

## No Fishing or Camping at Mill Hollow Reservoir

*Reservoir drained; campground closed*

There won't be any fishing or camping at a popular north-central Utah reservoir this Memorial Day weekend.

Mill Hollow Reservoir has been drained so repairs can be made to its dam. The reservoir is a popular fishing and camping spot off SR-35 near Francis and Woodland.

Work to repair and improve the dam will continue for the next 18 months. The reservoir will not be stocked with fish until after the project is completed in fall 2008.



Although there is some water in the reservoir from the spring runoff, there are no fish in the reservoir.

The Mill Hollow campground is also being renovated and repaired. The campground will remain closed until 2009.

For more information, contact the U.S. Forest Service at (435) 654-0470 or the Division of Wildlife Resources at (801) 491-5678.

### **Coming to you in the Month of June: Utah Native Plant Month with Utah's Choice!!**

The INPGA is petitioning the Governor's Office to designate **June 2007 Utah Native Plant Month**.

#### **Declaration**

**Whereas**, the native plant communities of the State of Utah are a unique and defining part of Utah's natural heritage;

**Whereas**, increased awareness and use of native plants is fundamental to water conservation, habitat preservation and successful gardening;

**Whereas,** growing and cultivating native plant communities in our residential, municipal and commercial landscapes promotes and enhances our regional sense of place;

**Whereas,** the beauty, diversity and resilience of Utah native plants contribute much to the State's image in the nation and beyond;

**Whereas,** through research, education and advocacy, members of Utah's green industry unite;

**Now, Therefore,** I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare **June 2007**, as **Utah Native Plant Month**

and encourage the citizens of Utah to actively foster and support the use of Utah native plants in their gardens and landscapes.

### **New Fishing Pond opens in Herriman**

A brand new community fishing pond -- Cove Pond -- will open in Herriman this Saturday, May 26.

When these new community ponds open, the fishing is usually fast and furious!

The community ponds also draw a lot of kids and families: with Memorial Day weekend and the high price of gas, we anticipate a big crowd at the pond on Saturday.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at noon.

If you'd like more info. about what should be a fun Memorial Day weekend event, please contact Drew Cushing with the DWR at 230-6119 or Danie Bills with Herriman City at 557-0345.

Directions to the pond:

From I-15, take Bangerter Highway exit 289, and travel west to 13400 S. Head west to 6400 W., turn south and travel on 6400 W. (Rose Canyon Road). Turn west at 13875 S., and continue on Rose Canyon Rd. to about 6900 W. The pond and parking are on the south side of the road.



- Fishing Report: available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php) or in the attached reports

## Two Weeks, Three Encounters with Black Bears

*People encouraged to keep their campsites and cabin areas clean*

Springville -- People have encountered black bears in north-central Utah three times in just the last two weeks.

With Memorial Day weekend approaching, Division of Wildlife Resources biologists are reminding people to keep their campsites and cabin sites clean.



The encounters happened in Provo Canyon, Park City and near Strawberry Reservoir, but encounters like this could happen almost anywhere in the state.

“Food is the number one reason bears and people come into conflict,” says Steve Gray, a wildlife

specialist with the DWR. “We always say that a fed bear is a dead bear—and for good reason.”

Gray says bears have an extremely keen sense of smell. That sense of smell helps them survive by helping them find food. When the food they find is leftover food scraps or trash, however, the outcome usually isn't good.

“We simply must keep our campsites and cabin sites clean,” Gray says. “The DWR has a strict bear policy that we've put into place to protect the public. Unfortunately, in accordance with that policy, we had to euthanize one of the bears from last week's incidents.”

Gray is referring to an incident in Bryant's Fork, near Strawberry Reservoir.



DWR conservation officers say people living in a cabin in the area accidentally burned a meal they were cooking. They opened the windows and doors of the cabin to let the smoke out and then took a short hike to allow the cabin to ventilate.

When they returned to the cabin, they saw that the screen on the front door was destroyed. They peeked inside the cabin and saw a black bear in the kitchen. The bear also saw them and darted through a window screen and into the woods.

When conservation officers arrived, they found that the bear was still near the cabin. They tried to scare the bear away by firing cracker (noise-making) shells at it from a shotgun. The bear wouldn't leave the area and showed no fear of people.

After several attempts to scare it away, and because several people, including young children, live in the cabin community, the officers decided to euthanize the bear.

In another incident, DWR biologists received a report that a black bear was visiting a dumpster in the Vivian Park community in Provo Canyon.

The biologists arrived and set up a bear trap near the dumpster. (The trap is made of culvert pipe with a door that closes behind a bear as it enters the trap.)

As biologists finished setting up the trap, and placing bait in and around it, they spotted the bear only 20 yards away. Gray says the beautiful, blonde-colored black bear was simply a young,

16-month-old bear that had been driven off by its mother so she could breed again and have other cubs.



The bear was a first-time visitor to the area and didn't exhibit any threatening behavior. It eventually walked into the trap, and the biologists trapped it and quickly relocated it.

Biologists also chased another bear away in Park City last week. The bear was spotted near Kimball Junction and close to several Park City shopping areas. The bear ran into the mountains and hasn't been seen since.

“These three incidents are examples of the different results that can occur when bears encounter people,” Gray says. “Unfortunately, we had to destroy the bear that was attracted to human food, showed no fear of people and wouldn’t leave the area.”

## **Safety Tips**

Safety tips and a brochure titled “Living in Black Bear Country” are available for free at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/bear](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/bear). You can also obtain this information by calling the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office.

## **Howdy from Ryan Shupe & the RubberBand!**

The **Annual Sandy Amphitheater show** is just around the corner...

Spread the Word, grab your friends and come check out the show.

**We will debut some never-before-heard songs!**

Get your tickets soon because last year's show was sold out, and the tickets for this year's show are going fast!

We are performing **June 8** in **Sandy, UT**

at the **Sandy Amphitheater**

(9400 South 1300 East Sandy, UT)

Doors open at 7:00 pm, show starts at

**8:00 PM**

Call 801-568-2787 for tickets

or visit [www.smithstix.com](http://www.smithstix.com)

Also, **May 9**, we will be performing in

**Rexburg, ID**

at the **BYU Idaho Hart Auditorium**

the show starts at **7:30 PM**

Call 1-800-717-4257 or 208-496-2230

for tickets

or visit [www.byui.edu/CenterStage](http://www.byui.edu/CenterStage)



Check out our website [www.shupe.net](http://www.shupe.net) for the messageboard, journal entries, pictures and more tour dates

## **Fish for Free on June 9**

A free day of fishing and fun awaits June 9, as Utah hosts its annual Free Fishing Day. You won’t need a fishing license to fish in the state that day.

“Fishing is an activity that everyone in your family can enjoy,” says Roger Wilson, coldwater fisheries coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. “We offer Free Fishing Day every year to attract people to an activity that can make the time they spend in the outdoors even more rewarding.”

Before Free Fishing Day, DWR personnel will stock extra fish into waters across the



state. Wilson says most of the fish will be placed in lakes and reservoirs.

Wilson reminds anglers that while they don't need a license to fish on June 9, all of the other regulations in the 2007 Utah Fishing Guide

will still be in effect. Anglers, especially those who might be fishing for the first time, are encouraged to obtain a copy of the guide and learn the rules.

Guides are available at the DWR's Web site ([wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations](http://wildlife.utah.gov/proclamations)) and from fishing license agents and DWR offices.

**Several free fishing events for kids will be held on Free Fishing Day. Among those the DWR will be involved with are the following:**

#### **NORTH-CENTRAL UTAH**

##### **MIDWAY**

“Kid's Fishing Event,” Wasatch Mountain State Park pond, about 2 miles west of Midway.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Space is limited, and children who want to participate must register in advance by calling Wendy Wilson at (435) 654-1791.

The park's pond will be stocked with rainbow trout before the event. A presentation that teaches kids about fish and fishing will be given to participants beginning at 9 a.m. After completing the presentation, kids can fish at the pond. Volunteers from the Division of Wildlife Resource's Dedicated Hunter program will be available to help kids fish and to clean their fish.

Fishing poles, equipment and bait will be available for kids who don't have their own.

##### **PROVO**

The Second Annual Utah Lake Festival will be held at Utah Lake State Park.

Fishing equipment will be available for use at no charge, and a fishing workshop will be held at 10 a.m. in the state park's visitor center. At the workshop, expert anglers will share their fishing tips and great locations in Utah to fish, demonstrate their favorite lures and fishing techniques, and swap fishing stories with those who attend!

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., but fishing equipment will be available beginning at 7 a.m. Festival activities include free boat rides; a water ski show; a canoeing workshop and

excursions; a fishing simulator; vendor booths and arts activities for the kids; storytelling by Robert Carter; scrumptious food by Los Hermanos; live music from great local artists, and many other activities.



From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there is no fee to visit Utah Lake State Park and the festival. The festival offers a chance to get outside and enjoy Utah Lake, experience its many recreational opportunities and offerings, and learn about the lake's ecosystem, native species and the importance of stewardship of the lake.

For more information about the festival, please visit [www.junesuckerrecovery.org](http://www.junesuckerrecovery.org) or contact Bethany at (801) 364-0088, ext. 109.

## NORTHEASTERN UTAH

Three Free Fishing Day events for kids of all ages will be held in northeastern Utah.

### Events:

Pelican Lake, Uintah County, 8 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management, the Uintah Basin Bass Club, XRQ 94 Radio and the DWR.

Moose Ponds, Daggett County, 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the DWR.

Lower Stillwater Ponds on Rock Creek, Duchesne County. Should run from 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the DWR.

Boats will be available at Pelican Lake to take kids out on the water and give them a chance to fish from a boat. Participants should bring their own fishing poles if they have them, but a



limited number of poles will be available at the Pelican Lake and Moose Pond sites for those who don't have a pole but would like to try fishing. Fishing demonstrations will also be provided at the Pelican Lake and Moose Pond events.

All three events are "fun" events, and the organizers have arraigned for prizes and other give-aways for the younger children that drop by.

**For more information, contact any of the sponsors or the DWR's Vernal office at (435) 781-9453.**

## SOUTHWESTERN UTAH

### CEDAR CITY

The Division of Wildlife Resources will sponsor a fishing event at Kid's Pond on the Wood's Ranch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kids 12 years of age and younger are invited to come to the pond and fish for free. A fishing license is not required, and fishing equipment will be available for kids who don't have their own equipment. DWR personnel and volunteers will also be available to help kids fish.



Kids Pond is 12 miles outside of Cedar City, up Cedar Canyon (SR-14) above the Wood's Ranch pavilion.



For more information, call the DWR's Cedar City office at (435) 865-6100.

## **TROPIC**

Free Fishing Day at Tropic Reservoir near Bryce Canyon National Park.

This free event, which runs from 7:30 a.m. to noon, is for children of all ages. Activities include a casting contest where prizes will be awarded. Bait will be provided, and a limited number of fishing rods will be available. Those who have their own equipment are encouraged to bring it. Instructors also will be available to help beginning anglers.

To reach the reservoir, travel on SR-12 and turn south at the road to the King Creek Campground. The road to the campground is about three miles west of the junction to Bryce Canyon National Park off SR-12.

The event is sponsored by the Dixie National Forest, the Division of Wildlife Resources, Wal-Mart, and Coke and Pepsi distributors.

For more information, call Jake Schoppe at (435) 676-9300.

## **Lake Powell Fish Report**

By: Wayne Gustavson  
Lake Elevation: 3606

May 23, 2007  
Water Temperature: 66-73 F

It's good to see the lake rise beyond the predicted level for the year. There is still more water to come. Every additional foot of elevation beyond this point is a bonus. Big runoff (60,000 acre feet per day) has a definite impact on fishing. There is muddy, cold water in the river from Good Hope to Hite. That channel will be better fishing in June but should be avoided for the next two weeks. The canyons adjacent to the river channel are still excellent fishing.

The flood last October brought much driftwood that is now being floated from its resting place on shore. Expect floating debris in many places that have been clear water in years past. The backs of many canyons are littered with drift wood.

Rising water floods new ground that looks like excellent fish habitat. It will be, once occupied by fish, but do not fish the shallow water this week. Fish the shoreline and open water reefs that were wet two weeks ago. Fish 12 feet and deeper for best results. Many good looking fishing spots will be void of fish but just keep moving and looking until a school of stripers or group of bass is located. Fish will all be together in a favored spot. Just remember where the brushy coves were before the spring flood and target those sites even though they may be way out in open water.

Seven feet of lake elevation change has a dramatic impact on shoreline appearance. Use the graph to find depressions or cuts in the flat lake bottom. Cuts 12-20 feet deep are the prime habitat for all fish. Look at the canyon mouths, along the main channel and on primary and secondary points in main canyons. I have only talked about where so far, because fishing is really good in these prime habitats and not so good where driftwood and cold muddy water have blocked access to fish



**Bass** are found in the featured habitat with bonus walleye, green sunfish and blue gill caught while fishing green or smoke colored plastic lures for bass.

**Stripers** are being caught along the canyon walls using anchovy bait with lots of chumming in these locations:

**Southern lake:** Dam, Antelope canyon, Power plant

intake (buoy 7 to 9), Navajo Canyon (2 points beyond double islands and in the muddy water in the back of the canyon), Warm Creek Wall, Rock Creek (east shoreline opposite the floating restroom), the best spot is the east wall upstream from Oak Canyon and the San Juan and mouth of Escalante.

**Northern lake:** Lake Canyon, Bullfrog Bay (Dome Rock near houseboats field), Moki Canyon, and side canyons uplake toward Hite.

## **UTAH WINTER GAMES ANNOUNCES REMARKABLE SURVEY RESULTS**

Park City, UT (May 23, 2007) -- The Utah Winter Games have had an astonishing response to a brief survey sent to participants in this last winter's Games, and the result is an important affirmation of the value of the Games to the people of Utah. There were around 55-hundred participants in Utah Winter Games clinics and competitions during the 2006-2007 season.

No matter what the sport, the people who returned the short questionnaire had a good time and came away hoping to do more in the world of winter sports.

It is clear that the people who had never tried a sport until they took a Utah Winter Games Learning Clinic had a good time and hoped to have more chances to participate. A fine example is that the fairly unknown sport of curling had 81-percent of the people who took the clinics hoping they could do more curling. At the Utah Olympic Park 96-percent of the people who took an introductory clinic for skeleton, luge, or ski jumping said they had so much fun that they wanted to do it again, and a remarkable 29-percent of them actually did go again before the winter ended.

Alpine skiing is the economic juggernaut of Utah winter sports, and there were numerous skiing clinics. The survey found that 51-percent of the people who took a learning clinic returned later to that same Resort to get back on the slopes. In the Nordic sports, 43-percent of learning clinic participants went back to the same venue at later dates.

The snowboarding learner's clinic attracted 41-percent of their participants from people who had never tried snowboarding, and 31-percent of them returned to shred the mountain at least once more.

The survey also asked what influenced participants in selecting winter activities. It is significant that 78-percent said health value was either very important or somewhat important. And as might be anticipated, 90-percent of the respondents said having fun was a very important factor in participation while other considerations were well behind that.

To the general question of whether Alpine skiers would be interested in a Ski Race Series held at a different resort each weekend in January, a noteworthy 45-percent said they would be interested. A snowboarding terrain park or freestyle series drew 18-percent interest. In response to this interest Utah Winter Games organizers and partner venues are already planning an Alpine Race series and a terrain park series that again includes the popular Jeep Terrain Park Challenge and other unique events in conjunction with SLUG magazine.

Utah Winter Games officials are extremely pleased with the results of the survey. Every sport attracted a significant number of absolute beginners, and the rate of return in all of the sports indicated the importance of the learning clinics. The overall level of enthusiasm was not only self-described but participants voted with their feet-- they went back for more. The success of the clinics for complete beginners also shows the willingness of many Utahns to try new experiences. When sports they may have seen during the Olympics are offered, they show up and have a good time. This can only lead to an expanded slate of clinics and competitions in the coming season. Quite apparently, it also can lead to increased long-term participation in all of the winter sports as more and more people find how much fun it is to get off the couch and go outdoors in the winter.

Finally, over a third of the respondents said the clinics were a fun family experience, which validates the traditional slogan of the Utah Winter Games: All Ages. All Abilities. Always Fun.

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



For more information on the Utah Winter Games, please contact Christa Graff at 435-640-7921 or [christa@graffpr.com](mailto:christa@graffpr.com) or visit the Utah Winter Games web site at [www.utahwintergames.org](http://www.utahwintergames.org).

## **FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH**

**GENERAL** DWR hatcheries try to stock all popular lakes and reservoirs before Memorial Day. Even if your luck hasn't been that great so far this year--that will probably change this weekend. If you've made other plans or haven't picked up a fishing license this year, mark your calendar for Free Fishing Day on June 9<sup>th</sup>. On that day, you don't need a license to fish.

**ABAJO MOUNTAINS** No recent report.

**BENCHES POND** Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen reported slow fishing last weekend.

**BOULGERS RESERVOIR** Fishing was slow a week ago.

**CLEVELAND RESERVOIR** Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen described fishing as fair to good for 14-15 inch rainbow trout. He named nightcrawlers as the best bait, and a black Jake's with yellow spots as the top spinner. Dedicated Hunter Michael Van Wagoner reported fair fishing last weekend. Worms and salmon eggs were the best baits.

**ELECTRIC LAKE** Last week, the catch rate was fair from a boat but slow from shore. Silver-colored spoons were the ticket. The best natural bait was and will be a redbreast shiner. They can be caught in nets or minnow traps along the shoreline. Woolly buggers and leeches were Number One for fly fishermen.

**FAIRVIEW LAKES** The ice is off. No report on fishing success.

**GIGLIOTTI POND** Gerald Lloyd of Price reported excellent fishing success with an olive woolly bugger attached to a clear bubble with 3 feet of leader. Gerald recommends fishing before 8 a.m. or after sundown. On his last trip, Gerald caught and released 15 trout after casting only 20 times. Tom Hatt of Helper fishes Gigliotti a lot. He said the most popular bait has been a salmon egg; the most popular spinner has been a Panther Martin; and the most commonly used fly has been a black ant.

**GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR** The reservoir is now accessible. No report on fishing success.

**HUNTINGTON CREEK** Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen said that angling success below the fly-only zone has been good with artificial flies or worms with salmon eggs. The fly-only zone had slowed down a bit and was rated as fair. Best fly patterns have been nymphs, phantoms and mosquitoes. A #10 beadhead Montana is Tom Ogden's favorite fly this time of year on this creek.

**HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK** Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen portrayed the reservoir as not much bigger than a puddle of water. Kids are catching chubs with nightcrawlers from the bank. Not much is happening in terms of serious bass or trout fishing.

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

Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen said that fishing has been fair to good for 16-17 inch tiger trout. Casey indicated that the best bait has been a straight nightcrawler separated from a full bubble by 3 feet of leader. Anglers should "swim" the crawler on the retrieve. Dedicated Hunter Michael Van Wagoner described fishing as very good on Saturday. He remarked that a lot of different baits were effective. These included worms, salmon eggs and dead minnows. The reservoir is closed to the possession of cutthroat trout. As of June 7, using motorboats with 10 horsepower or more will be prohibited.

**JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR** Wildlife Biologist Brad Crompton fished last week and reported slow daytime fishing but fast fishing in the evening. He hooked a lot of trout under and

inside the slot limit. The 8 year-old daughter of DWR Fisheries Biologist Dale Hepworth landed an 11-pound splake on Mother's Day weekend using chub meat. Another 8-10 lb. splake was reeled in the same weekend by the daughter of Mike Slater. The whopper broke the line, after she pulled it to the bank. 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.wayne@wayneswords.com> for the fishing report, provided by Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.

**LASAL MOUNTAINS** No recent report. Hidden and Dons lakes are accessible. Conservation Officer Casey McVay reports that the gates to Oowah and Warner will remain locked until the Memorial Day weekend.



### **LOWER FISH**

**CREEK** Below the dam, a #10 beadhead Montana nymph or Roostertail spinner have been good performers. In that section, brown trout range from 8-12 inches. The road from Highway 6 to lower Fish Creek is open, but may be muddy, depending on recent storms. Biologist Brad Crompton traveled the access road last week and found good fishing on the DWR access property. He used size 14 nymphs and caught brown trout ranging from 12-16 inches.

### **MILLER FLAT**

The reservoir is now accessible. No report on fishing success.

### **MILLSITE**

**RESERVOIR** No recent report.

**POTTER'S PONDS** Now accessible. No report on angling success.

**SCOFIELD RESERVOIR** Last weekend, fishing was slow from shore and fair from a boat. Because of recent midge hatches at the reservoir, Tom Ogden indicates that fishing will slow down due to the abundance of natural food in the water. Some of the best baits include egg sacs, dead minnows and chartreuse PowerBait. Redside shiners have come into shore to spawn and can be easily caught with a net. Fly fishermen have had good luck with size 8 wooly buggers or leeches. “Matching the hatch” will also be productive. Rainbow and cutthroat trout range from 12-20 inches. Tiger trout get up to 18 inches. Once in a while, a few rainbows are hooked that tip the scale at 3-5 pounds.

**WRIGLEY SPRINGS RESERVOIR** The reservoir is accessible and ice-free. Fishing has been slow to fair. PowerBait or Jake’s Spin-a-Lures have been the most popular fish-getters.

**WILLOW RESERVOIR** As of last weekend, the USFS gate was closed, leaving Willow Reservoir inaccessible. The gate will likely be opened this coming weekend.

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>

### **BLM Launches New Initiative to Connect Children and Families to Public Lands**

Acting Bureau of Land Management Director Jim Hughes has announced a new initiative to bring children and families closer to their public lands. The initiative, called “Take It Outside: Connect With Your Public Lands,” is designed to bring together resources from throughout the agency to help connect children and families to public lands.

Recent studies have documented a trend in the U.S. toward less connection between people, especially children, and nature. The loss has been accompanied by an increase in both physical and mental health-related issues, in part caused by inactivity, and a disconnect with the natural environment.

“The BLM has a unique opportunity to reconnect children and families to the outdoors,” according to Hughes. “The BLM manages lands located throughout the U.S. that are backyards to many rapidly growing, urbanizing communities. These lands provide great opportunities for outdoor recreation and education.”

The “Take It Outside: Connect With Your Public Lands” program will bring together, and, in some cases, expand many of the BLM’s already-successful programs that engage children and families in the outdoors. The agency manages 258 million acres of public lands, and annually reaches over three million children through education and recreation programs and opportunities. The project will combine the best of these programs, focusing on three key areas to involve schools, youth organizations, and families.

For Schools: BLM offers outdoor education programs with school partners at a number of locations. The BLM is a strong supporter of “Hands on the Land,” a network of field classrooms sponsored by six Federal agencies across the nation. Currently more than 20 BLM sites are members of this network, sharing information on student and teacher activities through the <http://www.HandsOnTheLand.org> website. Overall, the BLM has more than 200 environmental and heritage education programs at field locations reaching children.



For Youth Organizations: The BLM sponsors programs with the Girl Scouts of the USA, the Boy Scouts of America, and other national youth organizations. The agency supports programs such as Kids Fishing Day and Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW), which introduce urban youth to fishing, camping, and other forms of outdoor recreation. The BLM is planning to strengthen partnerships with communities, partner groups and volunteers to offer expanded programs for youth.

For Families: The “Take it Outside: Connect With Your Public Lands” website includes information on nearly 200 sites where the BLM has identified family recreational activities such as hiking, paddling, historical and archaeological interpretive programs, adventure sports, as well



as geologic sightseeing and wildlife watching. These sites are on BLM lands, mostly in the western U.S.

As part of the “Take It Outside: Connect With Your Public Lands” initiative, the BLM will be encouraging state and field offices to work closely with schools, youth groups, and parents

to take advantage of outdoor opportunities in their communities. The BLM’s national website will include listings of opportunities and events and help promote local programs. And the BLM will be working in partnership with other federal and state agencies, tourism offices and non-profit organizations to develop family-oriented materials for local schools and families.

One of the main goals of the initiative is to encourage stewardship of the public lands. “We need to create a sense of wonder about nature and the outdoors, and a sense of respect for cultural sites and the people who created them,” Jim Hughes said. “The ‘Take It Outside: Connect With Your Public Lands’ program will give children a sense of ownership, respect, and stewardship that they will carry with them throughout their lives.”

For more information on the “Take It Outside: Connect With Your Public Lands” initiative, visit the BLM website, [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov).

## **Majority of Senate Votes in Support of Global Warming Amendment**

Dear Friend of Wildlife,

Last week marked the current Senate's [first global warming vote](#), on an amendment to the Water Resources Development Act.

The amendment would have required the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to make sure it considers the impacts of global warming--including increased hurricane intensity, flooding and sea level rise--when it designs levees and other projects intended to protect our homes and communities.

**The good news:** A majority of the Senate (51 senators) voted in favor of this amendment, paving the way for more success in curbing global warming pollution.

**The bad news:** The amendment was defeated because of rules agreed to that required 60 votes for the amendment to pass.

Despite this global warming amendment not passing, we are very excited because the vote lays a solid foundation for more global warming legislation to come.



**HOW DID YOUR SENATORS VOTE? FIND OUT HERE:**  
<http://online.nwf.org/WRDAclimatevote>

If one or both of your senators said YES to Amendment No. 1094, please personalize your [thank you](#) message. If one or both said NO to the amendment, please consider sending a [message of disappointment](#), and encourage your senator to vote for global warming solutions in the future.

Thank you very much, and stay tuned for more ways to hold your lawmakers accountable for their actions to protect wildlife and curb

global warming.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Adam Kolton.

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*Inspiring Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future.*

**Coalition Sees Progress, Room for Improvement in Farm Bill Conservation Proposal**  
*Group encouraged by proposed funding levels, improvements for many key programs, concerned by lack of Sodsaver provisions*

WASHINGTON – The Agriculture and Wildlife Working Group (AWWG) of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership today commented on the draft proposals for the conservation programs in the Farm Bill that were circulated by the House Committee on Agriculture late last week.

The programs contained in the Farm Bill's Conservation Title represent the single largest federal investment in conservation on private land, and their scope is of huge importance to fish and wildlife. The programs' futures are to be discussed today by a House subcommittee that will be using the draft proposal as a point of departure.

"The committee's language for the Conservation Title is a good starting point," said Dave Nomsen of Pheasants Forever, a co-chair of the AWWG. "We applaud the proposed reauthorization of these individual programs and we look forward to working with the committee to incorporate a few things that did not make this draft – like Sodsaver and funding for WRP & GRP."

Indeed, funding for programs still remains a top priority to the AWWG. Two of America's most popular conservation programs, the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) and the Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP) face the reauthorization of the Farm Bill without any money. "We were pleased to see that the House bill reauthorizes these programs, but finding the money to fund them is still a huge question," said Barton James of Ducks Unlimited, a co-chair of the AWWG. "We ask that the House leadership work with members of the Agriculture Committee to make conservation a top priority in the budget process so these essential programs can survive."

Sodsaver provisions, which carry the added benefit of being a source of budget savings in this tight fiscal climate, would make non-cropland that is converted to cropland ineligible to receive federal benefits, such as price and income support payments, crop insurance, disaster payments, conservation program enrollment and Farm Service Agency loan benefits. "Too much ecologically valuable native prairie already has been plowed under because government price supports and insurance programs make it economically feasible to do so," said Brad Redlin of the Izaak Walton League of America. "We need to remove the economic incentive provided by the federal government for destruction of a dwindling resource."

The AWWG strongly backs an Open Fields access provision in the Farm Bill that would help fund state-managed, voluntary sportsmen's access programs. Program funds will enhance wildlife management and improve recreational opportunities on land enrolled in Farm Bill conservation programs. Landowner assurances that reduce liability and risk can be provided through the state-managed public access programs. "Open Fields is a winner not only because it promotes the outdoor heritage vital to rural America," said TRCP Chairman James D. Range, "but also because it will give a needed economic booster shot in the [arm] to parts of the country that need it."

The AWWG also noted the substantial proposed funding increase in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). "We want to be sure state level priorities and the proper focus are applied to this funding," said Jen Mock Schaeffer of the Association of Fish and Wildlife



Agencies and AWWG co-chair. “It is important that fish and wildlife see the benefits of this increased funding and the provision’s language should reflect that.”

For more information on our work to shape the conservation programs in the next Farm Bill, please [click here](#).

*Inspired by the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, the TRCP is a coalition of organizations and grassroots partners working together to preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing.*

## **Governor Reports Increase in Utah’s Tourism Revenue *Utah Tourism Conference Wraps Up in Price***

Price, Utah – Utah’s tourism-related tax revenues are up, according to statistics released Friday by Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. during the closing luncheon of the Utah Tourism Conference. About 250 tourism partners gathered last week on the campus of the College of Eastern Utah to attend workshops on Agritourism, Internet technology, public lands promotion,



and other topics, as well as network with industry representatives.

“What we’re doing is having everyone come together to talk about travel and tourism,” said Governor Huntsman who called tourism one of his “first tier” issues.

The governor reported the following increases

for 2006:

- Restaurant Tax revenue = \$29.0 million, up 8.5%
- Car Rental Tax revenue = \$11.2 million, up 12.9%
- Transient Room Tax (TRT) revenue = \$24.4 million, up 16.9%
- Municipal TRT revenue = \$1.4 million, up 20.5%
- Resort Communities Tax revenue = \$10.8 million, up 10.0%

From the time Governor Huntsman took office in 2005, the Tourism Marketing and Advertising budget has grown from \$900,000 to a performance-based marketing fund that will provide \$11 million in advertising monies in the next fiscal year, with \$2.2 million of that funding going to the Cooperative Marketing program.

Out-of-state visitor inquiries to the Utah Office of Tourism, Governor's Office of Economic Development are up dramatically since the Utah "Life Elevated" brand was launched in April 2006. The state's spring/summer advertising campaign launched in March should create almost 200 million impressions, through television, media and print. Seven weeks into the current campaign, the ads have generated a 294% increase in travel guide requests, a 372% increase in telephone calls, and a 23% increase in inquiries to [www.utah.com](http://www.utah.com). In addition, [www.utah.travel](http://www.utah.travel), a splash page created to assist in tracking ad effectiveness, has seen a 12,750% increase in unique visits.

"The next three-to-five years will be about growth," the governor told the gathering in Price. "We're in the hottest part of the nation."

He predicted more international visitors will come to Utah as the state steps up its efforts to market to key overseas countries, including the emerging markets of China and India. The governor will lead a trade mission to India this fall that will have a tourism component. "Utah is the quintessential Western destination," he said. "We don't go anywhere without talking about travel and tourism." Other international target markets for Utah include: Canada, Germany, Japan, Mexico, and the United Kingdom.

The governor also highlighted sports tourism and Utah's growing film industry, which included the filming of 101 commercials and 23 films this past year. The Disney blockbuster "High School Musical," "High School Musical II," and "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End" are a few of the movies shot recently in Utah. "Think about how we can make connections to film," he urged the group of tourism promoters.

"We have the most remarkable lands in all of the United States," said Huntsman. "I think we need to focus on our land and quality of life," said the governor who will participate in a regional effort to improve air quality.

"All I would ask is that we become known as a premiere destination," the governor concluded. "We're almost there."

Also on Friday, two members of Utah's tourism industry were inducted into Utah's Tourism Hall of Fame. They are: Cleal Bradford, executive director of the Four Corners Heritage Council, and long-time Box Elder County tourism promoter Beth Gurrister. Bradford has worked on various scenic byways in the state. He has also been the executive director of numerous agencies in San Juan County, including the Utah Navajo Development Council, San Juan Resources, White Mesa Ute Council, Blue Mountain Diné, Inc., and Nations of the Native West. Gurrister served as president of the Golden Spike Empire and was a 40-hour-a-week volunteer in Box Elder County for 13 years. She currently chairs Brigham City's Cultural and Heritage Arts Council, which is assisting in the preservation of Academy Square and other activities to preserve the heritage of the area.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Utah Tourism Conference was sponsored by the Utah Office of Tourism and the Utah Tourism Industry Coalition (UTIC).

## **MEMORIAL DAY TRAVEL UP SLIGHTLY**

*Over 346,000 Utahns Expected to Travel, Says AAA*

SALT LAKE CITY, May 21, 2007 – As summer vacation season officially begins, travelers will inevitably be paying higher prices for the luxury of getting out of town. According to the latest AAA travel survey, over 346,000 Utahns are expected to travel 50 miles or more this Memorial Day weekend. This represents an overall 1.6 percent increase from last year.

“The high cost of traveling continues to have an impact on vacation plans this year,” explained Rolayne Fairclough, spokesperson for AAA Utah. “With record high gas prices and higher lodging and restaurant expenses, travelers are cutting back but not forsaking their holiday plans.”

AAA’s annual Memorial Day travel forecast predicts over 288,000 Utahns will be taking to the roads and highways to reach their weekend destinations. This represents a 1.7 percent increase from last year’s auto travel forecast. Approximately 51,000 Utahns say they plan to fly over the holiday, a 1.4 percent increase from last year. Over 7,000 travelers in the state, a slight decrease from last year, are expected to reach their destinations by other modes of transportation such as buses, trains or boats.

“This year our AAA Travel survey projects that the average household will spend \$594 during Memorial Day weekend,” said Fairclough. “But with hotel rates up 13 percent from last year, travelers will probably be staying in less expensive hotels and eating in cheaper restaurants.”

Nationwide, AAA estimates over 38 million Americans will travel this Memorial Day weekend. About 32.1 million of those will travel by car, while 4.4 million plan to fly and 1.9 million expect to vacation via other modes of transportation.

With increasing frustration among air travelers, who risk having their luggage mishandled or being stranded in airports and on tarmacs, AAA recommends that you inform yourself about your rights as a passenger and how to avoid unnecessary stress and delays while traveling. This can save you time, money and annoyance.

### **AAA’s Advice to Passengers:**

- Check airport/airline websites for delays before leaving your home.
- Arrive at airport prepared for a delayed flight. That means bringing portable entertainment, (books, music, video games, etc.) plus food you can carry on and eat on the plane.
- When planning a trip, travelers can check up-to-date airline performance information using the Air Travel Consumer Report Card listed under “Airline Issues” at [www.dot.gov](http://www.dot.gov).
- Travelers who have service issues with an airline should contact the U.S. Department of Transportation Aviation Consumer Protection Division by calling 202-366-2220.

- Passengers should know that the airline's contract does not require the airline to provide passengers any additional services when flights are delayed or canceled due to weather. This is different for flights that are delayed for mechanical or other reasons.
- U.S. passports are now required for travel to Canada, Mexico and Bermuda.
- If your passport expires in six month or less, you will not be permitted to travel.
- Place I.D. tags on all luggage. Make sure you include your cell phone number.

AAA's holiday travel figures are based on a national telephone survey of 2,000 adults by the Travel Industry Association of America, which conducts special research for AAA.

AAA Travel, a wholly-owned subsidiary of AAA, is the nation's largest full-service leisure travel agency. AAA Travel offers trips, cruises, tours and vacation packages throughout the world.

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance and financial services to more than 165,000 members. AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers since it was founded more than 100 years ago.

## **Family Ed-Venture awaits at the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge**

### **Native Plants & Their Uses Saturday, June 2, 2007**

**1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Wildlife Education Center**

**Brigham City, Utah**

**(I-15 to exit #363, turn west 1 block)**

Take a family-friendly walk with local naturalist and educator, Kayo Robertson, as he shares his wisdom of the wetlands. Learn how the early peoples used native plants for food, medicines and cordage. Hands-on demonstrations and fun for the entire family!

**Cost:** \$1.00 per person &  
\$5.00 max per family

**You MUST pre-register at:** 435.723.5887

Sponsored by Friends of the Bear River Refuge

## **Find Utah's Best Fishing**

DWR Web site provides new, interactive fishing feature

With Utah's fishing season in full swing, many anglers are wondering where the best places are to wet a line.

The Division of Wildlife Resources' Web site provides two ways to find out.

Fishing Hotspots

In addition to the weekly fishing report that's available at the site



([www.wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php)) anglers can also receive information through a relatively new, interactive feature -- the “Utah Fishing Hotspots” locator.

Anglers can access the hotspots feature at [www.wildlife.utah.gov/hotspots](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/hotspots).

“The hotspots page provides anglers with some neat features,” says Roger Wilson, cold water fisheries coordinator for the DWR. “One of the best is the ability to glance at the page and know immediately where the best fishing is.

“The hotspots locator also provides several ways to search for the best fishing in Utah,” he says. “You can search based on how fast anglers are catching fish at various waters, or you can search based on the species of fish you’d like to catch. You can even search based on the type of water you’d like to fish.

“We encourage anglers to visit [wildlife.utah.gov/hotspots](http://wildlife.utah.gov/hotspots) and let us know what you think about the feature,” Wilson says.

## Second Pole Permits

Once you’ve found the water you want to fish, you can “double” your fun by buying a second pole fishing permit.

A second pole permit allows you to fish with two fishing poles at any fishing water in Utah.

To use a second pole permit, you must also have a valid 365-day Utah fishing or combination license. And while you may use two poles, you may catch only one limit of fish.

“The best thing about the second pole permit is that it allows you to zero in and figure out what the fish want that day,” Wilson says. “For example, if you’re fishing from a boat, you can put one bait or lure on one line and a different bait or lure on your second line. You can also fish each line at a different depth.”

Wilson says shore anglers can also benefit from the second pole permit. “In addition to trying different baits and lures, you can also broaden your fishing area by casting to two slightly different areas. Just remember that you cannot be more than 100 feet away from either of your poles.”

Licenses and second pole permits are available at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov) and at DWR offices and fishing license agent locations across the state.

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

## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY® PHOTO CONTEST

- [NTD Photo Contest Form](#) (PDF 69K)

<http://www.americanhiking.org/pdfs/NTDPhotoContestForm.pdf>

- [NTD Photo Contest Release Form](#) (PDF 77K)

<http://www.americanhiking.org/pdfs/NTDPhoto%20Release.pdf>

- [NTD Photo Guidelines](#) (PDF 100K)

<http://www.americanhiking.org/events/pdfs/PhotoContestGuidelines07.pdf>

American Hiking Society is proud to announce the 2007 National Trails Day® (NTD) Photo Contest. The contest is open to all ages attend any of the numerous 2007 NTD events nationwide.



### Categories :

#### 1. **Outdoor Recreation**

Capture participants hiking, trail running, biking, horseback riding or paddling on NTD. Photographs can be of individuals, families, or groups.

#### 2. **Stewardship**

Pictures of NTD participants performing trail maintenance, clean-up, or construction. This can also include other positive ways of taking care of natural trail resources. (e.g. revegetation, removing invasives, etc)

#### 3. **Youth on the Trail**

Photographs of youth under the age of 18 actively participating in outdoor recreation or stewardship on NTD.

### Guidelines :

1. Only one photo per entrant is allowed to be submitted.
2. All images must be high quality with at least 300 dpi.
3. Winners from the Outdoor Recreation and Stewardship categories have the opportunity to have their photo considered for the 2008 NTD poster. In order for a photo to be considered for the poster, the minimum dimensions for the photo are 15" x 18" vertical and 23" x 14" horizontal and preferably in a high resolution format (TIFF, GIF).
4. All other submitted images must be at least 4" x 6" and can be submitted in JPEG format, but higher resolution formats are preferred.
5. Entries must be in color.
6. All persons taking or appearing in images must have a signed letter of consent and understand that the image may be used or reproduced by American Hiking Society for any purpose. For minors under the age of 18, a parent or legal guardian must submit a signed letter of consent and understand that the image may be used or reproduced by American Hiking Society for any purpose.

**All submitted entries must include:**

1. Completed photo contest entry form.
2. An electronic version of the photograph. (CD or DVD)
3. A printed copy of the photograph. Image can be printed on regular paper or photo paper and can be color or black & white.
4. All signed letters of consent.

**Return photo contest packet to:  
American Hiking Society  
National Trails Day Photo Contest  
1422 Fenwick Lane  
Silver Spring , MD 20910**

**DEADLINE:**

Photo contest packets must be postmarked by June 15, 2007

Winners will be notified in July and awards will include LEKI trekking poles, American Hiking merchandise, and other awesome outdoor gear.

**NATIONAL TRAILS DAY BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- Now in its 15th year, National Trails Day (NTD) continues to inspire the public to flock to their favorite trails to discover, learn about and celebrate trails while participating in educational exhibits, trail dedications, gear demonstrations, instructional workshops and trail work projects.
- NTD Provides a perfect opportunity to thank volunteers, land managing agencies, and outdoor minded businesses for their support in developing and maintaining trails.
- Events take place in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada.
- In 2006, a record 1,210 events registered with American Hiking Society for national sanctioning.
- The official date of National Trails Day is always the first Saturday in June; however, NTD events can also take place at other times during the year. American Hiking will always support NTD hosts every step of the way regardless of when your NTD event takes place.



**15 YEARS OF CELEBRATING TRAILS**

The 15th Anniversary celebration of NTD embodies the values, principles, and strength of this important outdoor program. The celebration represents years of hard work, dedication, and countless volunteer hours contributed by corporate sponsors, government agencies, non-profit groups, and community organizations across America.

## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY PHOTO CONTEST

**Just Announced!** American Hiking is excited to offer the 2007 [National Trails Day Photo Contest](#). Get your cameras ready and hit the trail on NTD!

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Download the [2007 Event Organizer's Manual](#) and learn step-by-step ideas, promotion strategies, suggested 'to-do' schedules, and more.

Print off any of our [fact sheets](#) for information on the health benefits of hiking, Leave No Trace, and playing it safe on the trail.



Visit our [Kids Page](#) to learn how Girl Scouts can earn the "Get With the Land" patch and to discover fun trail activities and ways kids can become trail experts on National Trails Day!

Celebrate National Trails Day all year long. [Find a trail near you](#) to explore with a friend.

Looking for a way to get involved? [Join American Hiking Society](#), [Find an outdoor organization](#), and make new hiking friends.

Interested in staying active all year long? American Hiking announces [AMERICA'S BEST FITNESS TRAILS OF 2005](#).

## THANK YOU TO OUR NATIONAL TRAILS DAY 2007 SPONSORS!

National Trails Day 2007 is made possible thanks to the volunteer efforts of American Hiking Society's individual and Alliance members as well as by the generous support of our Lead Sponsor - *Nature Valley*, Partners - *Merrell*, *REI* and *Thorlo*, Friends - *Adventure Medical Kits*, *Eastern Mountain Sports*, and *Royal Robbins*, and Media Sponsors - *Backpacker magazine* and *American Park Network*, as well as our Federal Agency Partners - *Bureau of Land Management*, *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, *Federal Highway Administration*, *National Park Service*, *USDA Forest Service* and *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*.



## **UTAH WINTER GAMES ANNOUNCES KUTV-TV AS PRIMARY SPONSOR**

Park City, UT (May 17, 2007) -- The Utah Winter Games are proud to announce that KUTV-TV, Channel 2, will be the main sponsor of the Games for the 2007-2008 season. Executive Director Heidi Hughes says the entire UGW family is extremely pleased and looks forward to a particularly rewarding relationship.

KUTV was enthusiastic about getting involved with America's oldest and largest state winter games because it already has a strong presence in community programs which involve health and fitness. Not only do they have a contract with the Utah Department of Health to produce material for state programs, but the Bureau of Health Promotion has an employee specifically designated to work with KUTV on projects. For example, in that capacity, KUTV news anchor and former professional volleyball player Mary Nickles is the spokesperson for the state's successful Check Your Health program. Even Chief Meteorologist Roland Steadham is this year's winner of the Ski Utah Excellence in Journalism Award for his long-standing commitment to skiing. But there's a lot more.

The KUTV website has an extensive section devoted to all the programs the Channel 2 community already has in operation. Practically everyone has heard of such programs as Check Your Health, Eat Healthy/ Be Active, Healthy Living, and Workouts on the Web. This is a TV company which is committed to good health, and they don't just talk about it, they live it.

Last winter, the Utah Winter Games not only ran a record number of competitions and learning clinics in more winter sports than are in the Olympics, but they also launched a major winter health program called WinterFit. WinterFit is based on an Iowa model for summer exercise which now attracts over 33-thousand people after only five years of operation, and Games officials are certain that Utah can do even better. It's an entry level team competition program whose purpose is to encourage Utahns to get off the couch in the winter and go outdoors to do something healthy. For WinterFit competitions, almost anything involving exercise counts from walking up stairs instead of taking the elevator to parking at the far end of a parking lot in order to walk further to building a snowman to the high aerobics of cross-country skiing.

As a result, many people who started with WinterFit moved on to take Utah Winter Games learning clinics in specific sports and ended up discovering what some of their neighbors already know. There's a lot of winter in Utah and rather than hide from it, you can go out and enjoy it. Channel 2 emphatically shares that goal.

This two-tiered approach to winter sports proved especially appealing to KUTV with its long-time focus on health and fitness. Northern Utah has roughly five months of snow in the valleys, and the average person gains four pounds during those months. However, the average WinterFit participant lost four pounds. That put them eight pounds ahead of their sedentary friends. With that kind of success to build on, KUTV says it's ready to hit the ground running.

We all already have heard the message that exercise is important, but for many people, there's a huge disconnect between that knowledge and action, especially when it comes to winter. KUTV

and the Utah Winter Games intend to lead the way to provide as many opportunities as possible for people to take that crucial first step toward better health, better fitness, and a better life.

The new and dynamic partnership means that more Utahns than ever will be heading out this coming winter to enjoy first hand The Greatest Snow on Earth, The Fastest Ice on Earth, and the friendliest winter sports enthusiasts on Earth.

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

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

For more information on the Utah Winter Games, please contact Christa Graff at 435-640-7921 or [christa@graffpr.com](mailto:christa@graffpr.com) or visit the Utah Winter Games web site at [www.utahwintergames.org](http://www.utahwintergames.org).

## **LIFE SAVING HELP FOR TEEN DRIVERS**

### ***AAA Works to Prevent Prom and Graduation Car Crashes***

SALT LAKE CITY, May 17, 2007 – Parents, teachers and friends who want to help teen drivers get home safely from prom and graduation celebrations are turning to AAA Utah for help. AAA is launching a teen driving safety campaign as part of its longtime commitment to promoting safe and responsible transportation.

“Prom and graduation season is an exciting time in young people’s lives, but it can also be deadly,” said Rolayne Fairclough, spokesperson for AAA Utah. “AAA is providing a variety of safety materials to high schools to hopefully prevent deadly crashes by making teens think twice about careless driving behavior.”

AAA Utah’s teen driving safety campaign coincides with proms, graduations and summer vacations. Safety materials are being distributed to all 159 high schools in Utah. The materials provided by AAA include:

- Brochures informing teens about the cost of a first DUI conviction, to be stapled to prom tickets
- Information on Utah’s Graduated Driver’s License law
- An interactive computer DVD called “Driver-ZED” (Zero Errors Driving) that allows teens to recognize dangerous driving situations in a safe virtual environment. The DVDs are available at schools and at [www.AAA.com](http://www.AAA.com).

High schools that have requested AAA’s support will also receive T-shirts and pens with the student-created slogan “there’s a reason another word for drunk is smashed.” The winning entry in a AAA-sponsored contest, the slogan was submitted by Catherine Fletcher, a student at Granada High in Livermore. The shirts and pens are often used as raffle prizes for sober graduation night activities.

Statistics offer a reminder of how serious the risk is for young, inexperienced drivers. Sources for each fact are cited in parentheses.

- Per mile driven, teen drivers ages 16 to 19 are four times more likely than older drivers to crash (IIHS).
- Among male drivers between 15 and 20 years of age who were involved in fatal crashes in 2005, 38 percent were speeding at the time of the crash and 24 percent had been drinking (NHTSA)
- Compared with other age groups, teens have the lowest rate of seat belt use. (CDC).
- In a national survey conducted in 2005, nearly 30 percent of teens reported that within the previous month, they had ridden with a driver who had been drinking alcohol. (CDC).
- In 2005, half of teen deaths from motor vehicle crashes occurred between 3 p.m. and midnight and 54 percent occurred on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday (IIHS).

Any high school that has not yet received the AAA materials can call (800) 637-2122 for more information.

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance and financial services to more than 165,000 members. AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers since it was founded more than 100 years ago.

## **Lots of Hens Don't Mean Fewer Gobblers**

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Large numbers of hens in the woods can mean lots of hung-up gobblers in the spring, but an abundance of female turkeys only helps gobbler populations, say wild turkey biologists.

With lots of hens breeding in the spring, turkey populations can rise quickly. But turkeys aren't like deer, which can overpopulate a given area and strip it of available food. Because turkeys eat a variety of foods, large populations won't damage their habitat.

"The wild turkey feeds primarily on acorns, waste grain, insects and grasses, which are unlikely to be depleted at the same time," said Dr. Darren Miller, the southern wildlife program manager for Weyerhaeuser. "A turkey's ability to forage from a variety of sources enables large populations to thrive in small areas."

A high hen-to-gobbler ratio is also not a problem for turkey populations. Male turkeys will mate with multiple hens in a given breeding season or even in a single day. This allows many hens to be bred, even when a much lower number of gobblers than hens exists, ensuring an adequate hatch to sustain the population.



Because the success of a seasons' offspring can be directly affected by poor weather in the spring, an abundance of hens can make it easier for a population to recover from poor hatch years. Populations with an abundance of hens have rebounded from poor hatch years in as few as two years, producing more gobblers than areas without an abundance of hens.

"The gobbler population in a given area is directly related to the reproductive success of hens in the population," said Dr. James Earl Kennamer, senior vice president for conservation programs. "Simply put, the more hens there are to be bred, the more gobblers a hunter can expect to see in future seasons."

## Happenings at the Utah Rivers Council

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Paddle Festival is next weekend, June 2-3 (read below for more details), and we are offering our River Activists a special incentive. Anyone who signs up to be a member or renews their membership online ([www.utahrivers.org](http://www.utahrivers.org)) by May 29 will receive two tickets to



Paddle Festival for the price of one – that's a \$10 savings! So what are you waiting for? Follow the link, become a member, and join us for Paddle Festival 2007.

**Utah Rivers Council 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Paddle Festival, June 2-3, at**

**Little Dell Reservoir!** Utah Rivers Council Paddle Festival is Utah's biggest annual celebration of rivers and recreation, offering families a chance to explore new skills together in a fun outdoor environment. At the Festival, anyone six or older can learn to paddle, row, sail, or fly fish. Rounding out the experience are live music, children's activities, great food and a raffle. The event is a significant fundraiser for Utah Rivers Council and all proceeds benefit the Council's river protection programs. Cost for entry to the Festival is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12, with children under six free (although not allowed on the water). For more information visit [www.paddlefestival.org](http://www.paddlefestival.org) or call Chantal at 801-486-4776.



**Attend a Forest Service Open House near you!** The Forest Service is holding open houses throughout the State of Utah on their statewide suitability evaluation of Wild and Scenic Rivers. These open houses are part of the scoping process and represent the first opportunity for the public to let the Forest Service know which rivers they love and should become a Wild and Scenic River. All open houses are from 4-8 pm. Dates and locations of upcoming open houses are: May 23 in Park City, May 24 in Vernal, May 29 in Heber, May 30 in Oakley, May 31 in Provo, June 5 in St. George, and June 7<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City. For more information or a complete list of open houses visit: [http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/rivers/public\\_mtg\\_sched.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/rivers/public_mtg_sched.shtml) or [http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=144&Itemid=240](http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=144&Itemid=240)

**Join us for Volunteer Confluence: Wednesday, June 6, 5:30-6:30.** Are you looking for a way to get involved at the Council? Do you want to know more about key issues regarding the future of our rivers? Utah Rivers Council recently implemented a monthly way to do just that. The *first Wednesday* of every month the Council will host **Volunteer Confluence**, a two-in-one opportunity to volunteer at the Council and get a special insider briefing on current river issues. Please RSVP to Chantal at 486-4776 or [chantal@utahrivers.org](mailto:chantal@utahrivers.org). See you then!

**Protect Utah's remarkable rivers!** Get involved with the Get Wild with a River campaign as part of our effort to ensure Utah's most outstanding rivers on Forest Service land are protected under the Wild and Scenic Act. The Forest Service is doing a two year suitability review of their rivers and we need your help. By "adopting" a candidate river, you will help us make sure our outstanding rivers get the protection they deserve. For information and a list of candidate rivers, please contact Chantal at 801-486-4776 or [chantal@utahrivers.org](mailto:chantal@utahrivers.org) or visit our website: [http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=22](http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=22)

### News/Events

**Read the sentiments of a Washington City resident regarding the proposed Lake Powell pipeline.** Bruce Wilson questions the real need for the Lake Powell pipeline based on population projections and the existing water supply situation. He also questions the motive behind the Washington County Water Conservancy District's latest move to hire Vanguard Media Group to sell the project. His arguments are compelling and are outlined at <http://www.thespectrum.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070520/OPINION02/705200328> where you can read his piece entitled "Lake Powell pipeline delivers less than desirable future. Visit [www.utahrivers.org](http://www.utahrivers.org) for updates and upcoming events!

## Healthy Living in the Garden

Spring is the time to renew your commitment to healthy living and Red Butte Garden offers a beautiful place to do so. Join us for one of these great fitness classes or come and enjoy the



gardens on your own.

Register online at

[www.redbuttegarden.org](http://www.redbuttegarden.org) or by calling 801-581-8454.

May 17 - August 2 Walking for Fitness with Peak Academy

Tuesday and Thursday

7:30 - 8:30 am OR 5:30 - 6:30 pm

(Registration through the University of Utah of Utah Peak Academy, (801) 585-7325.)

[June 7 - August 16 Yoga](#)

Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 am, 9 classes

Members Pre-Registration \$70/ Drop-In \$8 per session

Non-Members Pre-Registration \$80/Drop-In \$10 per session

[June 5 - August 14 Tai Chi](#)

Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 am, 9 classes

Members Pre-Registration \$70/ Drop-In \$8 per session

Non-Members Pre-Registration \$80/Drop-In \$10 per session

[June 5 - August 14 Pilates](#)

Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 am, 9 classes

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**PRODUCT DESIGNED TO CLEAN AND PROTECT OUTDOOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

**Origin Labs introduces PUROSOL Sport/Marine – an enzyme-based cleaner for outdoors people**

**PASADENA, Calif. (May 24, 2007)** – Origin Laboratories LLC (Origin Labs) today introduced PUROSOL Sport/Marine ([www.PUROSOL.com](http://www.PUROSOL.com)), an enzyme-based cleaning product specifically formulated for outdoor electronic equipment such as the coated lenses on telescopes, gun scopes, binoculars, hunting equipment, camping equipment, or the sensitive screens found on handheld GPS devices, depth finders, radar screens or other equipment commonly found on boats.

“We have tested PUROSOL Sport/Marine with fishing fleets, research vessels and personal watercrafts in environments ranging from the punishing sun of the Gulf of Mexico all the way to

the unforgiving arctic,” said Steven D’Antoni, vice president of Origin Laboratories. “We were able to deliver exceptional results, without hurting the equipment or the environment. PUROSOL cleans and protects onboard electronics and displays using the cutting edge technology which makes it so unique.”

Designed to breakdown organic salts, this heartier formula<sup>1</sup> is designed expressly for outdoor settings where moisture, airborne contaminants and other dirt can have a deleterious affect on sensitive and expensive electronics. PUROSOL Sport/Marine is engineered to work on the *molecular* level, actually breaking the bonds that salt, dirt and grime use to grip a surface. Frequent use can also help prevent the build-up of salts and other natural grunge that are common in an outdoor environment.

Unlike ordinary cleaners, which are made up primarily of alcohol, ammonia, harsh solvents and colored dye, PUROSOL Sport/Marine is completely organic and environmentally safe. This advanced cleaner, is non-toxic, hypo-allergenic, contains no CFCs, no detergents and no solvents of any kind (including alcohol, ammonia and chlorine) which can subtly eat away at porous electronic screens and strip away the crucial anti-glare coatings of today’s electronic screens and lenses.

PUROSOL Sport/Marine is available at boating and outdoors stores nationwide. For interviews, images or more information please contact Betsy Scherzer at [betsy-pr@rms-biz.com](mailto:betsy-pr@rms-biz.com).

### **Origin Laboratories, LLC**

PUROSOL represents the culmination of 20 years of research and development. The formula today is the leader in environmentally-friendly cleaning and the basis of the core formula underlying the entire PUROSOL line of consumer products, which includes cleaning solutions for optical, plasma, sport/marine and jewelry products.

For additional information on Origin Labs or PUROSOL, visit the Web site at [www.PUROSOL.com](http://www.PUROSOL.com).

## **UTAH STATE PARKS MEMORIAL WEEKEND SAFETY UPDATE, LAUNCH CONDITIONS, AND CAMPGROUND REPORT**

Utah State Parks expects full campgrounds, and busy waterways and trails this holiday weekend. Visitors are urged to take all safety measures to ensure a safe trip.

Wearing life jackets and helmets top the list for a safe Memorial Day Weekend. Utah State Parks officials urge all boaters to wear life jackets, and to know and follow all boating laws and rules. Wearing a properly fitted and fastened helmet while riding is also strongly recommended for all off-highway vehicle riders. For boating and OHV safety and education information, please call 877-UT-PARKS.



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<sup>1</sup> Compared to PUROSOL’s indoor line of cleaners

Utah State Parks reports launch ramp and water conditions for Memorial Weekend:

Bear Lake State Park Marina: Launch ramp open, 42 degrees  
Deer Creek State Park: Launch ramp open, 54 degrees  
East Canyon State Park: Launch ramp open, 55 degrees  
Wide Hollow at Escalante State Park: Launch ramp open, 60 degrees  
Great Salt Lake State Marina: Launch ramp open, 46 degrees  
Gunlock State Park: Launch ramp open, 50 degrees



Huntington State Park: Launch ramp CLOSED, 52 degrees  
Hyrum Lake State Park: Launch ramp open, 63 degrees  
Jordanelle State Park: Launch ramp open, 45 degrees  
Millsite State Park: Launch ramp open, 44 degrees  
Otter Creek State Park: Launch ramp open, 60 degrees  
Palisade State Park: Launch ramp open, 48 degrees  
Piute State Park: Launch ramp open, 62 degrees  
Quail Creek State Park: Launch ramp open, 70 degrees  
Red Fleet State Park: Launch ramp open, 54 degrees  
Rockport State Park: Launch ramp open, 45 degrees  
Sand Hollow State Park: Launch ramp open, 67 degrees  
Scofield State Park: Launch ramp open, 42 degrees  
Starvation State Park: Launch ramp open, 59 degrees  
Steinaker State Park: Launch ramp open, 58 degrees  
Utah Lake State Park: Launch ramp open, 66

degrees

Willard Bay State Park: North Marina launch ramp open, 63 degrees  
Yuba State Park: Launch ramp open, 63 degrees

Most Utah State Park campgrounds are booked for Memorial Day Weekend. Sites are available at Utah Lake and Bear Lake state parks. Reservations are available by calling (801) 322-3770 or 1-800-322-3770 from outside the Salt Lake area.

### **Committee Recommendations from Bowhunters of Utah**



## **Regulation**

40 Lb. Min. Draw Wt.

Minimum Draw for Larger game

Maximum Let off regulation

Broadhead minimum diameter  
Broadhead minimum blades

Expandable Broadheads

Mechanical locking device to  
hold a bow at full draw.

Use of Crossbows

Minimum Arrow Length and Wt.

Use of Poisons, Explosives or

## **Discussion Points**

Same as most other states The committee decided to recommend leaving the regulation as is.

Utah has no requirement for a higher draw wt. for elk, moose or bison. The committee agreed to recommend leaving the regulation the same.

Utah has no requirement for a max. let off percentage for compounds. Current technology limits the max let off to approx. 85%. The committee decided to recommend leaving Utah's regulation as is.

7/8" is the current standard in all but 1 surrounding state. The standard for minimum number of cutting blades is 2. The committee decided to recommend leaving Utah's regulation as is for these two items.

Utah currently allows the use of expandable broadheads as long as they meet the 7/8" and 2 cutting blade standards mentioned above. The committee decided to recommend leaving this regulation as is.

Utah currently does not allow the use of a locking device for anyone. The committee decided to recommend the use of a locking device only for those that have a qualifying disability under the same section as crossbows.

Utah currently allows the use of crossbows only if a person has a qualifying disability. The committee decided to recommend leaving this regulation as is.

Utah is currently at 20" and 300 grains respectively. Data provided by Randy Walk shows most setups currently available now are above these configurations. The committee decided to recommend leaving these regulations as is.

Utah is consistent here with most surrounding states by not allowing these three items. The committee decided to recommend leaving this regulation the same.

Electronic Range Finder

Utah currently prohibits any electronic rangefinder that is attached to a bow. The committee decided to recommend leaving this recommendation as is.

Scopes and Sights

Utah currently prohibits the use of magnified scopes and any sight that casts a beam of light. These regulations are consistent with surrounding states and the committee decided to recommend no change.

In Summary the committee reviewed all the archery regulations currently applying to big game in Utah and agreed to make only one recommendation for change. That was to include a lock back device to hold a bow at full draw for those individuals that have a qualifying disability. The standards for the qualifying disability should be the same as for crossbows.

Two other topics were brought up for me to take to the division to consider. They were the issue of companion hunters and the retrieval of game or wounded game and providing door signs for vehicles where the person has a certificate of registration to shoot from a vehicle. I promised to take these to the appropriate people for consideration.

## **SECOND ANNUAL SALT LAKE CITY OFF-ROAD EXPO A HUGE SUCCESS**

Thousands Enjoy a Weekend Full of Off-Road Fun, Motocross Stunt Show, Demos and Much More

Santa Ana, Calif. - (May 21, 2007) Attendance was up seven percent at Salt Lake City's second annual Off-Road Expo, part of the nation's largest off-road consumer products show series, which was held April 20-21, at the South Towne Expo Center. Thousands of off-road enthusiasts came to check out all the hottest new trucks, ATVs, UTVs, dirt bikes, rock crawlers, Jeeps and more, as well as enjoy great show discounts and fun entertainment features such as an outdoor KYMCO ATV test track, MOB Freestyle Motocross Stunt Show, an indoor rock crawling demo and much more.

"This year's Off-Road Expo in Salt Lake City was more than 30 percent larger than our first year, with additional exhibitors and a number of great live entertainment features that really wowed attendees," said Show Director Tom Gattuso. "This nationally renowned show was a huge success with an increased attendance over the first year that compliments the show's growth in size and overwhelming positive response from the attendees and exhibitors. In fact, we're already planning for the 2008 expo so it will be bigger and better when we return to Utah next year."

The Off-Road Expo featured hundreds of vehicles and accessories, as well as special giveaways, discounts and live entertainment. Local Utah and national off-road leading manufacturers, dealers and distributors - such as 4 Wheel Parts, Chevrolet, Interco Tire, Skyjacker Suspensions, Tuff Country, Toyota and many more were all present to demonstrate and educate attendees on all the newest vehicles and accessories. Attendees had the unique opportunity to get on a brand

new 2007-model KYMCO ATV in the 10,000 square foot outdoor KYMCO demo area. Additionally, off-road enthusiasts enjoyed live entertainment which included an outdoor freestyle motocross stunt show and live indoor rock crawling demos throughout the weekend.

"We were very impressed with the second annual Off-Road Expo as we had thousands of off-road enthusiasts come through our display, learn about our product and share their off-road experiences with us," said Tuff Country's Kelly Davis. "Additionally, we had very strong sales and are anxiously looking forward to next year's Off-Road Expo in Salt Lake City which promises to be even better than this year."

The Off-Road Expo will head to Pomona, Calif. for the 8th annual event October 6-7, 2007, at the Pomona Fairplex and return to the South Towne Expo Center in Sandy for its third year in April, 2008. For more information, please visit [www.offroadexpo.com](http://www.offroadexpo.com).  
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### **Sen. Nelson Named SCI Federal Legislator of the Year**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Sen. Ben Nelson (D-Nebraska) will receive Safari Club International's Federal Legislator of the Year award on Friday, May 18 in Washington, D.C. during SCI's May Board Meeting.

This award exemplifies leadership and vision on the federal level on behalf of sportsmen and women and for the promotion of sound wildlife and conservation practices.

Sen. Nelson's love of the outdoors is represented in both his personal life and in his professional endeavors. His unwavering respect for natural resources has earned him a reputation as a wildlife advocate who works to expand opportunity for others to enjoy the sporting life.

As a long-time member and former chairman of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, Nelson has pushed to protect the interests of hunters, anglers and trappers. An enthusiastic supporter of

these traditional gaming sports, Nelson has also co-sponsored legislation to ensure that the favorable regulation of hunting and fishing for residents of each state is maintained.

Nelson has assumed many roles throughout his lifetime — lawyer, governor and senator — but through them all he has consistently supported efforts to preserve and improve the gaming environment. During his 17 year career in public policy, Nelson has been an advocate for good sportsmanship and will continue this record in the United States Senate.

Ralph Cunningham, President of SCI said “Senator Nelson is one of the finest stewards of natural resources on Capitol Hill. His dedication to conservation and the hunting heritage is unparalleled. We are proud to present him with this award.”

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**SAWYER BROWN TO PERFORM AT EAGLE MOUNTAIN'S PONY EXPRESS DAYS  
Tickets On Sale Today  
Due to Demand**

Eagle Mountain,  
UT, February 13 –  
Popular country music  
group Sawyer Brown  
will be in concert at  
Eagle Mountain's Silver  
Lake Amphitheater on  
Saturday, June 2, the  
final night of the city's  
tenth anniversary Pony  
Express Days  
celebration.

Tickets will go  
on sale starting at 2:00  
PM today at  
[www.SmithsTix.com](http://www.SmithsTix.com)  
or any SmithsTix  
outlets. The price for  
tickets is \$9 - children  
two and younger are  
free.





According to a SmithsTix representative, people began calling to ask for tickets to see the popular band in Eagle Mountain soon after their contract was approved by the City Council on February 6. Tickets will also be available at Eagle Mountain's City Hall, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run, beginning February 26.

Sawyer Brown came to prominence after winning first place on the television show "Star Search", the "American Idol" of the 1980s. Now after 23 years they've performed over 3,500 shows and earned gold and platinum albums featuring hits such as "The Walk", "Some Girls Do", and "The Dirt Road." The five man band consists of frontman Mark Miller, bassist Jim Scholten, drummer Joe Smyth, keyboardist Greg Hubbard, and guitarist Shayne Hill.

The group has a devoted fan base that Miller recognizes in the band's biography. "It's almost like Jimmy Buffett's fans who come not because of the new record or the new song, but because they know they're gonna have fun," he says. "We've got kids who grew up listening to their parents' records coming now - and they're totally into it."

**What:** Sawyer Brown in Concert

**When:** Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 7:00 PM

**Where:** Silver Lake Amphitheater, 7920 N. Silver Lake Parkway, Eagle Mountain

**Tickets available today at 2:00 PM through SmithsTix.com or SmithsTix outlets, (800) 888-8499, for \$9 – children two and under free. Tickets also available starting February 26 at Eagle Mountain City Hall, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run, (801) 789-6603.**

### **Pony Express Days 2007 – Event Schedule**

#### **Thursday, May 31**

##### **Baby Contest – 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at City Hall**

Open to ages 0-30 months – registration forms available at [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com) or at City Hall, 1650 E. Stagecoach Run. Entry fee is \$8. Dress your baby in your favorite outfit, or in costume following the theme "American Heroes". Many prizes will be given in many categories. First place winners from each category ride in the Pony Express Days parade with a parent.

##### **Dune Buggy Tours — 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM**

Call Motormax Power Sports at 801-649-4050 for reservations to take an all-terrain buggy tour along the Pony Express Trail. Cost is \$75 per couple. Tours are approximately 2 hours.

##### **Carnival & Vendor Booths — 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Nolan Park**

Pre-sale tickets are available at Pony Express Elementary, Eagle Valley Elementary, The Ranches Academy, and City Hall. Pre-sale tickets are \$15 for a sheet of 30 tickets. On site tickets are \$20 for 30 tickets, \$15 for 20, or \$1 per ticket. For vendor booth applications, visit [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com) or call Angela at 789-6601.

**Battle of the Bands — 4:00 PM to 9:30 PM, Nolan Park Stage**

Watch country bands duke it out for a chance to be a pre-opening act for the Sawyer Brown concert. To apply, visit [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com) or call 420-2111. Materials must be submitted by 5:30 PM, May 10.

**Movie Under the Stars — Gates open at 8:00 PM, SilverLake Amphitheater**

Watch “Night at the Museum” at our outdoor amphitheater. Admission is free. Donations of \$1 per person or \$5 per family will be accepted for the Pony Express Elementary PTA.

**Friday, June 1**

**Dune Buggy Tours – 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM**

Tours available again today. Call Motormax Power Sports at 801-649-4050 for reservations.

**Helicopter Rides — 2:00 PM til Dark, Ranches Academy**

Get a great view of your home and surrounding environment in a Pathfinder Helicopter tour. Cost is \$25 per person.

**Carnival & Vendor Booths — 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Nolan Park**

**Battle of the Bands Finals — 4:00 PM to 9:30 PM, Nolan Park Stage**

**B5 Concert to Benefit City Parks — 7:00 PM, SilverLake Amphitheater**

**Saturday, June 1**

**Golf Tournament — 8:00 AM, The Ranches Golf Club**

Cost is \$65 and includes a shirt, lunch, and golf with a cart. Visit [www.theranchesgolfclub.com](http://www.theranchesgolfclub.com) or call 789-8100 for more information.

**5K Run — 8:00 AM, Nolan Park**

Contact Mike Bond at 768-3105 for registration information.

**Dune Buggy Tours — 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM**

Tours continue today. Call Motormax Power Sports at 801-649-4050 for reservations.

**Carnival & Vendor Booths — 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM, Nolan Park**

**Parade — 10:00 AM**

The parade starts by the Hidden Canyon subdivision on Pony Express Pkwy and travels on Pony Express to Smith Ranch Rd. For entry information, visit [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com) or contact Monteen at 636-8204.

**Pony Express Memorial Dedication — Noon,  
Pony Express Memorial Regional Park**

Attend this ceremony and celebrate our city's rich history as a monument is placed on the Pony Express Trail.

**Helicopter Rides — 12:30 PM til Dark, Ranches Academy**

**Dutch Oven Cook-Off — 1:00 PM, Nolan Park**

For rules and entry information, go to [www.eaglemountaincity.com](http://www.eaglemountaincity.com) or call 789-6603.

**Sawyer Brown Concert & Fireworks — 7:00 PM, SilverLake Amphitheater**

Gates open at 5 PM – tickets are \$9 and are available at any SmithsTix locations, at [www.smithstix.com](http://www.smithstix.com), or at City Hall. A 20 minute fireworks display will follow the concert.

**Monday, June 4**

**Symphony in the Park — 6:30 PM, SilverLake Amphitheater**

Enjoy a performance by the West Desert Symphony. Admission is free. Bring the family for a picnic!

**Tuesday, June 5**

**Public Safety Fair — 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Nolan Park**

Admission is FREE. Our Fire and Sheriff's Departments will have games, safety demonstrations, and a petting zoo for all ages to enjoy. Call 789-6701 or 789-6603 for more info.

**Listen to new segment on Meade 4M**

Scott Roberts asks Dr. Mike Brown of the California Institute of Technology questions submitted by comet discoverer David Levy, J. Kelly Beatty of Sky & Telescope, Michael Bakich of Astronomy magazine, and other astronomers from across the country about the Kuiper Belt.



Find out more about the discoveries of Eris, Sedna, Quaoar and other dwarf planets on this edition of A Sidereal Hour.

Listen now at [Meade4M.com](http://Meade4M.com).

**Cast Your Vote for America's Next Class of Outdoor Idols™ on Outdoor Industry Foundation's Fresh, New Consumer Website**

**BOULDER, Colo (May 24, 2007)** – Outdoor Industry Foundation (OIF) announced today the official opening of nominations for the next class of Outdoor Idols™ and the launch of the brand new Outdoor Idols consumer website... [OutdoorIdols.org](http://OutdoorIdols.org).

[OutdoorIdols.org](http://OutdoorIdols.org) places the Outdoor Idols center stage on the web and provides a dynamic environment for these exceptional youth to share their outdoor passion and talent with peers. Outdoor Idols, a program of OIF, engages new youth in active outdoor recreation by elevating young role models and mentors. “OIF has capitalized on the new OutdoorIdols.org website to reach the youth generation using a medium that is second nature to them,” said OIF VP Michelle Barnes.

OutdoorIdols.org features individual Outdoor Idols blogs, hundreds of photos, captivating videos, Outdoor Idols appearances and more. Visitors to the new website can check out all the features when [nominating an Outdoor Idol](#).

“We are looking for today’s young stars and role models to add to our prestigious and growing roster of Outdoor Idols,” said Barnes. “These are inspirational youth that are pushing the threshold of outdoor sports and motivating their peers to get out and get active.”

Outdoor Idols nominees must be:

- Under the age of 23
- Trendsetters in their respective outdoor sport(s)
- Helping to grow participation in active outdoor recreation
- Role models for the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts

As part of their honorary selection, Outdoor Idols will enjoy:

- Increased media exposure and visibility
- Recognition in OIF print and electronic publications
- A customizable [OutdoorIdols.org](http://OutdoorIdols.org) webpage
- Media and other training opportunities
- Mentoring from veteran outdoor athletes
- Travel stipends for youth outreach
- Opportunities for youth outreach facilitated by OIF

OIF will unveil the 2007 summer class of Outdoor Idols at Outdoor Retailer Summer Market this August. Stay tuned for details. In the meantime, check out [OutdoorIdol.org](http://OutdoorIdol.org) and nominate a special youth today! Nominations close June 18, 2007.

## **RECREATIONAL GROUPS SEEK TO JOIN GALLATIN FOREST FRAY**

DATE: May 10, 2007

MISSOULA, MT - The Treasure State Alliance led a coalition of recreational access groups in seeking to join a lawsuit challenging mechanized vehicle access to the Gallatin National Forest. In particular, the lawsuit focuses on whether the Forest's December, 2007 Travel Management



Plan allows too much, or too little, motorized and mechanized access to the Hyalite-Porcupine-Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area along the Gallatin Crest north of Bozeman.

The Recreational Groups filed a motion to intervene in the case on May 9, 2007 in U.S. District Court for the District of Montana (Case No. CV-07-39-M-DWM). The groups joining in the motion include the Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association, Montana Snowmobile Association, United Four Wheel Drive Associations and the BlueRibbon Coalition. In addition to seeking to intervene and defend against the anti-access claims of the Montana Wilderness Association and Greater Yellowstone Coalition, the Recreational Groups seek leave to bring a cross-claim against the Forest Service, asserting that the new Travel Plan illegally restricts motorized and mechanized access relating back to use of the area in 1977, when the Montana Wilderness Study Act was passed. The Recreational Groups are represented by Paul Turcke of Boise, Idaho and Rob Cameron of Gough Shanahan Johnson & Waterman in Helena.

"In recent years, large areas of public lands in Montana have been placed off limits to motorized and mountain bike use. We believe it essential to have a formal role in this litigation to represent four-wheelers, snowmobilers, ATV riders and mountain bikers that the anti-access plaintiffs wish to exclude from the WSA," said Craig Osterman, TSA's Executive Director.

The latest case is assigned to Chief District Judge Donald Molloy, who has heard several other lawsuits involving WSA issues, most notably including a 1996 suit brought by the Montana Wilderness Association, which was eventually heard by the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2004 the high court agreed with jurisdictional arguments presented by the Forest Service and Recreational Groups and sent the case back to Montana, where it was settled earlier this year. In addition to the current case, a challenge to the Gallatin Travel Plan has been filed by the Bozeman-based Citizens for Balanced Use, which is currently pending in the Billings Division of the U.S. District of Montana.

--The BlueRibbon Coalition is a national recreation group that champions responsible use of public and private lands, and encourages individual environmental stewardship. It represents over 10,000 individual members and 1,200 organization and business members, for a combined total of over 600,000 recreationists nationwide. 1-800-258-3742 - <http://www.sharetrails.org>

Treasure State Alliance is Montana's Umbrella Multiple Use Organization that brings the users groups together to foster relationships with public agencies and officials. It promotes the responsible recreation and reasonable access to all users of our Public Lands.