersen’s Hunting Magazine*—Basil Bradbury; the editing talents of Joe Morrissey—producer of *The Love Boat* and *Charlie’s Angels*; and the dynamic voice of Rick Jason—Lt. Hanley from the TV show—*COMBAT...* *An American Historian* and *Twilight of a Continent*, chronicle the life and artistic wildlife painting career of Gary R. Swanson.

“Both films feature some of the most exciting, up-close and in-your-face” wildlife video from both North America and Africa that you will ever see,” says Andy Lightbody of Rocky Mountain Television/Productions. “The DVD runs a full 90-minutes with non-stop action, adventure and danger that Swanson went through to be one of the world’s truly GREATEST wildlife artists of all times. Swanson is to wildlife painting today, as Fredric Remington was to painting and capturing the moments of the Old West.”

The DVD also announces to art collectors, historians and sportsmen who have collected and cherished Swanson’s art work over his 40-year career, that he also came out of retirement to produce one additional painting/limited edition print—MOMENTS CAPTURED.

“Rediscovering *An American Historian* and *Twilight of a Continent* films, was truly the inspiration for me to decide to do one more painting in my career,” says Gary R. Swanson. “I retired from painting, over 5 years ago and said to my family, my friends and the collectors of my paintings, there would probably not be another one. However, I felt that with these films finally being made available to the public, there was something I had to say on canvas to truly make this something extremely special. MOMENTS CAPTURED, is indeed that special offering that I hope will be my legacy and my thank you to everyone.”

*An American Historian* and *Twilight of a Continent* will go on sale nationally in the spring of 2009 at museums, art galleries, and sporting goods stores across the nation. RMTV has teamed with the Hi Def

Media Group (HDMG), for national distribution of the DVD. HDMG is a leading DVD replicator and national distributor for other DVDs and award winning programs from NASCAR racer—Jeff Gordon; World renown wrestler—Hulk Hogan; and the famous Tae Bo personal workout series.

Copies are available now, for \$9.95, plus \$4.95 S&H.

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[www.swansonpainting.net](http://www.swansonpainting.net)

### **Manzella's Ranch Hand Pulls Its Weight Around Camp**

*Designed for a specific function and providing comfort, control, and dexterity around camp*

**BUFFALO, NY** - Manzella's Evolution Series, part of the glove manufacturer's Field and Hunting product line, is designed for a new generation of outdoorsman who expects a glove with less weight, more dexterity, greater protection and higher performance. Today's hunters are using ATVs, clearing trails, managing food plots and maintaining their camps, and they expect their equipment to excel at those tasks.

The Evolution Series exceeds those expectations with products that feature highly advanced materials and construction that combine high-performing components such as GoreTex®,



Gore® Windstopper®, Thinsulate™ insulation, advanced grip materials and neoprene cuffs tailored to stretch over the hand and under the jacket sleeve. Every pair of gloves in this line is engineered to allow for the maximum dexterity and ease of movement while conforming to the position of function, which is the natural shape of the hand.

Manzella's Ranch Hand is a waterproof and breathable glove with a stretch rib fabric shell and protective neoprene knuckles and cuff. The palm features a full leather palm with synthetic overlay patches in key abrasion areas for added durability. The Ranch Hand has a wool blend lining and comes in the Mossy Oak® Treestand® camouflage pattern. Ranch Hand has a manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) of \$40 and is categorized as "Warmer" in the

Manzella Glove Selection System.

For more information on products by Manzella, visit [www.manzella.com](http://www.manzella.com).

## **Fly Fishing Expo Scheduled**

The Stonefly Society and Cache Valley Anglers, chapters of Utah Trout Unlimited, are pleased to announce the Third Annual Wasatch Fly Tying & Fly Fishing Expo. The Expo will be held Friday and Saturday, March 20-21, 2009 at the Karen Gail Miller Conference Center, Salt Lake Community College, 9750 South 300 West, Sandy, Utah.

This two-day Expo will feature fly tying demos from some of the best fly tiers in Utah, casting clinics, fly tying and fly fishing workshops, casting competition, fly fishing film festival, prize raffles, exhibitors, and more. Last year's event was a great success and we anticipate this year's Expo to be bigger and better. Saturday evening we will conclude the Expo with a banquet and auction featuring renown author and fly shop owner Charlie Craven

([www.charliesflyboxinc.com](http://www.charliesflyboxinc.com)) as our keynote speaker. Expo activities on Friday will go from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. The banquet Saturday evening will start at 6:30 p.m. and will include a live and silent auction.

The goals we have are threefold: 1) raise funds for future conservation projects for Utah's streams, rivers, and lakes, 2) celebrate fly tying and fly fishing in the state of Utah, and 3) have some fun.

In addition to the Expo event, we are pleased to announce we are bringing back the Wasatch Fly Fishing Film Festival which will be held on Wednesday, March 18th at 7 p.m. The film festival will feature 5-7 mini fly fishing film segments. It will be held at the Miller Free Enterprise Center in the Auditorium, Salt Lake Community College, 9750 South 300 West,

Sandy, Utah. Tickets will be \$8 per person. We will be giving away some great door prizes and holding a few raffles. It should be a great event.

The workshops, classes, and casting clinic schedules can be downloaded from the expo website. Check it often for updates and announcements.

<http://www.wasatchexpo.com/workshops.htm>

You'll find attached a Raffle and Banquet package list along with an RSVP form for the Fly Fishing Film Festival. Please review the different raffle/banquet packages and workshops/classes and fill out your RSVP and send it in. RSVP's for the banquet and workshops/classes are due March 10th. <http://www.wasatchexpo.com/banquet.htm>

If you would like to be a volunteer fly tyer to exhibit your fly tying skills, please contact Curtis Fry via email at [fritol@gmail.com](mailto:fritol@gmail.com).

### **HSUS issues new policy relating to the handling of fighting dogs, Convenes meeting to probe the broader issue**

*April meeting will include ASPCA, Best Friends, animal advocates*

KANAB, UT — The Humane Society of the United States has issued an interim policy recommending all dogs be evaluated as individuals, and is calling a meeting of leading animal welfare organizations concerning dogs victimized by dog-fighting.

Wayne Pacelle, CEO and President of the Humane Society of the United States, suggested the meeting of major stakeholders in Las Vegas to work through the associated issues. This meeting is in response to concerns expressed by Best Friends Animal Society in December 2008 regarding HSUS policies related to animals confiscated in dog-fighting busts.

Pacelle said the meeting—to be held in Las Vegas—will include the participation of national stakeholder organizations that deal with pit bulls. The meeting was in the planning stages before Superior Court Judge Ed Wilson Jr. ruled that 145 pit bulls, including approximately 70 puppies, confiscated from Wildside Kennels in Wilkes County, North Carolina, would be euthanized without evaluation to determine suitability for placement.

The new interim policy announced by the HSUS, pending the outcome of the April meetings, recommends that local law enforcement and animal control evaluate such dogs as individuals rather than as a category before any decision is made regarding their future.

“We expect government, corporations, and individuals to constantly re-evaluate how they deal with animal issues. Likewise, we regularly review our own policies and procedures here at HSUS, and we think it is important to talk with professional colleagues in the movement to examine issues related to the disposition of fighting dogs”, said Pacelle. “I am pleased to

discuss these issues with personnel from Best Friends and other organizations interested in the welfare of pit bulls.”

Julie Castle, Director of Community Programs and Services for Best Friends said, “There had been more than enough airing of feelings and outrage that the dogs were not evaluated prior to being summarily euthanized. It was time to hit the reset button on this in order to move things forward in a constructive way. Mr. Pacelle was open and receptive to what we had to say and we are looking forward to our meetings in April.

Castle said Best Friends, through its campaign, “Pit Bulls: Saving America’s Dogs,” is looking forward working cooperatively with HSUS. “Our goal is to bring positive change to lives and image of pit bulls,” she said. The campaign is aimed in part at educating the public and the media about pit bulls in order to help save the breed’s reputation.

## **\$740 Million Goes to States for Fish and Wildlife Projects**

### ***Utah receives \$7,082,060***

Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced today more than \$740.9 million will be distributed to the fish and wildlife agencies of the 50 states, commonwealths, the District of Columbia, and territories to fund fish and wildlife conservation, boater access to public waters, and hunter and aquatic education. These [Wildlife](#) and [Sport Fish Restoration Program](#) funds come from excise taxes and import duties on sporting firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, sportfishing equipment, electric outboard motors, and fuel taxes attributable to motorboats and small engines.

"The funds raised under the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs have helped conserve our fish and wildlife resources and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation for more than half a century. These investments, which help create jobs while protecting our nation's natural treasures, are particularly important in these tough economic times," Salazar said. "All those who pay into this program – the hunting and fishing industries, boaters, hunters, anglers, and recreational shooters – should take pride in helping to conserve our land and its fish and wildlife and provide benefits to all Americans who cherish the natural world and



outdoor recreation.”

The Wildlife Restoration apportionment for 2009 totals nearly \$336 million, with more than \$64.7 million marked for hunter education and firearm and archery range programs. The Sport Fish Restoration apportionment for 2009 totals more than \$404 million.

Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act funding is available to states, commonwealths, and territories through a [formula](http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/WR/WR_AppnFormula.pdf) [http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/WR/WR\\_AppnFormula.pdf](http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/Subpages/GrantPrograms/WR/WR_AppnFormula.pdf) based on land area, including inland waters and the number of paid hunting license holders in each state, commonwealth, and territory. State, commonwealth, and territorial fish and wildlife agencies use the money to manage wildlife populations, conduct habitat research, acquire wildlife lands and public access, carry out surveys and inventories, administer hunter education, and construct and maintain shooting ranges.

“State fish and wildlife agencies are proud to be funded by the hunting, fishing and boating community through this American system of conservation funding, which has been a successful model for many years,” said Rex Amack, President of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Director of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. “This year’s record Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration apportionment is vital in order for state agencies to continue their work to sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations and provide opportunities for all to connect with nature.”

Sport Fish Restoration is funded by the collection of excise taxes and import duties on sport fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, and pleasure boats. Sport Fish Restoration funds are apportioned to the states based on a [formula](#) that includes the land and water area, inland waters and the Great Lakes and marine coastal areas where applicable, and the number of paid fishing license holders. States, the District of Columbia, commonwealths, and territories use the funds to pay for stocking fish; acquiring and improving sport fish habitat; providing aquatic resource education opportunities; conducting fisheries research; maintaining public access, and the construction at boat ramps, fishing piers, and other facilities for recreational boating access.



More than 62 percent of Wildlife Restoration funds are used to buy, develop, maintain, and operate wildlife management areas. Since the program began, state, commonwealth, and territorial fish and wildlife agencies have acquired 68 million acres through fee simple, leases, or easements, and operated and maintained more than 390 million acres for hunting since the program began. In addition, agencies certified over 9 million participants in hunter education.

“This source of conservation funding is important not only measured by its dollar amount, but also by legislative safeguards preventing its diversion away from state fish and wildlife agencies,” said Rowan Gould, acting Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. “For states working to ensure a future for fish and wildlife – and opportunities for people to enjoy them – precious few programs offer this level of support and reliability.”

Numerous species including the wild turkey, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope, American elk, and black bears have increased in population due to improved research and habitat management funded by Wildlife Restoration. In the program's history, fish and wildlife

agencies have assisted more than 9.2 million landowners on fish and wildlife management. States, commonwealth, and territorial fish and wildlife agencies have improved more than 35 million acres of habitat and developed more than 44,000 acres of waterfowl impoundments.

Since the inception of the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act, states, commonwealth, and territorial fish and wildlife agencies have acquired 360,000 acres through fee simple, leases, or easements. They have operated and maintained more than 1.5 million acres annually and they stocked over 6.8 billion fish and restored more than 1.7 billion fish throughout the country; renovated or improved 6,400-boat access sites; and had over 11.9 million participants in the aquatic resource education program.

Please visit the Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program web site at <http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/> for state, commonwealth, and territory funding allocations.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov).

### **The New H.S. Strut® Ring Zone™ Call From Hunter's Specialties® Lets Hunters Get In The Turkey's Head**

Hunter's Specialties® has brought the science of sound to wild turkey calling with the new Ring Zone™ (patent pending) line of friction calls.

Wild turkeys hear sounds best in the 1700-2000 cps range. With a resonating surface that is 200 percent larger than conventional friction calls, the Ring Zone reproduces the sound of an actual wild turkey. A sound analysis on an oscilloscope proved it-this call matches the pitch and frequency of a live hen turkey.

Scientific testing shows that the Ring Zone produces remarkably consistent sounds, more so than other commercial calls. With more accurate and authentic yelps, hunters can call in more turkeys. You can "get in their head" because you can make the same sounds they hear and produce.

The outer ring on the call keeps your fingers off the calling surface to eliminate dampening the sound. The Ring Zone is available in ceramic, slate and starfire crystal. The slate produces soft, seductive sounds while the glass produces high pitch and volume. The ceramic surface plays with the volume of glass and the forgiveness of slate.



The scientifically-designed Ring Zone takes turkey calling to a whole new level and is a major innovation in turkey hunting. With these new calls, turkey hunters can make the most realistic, pure turkey sounds available.

Suggested retail price is \$23.99.

### **Ski Utah Accepts Submissions for Fifth Annual Photo Contest**

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH- Words cannot describe the incredible feeling of effortlessly flying through The Greatest Snow on Earth at a Utah resort. A photo, however, can illustrate all the triumph and joy that moment can bring. Every year, millions of skiers flock to Utah's Wasatch Mountains and bring their cameras with them hoping to capture the perfect ski or snowboard shot. Once again, Ski Utah is calling out to shutterbugs everywhere to submit their best Utah ski or snowboard photography for the 2008-09 Photo Contest powered by Canon and Pictureline.



“Utah may be one of the most photographed states in the country,” said Jens Neilsen owner of Pictureline camera store. “Its natural beauty attracts photographers from all over resulting in a surplus of talented local and visiting photographers. Each year Ski Utah enjoys the collection of photo submissions representing the best in both scenic

beauty and artistic talent.”

Over 1,000 images were submitted to last year's contest. Submissions may be entered in an amateur or professional category. All submissions must have been taken in Utah during the 2008-09 winter season and need to be received by April 30, 2009. Winners will be awarded with the following prizes:

#### **First Place - Amateur**

Five-night Utah winter vacation for two includes:

- Roundtrip coach air for two to Salt Lake City (domestic only)
- Five nights lodging for two
- Four days skiing/snowboarding for two
- \$200 Hertz Voucher

- \$500 gift certificate towards the purchase of a Canon digital SLR camera redeemable at Pictureline or [pictureline.com](http://pictureline.com)  
(Package must be used during the 2009-10 season and requested dates are subject to availability.)

#### Second Place - Amateur

- Rossignol skis and bindings or Burton Snowboard and Bindings
- \$100 gift certificate towards the purchase of any Canon product through Pictureline or [pictureline.com](http://pictureline.com)

#### Honorable Mentions (4) - Amateur

\$50 Pictureline gift certificate.

First Place Ski – Professional \$1,000

First Place Snowboard – Professional \$1,000

First Place Lifestyle – Professional \$500 gift certificate towards the purchase of any Canon product through Pictureline or [pictureline.com](http://pictureline.com).

In addition to great prizes, winners of the photo contest will be featured on the pages of Ski Utah's Winter Vacation Planner.

For more information on the Ski Utah Photo Contest or to view last year's submissions visit [www.skiutah.com/photocontest09/](http://www.skiutah.com/photocontest09/). Submissions may also be emailed with complete contact information to [photocontest09@gmail.com](mailto:photocontest09@gmail.com).

### **Browning introduces new line of Bags**

**Morgan, Utah** - Browning's will introduce two new line of hunting bags to give hunters very durable, high quality bags to store and haul their gear in for all types of hunting applications from big game to waterfowl. A Large Duffle, Medium Duffle and small Gear Bag will be offered in both the Sawtooth Mountain bags and Salt Creek Waterfowl bags for 2009.



Browning's new Sawtooth Mountain bags are built to take on rugged

country. From the Ballistic Nylon and heavy-duty 900 denier Poly shell fabric, to the oversized zippers, durable molded

bottoms and reinforced stress points, these bags are designed to withstand the abuse of traveling to hunting camp. The anvil-style openings on the duffle bag models provide a wide mouth to pack clothing, while the separate bottom compartments are perfect for boots and other gear. The Gear Bag is perfect for knives, flashlights and ammo.

The Large Duffle Sawtooth Mountain bag is 26" L x 16" W x 16" D and features two large side compartments, two compartments under buckle down flap, a large bottom pocket for boots or parkas and hidden pocket for handgun. The Medium Duffle Sawtooth Mountain bag is 18" L x 12 W x 12" D with same pocket configuration as the Large Duffle without the hidden pocket. The Gear Bag is 15" L x 7" W x 7" D and features quick dual-entry top for fast access to ammo or gear. Accessory pocket on end and removable dividers to customize interior are also featured. All Sawtooth Mountain bags will be offered in Mossy Oak® New Break-Up® camo, Suggested Retail, \$79.99 - \$149.99.



The new Salt Creek Waterfowl Bags are built out of the finest materials to stand up to the harshest conditions waterfowlers experience that includes wear-resistant Ballistic Nylon and heavy-duty 900 denier poly, rust proof pewter zipper pulls, oversized heavy-coil zippers, reinforced stitching, rigid foam liners and molded polymer waterproof bottoms. The Large Duffle Salt Creek Waterfowl bag is 25" L x 13" W x 12" D and features a large outer lid pocket, two end pockets

and one rear pocket. The rigid lid has buckle, zippered and magnetic closures for easy access and protection from the elements with shotgun straps and inner and outer pocket on lid.

The Medium Duffle Salt Creek Waterfowl bag is 20" L x 11" W x 10" D and has all the same features as the Large Duffle except the shotgun straps. The Gear Bag in the Salt Creek line is 17" L x 9" W x 7" D and is ideal for the boat or layout blind. The top and side-entry allows quick access to ammo. Collapsible, zippered dividers separate ammo and customize interior. External and internal openings allow access to end shell pockets. All three Salt Creek Waterfowler bags will be offered in Mossy Oak Duck Blind Camo. Suggested Retail, \$89.99 - \$ 199.99.

## **President Recommends \$12 Billion for Interior in Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Proposal**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The President’s 2010 Budget includes \$12 billion for the Department of the Interior to undertake initiatives to promote energy security with a focus on clean renewable sources and strategies to address climate change, protect and preserve America’s national parks and public lands, strengthen Native American communities, enhance outdoor opportunities for young people, and conserve wetlands and wildlife habitat.

“President Obama has laid out a fiscally responsible blueprint for 2010,” Secretary Salazar said. “He has made tough choices, underscored his priorities and stressed the need for federal agencies to carry out their missions with transparency and accountability to the American taxpayer.”

Highlights of the proposed funding for Interior include the following:

- Invests more than \$50 million to promote renewable energy projects on Federal lands and waters.
- Assists state and federal land management agencies with more than \$130 million in additional funding to monitor, adaptively manage and assess the impacts of climate change on the Nation’s lands, fish and wildlife.
- Protects national parks with \$100 million in additional funds to operate and maintain park facilities and resources and \$25 million to leverage private donations for park projects.
- Conserves new federal and state lands and protects endangered species with appropriations of about \$420 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund for Interior and the U.S. Forest Service, with annual increases to reach full funding of \$900 million by 2014.
- Creates educational and job opportunities for young people through expanded environmental education activities and new programs to encourage them to hunt and fish responsibly.
- Strengthens Native American communities through an increase of more than \$100 million for enhanced law enforcement and education.

- Anticipates future costs for catastrophic wildfires with a new contingent funding reserve of \$75 million for the Department of the Interior.
- Encourages responsible development of oil and gas resources and closes loopholes that have given oil companies excessive royalty relief for offshore leases.

More information on the President's FY2010 Budget for the Department of the Interior is online at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/>

### **Birchwood Casey's® Perma Fin™ Air Cure Gun Finish Kit**

Birchwood Casey's® Perma Fin™ is a revolutionary new finish that allows shooters to easily refurbish the metal on their firearms.

Perma Fin is a single component, water-based polyurethane resin liquid that provides excellent adhesion to not only metal firearm surfaces, but to plastic and rubber as well.

It can be applied with an air brush or a fine paint brush to provide a durable, long lasting black satin finish.



Perma Fin air cures, so no heating or baking of parts is required.

There is no mixing of components, no harsh chemicals, and because it is water based, clean up is simple and easy.

It is available as a kit with an air brush, 1 pair of vinyl gloves, 1 abrasive sanding pad and two 3-ounce bottles of Perma Fin, or in individual 3 ounce bottles.

Retail price for the kit is \$64.40 and \$16.10 for the

3-ounce bottles.

For more information, consumers can log onto the Birchwood Casey website at [www.birchwoodcasey.com](http://www.birchwoodcasey.com)