

Fire Restrictions Implemented Statewide

Ashley, Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-LaSal, Uinta, and Wasatch-Cache National Forests

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b); the following acts are prohibited on all lands described in the Order, all within the Ashley, Dixie, Fishlake, Manti-LaSal, Uinta, and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, beginning **July 4, 2007**, at 12:01 a.m. and continuing until further notice:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area, 36 CFR § 261.52(a); and
2. Smoking outside an enclosed vehicle or building, 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
3. Discharging, or using any kind of fireworks, tracer ammunition or other incendiary devices in any location on National Forest is always prohibited.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order;



2. Persons using a stove or grill that is solely fueled by liquid petroleum fuels;
3. Persons using a stove fire in a designated area as defined in this Order;
4. Persons smoking while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is clear of all flammable materials; and
5. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED: All National Forest System lands as described below:

1. **Ashley National Forest:** All Ranger Districts except areas within the High Uinta Wilderness.
2. **Dixie National Forest:** All Ranger Districts.
3. **Fishlake National Forest:** All Ranger Districts.
4. **Manti-LaSal National Forest:** All Ranger Districts.
5. **Uinta National Forest:** All Ranger Districts.
6. **Wasatch-Cache National Forest:** All Ranger Districts except areas within the High Uinta Wilderness.

DEFINITIONS:

Designated Area. A geographic area identified by the Forest Service by posting notices in the area indicating that use of fire is not prohibited within the area as shown on the list attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Fire Structure. A permanent metal or concrete structure that is specifically designed for the purpose of containing a campfire or cooking fire and has been installed and maintained by the Forest Service.

Special Use or Other Authorization. A written document issued by an authorized officer of the Forest Service to specifically authorize an otherwise prohibited act.

Restriction. A limitation on an activity or use.

Stove Fire. A fire built inside a fully enclosed metal stove, grill, or sheep herder type stove, that is outfitted with a chimney that is at least five (5) feet in length that is equipped with a spark arrester consisting of a mesh screen with screen opening of ¼-inch or less.

For further definitions refer to 36 CFR § 261.2.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect beginning *July 4, 2007* at 12:01 AM and shall remain in effect until further notice.

2. Violation of the above prohibitions is punishable of a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six months. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3571(b)(6), 3581(b)(7).

3. This Order supersedes any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same or similar acts prohibited by this Order in the area covered by this Order.



Milford Flat Fire Update

Cedar City, Utah - A storm containing dry lightning passed through the Color Country fire management area yesterday afternoon, igniting the Milford Flat fire which is located north of Milford, Utah. The size of this fire is unknown; later today a GPS flight mission will be conducted to determine acreage.

Erratic winds caused the fire to quickly grow in size and remain active throughout the night. Resources assigned to this incident include: seven - fire engines, two - hand crews, three - water tenders, two single engine air tankers and one heavy air tanker. Additional, resources have been ordered and will be arriving through out the day. A local type three incident management team was assigned to the fire this morning.

The Milford Flat fire is burning in critical deer mule and sage grouse habitat. The fire is also burning near the Kern River Gas pipeline. Currently, no structures are being threatened by this fire.

Fire restrictions remain in effect for the Color Country fire management area. A toll-free fire information line is available at 1-866-447-1283.

MILFORD FLAT UPDATE

Start date: 7/6/2007 3:45 p.m.

Cause: Lightning

Size: 311,102 acres. (469 sq. miles). More accurate acreage is being mapped.

Location: Milford/Beaver Counties (Utah)

Conditions: Fire is burning in a north/north east direction. It is dry with gusty winds and smoky conditions

Weather: Extreme fire weather will continue for the next several days. Fire restrictions are in effect statewide.

Percent Contained: 10 %; Contained

Fuels/Terrain: Pinion, Juniper, grass, and brush burning north towards lava fields and steeper terrain to the east.

Injuries: 1 minor ankle injury

Structures lost One summer home (uninhabited) and two outbuildings were burned

Threats: Some outlying structures may be threatened. No evacuations.

Personnel: 360 firefighters – additional crews on order

30 engines

9 dozers

3 water tenders

9 crews, 8 on order

2 heavy helicopters

3 single engine air tankers

2 air attack

The fire burned actively through the night. Primary concern is southeast of the fire closest to the freeway. Available resources are increasing and being utilized as they arrive. Operations continue to ensure I-15 is maintained, open and existing firelines are reinforced.

Firefighter and public safety is a primary concern. A major concern is traffic on I-15. The public is asked to be aware of firefighters and equipment along the road and slow their speed when approaching firefighters.

Note: I-15 and I-70 are currently open but there may be periodic road closures and delays as firefighters work along the freeways.

Fly Fishing Presentation set for July 19

Please join the Stonefly Society Thursday July 19th, at 7:00pm for a special presentation on fly fishing in Chile. It will be held at our usual meeting place.

<http://www.stoneflysociety.org/meetingmap.htm> If you have ever considered taking a trip to Chile then you shouldn't miss this special presentation.

The presentation will be called Fly Fishing in Patagonia Chile, with Gonzalo Cortes, author of the book "Fly Fishing in Patagonia Chile"; and Scott Olson, President of Patagonia Fly Fishers in Salt Lake City. They will discuss the different areas and types of water to fly fish in Chile, the geography, climate, the fish species, the hatches, the lodges available. The presentation will consist of video and slide presentation along with an ample amount of time for questions and answers.

Here are their biographies:

Scott Olson sold his portion of his family business about three years ago and is fulfilling a dream of fly fishing in Patagonia, Chile. He began the company with the goal to other fly fishers enjoy



the incredible experiences of fishing there. Scott has lived and worked in Patagonia, Chile for several months the last three years. He also has a home and works out of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gonzalo Cortes, a native Chilean, has been a serious fly fisherman for almost thirty years since he was a teenager. He is the author of the famous book "Fly Fishing in Patagonia, Chile." He is also the owner of the Fly Shop in Santiago, Chile. His shop is the exclusive distributor for Sage Fly Rods and Simms Fishing Products for Chile and Argentina. He also is the owner of a fishing lodge in Patagonia, located in one of the most strategically located spots for flyfishers to experience the

different types of water that are available in Patagonia.

We hope to see you then.

Jason Haslam
Stonefly Society
www.stoneflysociety.org

LINDSEY VAN HEADLINES 2008 U.S. SKI JUMPING TEAM

PARK CITY, Utah (July 10) - Lindsey Van (Park City, UT), who won three more Continental Cup events last season and is ranked third in the world, heads a six-athlete U.S. Ski Jumping Team for the 2008 season, U.S. Nordic Director Luke Bodensteiner said.

The women's jumping squad adds a sixth member this season with high school student Avery Ardovino (Park City, UT) moving onto the Team.

"We named a women's team for the first time last season and couldn't be more pleased with that decision. Now we're focused on a steady build-out of that program so that when they get to the World Championships in 2009 [where women's jumping will make its debut at the Worlds level], they're ready to spring," he said.

The 2008 U.S. Ski Jumping Team (including date of birth, hometown and club program):

A Team

Avery Ardovino (2/13/92; Park City, UT; National Sports Foundation)

Brenna Ellis (3/13/88; Park City, UT; National Sports Foundation)

Abby Hughes (6/21/89; Park City, UT; National Sports Foundation)

Jessica Jerome (2/8/87; Park City, UT; National Sports Foundation)

Alissa Johnson (5/26/87; Park City, UT; National Sports Foundation)

Lindsey Van (11/27/84; Park City, UT; National Sports Foundation)

On the men's side, he said the focus is on strengthening the club programs. "We've spoken with club coaches and we want to provide them with the tools they need to continue to improve, with a focus on the development of their teenage athletes," Bodensteiner said. "We'll compete in some FIS Cup events [development-level competitions below the World Cup and Continental Cups] and monitor the progress before naming anyone new to the team."

Assisting with that transition are Olympians Alan Alborn and Clint Jones, who recently announced their retirement and have taken responsibility for the National Sports Foundation's jumping program at Utah Olympic Park in Park City. Alborn, who holds the U.S. distance record, coaches older juniors and development skiers while Jones, who remains the youngest U.S. ski jumping champion (15 when he won in 2000), is coaching younger jumpers.

The women's program is strong and, naming Kjell Ivar Magnusson, former women's head coach for Norway, as women's head coach this spring further strengthens the program, Bodensteiner said. "Kjell's been working with the women for a few weeks and he sees not only great talent and motivated, hard working athletes, he also sees great opportunities for them to continue to make big improvements. He's bringing a lot to the program already, and is a great addition to the Team."

Van, who was second in the world during the 2005 and '06 seasons before finishing third last winter, had seven top-3 results last winter. She won three competitions and ended the season by collecting her 11th and 12th U.S. titles. Returning after missing most of last season will be Jessica Jerome (Park City, UT), the No. 3-ranked skier in 2006 who tore ligaments in her right knee in December, early in the '07 season.

The women compete at the Continental Cup level, just below the World Cup, with events in North America, Japan and Europe. Their season of more than two dozen events begins in summer and continues into March. The women will compete Aug. 28-29 at Lake Placid, NY, and Sept. 1-2 at Utah Olympic Park in Park City.

Women's jumping has been included in the FIS Junior World Championships since 2005; Van was bronze medalist in 2004 when it was a demonstration event. Women's jumping will make its debut at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships level in 2009 at Liberec, Czech Republic.

Domes for the World on Local KUTV

DFTW on TV - On July 1st Domes for the World was featured in a news story on KUTV Channel 2 (CBS). The feature is called "2Inspire". To view it, [click here](#):

http://kutv.com/topstories/local_story_182235142.html

Donor Recognition - Spotlight on SPERC The St. Petersburg Environmental Research Center (SPERC) is a small business that serves both government and private corporations. When natural



disasters do occur, quick analysis of the situation and sound recovering plans will need to be put in place. SPERC is ready to assist following a disaster with analysis and recovery programs. Go to:

<http://www.sperc.us>

People in Need - Area Spotlight: Piedras Negras, Mexico Piedras Negras is a busy Mexican town of nearly 300,000 that shares the Rio Grande with its Texas sister city, Eagle Pass. In April of this year, the area was ravaged by a series of un-expected tornadoes. When the twisters were through, nearly a dozen residents were dead and hundreds of homes were destroyed.

"It's sad," said Rebecca South, DFTW President. "Had these people been living in EcoShells, their lives would have been spared."

DFTW paid an initial visit to Piedras Negras in February. There South met with the mayor and various officials. "The response was very positive. They definitely want & need our help," she said. South has begun raising funds for the Piedras Negras Project. "We're looking for generous donors to help us in that effort," she added. To read the initial feasibility study:

<http://www.dftw.org/projects/piedrasnegras/feasibility/index.html>

5 Cool Reasons to Donate to DFTW?

1. It's a gift that keeps on giving. Your donation goes towards building an EcoShell. Instead of giving something that will help for a few days, weeks or months, it goes toward creating a home that will last for 25 generations! So, your donation will be around long after you are. Now that's cool.

2. Giving is Cool. "You make a living is what you get, but you make a life by what you give." Winston Churchill said that. And he's cool.

3. Stick it to The Man. As always, your donation can be used as a tax write off. So you can tell The Man to step off. Always cool.

4. Save the Earth. It's getting hotter outside, no? Well guess what? Since EcoShells are made of concrete and rebar, no wood or other natural resources are used. Very cool.

5. Peeps need Help. Like it or not, we're all hurtling through the cosmos on this little hunk of rock together. So we ought to help each other, right? The people DFTW works with aren't after free handouts, they just need a little help to get back on their feet. Cool.

<http://shop.dftw.org> to donate!

Scout Advertising Owner Joins Domes for the World Fifteen-year advertising veteran Brady Peterson has signed on to be the Vice President of Public Relations & Operations at Domes for the World.

"Brady brings a ton of real-world advertising and public relations experience to the company and will help us get the word out about DFTW," said Rebecca South, President of Domes for the World.

Who is Domes for the World? Domes for the World provides safe shelter to the people of emerging countries in the form of EcoShells – a concrete dome structure designed to withstand hurricanes, tornadoes, fire, bugs, mold and rot. EcoShell homes are projected to last up to 500 years.



Most recently, Domes for the World created an 80-dome village in Indonesia benefiting Tsunami and earthquake survivors. The village, dubbed New Ngelepen (NEL-uh-pen), will house more than 71 families for generations.

To view photos go to <http://www.dftw.org>. Domes for the World is a 501c3 not-for-profit entity.

Young Guns to Shoot for National Titles This Weekend in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — It all boils down to this.

After weeks of competition in skeet and sporting clays — two sports featured in a fast-growing youth shooting league now involving nearly 10,000 students in more than 40 states — national champions finally will be crowned this weekend.

The 2007 Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) skeet and sporting clays national championships begin Saturday at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. An awards ceremony is slated for Sunday afternoon.

"Many of the country's top young talents will be here. In addition to vying for national titles, some of these shooters will be selected to attend an Olympic development camp in August, and some will go on to compete at the collegiate level," said Zach Snow of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), which developed and manages SCTP.

SCTP allows youths in grades 12 and under to compete as a team in the clay target sports of skeet, sporting clays and trap. State and national titles, scholarship money and, of course, trophies and awards are at stake. It's all designed to instill teamwork, responsibility, patience, focus, leadership and safe firearms handling.

SCTP has seen phenomenal growth since launching six years ago, and has been referred to as "the Little League of shooting sports."

"Thanks to the hard work and commitment of volunteers around the country, SCTP's success and popularity continue to skyrocket," said Snow.

Skeet is a clay target game, also an Olympic sport, in which targets are thrown from two trap houses. Shooters move from station to station in a semi-circle between the two houses. Depending on station, targets are singles or doubles. Each shooter gets 25 targets per round.

Sporting clays is designed to simulate field shooting. Courses are laid out in natural surroundings, much like golf, with shooters moving from station to station. Targets are typically presented in pairs. A round consists of 50 or 100 targets.

Trap, another Olympic sport, is named for the device that throws targets into the air. Targets are thrown at random angles, testing shooters at five different shooting stations. A round consists of 25 targets per shooter.

The trap national championship for SCTP will be held Aug. 5-7 at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Ill.

SCTP is a cooperative effort between NSSF and the national governing bodies for trapshooting, skeet shooting and sporting clays — the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA), the National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) and the National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA).

V.I.O. Advances Point-Of-View Video Technology to a New Standard with the POV.1 Integrated Video System.

The first system to streamline the POV video process and offer waterproof, dustproof and shock-resistant operation.

MARQUETTE, MI -- V.I.O. (formerly Viosport) proudly introduces the industry's first POV video system comprising camera, microphone, recorder, wireless remote, software, and online video distribution in an integrated system. The entire POV.1 weighs less than one pound and the recorder is smaller than most television remote controls. It is wearable, rugged and simple to use.



The POV.1 transforms the process of POV video into a seamless flow from video capture to cut-and-splice editing to online distribution. It is a smooth process handled by proprietary firmware in the POV.1 recorder and software installed on a PC from the included CD. After initial setup, users will be able to shoot video with a POV.1, review their work seconds later on the

color LCD and within minutes make it available online to colleagues and friends via their personal computer. The system is so well designed and engineered that the hardware becomes transparent and the real point of POV video — the video — becomes higher quality and more enjoyable to create.

Giving V.I.O.'s sport, tactical, and professional customers the best possible product.

V.I.O. customers demand products featuring rock solid durability and ease of use to capture important POV video. Those users include the military operating under some of the toughest conditions around the globe, law enforcement, professional and amateur athletes, aviation experts, and the TV and movie production industry. Those who require high quality POV video without technological glitches trust V.I.O. After all, many V.I.O. customers can't afford to miss a

single take with their video or may not be able to replicate a performance. In those situations, V.I.O. has earned its standing as industry leader.

High Quality Video from Advanced Technology

The POV.1 is the first V.I.O. product to use a new, advanced CMOS video sensor with a global electronic shutter. While the CMOS sensor offers the improved light handling capabilities of a higher, broader dynamic range, it also demands less power. As a result, the POV.1 can record hours of video on four AA batteries. Users can select from six resolutions ranging from 720x480 to 320x420 and frame rates of 30, 25, 24, or 15 fps. To help keep recording simple and at the highest possible quality, exposure control and white balance are automatically controlled. If this is sounding like a powerful system that needs coddling, think again.

Built Rugged.

Driving rain will not affect the POV.1. Nor will immersion in water of up to one-meter depth. The system is also dustproof and shock-resistant. It is designed to survive falling from a desktop to the floor. A key contributor to the shock resistance is the use of flash memory for recording. The POV.1 uses SD cards up to 2GB, allowing the recording of about 80 minutes of high quality video on a single card. Operational temperature range for the recorder is from freezing to over 150° F. The camera head can withstand down to -40°F and up to 185°F. In either baking heat or freezing cold, users will appreciate the system's simple controls.

Intuitive Interface and the Power of Loop Mode Recording

When recording POV video, simplicity and ease of use become paramount concerns. A few intuitive buttons on the recorder and on the wireless remote control the POV.1. But it's what those buttons do that make the POV.1 shine. During normal recording, users can press the "tag" button to mark important sections for easy retrieval. The tags make it easy to locate key highlights and edit out non-essential or less entertaining material. Tagged sections also are protected against overwriting when using Loop Mode recording. Loop Mode captures video without saving it until the tag button is pressed. It then saves a user-adjustable length of video up to 30 minutes before and up to the tag point, allowing you to save what you just saw, after you saw it. Loop Mode recording helps maximize the capacity of SD cards while preventing the loss of important material.

All from V.I.O.

Perhaps the best feature of the POV.1 is its manufacturer. V.I.O. is the industry leader in POV video. V.I.O. offers the benefits of proven innovation in its products and highly responsive customer service. The POV.1 is the first V.I.O. product to deliver full video capabilities from capture to recording to cut-and-splice editing to video distribution. And as V.I.O. customers might expect, the product offers a new standard in POV video technology.

Buzz Off Insect Shield, LLC, Announces EPA Approval of Revised Durability Claims

BUZZ OFF INSECT SHIELD, THE FIRST EPA-REGISTERED INSECT-REPELLENT APPAREL, IS NOW PROVEN EFFECTIVE THROUGH 70 WASHINGS.

SEATTLE, WA – Buzz Off Insect Shield, LLC, announced today that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted a sought-after amendment to its insect-repellent clothing registration. This change is based on careful review by the EPA of Buzz Off Insect Shield’s proprietary process and formula, and extensive test data supporting the claim of increased longevity. Buzz Off Insect Shield for apparel is now EPA registered to provide effective insect protection through 70 washings, almost three times the initial claim of 25 washings achieved in July 2003.



“Buzz Off Insect Shield products are revolutionary, offer unmatched convenience and effectiveness, and now provide even greater value for consumers,” states Richard Lane, Buzz Off Insect Shield President. “This big achievement reaffirms Buzz Off Insect Shield’s goal to be a leading innovator in insect-repellent technologies developed to help protect humans from bugs and the potentially dangerous diseases they can carry.”

Buzz Off Insect Shield for apparel is one of the most effective new tools launched in over fifty years to help battle insects and insect-carried diseases such as West Nile virus, Malaria and Lyme disease. As reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, 41 percent of the world's population live in areas where Malaria is transmitted. Each year,

350–500 million cases of Malaria occur worldwide, and over one million people die, most of them young children in Africa. Additionally, *Newsweek International* recently raised awareness about the effect of global warming on insect-borne diseases, indicating that temperature increases can extend the range of mosquitoes and cause longer biting seasons. Buzz Off Insect Shield technology has the potential to greatly impact worldwide health by offering durable and effective solutions to people whose lives are impacted by insect-borne diseases.

About Buzz Off Insect Shield:

In July 2003, Buzz Off Insect Shield, LLC, introduced the first EPA-registered insect-repellent apparel. Buzz Off Insect Shield's patent-pending technology provides effective, invisible and odorless protection against mosquitoes, ticks, ants, flies, chiggers, and midges (no-see-ums). Buzz Off Insect Shield apparel categories include outdoor, golf, hunting, fishing, and equestrian in partnership with select brands including ExOfficio, L.L. Bean, Orvis, Rocky Outdoor Gear, Imperial Headwear, Ariat, Stearns, and Gold Toe. Buzz Off Insect Shield gear categories include camping, patio, beach, pet, and horse products, in partnership with brands such as Horseware Ireland and Orvis. For more information about Buzz Off Insect Shield visit www.buzzoff.com.

COLEMAN PLANS ICE CREAM DELIVERY IN EXTREME HEAT OF DEATH VALLEY

135-Mile Badwater Ultramarathon Designates Coleman as Official Cooler Sponsor; Ice Cream Delivery July 23-25 Will Prove Insulating Power

WICHITA, Kan. (July 9, 2007) - From *New Yorker* cartoons to Hollywood westerns, the typical victim of Death Valley's torrid heat is depicted as a tattered straggler begging for water. Starting July 23, The Coleman Company, Inc., makers of one of the world's most insulating coolers, is betting the 90 competitors in a California desert footrace will be yearning for ice cream bars as well.

Coleman is the official cooler sponsor of the Badwater Ultramarathon, arguably the toughest footrace in the world: 135 miles uphill and down, nonstop, from North America's lowest point in Death Valley, to the end of the road on Mount Whitney, the highest point in the lower 48.



A Coleman® 82-Quart Ultimate® Xtreme® Wheeled Cooler will be provided to each team for protecting water and food from the extreme Death Valley heat.

But to truly demonstrate the insulating power of these high performance coolers, Coleman will deliver hundreds of ice cream bars to competitors and their crews during the race, which begins at dawn on July 23, and ends on Mount Whitney 60 hours later, sometime July 25. It is expected that the winner of the Badwater Ultramarathon will finish in 24

to 28 hours. The average finishing time is approximately 48 hours, while the time limit to be an official Badwater finisher is 60 hours.

Coleman sent its new Exponent® performance gear to the top of Mount Everest last May to prove how well it worked, so this latest demonstration involving coolers and ice cream deliveries in Death Valley is not taken lightly. The company devoted a week of testing in their 130-degree Fahrenheit environmentally controlled test chamber at company headquarters in Wichita, Kan., to make sure it had the combination of dry ice and chocolate-covered ice cream bars just right.

Overseeing the ice cream demonstration will be first-time competitor Martin E. Franklin, chairman and CEO of Coleman's parent company, Jarden Corporation. The 42-year-old executive from Aspen, Colo., has raised pledges worth more than \$300,000 in support of the Wounded Warrior Project, a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting the newest generation of injured service men and women

(www.woundedwarriorproject.org). See separate release for more information.

Coleman officials consider Death Valley a fitting locale to demonstrate its most insulated, highest performing cooler. When word spreads that ice cream was served in the desert from Coleman Ultimate Xtreme Coolers packed days before, the company believes consumers will have no doubt it will perform for them at campsites, beaches, tailgate parties, sporting events, and any other gatherings where the company's coolers are used.

The Coleman Company, Inc. is an international leader in the innovation and marketing of outdoor products, including its legendary lanterns, as well as stoves, tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, coolers, furniture and grills. Its products are sold and used all over the world. Coleman embraces its leadership role as an advocate for the outdoors, contributing to outdoor causes and inspiring people to get outside. Founded in 1900 and based in Wichita, Kan., Coleman is a wholly owned subsidiary of Jarden Corporation, and can be found online at www.coleman.com. Consumers can contact Coleman by phone at 800-835-3278 or by e-mail at consumerservice@coleman.com.

COLEMAN PARENT COMPANY CHAIRMAN RUNS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS IN WORLD'S TOUGHEST FOOTRACE

WICHITA, Kan. (July 10, 2007) - With two weeks remaining before Death Valley hosts the Badwater Ultramarathon on July 23, Martin E. Franklin's fundraising effort to support returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan is hitting its stride. Franklin, 42, Board Chairman of Jarden Corporation, parent of The Coleman Company, Inc., the 2007 Badwater official cooler sponsor, has received pledges of more than \$300,000. For the pledges to be paid, he must finish all 135 miles of what is called the toughest footrace on the planet.

Franklin approached all CEOs listed in the Fortune 1000 to help him in his campaign to provide funding to the Wounded Warrior Project, a national non-profit organization based in Jacksonville, Fla., dedicated to assisting the newest generation of injured service men and women returning from active duty.

Why is he doing it? Says Franklin, "Because, in a small way, this grueling race symbolizes the challenges our military vets face when they return from active duty, carrying the scars of war. I'm dedicating my race to those men and women, who've stood on that wall and walked that dangerous post, working for peace in our world. We owe them our total support, so they can fully recover from their physical and psychological ordeal and re-enter the workforce."

Assisting Franklin in his run will be a six-person support team, including at least one military veteran.

In addition to the funds raised, Franklin hopes his campaign will draw attention to the ongoing needs of returning vets. "Regardless of their political leanings, all Americans appreciate the dedication of our military. Now we all must put that appreciation into action.

"Being in war is a life-changing experience, requiring ongoing support for those returning to real life. Jarden is proud of its *Operation Careers for Veterans* program, designed to identify, consider and hire qualified veterans throughout our organization. In its first year, the program has been successful in doing

just that. I'm encouraging my fellow CEOs, if they haven't already done so, to do the same. The business community can do more. That's the message I'm sending with this effort," Franklin said.

Those wishing to donate to Franklin's Badwater campaign can make a pledge by visiting the Jarden Corporation Web site, www.jarden.com, where a video of Franklin's appeal can be viewed. The video can also be accessed on-line at www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9n3QTnHVVY.

The Badwater Ultramarathon is a 135-mile footrace, starting from Badwater, Death Valley, the lowest elevation in North America at 280 feet below sea level, and finishing at the Whitney Portal at 8,360 feet above sea level. The race must be completed within 60 hours for the competitor to be an official Badwater finisher. Most competitors complete the course in 24 to 48 hours. The race record is held by Scott Jurek of Seattle, Wash., with a time of 24:36:47, set in 2005. The woman's course record of 27:56:47 was set by Pam Reed of Tuscon, Ariz.

Franklin's Jarden Corporation owns The Coleman Company, Inc., whose Ultimate[®] Xtreme[®] Cooler is the official cooler of the Badwater competition. Designed to keep ice for up to six days in extreme heat, Coleman is supplying each of the 90 competitors with an 82-Quart Ultimate Xtreme Wheeled Cooler to cool competitors' and support crews' food and vital drinks in the 130°F Death Valley midday heat. (See separate release for more information.)

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For information on the Wounded Warrior Project, see www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

BRC CALIFORNIA LAND USE ADVISORY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL OHV USERS PARTICIPATING IN THE ROUTE DESIGNATION PROCESS

PLEASE FORWARD AS NEEDED

Dear BRC Action Alert Subscribers in California,

Anti-recreation activists in California have long pushed State and Federal agencies to manage Inventoried Roadless Areas as "non-motorized." At recent meetings where BRC members and staff were in attendance, several of these activists have suggested that the 2001 Clinton Roadless

Rule actually precludes all active management, such as trail maintenance, of OHV use in Roadless Areas.

We have come to expect this sort of thing from California's brand of anti-recreation extremist groups. However, BRC is much more concerned about reports of U.S. Forest Service personnel in opposition to proposed route maintenance in certain Roadless Areas. While we have not been able to verify or confirm the accuracy of these reports, we thought it important to issue a Land Use Advisory to all of our members in California and other states.

The 2001 Roadless Rule (a.k.a. Clinton Roadless Rule) DOES NOT prohibit or even discourage Off Highway Vehicle use, or prohibit the management, maintenance, mapping or marking of OHV systems in Inventoried Roadless Areas in any way whatsoever. The text of the "Clinton Roadless Rule" clearly allows for vehicle travel along classified roads and trails designated for vehicle use. 36 C.F.R. 294.11 & 12 (2001) (repealed).

Indeed, some of the very same anti-recreation groups who are pushing to close Roadless Areas to motors have actually made the correct interpretation of the Clinton Rule in legal papers they have filed, stating:

"the [2001 or Clinton] Roadless Rule, even if reinstated, would pose no threat to these groups' [specifically, Cal4WD, UFWDA, ACSA and BlueRibbon] interests in off-road vehicle recreation. The rule does not prohibit off-road motorized travel in inventoried roadless areas of the National Forest System, nor does it close a single trail used by off-road vehicle enthusiasts."

This reference was made in a brief opposing OHV groups' intervention into one of the many ongoing roadless cases. These same papers further clarify that;

"even if the [2001 or Clinton] Roadless Rule is reinstated by this [ND Cal] Court as plaintiffs request, it will not prohibit a single person's off-road vehicle use or close a single off-road vehicle trail as alleged by the Off-Road Vehicle Groups' declarants." Id. at 5 (emphasis added).

BRC has made this document (Brief in Opposition to Intervention by The Wilderness Society et al (Doc. No. 79, filed March 7, 2006) in Case No CV-05-3508 (ND Cal)) available for your use and reference: http://www.sharetrails.org/uploads/PL/IV_response_in_op_%203-7-06.pdf

If you are participating in Travel Management planning and any Forest Service staff, contractor, employee or representative of any State agency suggests that the Clinton Roadless rule would preclude management or designation of OHV use in Roadless Areas, please immediately contact BRC at the number below.

If you are attending any of the public meetings scheduled in the next few months, and any staff or volunteer of any anti-recreation group suggests the Clinton Roadless Rule prohibits managing OHV use in Roadless Areas, please feel free to refer them to the above-cited papers filed by the Wilderness Society and dozens of other groups in the Roadless litigation.

To learn more about the ongoing Travel Management process in California or other states, visit BRC's public lands webpage at: http://www.sharetrails.org/public_lands/. To receive updates and notices of public meetings, subscribe to BRC's Action Alert list: <http://www.sharetrails.org/alerts/>.

Ric Foster,
Public Lands Dept. Manager

**Senate Committee to Decide on California Spay & Neuter Bill
Sportsmen's calls must be made before July 11!**

July 2, 2007 (California)

A senate committee is expected to vote next week on a bill that will mandate the spaying and neutering of dogs in California. Sporting dog owners should contact senators today to protect the right to breed quality hunting dogs.

Assembly Bill 1634, which requires dogs over six months of age to be spayed or neutered, will be heard by the Senate Local Government Committee on July 11. The committee is expected to vote that day. The bill, sponsored by Lloyd Levine, D-Van Nuys, exempts only licensed breeders and a handful of purebred animals that meet rigid qualifications. It provides no protection for sportsmen who hunt mixed breed dogs or want to breed their accomplished companions.

“Assembly Bill 1634 has gained momentum and must be stopped before it deals a devastating blow to sportsmen who hunt with dogs,” said U.S. Sportsmen’s Alliance vice president for government affairs Rob Sexton. “It will wipe out the breeding of sporting dogs that do not meet strict criteria and will cause unnecessary financial hardship on middle and low income sportsmen who will be forced to spay and neuter their animals.”

Assembly Bill 1634 will also cause an unintended health concern for dogs and the public. There is a risk that individuals who do not comply with the new law will stop taking their dogs for veterinary care. Although the bill does not mandate that veterinarians report violators, some will fear citations and forego vet visits. As a result, the dogs will not receive regular inoculations that protect the animals and the public from disease.

Take Action! The Senate Local Government Committee hearing is July 11 in Room 112 in the State Capitol Building in Sacramento. California sportsmen who cannot attend should contact their senators using the [Legislative Action Center](#) and voice opposition to AB 1634. *It is particularly important to make calls today if your senator is on the Local Government Committee (see list below).*

Sen. Local Government Committee Member	Party-Hometown	Phone
Sen. Gloria Negrete McLeod, Chair	D-Montclair	(916) 651-4032
Sen. Dave Cox, Vice-Chair	R-Roseville	(916) 651-4001
Sen. Tom Harman	R-Costa Mesa	(916) 651-4035
Sen. Chrisine Kehoe	D-San Diego	(916) 651-4039
Sen. Mike Machado	D-Sacramento	(916) 651-4005

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance is a national association of sportsmen and sportsmen's organization that protects the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers in the courts, legislatures, at the ballot, in Congress and through public education programs. For more information about the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and its work, call (614) 888-4868 or visit its website, www.ussportsmen.org.

Trapping and Cougar Hunting Discussions

Animals that trappers aren't trying to trap would have an easier time escaping from snares the Division of Wildlife Resources wants to require in Utah.

The DWR also wants to keep the number of cougars taken during Utah's upcoming hunting season at a level similar to the number taken during the past three seasons.

The DWR will share its recommendations at an upcoming series of public meetings. The meetings provide an opportunity to learn more about the recommendations and to provide biologists with your input and suggestions.

Citizens from Utah's five Regional Advisory Councils will take the public input received to the Utah Wildlife Board when it meets Aug. 8 in Salt Lake City to approve Utah's 2007 – 2008 furbearer and cougar proclamations.



Meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

Northern Region

July 10

6 p.m.

Brigham City Community Center

24 N. 300 W.

Brigham City

Central Region

July 11

6:30 p.m.

Springville Junior High School

165 S. 700 E.

Springville

Southern Region

July 12

7 p.m.

Beaver High School

195 E. Center St.

Beaver

Southeastern Region

July 17

6:30 p.m.

John Wesley Powell Museum

885 E. Main St.

Green River

Northeastern Region

July 18

6:30 p.m.

Western Park, Rm. #2

302 E. 200 S.

Vernal

Trapping changes

Starting with Utah's 2007 – 2008 season, trappers in Utah would be required to use breakaway snares.

These snares allow bigger animals to escape if they're accidentally trapped.

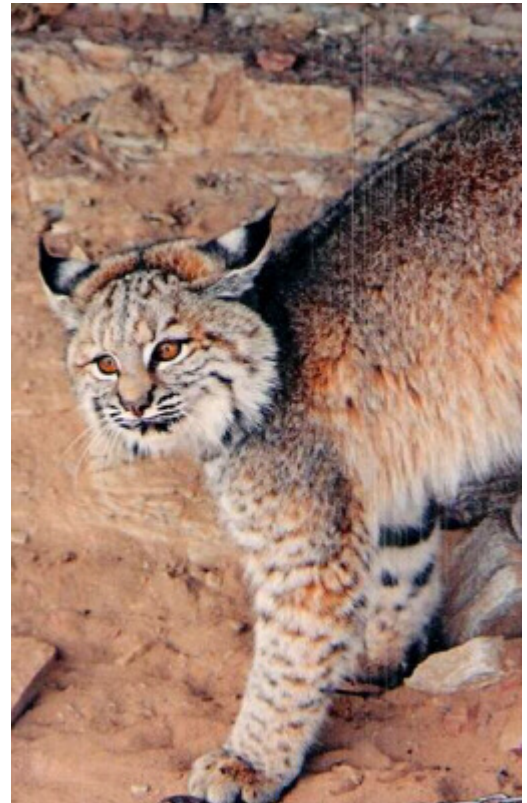
“Larger animals, such as deer, elk, cougars and black bears, should be able to escape from these traps,” says Kevin Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

“When an animal puts enough pressure on the snare by pulling on it, the snare releases and lets the animal free,” Bunnell says. “It's rare that these larger animals are caught in these traps, but when they are, they should be able to escape from them.”

The Utah Trappers Association supports the DWR and is working with the agency to get this recommendation implemented.

Cougar hunting recommendations

About 300 cougars would probably be taken in Utah during the state's 2007 – 2008 season under proposals the DWR is recommending. That number would be similar to the past three seasons in Utah, when an average of 311 cougars were taken each season.



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

“It appears those efforts have worked. Now we want to maintain that balance. We think our recommendations for the upcoming season are another step in that direction.”

Anglers' Legacy growing college fishing, new anglers

If the increase in university-sanctioned fishing programs in the past 12 months is any indication, the future of America's favorite pastime appears to be in good hands for yet another generation.

Just one year ago, two dozen colleges had formal fishing programs with teams interested in competing for a national fishing championship. That number has already grown to more than 100 schools planning to participate in 2007 - and not by accident. The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF), the non-profit organization formed to promote the benefits of sport fishing participation, explains why it is among a group targeting the college-student demographic.

"When we saw the interest leading up to last year's first-ever National Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship, we believed it to be a good fit for our long-term strategic growth initiatives," said Jim Stewart, RBFF manager of education and outreach. "These college students are proving that fishing is cool and judging from the growth that we're seeing, they are spreading the word."

Stewart is referring to his organization's involvement in the BoatUS National Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship (NCBFC). The NCBFC is a first-of-its-kind effort to make bass fishing a fully recognized college sport with conference play, an annual season-ending championship and national television coverage on the Fox College Sports (FCS) network.

At the debut championship held last Fall on Lake Lewisville near Dallas, 41 teams represented 24 schools in the competition. Conferences like the Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC had a prominent presence. North Carolina State won the premiere and the \$12,000 first place prize.

But to the RBFF, more important was its Anglers' Legacy competition. Anglers' Legacy is a "share the passion" RBFF program that asks all people who love to fish to give back what they've been given and introduce someone to fishing. Designed as a membership recruitment program, the Anglers' Legacy collegiate competition offers cash awards to the top 10 school-sanctioned fishing clubs with the most growth based on the highest percentage of new members who have not fished in at least the two previous years.

Winning the top Anglers' Legacy prize of \$2,500 in 2006 was North Carolina State, and the \$1,750 second place prize went to Eastern Kentucky University. The prize monies must be used for purchasing club equipment and gear.

"Our contest is designed to increase interest and excitement among these young people and reward them for their recruiting efforts, creating new anglers and club members," Stewart said. "The clubs are embracing the challenge, and the student-athletes are excellent ambassadors and recruiters for fishing."

Fishing's placement as a student activity varies from university to university, but to date, most are falling either under intramural or recreation departments. To the college anglers, they really don't care.

"Unlike many in our club, I've only been fishing a couple of years and it's awesome; I love it. I'm learning everything I can," said Joel Blackburn, a junior at the University of Arkansas, one of the latest schools to add a fishing program. "I've got my own tackle now, and a fishing boat will be one of my first investments after I graduate and get a job."

The Arkansas fishing program started in January and already has 28 members, appearing to be one of the front-runners in the club growth contest. Blackburn said his school will certainly participate in the 2007 Anglers' Legacy competition because winning would help them buy equipment they want for hosting tournaments and getting even more college students involved.



Webber International University, Babson Park, Fla., is presently the

largest collegiate fishing program with more than 90 members.

The Anglers' Legacy contest is based on specific criteria and a formal application process. Proof of new fishing license holders is the primary measurement. Fishing license sales are critical to the sport, as

approximately 85 percent of all state game and fish departments' funding comes from them. Anglers are also assessed a special 10 percent excise tax on certain fishing tackle items that goes into a federal fund, which is then apportioned to each state for sport fish restoration efforts. As a result, anglers are the biggest contributors to the nation's fishery resources, and college anglers are the next generation of gatekeepers.

"Our camera crews have seen first-hand just how much the support of RBFF and Anglers' Legacy means to the college kids who received new fishing gear to pursue their passion," said Wade Middleton, on-camera host of the NCBFC television series. "More importantly, that support isn't just a one-time opportunity. It, along with the enthusiasm, continues to grow."

More than 100 two-person collegiate teams are expected to participate in the 2007 NCBFC, returning to Lake Lewisville, Sept. 27-29, with daily weigh-ins to be held at Sneaky Pete's Marina.

In addition to Anglers' Legacy, FCS and BoatUS, the NCBFC is supported by the following national sponsors: Ranger Boats, Garmin, Evinrude, Cabela's, Minn Kota, Costa Del Mar, Pioneer Beef Jerky, American Rodsmiths, Keelshield, Nemire Lures, Sebile and Stearns.

For more information on the FCS BoatUS National Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship and the related Anglers' Legacy contest, visit www.collegebasschampionship.com. For more information about the RBFF, visit www.rbff.org.

Ski Utah Photo Contest a big Success

Ski Utah's Fourth Annual Photo Contest was once again a huge success. Hundreds of fantastic entries filled our email box making judging a very difficult task. Photo's featured Utah's fabulous sunsets, sunrises, peaks, valleys, powder, groomers, halfpipes, family fun, and risque adventure. We even received one image that appeared to be a baby being flung off of a deck into a snowbank. We would have called Child Protective Services, but they didn't do such a hot Photoshop job deeming it an obvious fake.

With the help of the great folks at Pictureline we were able to work our way through the stacks of photos and pick out the ones we felt best represented Utah's amazing snow, mountain resorts, and fun. So without further adieu, the winners are:

- Grand Prize: Lee Cohen
 - First Prize: Dan Campbell-Lloyd
 - Second Prize: Micheal Schirf
 - Perfect Powder Winner: Lee Cohen
- Honorable Mentions to be printed in the Winter Vacation Planner**
- Honorable Mention: Matt Roon
 - Honorable Mention: Julie Shipman
 - Honorable Mention: Marty Brammer
- Additional Honorable Mentions**
- Honorable Mention: Kevin Winzeler
 - Honorable Mention: Nate Young
 - Honorable Mention: Will Wissman
 - Honorable Mention: Joel Addams
 - Honorable Mention: Justin Olsen



ESPY VOTING CLOSES SATURDAY - VOTE FOR VICTOR NOW!

PARK CITY, Utah (July 5) - Vote now for sit-skier Stephani Victor (Park City, UT) who was nominated for a 2007 ESPY Award - Best Female Athlete with a Disability. Winners of the 15th Annual ESPY Awards are determined by popular vote which closes Saturday, July 7, so vote now for the only skier nominated at espn.go.com/espy2007/

The 2007 ESPY awards highlight sports top moments and performances from the past year. The awards ceremony will be hosted by Jimmy Kimmel and LeBron James and will take place July 11 at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles and air on ESPN July 15 at 9 p.m. ET.

Vote now for Victor - espn.go.com/espy2007/

GOOD OL' TIME WITH BLUEGRASS MUSIC AND A WAGON TRAIN AT OLD CHURCH - ROCKPORT STATE PARK



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Figure 1

Peoa - A wagon train, and bluegrass and gospel music will highlight the Mountain Spirit Heritage Festival at Old Church at Rockport State Park July 27, 28, and 29. Events also include dedication of historic Old Church Saturday, July 28 at noon, and a special gospel music concert at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 29, which closes the Festival.

A wagon train travels down Echo Canyon and arrives at Rockport State Park Saturday, July 28 at 11:30 a.m. Covered wagons and hard carts will be circled for the dedication of Old Church.

All events are held at Old Church at Rockport State Park. The newly renovated Old Church was built in 1892 and served as the church and social hall for the historic town of Rockport. When the town was flooded after construction of Wanship Dam, Old Church was moved to its present location.

On Friday, July 27 from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, July 28 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., listen to bluegrass, and country music, and enjoy clogging and line dancing. Musicians perform all weekend and some will compete in a bluegrass band scramble. Names of musicians are drawn out of a hat to form a band. Musicians scramble to practice, and are then judged on their performance. Visitors will also enjoy quilting, weaving, spinning, and knitting displays, old time tractor displays, great food, and arts and crafts.

Rockport State Park is located off I-80 at Exit 155. Park entrance fees are \$5.

For more information about the Mountain Spirit Heritage Festival, please visit www.uintaheadwaters.org.

FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH

GENERAL

- Fire restrictions are in effect statewide. No open fires are allowed, except in concrete rings in improved campgrounds. No smoking is permitted, except inside enclosed vehicles. All types of fireworks are banned.
- Recreationalists on the south side of the Wasatch Plateau will continue to find smoky conditions, residual fire, and road closures following the U.S. Forest Service prescribed burn in the Ferron drainage. For more information, go to: www.utahfireinfo.gov
- Holders of valid fishing licenses qualify for entrance fee discounts at state parks from Tuesdays through Thursdays until the end of the year.
- Now in effect is a fishing license requirement for 12 and 13 year-olds. The price is \$5.
- Reservoir tributaries, which have been closed to fishing, open on Saturday, July 14th.

Southeastern Fishing Report

ABAJO MOUNTAINS Conservation Officer Paul Washburn reports that Monticello and Foy lakes and Blanding #4 Reservoir continue to produce good catch rates with traditional baits. Washburn says that fishing action at Blanding #3, Recapture and Lloyd Lake is only fair.

BENCHES RESERVOIR No report.

BOULGERS RESERVOIR Fishing success has been widely sporadic, ranging from poor to excellent. Yellow or green PowerBait with a worm is recommended. One fly fisher had good luck with a purple leech on floating line. Early morning or late evening fishing is highly recommended. Fishing is generally slow during the day.

CLEVELAND RESERVOIR Cory Winder reported catching his limit in two hours, using orange sparkle PowerBait and worms. Cory fished from a pontoon boat. Dedicated Hunter John Barclay conducted a creel survey last weekend and reported good fishing with lime green PowerBait and worms or with gold or silver Jake's or Rapalas. Fish generally ranged between 10-18 inches, although John saw one 5-lb., 23-inch brown trout caught with a lure.

DUCK FORK RESERVOIR Access is subject to closure, due to the Jungle Fire. Go to: www.utahfireinfo.gov for closure information. The new gravel road may present a risk for tire puncture.

Dedicated Hunter Gil Bowden described fishing success ranging between fair and excellent. Late evening was the best time to fish. He watched one fly fisherman in waders near the outlet, who caught a trout with every cast. In the time Gil was at the reservoir, this man had caught and released 20 fish, ranging from 1.5 –2 lbs. The best fly patterns were elk hair caddis, renegade or double renegade. Gil said the best lure was a lil Jake's.

A week ago, Ray Allred reported catching and releasing 25 tiger trout in five hours with a size 12 baby olive wooly bugger. His tigers ranged from 14-20 inches.

Tom Ogden fished a week ago with a #10 beadhead scud close to shore. He had the best success when he cast the fly, let it sink a little, and then stripped it in. All of Tom's tiger trout ranged from 13-17 inches. Special regulations apply. Cutthroat trout must be immediately released to the water. Artificial flies and lures only. Tributaries open to fishing on Saturday, July 14. Special regulations apply to tributary fishing. See the current fishing proclamation.

ELECTRIC LAKE Dedicated Hunter John Barclay interviewed fishermen on Saturday and Sunday. He described fishing as very good. The best bait was a minnow held close to the bottom with a small sinker. Anglers, please use dead minnows only! The use of live minnows is against the law and can ruin a fishery. The best PowerBait colors were rainbow or green. Fly fishermen had good success with size 16-24 leech or fresh water shrimp patterns. The most popular lure was a Jake's Spin-a-Lure. Trout ranged from 12-18 inches.

Tributaries open to fishing on Saturday, July 14th. The trout limit is two fish.

FAIRVIEW LAKES No report.

FERRON RESERVOIR Please visit: www.utahfireinfo.gov for information on road access and camping. The road may be closed at times. A new gravel road presents a tire puncture risk. Dedicated Hunter Gil Bowden interviewed anglers on Friday and Saturday. He reported excellent fishing with a number of types of tackle. Fly fishermen had good luck with a wooly bugger pattern. Spincasters had good luck with either a Jake's Spin-a-Lure or a Spin Master lure.

The best bait was a worm/marshmallow combo. The best marshmallow color was a florescent red or green. Madlyn and Hadlyn Bowden hooked and released 20 fish in one hour, while their dad conducted the creel survey.

At Ferron Reservoir, anglers may take an extra four fish, if at least four of them are brook trout.

Tributaries open to fishing on Saturday, July 14th. The limit is four trout.

GIGLIOTTI POND No report. Try to fish at first light or after sundown for best results.

GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR Fishing was fair over the weekend for baitcasters using PowerBait. John reported excellent success for a fly fisherman using a blue damsel fly or dragon fly imitation..

GRASSY LAKE No report.

HUNTINGTON CREEK A week ago, Biologist Kenny Breidinger fished the left fork and had good luck with black ant or brown grasshopper patterns. Tom Ogden fished below the forks a week ago and said that caddis flies, stoneflies and mayflies emerged from the water surface most of the day. He had best success with a size 8 maroon San Juan worm or size 12 ugly. Tom used floating line with a BB size split shot about 12 inches above the fly. Tom's catch consisted mostly of brown trout, which ranged from 11-13 inches.

HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK No report. The water level is extremely low. The boat ramp is out of the water.

HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR (also known as **MAMMOTH RESERVOIR**)

Dedicated Hunter John Barclay reported good fishing over the weekend with PowerBait. The best colors were rainbow or pink. Fly fishermen used beadhead pheasant tail nymphs or beadhead leeches or shiner imitations on sinking line. Their success wasn't as good as that enjoyed by baitcasters. The best spinner was a Jake's. John saw a lot of 16-inch trout being reeled in. Beginning this summer, using motorboats with 10 horsepower is prohibited. This reservoir has special fishing regulations. All cutthroat trout must be immediately released.

JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR No report. Slow fishing is expected. Best fishing will be at dawn or late evening from a boat. Still fishermen will have best luck with dead chubs. Special regulations apply at this reservoir. The limit is two fish. Only one may be over 22 inches. All trout from 15-22 inches must be immediately released.

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

LASAL MOUNTAINS Fisheries Biologist Darek Elverud reported good fishing at Ken's Lake in the evening for small and medium sized green sunfish and a few small bass. Darek used a fly rod with surface poppers. He caught his fish in shallow water around cover.

Dedicated Hunter Tim Jones conducted a creel survey on the LaSal Mountains last weekend. He reported excellent fishing at Oowah. Fly fishermen did best. Tim said one fly fisher caught 24 trout in 3 hours with a black wooly bugger. Fishing at Dark Canyon was fair. The best luck was had by a baitcaster using orange PowerBait, although worms and salmon eggs were somewhat effective. No fishermen were observed at Medicine Lake, which usually suggests poor fishing. Hidden Lake produced only fair conditions. Tim estimated the catch rate at 1-2 fish per hour. Popular baits were salmon eggs, worms or PowerBait. Dons Lake offered fair to good fishing, especially for fly fishermen using a black fly pattern with silver sparkles.

The Mill Creek Bridge remains under construction and will be impassable until November.

Anglers wanting to fish Oowah must access the lake from the south end of the LaSal Mountain Loop Road. Warner Lake fishermen will need to come from the Castle Valley side.

LOWER FISH CREEK No recent report. Try a Rapala or Jake's near the dam. The road from Highway 6 to lower Fish Creek is open. Along the DWR easement, nymphs are often effective for 12-16 inch brown trout.



MILLER FLAT RESERVOIR Sheldon Davis with his family and friends fished adjacent to the dam last weekend. From the shoreline, they fished in the early morning. Everyone had their limit within a few hours. They used PowerBait with a sinker and let the bait float off the bottom. Gary Fox fished with flies, but reported only fair success.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR Fishing has been slow.

PETES HOLE No report.

POTTER'S PONDS Fishing has been slow. Success is better in the early morning or late evening with small dry flies, which imitate the hatch of insects coming off the water.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR

Dedicated Hunter John Barclay conducted a creel survey last weekend and rated fishing as fair to poor. The reservoir is full of algae and other aquatic vegetation, which clog lines and all kinds of end tackle. Most bait fishermen used green, yellow or rainbow PowerBait. Some trolled silver spinners close to the island. Fly fishermen used various leech colors from tubes or pontoon boats. At this time of year, Tom Ogden has had good luck with #10 Canada blood leeches or #10 beadhead scuds.

Due to frequent hatches of mayflies, damselflies and midges, the overall catch rate for all angler types has dropped—there's just too much natural food in the water.

The best fishing occurs in the early morning or late evening.

Tributaries open to fishing on July 14th.

SOUP BOWL No report.

STRAIGHT CANYON No report.

WRIGLEY SPRINGS RESERVOIR The reservoir is low and choked with moss. Fishing has been poor. One fly fisherman in a tube had moderate success with a renegade pattern. Bait fishing has not been effective. Stocked rainbows range from 9-10 inches.

WILLOW RESERVOIR Please visit: www.utahfireinfo.gov for information on road access and camping. The road may be closed at times. A new gravel road presents a tire puncture risk. Two weeks ago, Ray Allred caught and released 16 rainbows with #10 red crystal buggers. Tom Ogden fished last week and said that trout were surfacing everywhere. Fish are generally small, ranging from 10-12 inches. The large majority are rainbows. Tom had good luck with a #10 beadhead black leech on floating line, but thinks that a fly and bubble with a renegade, scud or ant pattern would work equally well.

If you'd like to see reports of waters around the state, visit the following Division website: <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php>

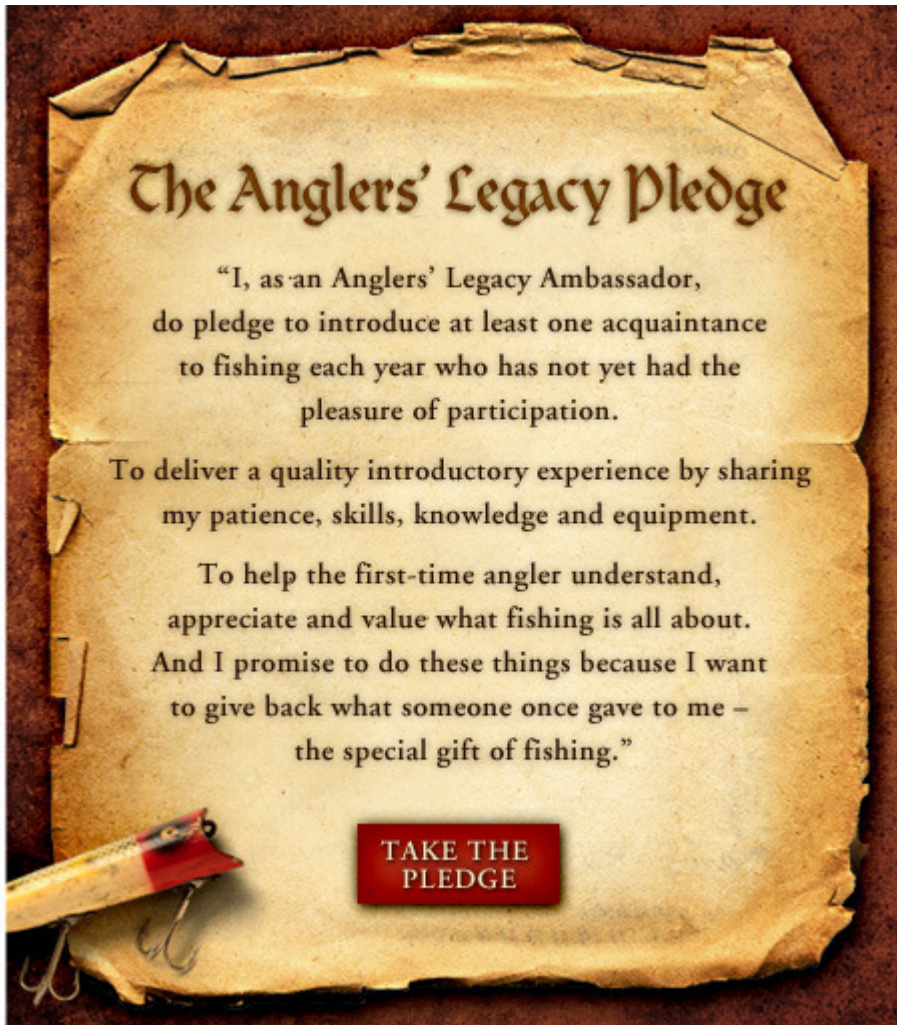
New Survey Reveals Anglers' Legacy has Positive Financial Impact on Industry

Each Anglers' Legacy Ambassador Generates \$120 for Fishing, \$166 for Boating

ALEXANDRIA, VA (July 11, 2007) – The Anglers' Legacy program is having a positive financial impact on the fishing and boating industry, according to new survey results being released today by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation ([RBF](http://www.rbff.org)) at the International Convention of Associated Sportfishing Trades ([ICAST](http://www.icast.org)) show in Las Vegas, NV. In a survey of more than 7,500 Anglers' Legacy Ambassadors (those who have taken the Pledge), data reveals an Ambassador generates an initial \$120 in fishing tackle and equipment sales, and \$166 in boating supplies such as gasoline and boating accessories.

"Right now, we're approaching 10,000 Ambassadors, which translates into a potential of \$1.2 million for fishing and \$1.66 million for boating," said RBF President and CEO Frank Peterson.

"With the help of our industry partners, those numbers can only get better. If Anglers' Legacy can reach one million pledges, that could mean \$286 million for the fishing and boating industries. That's a lot of money supporting the programs that protect the future of the resource and the sport."



ADDITIONAL KEY FINDINGS

Ambassadors are taking an active role in the program.

- Nearly 90 percent have taken an average of 4.5 persons fishing since taking the Anglers' Legacy Pledge.
- More than half (52 percent) have taken an average of 4.1 persons fishing from a boat since taking the Anglers' Legacy Pledge.
- Ninety-two percent are "extremely" or "very likely" to continue introducing people to fishing in the next 12 months in

response to Anglers' Legacy.

Nearly three-quarters of Ambassadors (74.3 percent) own a boat.

Ambassadors are fishing frequently – many from a boat.

- More than half (56 percent) have gone fishing more than 30 times in the past 12 months (31 percent from a boat).
- Nearly three-quarters (72 percent) have gone fishing more than 20 times in the past 12 months (47 percent from a boat).

Ambassadors are purchasing fishing licenses.

- Nearly two-thirds purchased fishing licenses for the people they took fishing (3.2 on average).

Anglers' Legacy was launched in May 2006 targeting the country's estimated 7.5 million avid anglers. Through media ads and coverage, pro-staff and celebrity angler involvement and industry partnerships, the campaign asks avid anglers to share their passion for fishing and drives them to AnglersLegacy.org where they're asked to "Take the Pledge" – promising to take one new person fishing each year.

The survey was conducted online by RBFF in June 2007. Question responses are valid +/- four percent at a 95 percent confidence level. For more information about the program, visit AnglersLegacy.org or call RBFF at (703) 519-0013.

About RBFF

RBFF is a nonprofit organization established in 1998 to increase participation in recreational angling and boating. RBFF helps people discover, share and protect the legacy of boating and fishing through national outreach programs including the Take Me Fishing™ campaign and Anglers' Legacy.

Shotgun Showdown Reminder

Are you going to join us in the FUN? We'll be starting at Provo Gun Club on Saturday (7/14) morning - registration begins at 8 am. 50 clays, 25 skeet, 25 5-stand. We'll all go to HV Gun Club Sunday (7/15) for 25 singles, 25 handicap and 50 doubles. We have \$2000 + in prize money and it's a total blast! We give out high overall in mens, womens and youth categories and we also give cash prizes to winners of each individual event. Lots of prizes and chances to win cash! And LOTS of fun, too! (Hey, I'll be there!) ha ha!

If you RSVP by Friday you can still pay the \$25 entry fee instead of \$35 the day of the event. Target fees are \$75 for both days for a grand total of \$100 to shoot this totally awesome event! Let me know if you need directions or have any other questions.

Hope to see you there!

Wendy

P.S. Practice house will be open all day Sunday at HVGC for anyone wishing to shoot just practice rounds.

California Sportsmen Stop Bill to End Dog Breeding

(Sacramento) - California sportsmen have derailed legislation that would have outlawed the breeding of accomplished sporting dogs and eventually made it impossible to breed and own hunting dogs.

On July 11, AB 1634 was pulled from the Senate Local Government Committee agenda after the bill's sponsor, Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, D-Van Nuys, realized it did not have enough support to pass. The bill, which cannot be considered again during this legislative session, requires dogs over six months to be spayed or neutered. It provides exemptions only for licensed breeders and a handful of purebred animals that meet rigid qualifications. It provides no protection for sportsmen who hunt over mixed breed dogs.

Assembly Bill 1634 will cause unnecessary financial hardships on middle and low income sportsmen who will be forced to spay or neuter their animals.

“Sportsmen’s pressure on California lawmakers has helped protect hobby breeders and hunting interests, but the fight is not over” said Rob Sexton, USSA vice president for government affairs. “Assemblyman Levine has vowed to spend the next six months garnering support for Assembly Bill 1634. Sportsmen must be prepared to continue the fight in 2008.”

The USSA worked with key national and local sportsmen’s groups and dog organizations to drum up grassroots action and defeat the measure. California Houndsmen for Conservation, California Outdoor Heritage Alliance, Masters of Foxhounds Association of America and PetPAC are among the organizations that helped raise awareness, motivate hunters to action, and raise funds to defeat the bill.

In 2006, the USSA worked with California sportsmen to protect hunting interests by blocking a bill that threatened hunting dog competitors and field coursers. Three years earlier, it worked with partners in the state to defeat legislation that would have banned bear hunting, fox hunting, rabbit hunting, raccoon hunting and more.

The U.S. Sportsmen’s Alliance is a national association of sportsmen and sportsmen’s organization that protects the rights of hunters, anglers and trappers in the courts, legislatures, at the ballot, in Congress and through public education programs. For more information about the U.S. Sportsmen’s Alliance and its work, call (614) 888-4868 or visit its website, www.ussportsmen.org.

SCIF Receives Top Four-Star Rating by Charity Navigator

Tucson, Arizona – Safari Club International Foundation has received the highest possible rating for its charitable services by Charity Navigator, the independent charity evaluation service.

Charity Navigator is a respected guide to charitable organizations in the United States. In determining its rating, CN considers growth in the organization’s ability to raise capital for its charitable purposes, and the efficiency with which it gets that money spent. A high rating from CN shows that an organization is good at attracting donations and is also good at making sure that most of the money is spent on charitable purposes and not on so-called overhead.

“We are proud to announce Safari Club International Foundation has earned our Four-Star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances,” said Trent Stamp, President of Charity Navigator, in a letter to SCIF. “Less than a quarter of the charities we evaluate have

received our highest rating, indicating that Safari Club International Foundation outperforms the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Safari Club International Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

"I am very pleased to hear that Charity Navigator has raised SCI Foundation's rating to the highest Four-Star rating," said SCIF President Dennis Anderson. "This should result in increased charitable contributions to SCIF and will help us further our mission to support worldwide wildlife conservation, education and humanitarian services."

Charity Navigator ("CN") was launched in 2002 and is the largest independent evaluator of 501(c)(3) charities committed to helping the maximum number of donors make intelligent charitable giving decisions. CN ranks the largest U.S. charities on a rating system from the lowest zero-stars rating to the highest Four-Star rating based on the data in the IRS Forms 990 filed by charities. For more information, visit www.charitynavigator.org.

Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustavson
Lake Elevation: 3610

July 11, 2007
Water Temperature: 81-85 F

Lake Powell is now declining. That is not all bad when creature comforts are considered. Most of the troublesome drift wood will become stranded on shore within a few weeks. Weed covered beaches will open up into ever increasing clear sandy areas. Hot weather will be mitigated by afternoon clouds as monsoon flows begin.

Fishing? That will be about the same as it has been. Air temperatures have been in the 100's and catch of stripers is also in triple digits if the holding spot for the resting school is discovered. Striped bass are holding in deep, cool water where energy can be conserved while waiting for a feeding opportunity. An anchovy chum shower wakes the school and draws them off the bottom and toward the surface as each fish tries to get to the next drifting morsel before his school mate.



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A good fish finder is very helpful in locating these resting schools. Graph the edge of the main channel or canyon. Start shallow and then look on the drop off as the boat heads to deep water. Zigzag from shallow to deep water looking for the distinct school signature signifying many resting fish hovering just off the bottom. It may take 10-15 minutes to find a likely looking school but time spent graphing may be rewarded with instant hookups and long lasting fishing fun.

When the school is detected try anchoring so the boat is right over the school. The easiest way to do this is to mark the school with a float. Then turn the boat into the wind, move forward the same distance as bottom depth on the graph and drop anchor. Make sure the anchor catches on bottom, then drift back letting out line until the boat is very near the float. It may take 2-3 tries to get it just right. The good thing about stationary summer striper schools is lack of movement. They will wait where last seen while the boat gets in position.

Next chum about 5-6 anchovies cut in quarter inch slices. Broadcast chum pieces all around the boat. The last action required is to place a one-inch chunk of bait on a hook or jig head. Toss the bait in the water and get ready for action. Make sure the first fish or two is played at depth for an extended period. Try to get the second fish on before the first one is landed. Once the school is invigorated in this manner they seem to stay in the same spot as long as a trickle of chum continues to fall. Toss in a few pieces each time the hook is rebaited for best results. Make sure to catch the first fish that bites. Missing the first fish or two sometimes allows the school to follow the fleeing fish and the entire school disappears. If that happens start the search grid over and repeat the process.

Bass fishing is still steady each morning and evening. Smallmouth have moved to the ends of quick drops such as reefs and terminal points. The magic depth is 20 feet. Slick rock basins and steep cliffs hold bass in these warm water conditions. Free-floating plastic bait on a split shot or Carolina rig is an effective presentation. A sliding sinker rig is just as good. The key ingredient is to move the bait slowly and rest often. Fish in summer act like winter fish and take their time looking at the bait before tasting it.

'STEP OUTSIDE' Kicks Off Fourth Season on Outdoor Channel

NEWTOWN, Conn. — If a weekly show on Outdoor Channel is any indication, millions of Americans are embracing the National Shooting Sports Foundation's STEP OUTSIDE® concept of introducing newcomers to the outdoors.

Outdoor Channel's "STEP OUTSIDE" has kicked off its fourth season with 13 new episodes tracking the adventures of newcomers to hunting, shooting, fishing and archery. The show airs on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., Thursdays at 6 a.m., Saturdays at 7 a.m. and Sundays at 3 a.m. (all times EST).

"For the future of hunting and the shooting sports, no two words are more important than 'STEP OUTSIDE,'" said show co-host and NSSF President Doug Painter. "STEP OUTSIDE TV not only tells the stories of people's personal experiences as they take their first steps afield, but also challenges viewers to do their part in carrying on our hunting and shooting traditions."

Hosted by Painter and three-time Olympic shooting medallist Kim Rhode, "STEP OUTSIDE" takes viewers along as shooters, hunters, anglers and archers invite newcomers to the outdoors for the first time. The show also features a weekly segment, Shooting Sports Minute, hosted by Painter and produced by NSSF.

After three successful seasons produced by Mossy Oak, the show was produced this season by Tennessee-based SchaZam Productions.

"We are thrilled to be involved with STEP OUTSIDE TV and look forward to carrying on the legacy that Mossy Oak Productions started, and, of course, the legacy of our outdoor traditions through STEP OUTSIDE," said SchaZam's Mark Maness.

Since its inception, NSSF's STEP OUTSIDE program has helped introduce hundreds of thousands to target shooting, hunting, fishing and archery by encouraging outdoor enthusiasts to invite others to share in their outdoor experiences. The program has assisted state fish and wildlife agencies, manufacturers, distributors, retailers, hunting clubs and conservation organizations in providing first-time experiences for newcomers through grants, workshops and other sponsored events.

For more information, visit www.outdoorchannel.com.

Conservation Tip from the Utah Rivers Council



With this roaring hot summer, it's more important than ever to be smart about our water usage. The more water we use, the more pressure this puts on our river systems. Outdoor water use accounts for about 60 percent of municipal water use, and nearly 50 percent of that water is wasted! Want to do better? Learn how to save water and money by using your sprinkler system more efficiently through our

[Smart Sprinkling campaign](#) at

http://www.utahrivers.org:80/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=131&Itemid=211

Get out and explore our rivers! Our summer explore series is in full swing. Coming up in the next few weeks: Canoe the Jordan River (July 18), Canoe the Bear River (July 21), and hike Little Cottonwood Creek (July 25th). For more information, contact Sarah at sarah@utahrivers.org or 801-486-4776.

Tune in to 'STEP OUTSIDE'

Tuesday - 2:30 p.m.

Thursday - 6 a.m.

Saturday - 7 a.m.

Sunday - 3 a.m.

UTAH WINTER GAMES LAUNCH “KEEP THE FIRE BURNING” FUND-RAISING INITIATIVE

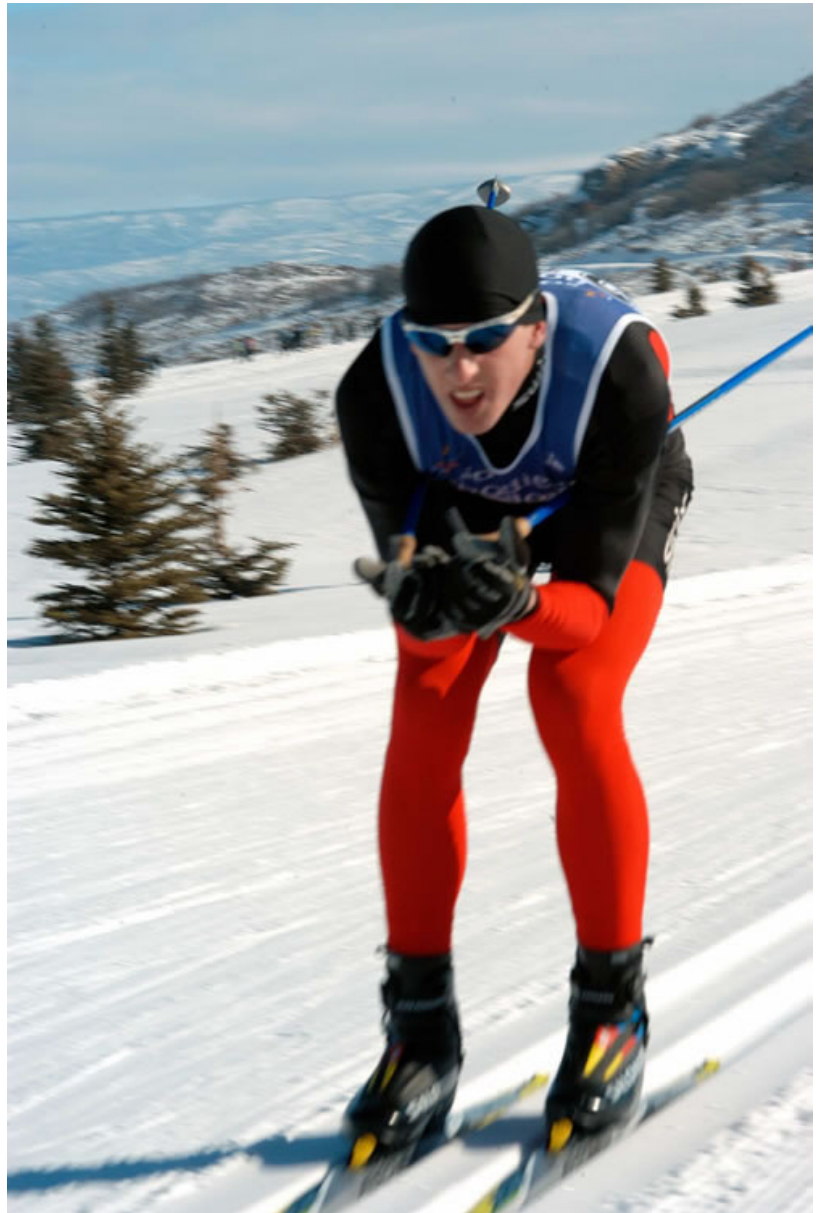
Park City, UT (July 12, 2007) -- The Utah Winter Games has launched a new fund-raising program called Keep The Fire Burning to encourage donations from friends, supporters, and former participants. The name is, of course, designed to remind everyone of the link between the Games and the Spirit of 2002. The Utah Winter Games were originally created in 1986 to prove to the International Olympic Committee that Utah could stage a large series of winter sports events with a lot of volunteers. They proved it, and legendary Olympic philanthropist Spencer Eccles says the Games were part of the reason Salt Lake City won the bid.

And from that time on, the Games have never looked back.

Executive Director Heidi Hughes says she believes the Utah Winter Games are the only statewide games in the country which have not received state funding. Many states have state games, but they depend on a handout from the government to operate; however, the Utah Winter Games has a long and proud tradition of existing on the generous support of sponsors and individuals and using that money wisely. So wisely, in fact, that Hughes has followed in the tradition of Salt Lake Organizing Committee CEO Mitt Romney and has not accepted a salary for her long hours and tireless devotion until the Games are fully funded.

Unlike some organizations, the very hands-on Board of Directors also volunteers countless hours to fund-raising and organizational necessities in order to provide all Utahns with an unparalleled opportunity to take full advantage of the Greatest Snow on Earth, the Fastest Ice on Earth, and the greatest winter experience on Earth.

Three years ago, a change of ownership caused the most prominent sponsor of the Games to withdraw all funding just as the season was beginning, and the Games nearly went out of



existence. Most of this last winter's 5500 participants in competitions and clinics were unaware of the near-catastrophe which almost pulled the plug on the nation's oldest and largest winter games.

The Utah Winter Games are recovering financially and have the most ambitious schedule of sports and free clinics ever offers in the 22-year history of the organization. All 13 of Utah's ski resorts will be participating along with all of the Olympic venues to bring Utahns an unprecedented 13 sports for both learning and competing. The WinterFit program is the only statewide winter fitness program in the nation designed specifically to get more people off the couch in the winter and, after a successful opening tryout, it will be significantly expanded in the coming season.

To help support the Keep The Fire Burning initiative and give yourself, your family, your friends, and all Utahns the best possible winter experience, Games webmaster James Greenlaw has created a secure site where people can donate by credit card.

The Utah Winter Games is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You can make a most gratefully accepted contribution through monetary or in-kind support, and you can make donations online, become a supporting or sustaining partner, or donate goods or services.

The direct web address is http://www.utahwintergames.org/keep_fire_burning.htm, or you can find a link at the regular Games website at UtahWinterGames.org.

This is your chance to Keep The Fire Burning.

The Utah Winter Games: All Ages, All Abilities, Always Fun.

PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT RESERVING KIDS SIGNATURE 5

CLASSES FOR THE 07-08 WINTER SEASON



WHAT: Park City Mountain Resort is now accepting reservations for its Kid's Mountain School. The Kids Signature 5 Program is the only one in the country that guarantees class sizes of five or fewer, so kids from ages six to 14 build friendships and get the individual attention they deserve. Advance reservations are essential for Kids Signature 5 programs throughout the ski season, and especially during the December holiday, Martin Luther King weekend, Presidents' Day week and spring break timeframes.

WHEN: Reservations for Park City Mountain Resort Kid's Mountain School are available now!

HOW: Reservation can be made online at www.parkcitymountain.com. Just click on the Kids Signature 5 icon on the home page or call **800.227.2754**.

WHERE: Park City Mountain Resort, Park City, Utah.

BOATERS CAUTIONED ABOUT CARBON MONOXIDE DANGERS

Several recent cases of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning at Lake Powell have prompted the National Park Service and Utah State Parks to increase education and awareness of CO dangers.

In the most recent incident, 34 people aboard a houseboat near Bullfrog Marina were taken to an area clinic with symptoms of headaches, dizziness, and nausea. Twenty-two were treated for CO poisoning. Exhaust from a generator, which was left running throughout the night, is believed to be the cause.

Utah Boating Coordinator and former Lake Powell Boating Officer, Dave Harris, has responded to several serious CO poisonings.

"CO is colorless, odorless and tasteless, but can kill in a matter of seconds. It enters the bloodstream through the lungs and displaces the oxygen a body needs to breathe," said Harris.



Early symptoms of CO poisoning include: irritated eyes, headache, nausea and dizziness. Harris added that these symptoms are often confused with seasickness or intoxication. Prolonged exposure to low CO concentrations or very short exposure to high concentration levels can lead to death.

Boaters can be exposed to CO within the cabin area or other enclosed areas of the boat. Also, at the rear of the boat, on and around the swim platform is the area where high levels of CO have killed many boaters, often children.

Any boat with an engine and/or generator can endanger those on board under certain circumstances.

Tips for Boaters:

Educate everyone regarding CO poisoning, including danger zones

Place CO warning decals at the helm and swim platform

Never run the engine when your boat is stopped in the water

Assign an adult to watch swimmers even with the engine off

Schedule annual engine and exhaust system maintenance

Boats with cabins or enclosed areas should keep forward-facing hatches open to allow fresh air circulation

Do not confuse CO poisoning with seasickness, intoxication or heat stress.

Anyone with CO poisoning symptoms should be given fresh air and medical attention, if necessary

Install a CO detector in each accommodation space on your boat

For a CO Danger Brochure and additional information, please call 877-UT-PARKS or visit <http://stateparks.utah.gov/docs/CObro3.pdf> to download or request a printed copy.

National Wildlife Refuge System News

House passes Interior Appropriations bill, Senate to follow in July

The House of Representatives passed their Interior Appropriations bill on June 27th (H.R. 2643). It included the largest proposed budget for the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) in history, \$451 million. This is the amount appropriated in FY04, adjusted for inflation, and would be a \$56 million increase over the FY07 budget for refuges.

Also included within the bill were allocations for specific land acquisitions, listed below:

Upper Klamath Lake NWR, CA \$4.5 million

Key Deer NWR, FL \$1.044 million

Red River NWR, LA \$500,000

Silvio O. Conte NWR, MA \$1.5 million

Great Swamp NWR, NJ \$750,000

Highlands Conservation Act

(CT, NJ, NY, PA) \$2 million

Cape May NWR, NJ \$750,000

Balcones Canyonlands NWR, TX \$300,000

Rappahannock River Valley NWR, VA \$500,000

Back Bay NWR, VA \$500,000

Canaan Valley NWR, WV \$1 million

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed their version of the Interior Appropriations bill on June 21st (S. 1696). Unfortunately, while they did propose an increase to the National Wildlife Refuge System, it did not match the House's substantial increase. The Senate Appropriations Committee recommended funding the NWRS at \$414 million, just a \$19 million increase over FY07. The NWRS needs at least a \$15 million increase annually just to stay even, this amount would not allow the NWRS to address critical shortages in staffing, visitor services and habitat management. The full Senate is expected to vote on the Interior Appropriations bill later in July. After that, action will move to a Conference Committee where members from both the House and Senate will meet to hammer out the differences between the two bills.

NWRA and Friends nationwide will be working diligently with members of the Conference

Committee to make certain the final number is closer to the House recommendation of \$451 million and to ensure all proposed land acquisition funding proceeds.

Road To Nowhere - Izembek NWR, AK

June 20th, Representative Don Young (R-AK) introduced legislation (H.R. 2801) that would authorize a land exchange, paving the way for the construction of a multi-million dollar gravel road, connecting the villages of King Cove (pop 750) and Cold Bay (pop 80), carved through the heart of the Izembek NWR in Alaska. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) followed by introducing a mirror bill on June 21st (S. 1680). If constructed, this road would significantly harm global populations of migratory bird species and other wildlife at taxpayer expense.

Established in 1960 to protect habitat for the Pacific black brant, the 417,000-acre Izembek NWR is located on the Alaskan peninsula - with 95% designated as wilderness. Wildlife here is abundant, from brown bears, caribou and wolves to seals, seal lions and sea otters. At the heart of the refuge lies the 150 square mile Izembek lagoon, containing some of the largest eelgrass beds in the world, which the Pacific brant and other avian species depend upon for survival.

Citing concerns for public safety, the residents of King Cove argue that this road is necessary for access to the airport located in the community of Cold Bay in case of medical emergencies. However, in 1998 Congress denied road proponents a road through the Izembek NWR due to significant anticipated repercussions as noted in an Environmental Impact Statement. Instead, legislators appropriated \$37.5 million to fund a road-hovercraft link between the villages and improvements to the King Cove airstrip and clinic

On paper, the land exchange proposed in the legislation sounds good - the FWS would add over 61,000 acres to the Izembek NWR and nearby Alaska Peninsula NWR with over 45,000 of those designated as wilderness. In exchange, the state of Alaska would receive 206 acres to build the road. However, these 206 acres are the biological heart of the refuge and its destruction would have a severe impact on the birds and wildlife that depend on the refuge. More than 98% of the world's Pacific brant population fuel up on the eelgrass in the lagoon prior to their nonstop, 3000-mile trip to Mexico! And the nearby wetlands offer nesting sites for thousands of birds. A road through these sensitive lands will have profound impacts on wildlife and the proposed exchange lands would not provide comparable habitat value to compensate for this irreversible impact to fish, wildlife, and wetlands. It's not about quantity - it's about quality.

The NWRA, the Friends of Alaska NWRs and other conservation partners are working to educate decision makers that this is a problem that has already been solved by Congress in 1998 - to the tune of \$37.5 million of U.S. taxpayer dollars.

REPAIR Act Re-Introduced - Upper Miss Friend Testifies before Congress

The Refuge Ecology Protection, Assistance & Immediate Response (REPAIR) Act was reintroduced earlier this year to a new Congress on January 31st by Representative Ron Kind (D-

WI), long time supporter of our nation's Refuge System and one of four co-chairs of the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus. As reported in previous issues of the Capitol Flyer, this legislation was first introduced in October 2006 and was the first bill to be introduced by the newly formed Wildlife Refuge Caucus. H.R. 767 seeks to effectively combat invasive species on national wildlife refuges. Invasives are non-native plants and animals that have been introduced to an area, and in many cases, wrecking havoc on native wildlife and alerting the ecosystem.



On June 21st, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans held a hearing on the REPAIR act at the request of Congressman Kind, a member of the subcommittee. Asked to speak about the damages invasives have caused on national wildlife refuges, the subcommittee heard from Ken Visger, an active angler and member of the Friends of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge. Ken used personal stories of his time on the river to illustrate the damages invasives have caused to one of America's icons, the mighty Mississippi River. The members of the subcommittee in attendance were amused, informed and immediately able to grasp the enormity of the damage invasives have caused by listening to Ken's testimony. Further, they were able to

learn firsthand how dedicated volunteers can help stop the spread of invasives, a key component of the REPAIR Act.

The REPAIR Act would set in law a program successfully promoted by the NWRA with Congress over the past 4 years that provides grants to facilitate the involvement of volunteers and outside organizations such as Friends groups in battling invasive species. In 2002, NWRA's Silent Invasion report (visit www.refugenet.org to download) sounded the clarion call for countering invasives on refuges and recommended mobilizing the tens of thousands of refuge volunteers across the country to assist with control and monitoring. To date, Congress has allocated \$3 million for volunteer invasives programs and an addition \$1 million is included in FY08 House Interior Appropriations bill.

NWRA is strongly supportive of the legislation and will work with Friends nationwide and members of the Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus to ensure it moves through the legislative process.

Bill to fund National Wildlife Refuge System

On June 14th, Representative Don Young (R-AK) introduced legislation outlining a proposal to increase funding for the National Wildlife Refuge System by asking the public to shoulder the

cost. While the idea to assist the NWRS is indeed a noble one, the bill has faults and we cannot endorse it.

H.R. 2735, the "National Wildlife Refuge System Operations Enhancement Act of 2007," has three main components. First, it would increase the cost of a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, also known as the "Duck Stamp" from its current price of \$15 to \$25 by 2010. The money generated for each stamp sold over \$15 would be used to help fund operations and maintenance of the NWRS. The \$15 on each stamp sold would be used as it is currently, to fund land acquisitions for the refuge system. Second, the bill would authorize a special postage stamp, issued for at least 3 years, to be sold by the U.S. Postal Service with proceeds going directly to the NWRS. And third, the bill would authorize a "check-off" of \$1 on federal tax returns that would designate contributions to the NWRS.

We applaud Representative Young for sincere interest in helping the Refuge System counter massive funding shortfalls, but are concerned that programs such as those proposed in this legislation will take the onus off appropriators to meet their obligation to the System. We believe it is fundamentally the responsibility of the federal government to adequately fund our public lands through the existing tax base.

Proposal to Protect Border Refuges

On June 6th, Representative Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) introduced legislation aimed at securing our borders while conserving the diverse wildlife and natural resources found there. As reported in the June 2007 issue of Capitol Flyer, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) must build 700 miles of physical fencing, as part of the "Secure Fence Act", along the U.S./Mexico border by the end of 2008. This fence could affect six refuges on the borders of Texas, Arizona and California and harm numerous species that would be devastated by a wall. The "Borderlands Conservation and Security Act of 2007" seeks to give the Border Patrol and DHS the tools they need to combat illegal immigration with the flexibility to determine exactly the best way to do so in specific locations.

Currently, the Secure Fence Act requires the fencing to be a double-layer, reinforced wall along sections of the southern border stretching from outside San Diego, CA to Brownsville, TX. Local communities, state and local decision makers and even some Border Patrol officials have expressed concern that the Secure Fence Act may not afford them the flexibility they need to work in the most efficient and successful manner. The Borderlands Conservation and Security Act would allow DHS and Border Patrol officials the ability to choose the most appropriate form of security at specific locations. In many cases, virtual fencing, comprised of cameras, motion detectors and vehicle barriers, may be the most viable option giving Border Patrol agents more time to react while also having a smaller impact on delicate ecosystems. Further, the bill would require DHS to consult with federal land managers and local decision makers to ensure whatever security measures are enacted best protects the local economy, environment and culture. Finally, the bill would require DHS to comply with important laws that protect people's health, the environment and worker safety. Currently, the DHS is able to waive any federal, state or local laws to construct such walls.

The NWRA and our conservation partners are working to ensure this important bill is brought before the Congress.

Take our Refuge Habitat Conservation Survey!

Test your knowledge - your participation would be part of a national survey research project designed to inform the NWRA about how best to pursue habitat conservation on refuges. The survey found at the link below is a 5-minute, 23-question survey designed to help the National Wildlife Refuge Association better serve and understand their members. Your participation in this survey is voluntary, and you are free to refuse to take part. You may discontinue the survey at any time. You may also choose not to answer specific questions on the survey. All responses are confidential and your anonymity is always maintained. The survey does NOT record any personal identifying information, such as name, address, phone number, email address, or Social Security number. All of the information that you provide will be kept strictly confidential.

Take the Survey!

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=MNrK0dOkRFWc2k_2bysIDCmg_3d_3d

Take Action!

You can make your voice heard by utilizing the Refuge Action Network (RAN), a free, fast and easy way to respond to important national wildlife refuge alerts. Using the RAN system, you can send an e-mail or fax (even if you don't own a fax machine) to your elected officials with a click or two of your mouse. Just visit refugenet.e-actionmax.com to get started.

Please visit the NWRA Web site at www.refugenet.org and click on "Take Action" for more information.

NEWELL, KOOS, RANDALL LEAD 2008 U.S. CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Largest Team in 16 years

PARK CITY, Utah (July 12) - World Cup podium performers Andy Newell (Shaftsbury, VT), Torin Koos (Leavenworth, WA) and Kikkan Randall (Anchorage, AK) lead a 16-member U.S. Cross Country Ski Team named for the 2008 season.

The Team of six men and 10 women includes eight Olympians, U.S. Nordic Director Luke Bodensteiner said. It's the largest cross country squad since the 18-member Team named for the 1992 Olympic season.

Newell posted the first U.S. podium in 23 years after the 2006 Olympics in Torino, finishing third in the first World Cup race in [China](#) and ended the 2007 season sixth in World Cup sprint standings. Randall tore over an icy, sprint course in [Russia](#) last January for the first World Cup

podium by a U.S. woman and Koos was third the next weekend in [Estonia](#). Together, they marked the first time since 1984 that the U.S. Ski Team had three podium athletes in cross country.

"We have a dedicated group of talented athletes, and we feel we're on the right path as we continue to prepare for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver," Bodensteiner said. "We've been predominantly a men's team for several years, and Andy and Torin as well Kris Freeman [Andover, NH] and Chris Cook [Rhineland, WI], have given us some outstanding results, but now we're seeing that dynamic change a bit.

"Even our rookies are performing..."

"We have more women on the Team than men now, and every one of these athletes has had strong international results at their level. Kikkan, of course, had the first World Cup top-3 for an American woman in cross country last season and we had strong results at the U-23s [Under-23 World Championships] and Junior Worlds...so even our rookies are performing at a high level."

The 2008 U.S. Cross Country Ski Team (including date of birth, hometown and club program; * indicates Olympian):

A Team

Chris Cook (6/15/80; Rhineland, WI; Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation)*
Kris Freeman (10/14/80; Andover, NH; Andover Outing Club)*
Torin Koos (7/19/80; Leavenworth, WA; Leavenworth Winter Sports Club)*
Andy Newell (11/30/83; Shaftsbury, VT; Stratton Mountain School)*
Kikkan Randall (12/31/82; Anchorage, AK; Alaska Pacific University Nordic)*

B Team

Morgan Arritola (5/13/86; Fairfield, ID; Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation)
Rosie Brennan (12/2/88; Park City, UT; National Sports Foundation)
Lindsey Weier Dehlin (7/2/84; Mahtomedi, MN; Northern Michigan University)*
Matt Gelso (7/18/88; Truckee, CA; Auburn Ski Club/University of Colorado)
Taz Mannix (6/14/86; Talkeetna, AK; Alaska Pacific University Nordic)
Morgan Smith (2/10/86; Vernon, VT; Northern Michigan University)
Liz Stephen (1/12/87; East Montpelier, VT; Burke Mountain Academy)
Alexa Turzian (8/13/88; Sun Valley, ID; Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation)
Laura Valaas (3/2/84; Wenatchee, WA; Alaska Pacific University Nordic)
Lindsay Williams (6/16/84; Hastings, MN; Northern Michigan University)*
Leif Zimmermann (10/3/83; Bozeman, MT; Bridger Nordic)*

The Ski Team, which is based in Park City during the preseason with athletes training daily, concluded a two-week camp last month in Oregon, blending on-snow skiing at Mt. Bachelor with dryland training on the Pacific coast. The annual three-week, on-snow camp in New Zealand, providing midwinter conditions begins later this month.

"We've put a premium on opening opportunities for more developing athletes in the last couple of seasons, and these athletes have responded. But we also need to continue to grow the scope of

this program if it's going to become as good as it truly can be. We're aiming to continue the growth of the World Cup Team and are also looking at ways to extend our reach further into development," Bodensteiner said.

The World Cup schedule opens Oct. 27-28 in Dusseldorf, Germany - which attracts hundreds of thousands over the weekend for races along the Rhine River on machine-made snow that has been trucked in from outside the city. Included this season is a stop Jan. 22-26 for four races on the 1988 Olympic trails in Canmore, Alberta. "We had an enthusiastic group of fans in Canmore for World Cup races before the 2006 Olympics in Torino when we had five skiers scoring points [i.e., top-30 finishes] and it would be great to have some fans again," he added.

The schedule also has stops in Rybinsk, Russia - where Rand all produced her podium last January - and the wild enthusiasm of Otepaeae, Estonia, where Koos was third and Newell fourth a week later.

Foundation plans trips to Otepaeae, Holmenkollen

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team Foundation is sponsoring separate trips to two of the most energized European World Cup sites - Feb. 6-11 to Otepaeae, Estonia, and March 4-10 to the renowned Holmenkollen Ski Festival in Oslo, Norway. Otepaeae has been referred to as "a nordic tailgating party" and Bodensteiner will share host guide duties with Kristina Smigun, Estonia's national heroine after becoming a double champion at the 2006 Olympics in Italy. They'll provide a gold-medal, behind-the-scenes tour of the World Cup activities plus a couple of pleasing side trips.

In Oslo, Bodensteiner again will help guide participants to the full range of cross country, jumping and nordic combined World Cup action, but he'll have the assistance of two of Norway's greatest skiing heroes: Bjorn Daehlie and Vegard Ulvang. Daehlie holds the records for 29 Olympics and World Championships medals (12 Olympics medals - eight gold, 17 Worlds medals, nine gold) plus five World Cup titles while Ulvang, double gold medalist at the 1992 Olympics, finished with 14 medals plus the 1990 World Cup championship. For details on the visit to Holmenkollen or Otepaeae, contact: <http://foundation.uskiteam.com/trips.html>.

The annual SuperTour, with 20-plus races provides opportunities for top-level competition in addition to the World Cup or European races. The SuperTour schedule will open over Thanksgiving Weekend (Nov. 23-24) in West Yellowstone, MT.

Laura Valaas, who won nine of 10 sprints en route to the SuperTour sprint title, also collected the first U.S. women's medal at the [U-23 Championships](#), finishing second in the classic technique sprint. [Liz Stephen](#) and [Rosie Brennan](#) turned-in top-10 results at Junior W orlds.

Bodensteiner said a world-class coaching staff - from Head Coach Pete Vordenberg through three-time Olympian and World Cup Coach Justin Wadsworth, Sprint Coach Chris Grover and development coaches Matt Whitcomb and Pat Casey - is a cornerstone to the Team's success. "This is the second season under this staff and I'm still amazed every day at the vigor and professionalism with which they attack this sport," Bodensteiner said.

"It's an outstanding staff. We have the talent and now we have a much better idea of how to prepare these athletes...and they're clearly going to get better."

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



VOLUNTEER! MILL D NORTH FORK TRAIL PROJECT

Saturday, August 4th, 8am

Volunteers are needed to help improve one of our cherished Wasatch trails! Join forces with REI, the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation and the community for a half day of trail maintenance. All necessary tools and supervision will be provided, as well as a light breakfast, lunch and a free REI T-shirt to all participants. We will meet at 8:00am for a quick breakfast and training session, and

will work until noon to remove rocks, and widen & grade the trail. Participants must be over the age of eighteen and in good physical health. Please register in advance by calling REI SLC's customer service department at 486-2100 or email an RSVP to Eric Spreng at espreng@rei.com. For directions and additional information, please visit http://www.rei.com/stores/store_events.jsp?store=19. More information about the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation can be viewed at www.cottonwoodcanyons.org.

SANDY CITY - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Sandy City REI store. REI is located at 10600 South & 230 West in the northwest corner of the South Towne Mall property. For more information, please call (801) 501-0850 or visit our website at www.rei.com and click on the *stores & events* link.

POLES FOR TREKKING HIKING AND WALKING & HIKING HALF DOME

Thursday, August 9th, 7pm

Stop in to REI this evening for a pair of exciting presentations. At 7pm, practice with top quality poles and learn to engage specific upper body/core muscles to reduce knee stress, to improve endurance, power and posture, to avoid hand strain, and to facilitate a total body workout while hiking or walking. Presented by Jayah Faye Paley, the creator of our Award-winning DVD: **HIKING POLES ~ Techniques & Tips for ALL Ages and Abilities.**

At 8pm, join Rick Deutsch, author of *One Best Hike: Yosemite's Half Dome*. Rising 4,737 feet above the valley floor, Half Dome is Yosemite National Park's signature landmark. With conditioning and commitment, nearly anyone can safely complete the 16-mile hike to its summit and back. Check out the slides and information on this spectacular day hike.

GPS 101

Thursday, August 16th, 7pm

A Global Positioning System is a fun and accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join REI navigation expert, Dan Stites, as he unveils the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover an introduction to the GPS system, types of GPS receivers and their common use, and basic GPS functions. An excellent primer for people looking to get started with GPS use.

BASIC BICYCLE MAINTENANCE

Thursday, August 23rd, 7pm

Maintaining your road or mountain bike can be a daunting task when you don't know where to begin. The most that people will have done is change a flat tire or put some oil on their chain. The purpose of this clinic is to demystify the challenge of keeping your bicycle in good working order.

SALT LAKE CITY - The following presentations are offered free of charge to the public at the Salt Lake City REI store. REI is located at 3285 East & 3300 South. For more information, please call 486-2100 or visit our website at www.rei.com and click on the *stores & events* link and select Salt Lake City.

GPS 101

Tuesday, July 31st, 7pm

A Global Positioning System is a fun and accurate tool that can help you navigate through backcountry terrain or even down city streets. Join REI navigation expert John Higgins as he unveils the mysteries of this fun and fascinating piece of technology. This presentation will cover an introduction to the GPS system, types of GPS receivers and their common use, and basic GPS functions. An excellent primer for people looking to get started with GPS use.

HALF DOME: A PRIMER ON HIKING TO THE SUMMIT

Wednesday, August 8th, 7pm

Rising 4,737 feet above the valley floor, Half Dome is Yosemite National Park's signature landmark. With conditioning and commitment, nearly anyone can safely complete the 16-mile hike to its summit and back. Join Rick Deutsch, author of *One Best Hike: Yosemite's Half Dome*, for slides and information on this spectacular day hike. Don't miss the chance to learn how to prepare for this 10-to 12-hour adventure from a seasoned hiker, who has made it to Half Dome's summit 20 times!

ACROSS THE ATLAS ALASKAN ADVENTURE

Tuesday, August 14th, 7pm

In August of 2006, six adventurers completed an exhilarating, arduous and selfless journey through the undiscovered Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. The team traversed the refuge's remote and rugged terrain by trekking, climbing, skiing and paddling inflatable canoes down the Kongakut River to the Arctic Sea, all for the sake of a tremendous cause. The primary goal of this journey was to promote efforts to protect wildlife, preserve the ecosystem and prevent commercial invasion of this environmentally precarious land, while simultaneously

benefiting the Colorado Cancer Foundation. Hear the adventurers share their intimate experience of union with the ancestral history and incredible wildlife of an area seen by only 5,000 people since earth was formed.

LIFE IN STONE: THE LONG AND EXTRAORDINARY HISTORY OF LIFE IN OUR BACKYARD

Tuesday, August 21st, 7pm

If you've ever wondered what creatures wandered this area before you got here, or if you just can't keep your hands off of rocks and fossils when you see them, you're a paleontologist at heart. Paleontologists study the ancient life of our planet, and the Four Corners region of the United States has an incredible long and rich history of life, from some of the most primitive living organisms in the waters of ancient seas, to massive dinosaurs and beyond. From the Grand Canyon to the Uinta Basin, an incredible story of almost 2 billion years of life history unfolds right in our own backyard. Join paleontologist and author Christa Sadler on a visual journey throughout the region to meet some of the creatures that swam, slithered, stomped and soared their way through our ancient history. Ms. Sadler will bring her extensive collection of fossils to enjoy before and after the show, and she will sign copies of her publications.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY THE ITALIAN WAY

Tuesday, August 28th, 7pm

Joel Addams presents the basics of digital SLR photography the Italian way. Journey through Venice, Tuscany, and Cinque Terre as Joel describes the timing, set up, composition, exposure, and equipment needed to transform your travel photography into fine art. Several tips and techniques of digital photography will be discussed as well as accessory equipment specifically for foreign travel and backpacking.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT REI:

KIDS PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE PROGRAM

May through August

Looking for a great way to get the entire family outdoors this summer? Now through Labor Day, REI's *Passport to Adventure* program invites kids aged five to 12, and their parents to go on three kid-sized, family-friendly hikes and bike rides recommended by local REI employees. Information for parents describing each of the hikes – none of which are too difficult for families new to hiking or cycling – along with driving directions and helpful tips are available at REI's customer service counter. While in the store, kids can pick up their own special passport-style Adventure Journal to jot down field notes, attach photos, create drawings, play games such as "Animal Tracks Match" and "Hiking Haiku!" and capture their thoughts about each hike. In addition to the keepsake Adventure Journal, children who successfully complete three adventures can have their "passport" stamped and will receive a free *Passport to Adventure* water bottle, as well as a certificate of completion commemorating their accomplishment. Parents can also enter for a chance to win a Novara child's bike or a children's REI Comet backpack.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

JUPITER PEAK STEEPLECHASE

Saturday, August 11th, 8am

An endurance race for the Trail Warrior! A 16 mile trail run from the base of Park City Mountain Resort (7,000') to Jupiter Peak (10,000') and back. There will be five water stops but carrying water is encouraged. Race start/finish, registration, and parking are all at the Legacy Lodge at the Park City Mountain Resort. Cost is \$25 through August 10, 5 p.m. \$30 on race day. Please see the Mountain Trails Foundation webpage at www.mountaintrails.org for more information.



ULCER (UTAH LAKE CENTURY EPIC RIDE)

Saturday, August 11th, 7:30am

A 33, 67, or 100 mile road ride around Utah Lake! The ride will begin and end at the Electric Park Pavilion at Thanksgiving Point. Riders on the Epic Century Course will travel through Lehi, American Fork and make their way to Utah Lake traveling clockwise around the lake and back to the pavilion at Electric Park. Lunch will be served at

Goshen (Mile 66). Riders on the 33-mile and 67-mile courses will complete an out and back ride on the east side of the lake. Registration Fee for the ride is \$42 if postmarked by August 4th and \$55 After August 4th. Please visit www.bbtc.net for more information and registration.



UTAH RIVERS COUNCIL/REI JORDAN RIVER PADDLE

Wednesday, August 15th, 5:30pm

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

OGDEN PADDLE FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 25th, 10am-5pm



Ogden is holding the 1st Annual Ogden City Paddle Festival at Pineview Reservoir at Middle Inlet Beach. The Festival is an opportunity for area residents and local vendors to celebrate rivers and recreation, offering families a chance to explore new skills together in a fun outdoor environment. Local residents and visitors will be able to learn to paddle a kayak, row a scull, sail, or cast a fly rod and visit vendors booths while listening to live music!

At the Festival, anyone six and older can learn to paddle, row, and sail or fly fish. Participants will enjoy a variety of new recreational, whitewater and flat water kayaks, canoes, sculls, and sailboats in a supportive and safe setting. Rounding out the experience will be live music, children's activities, great food and a raffle. All proceeds benefit

the Utah Rivers Council. Location is Pineview Reservoir Middle Inlet Beach. Cost is \$10 adults, \$5 youth, \$15 per couple and \$20 families. Visit www.ogdencity.com for more information.

CLASSES:

STAY SAFE IN THE OUTDOORS: BASIC WILDERNESS LIFE SUPPORT CLASS

Saturday, August 4th 9:30am at REI SLC

Created for all outdoor enthusiasts, the Basic Wilderness Life Support® certification is a one day course designed to help you prevent and treat injuries and illnesses common in outdoor activities. Developed at the University of Utah, School of Medicine the course will teach you to prepare for your outing, assess injuries and scene safety, decide whether to evacuate or treat a patient, and methods of evacuation. The curriculum was developed from our advanced course used to train medical professionals and will be taught by one of our certified instructors. The course includes morning lectures at REI Salt Lake City and an afternoon outdoors (weather permitting)

participating in hands on scenarios. At the end of the day you will receive your BWLS certificate. Cost is \$95 per person. Please register by calling REI's customer service department at (801) 486-2100. <http://www.bwls.org>

REI GPS NAVIGATION DAY

Saturday, August 11th, 9am at REI SLC

Spend a day outdoors and an hour indoors with REI GPS experts to learn how to use your GPS unit in the field. Participants should have some familiarity with GPS and/or have attended REI's GPS 101 evening clinic. You'll practice finding your way from point A to point B, first establishing where you are, and then where you want to go. Learn route-finding skills, such as: how to transfer waypoints from your PC to your GPS unit, how to use the U.T.M. grid system vs. latitude and longitude coordinates, and how to create your own custom maps. Please sign up in person or by phone at our REI SLC location at 801-486-2100. Tuition is \$15 REI members, \$30 non-members.

Six Manufacturers & Retailers Honored with New Anglers' Legacy Leadership Award

Awards Presented at July 11th ICAST Chairman's Industry Awards Reception

ALEXANDRIA, VA (July 12, 2007) – The Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation ([RBFF](#)) today is announcing the winners of a new award presented at last night's [ICAST](#) Chairman's Industry Awards Reception in Las Vegas, NV. Bass Pro Shops, BASS/ESPN Outdoors, FISHHER, Penn Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Company, The Red Drum Tackle Shop, Inc. and Shimano American Corporation were honored with the Anglers' Legacy Leadership Award for outstanding promotion of the program and exceptional achievement in encouraging anglers to "Take the Pledge."

"We'd like to recognize our partners for their efforts to promote Anglers' Legacy and remind everyone of the impact that one pledge alone can have," said RBFF President and CEO Frank Peterson. "New survey results show us that each Anglers' Legacy Ambassador generates about \$120 in fishing tackle and equipment sales. If we can get one million pledges, we can generate \$120 million for the industry and to the extent that we can get the industry behind us, we will significantly increase sales and participation."

Bass Pro Shops organized an in-store pledge drive with Anglers' Legacy sign-up stations in each one of their stores. Promoted through special signage and at their store grand openings, those who Take the Pledge using the Bass Pro Shops partner code are entered into a drawing to win a Johnny Morris Signature Series baitcast rod and reel combo.

BASS/ESPN Outdoors sponsored an Anglers' Legacy pledge drive that places individuals who enter a special promotion code when taking the Pledge into a sweepstakes. Promoted through Web banners, new member and member renewal kit inserts and full page ads in *Bassmaster* Magazine, the Grand Prize includes a trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL and a fishing excursion with *Bassmaster* Magazine Editor James Hall.

Fishing pro Linda Berry, on behalf of **FISHHER**, personally promoted the Anglers' Legacy program, collecting pledges at the Bassmaster Classic, Bassmaster American and Women's Bassmaster Tournaments.

Penn Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Company has promoted the Anglers' Legacy program through Web banners and links, generating a significant amount of Web traffic to the Anglers' Legacy.org Web site.

The Red Drum Tackle Shop, Inc. in Buxton, NC has included a link to AnglersLegacy.org on their Web site and added a personal touch to the program by promoting it in-store through conversations with customers. Red Drum's efforts have also generated a significant amount of Web traffic for AnglersLegacy.org.

Shimano American Corporation took Anglers' Legacy on the road as part of their nationwide fishing tour and held an Anglers' Legacy banner signing for its employees.

Anglers' Legacy was launched in May 2006 targeting the country's estimated 7.5 million avid anglers. Through media ads and coverage, pro-staff and celebrity angler involvement and industry partnerships, the campaign asks avid anglers to share their passion for fishing and drives them to AnglersLegacy.org where they're asked to

"Take the Pledge" – promising to take one new person fishing each year. In its first year, the program has garnered nearly 10,000 pledges.



For more information about the program, visit AnglersLegacy.org or call RBFF at (703) 519-0013.

I Just Saw a Bear. Should I Report It?

Three weeks after a fatal bear attack in north-central Utah, black bears are still being spotted across the state.

And with weeks of summer left to go, there's no reason to believe the number of bear sightings will go down anytime soon.

Which brings up a question: if you see a bear, should you report it to someone? And who should you report it to?

DWR wants to know

If you see a bear, Kevin Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources, asks you to err on the side of caution.

“If you see a bear that’s acting in a way that concerns you, or you see a bear in an area that people visit on a regular basis, please call us,” Bunnell says. “After learning what you saw, we’ll decide what action to take.”

Bunnell also encourages you to report the sighting as soon as possible.

“The faster we can respond to a bear sighting, the greater chance we have of handling the situation quickly and efficiently. A quick call also gives us a better chance of finding the right bear,” he says.

“Letting us know as soon as possible is better for you and the bear.”

Who to call

Calling the nearest DWR office is the quickest way to report a sighting. However, if you need to report bear activity in the evening or on a weekend, call the nearest police department. The department will dispatch a DWR conservation officer to the area.

DWR office telephone numbers are as follows (the offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays):

Ogden office –
(801) 476-2740

Salt Lake City
office – (801)
538-4700

Springville office
– (801) 491-5678

Vernal office –
(435) 781-9453

Price office –
(435) 636-0260

Cedar City office
– (435) 865-6100



Free bear safety brochure

Campers and cabin owners are reminded to keep their campsites and cabin areas clean and to never intentionally feed bears.

More information about how to stay safe in black bear country is available in the DWR’s free “Living in Black Bear Country” brochure. The brochure is available on the Web at wildlife.utah.gov/bear and at any DWR office.

Chance to Buy a Second Elk Permit Starts July 26

If spending some extra time hunting elk in Utah this fall sounds good to you, mark July 26 on your calendar.

That's when cow elk permits not taken in this year's Utah Antlerless Draw go on sale.

"Hunters can have two elk permits in Utah, but at least one of those permits must be a cow elk permit," says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"Allowing elk hunters to have at least one cow elk permit is a 'win-win' for everyone," Tutorow says. "It helps keep Utah's elk herds within their population objective by increasing the chance that enough cow elk will be taken. It also gives hunters a chance to spend some extra time in the field."

Tutorow says the following hunters are eligible to obtain a second elk permit:

* If you obtain a cow elk permit in Utah's antlerless draw, you can obtain a second cow elk permit beginning July 26.

* If you've already obtained a bull elk or a hunter's choice elk permit, but you haven't obtained a cow elk permit yet, you can obtain a cow elk permit beginning July 26.

* If you haven't obtained any elk permits by July 26, you can obtain two cow elk permits. Please remember that if you obtain two cow elk permits, you can't buy a bull elk or a hunter's choice elk permit this year (you can't have three elk permits).

If you draw a cow elk permit in the antlerless draw, but you haven't obtained a bull elk or a hunter's choice elk permit yet, you have another option. Instead of buying a second cow permit, you can buy a bull elk or a hunter's choice elk permit.

Cow elk permits on sale July 26

Permits not taken in this year's Antlerless Draw will be available July 26 at the DWR's Web site (wildlife.utah.gov), from more than 350 hunting license agents across Utah and at DWR offices.

Permits will be available at the Web site and at DWR offices starting at 8 a.m. Hunting license agents will open their doors during their regular business hours, so the hours when you can buy a permit from them will vary.

"If you're interested in buying a permit from a license agent, I'd encourage you to contact the agent before July 26 so you'll know when they'll open for business that day," Tutorow says.

Mostly private lands

Most of the permits that will be available on July 26 are for hunts that occur mostly on private land. "Before you buy a permit for a hunt that occurs on private land, I'd encourage you

to get written permission from the landowner,” Tutorow says. “That way, if you obtain the permit, you know you’ll be able to use it.”

A permits list is available at wildlife.utah.gov/hunting. Once you’ve entered that part of the Web site, click on the “2007 big game remaining permits” selection to see the list.

Tutorow says hunters can have two elk permits in any of the following combinations:

- * One bull elk permit and one cow elk permit;
- * Two cow elk permits; or,
- * One hunter’s choice permit and one cow elk permit.

You may NOT obtain two bull elk permits, or a bull elk permit and a hunter’s choice permit.