

Bats—Should you be afraid?

Bats in Utah have received lots of attention over the past couple of years. That attention has been positive, and not so positive.



Learn more, but keep your distance

In the past, if a colony of bats was discovered in an area where people lived, the colony was usually destroyed.

A bat colony and an old warehouse in west Clearfield seemed destined for that end until Division of Wildlife Resources Sensitive Species Biologist Adam Kozlowski stepped up. Kozlowski

helped school district officials understand the benefits of having bats in the area. He also used the bat colony as a way to help students and the general public understand and appreciate the important role bats play in our ecosystem. In the end, the colony was saved and people in northern Utah began to understand the benefits of having bats in the area.

Not all of the attention bats have received has been positive, however. This past summer, 14 students in the Davis School District had to receive rabies inoculations after handling bats that were sick. This was a painful reminder to the students, and to all Utahns, that wild animals should be handled only by wildlife experts.

Learning more

Utah has 10 species of bats. A great place to learn more about them is the Utah Conservation Data Center. You can start your journey of discovery at <http://dwrcdc.nr.utah.gov/ucdc>.

Another excellent place to learn about bats is <http://science.howstuffworks.com/bat4.htm>. This site provides great background on why bats are typically misunderstood, and even feared, by people.

National Park Service Invites Comments on Draft U. S. World Heritage Tentative List

Washington, DC – National Park Service (NPS) staff recommendations and those of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO regarding sites to be

included in a new U.S. World Heritage Tentative List are being published today in the Federal Register for public comment. All comments received will be considered by the National Park Service and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks and the Secretary of the



Interior for their use in developing a final U.S. Tentative List to be submitted to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre by February 1, 2008. The NPS staff recommendations, along with recommendations by the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, appear at the end of this release. Public comments will be accepted for 30 days.

In hopes of eventually being placed on the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage List of the world's most significant cultural and natural



treasures, the owners or authorized representatives of 35 sites applied for inclusion on the new candidate, or tentative, list of U.S. World Heritage

nominations. If chosen for the Tentative List, they will be considered over the coming 10 years for formal nomination by the United States as World Heritage Sites.

Currently, only 851 places around the world, including 20 in the U.S., have this recognition. The preparation of a new Tentative List, led by the U.S. Department of the Interior, is the first such endeavor in 25 years and signals a new era in U.S. engagement with the World Heritage Convention, following on the re-entry of the U.S. to full membership in UNESCO in 2003.

Applications were received from a diverse collection of natural and cultural sites, located in 25 states and one U.S. territory. They included several that were proposed for both natural and cultural values. Their owners include several federal agencies, state governments, private foundations, and numerous private owners. In



order to be included in the new Tentative List the proposed sites have had to meet several U.S. prerequisites in addition to appearing to meet the stringent UNESCO nomination criteria. The key U.S. prerequisites are the written agreement of all property owners to the nomination of their property, strong support from stakeholders, including elected officials, and a prior official determination of national significance. (The UNESCO nomination criteria can be found on the National Park Service Office of International Affairs website.)

The applications were solicited under the direction of the Assistant Secretary of

the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, by the National Park Service's Office of International Affairs (OIA). Applications were due by April 1, 2007. All applications were screened by OIA and Park Service specialists and underwent professional, technical review by independent experts. OIA then compiled the draft Tentative List at the end of August 2007. On September 27 a subcommittee of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO, including representatives of relevant federal agencies, reviewed the draft Tentative List. The full Commission approved the subcommittee's report on October 4, in a phone conference in which the public participated.

Since UNESCO requests countries to wait a year before submitting nominations from their tentative lists, the first U.S. World Heritage nominations drawn from the new List could go forward by February 1, 2009 and be considered by the World Heritage Committee in the summer of 2010. The Committee, composed of representatives of 21 nations elected as the governing body of the World Heritage Convention, makes the final decisions on which nominations to accept on the World Heritage List at its annual meeting.

The United States was the prime architect of the World Heritage concept and the first country to ratify the World Heritage Convention, in 1973. The National Park Service manages all or parts of 17 of the 20 U.S. World Heritage Sites, including Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon, and the Statue of Liberty, and serves as the principal technical agency for the U.S. Government to the Convention. In 2005, the U.S. was elected to a fourth term on the World Heritage Committee and will serve until 2009.

General information about the Tentative List process is posted on the Office of International Affairs website at <http://www.nps.gov/oia/topics/worldheritage/tentativelist.htm>. The National Park Service staff report, including summaries of information on each site referenced in the draft Tentative List being published in this notice, is posted in its entirety on the Internet at: <http://www.nps.gov/oia/TLEssayFinal.pdf>. If you would like to review the original Applications submitted to the National Park Service for these candidate sites, please go to <http://www.nps.gov/oia/NewWebpages/ApplicantsTentativeList.html>.

To request a paper copy of the staff report on the draft U.S. World Heritage Tentative List, please contact April Brooks, Office of International Affairs, National Park Service, 1201 Eye Street, NW (0050). Washington DC 20005. E-mail: april_brooks@nps.gov.

Central Region Fishing Report

AMERICAN FORK RIVER: (Oct. 30) No report this week but expect light fishing pressure and fair success.

BURRASTON PONDS: (Oct. 30) Fair to good fishing success.

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR: (Oct. 30) Reservoir was recently stocked (over the last two weeks) with large numbers of 12-inch trout. Fishing was good. State Park Ranger reports that boat ramps are closed but at the Island ramp it is "launch at your own risk". Some vehicles have been getting stuck in the mud. You may want to reconsider using large boats because you have to back into the water quite a ways to reach deeper water. Call State Park for boat launching information at (435) 654-0171. Remember bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit was increased this year to 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

DIAMOND FORK RIVER: (Oct. 30) Last month's electro-shocking surveys show that last year's treatment project had no effect on the lower 10 miles of Diamond Fork. Most anglers report "slow to fair" success by using flies, lures or bait on the first 10 miles of stream below the treatment area (beginning at turnoff to Dmd. Frk and 10 miles upstream). The DWR treated Diamond Fork River last year with rotenone from Three Forks to its headwaters to remove all fish (mostly browns).

Over 20,000 Bonneville cutthroat trout fingerlings were stocked last October into this area to help restore this sensitive species and to provide anglers a good sport fishery. The restoration stretch is closed to fishing but the first 10 miles of Diamond Fork (from the turnoff of Hwy 6) is not affected by this treatment and anglers report slow success for brown trout. Diamond Fork, from Springville Crossing to its headwaters, is artificial flies and lures only, and it is closed to cutthroat trout possession.

HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN: (Oct. 30) Most anglers report that the best fishing on Hobble Creek is in the early morning or evening with flies, small spinners or lures.

JORDANELLE RESERVOIR: (Oct. 30) Fishing was reported as ranging from "fair" for trout from both boat and shoreline and "slow" for bass. Gorgeous scenery. Bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long.

MILL HOLLOW: Drained! No fishing until 2009!

PAYSON LAKE: (Oct. 30) Gorgeous scenery! Fair to good fishing for both rainbow and brook trout.

PROVO RIVER: (Oct. 30) Spawn of brown trout is beginning and fish aggressively take lures or flies. Read the fishing proclamation for the different regulations on the river—some areas allow bait and others do not. Size restrictions and reduced limits ("two brown trout under 15 inches") in place in some stretches.

SALEM POND: (Oct. 30) Fair success for trout. The park closes at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit is four fish (Daily bag and possession limit is a total of four fish in the aggregate for all species, for example: one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill.

SALT LAKE WATERS: (Oct. 30) Most urban ponds have been recently stocked! They continue to produce fair to good fishing.

SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR: (Oct. 24) Fishing success is fair to good by using traditional baits and lures.

SPRING LAKE: (Oct. 30) Fair to good success for both trout. Worms and PowerBait work best. Lots of vegetation, so cast into the open water pockets.

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR: (Oct. 30) Boat docks have been pulled for the season, making launching and loading a little difficult. Good fishing success reported by most anglers. Morning can be very cold so dress warmly. Some very large cutts have been caught this week (23 to 27 inches). Try tube jigs, dark wooly buggers, minnow-imitating lures or simply traditional baits.

Regulations for the reservoir include an aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches long. All cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released (any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat). Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish!

THISTLE CREEK: (Oct. 30) Low pressure, with fair to good success.

TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR: (Oct. 30) Fair to good success by using traditional baits.

UTAH LAKE: (Oct. 30) Fishing was reported as slow for all species with an occasional report of good success on a warm afternoon. Fish advisory on the channel catfish and carp asks to only consume four ounces a week on these two species and pregnant women and children should not consume these two species. Walleye limit was changed this year to 10 but only one can be over 24 inches. There is no limit on white bass. Largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, but immediately release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

VERNON, GRANSTVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIRS: (Tooele Co.) (Oct. 30) No report this week but expect fair fishing success at Grantsville and Settlement. Vernon Reservoir was very low but should be filling again.

YUBA RESERVOIR: (Oct. 30) Slow success for walleye and northern pike. An occasional trout is being caught and, of course, perch are being caught, but they must be immediately released. For more info call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

Email your fishing reports on central region waters to scottroot@utah.gov

International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race Announces 2008 Park City Race Date



Jackson, Wyoming—October 31, 2007—The largest dog sled race in the lower 48 states is set for its 2008 course through snowy Wyoming. The 13th International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race (IPSSDR) will start out of Jackson

on January 25, 2008, and finish in Park City, Utah, on February 2, announced Race Director Frank Teasley.

The 2008 Jackson race send-off takes place at the Jackson Hole Winter Carnival complete with a bonfire, fireworks show, music and food booths, before heading on to stages in Lander, Pinedale, Cora, Big

Piney/Marbleton, Alpine, Kemmerer/Diamondville, and Uinta County and the big finish in Park City.

Popular on the professional mushing circuit, the IPSSSDR takes place before Montana's Race to the Sky and Alaska's Iditarod, attracting mushers who compete in all three events. With its unique "Stage Stop" format, the race stops in a different community each night, where towns turn on the hospitality for mushers and spectators with events ranging from dog parades, kids' dog sled races and ice sculpture contests to banquets, carnivals and fishing derbies.

Pedigree® Food for Dogs is the title sponsor of the IPSSSDR. The Pedigree® brand actively supports a wide range of programs that promote responsible pet ownership and highlight the contributions dogs make to society.

The International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race was founded in 1996 by Frank Teasley to make sled dog racing more accessible to the public. For more information, visit the race website at www.wyomingstagestop.org; contact the race via e-mail at wystagestop@blissnet.com or telephone at (307) 734-1163, or visit www.pedigree.com.

2008 IPSSSDR Stage Stop Schedule

Friday, January 25 – Saturday, February 2

Friday, January 25: Jackson

Saturday, January 26: Travel day to Lander

Sunday, January 27: Lander to Pinedale, check point at Blucher Creek

Monday, January 28: Cora to Pinedale

Tuesday, January 29: Big Piney/Marbleton

Wednesday, January 30: Alpine

Thursday, January 31: Kemmerer

Friday, February 1: Bridger Valley

Saturday, February 2: Park City

18th ANNUAL NAVAJO RUG SHOW AND SALE "A Mother's Legacy, The Male Weavers"

NOVEMBER 9 - 11, 2007

WHAT: This year's theme is "A Mother's Legacy, The Male Weavers." The show will feature the extraordinary work of many top male weavers. The annual event provides guests a unique opportunity to learn more about the Native American culture, witness traditional ceremonies and meet Navajo elders and their families who travel from their homeland to the show. The food and clothing collected during the event, including all proceeds from the sale of rugs, jewelry and art go directly to the Elders.

WHEN: Friday, November 9:

The event opens to the public with a fundraiser from 6 – 10 p.m. at Deer Valley's Snow Park Lodge. Hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, Native American and Western entertainment and the rug exhibit will thrill guests. A live auction of donated artwork, trips and special gift packages will take place between 8 – 9 p.m. The Grandmothers will offer a 10 percent discount on all rugs purchased Friday evening.



Saturday, November 11:

The Rug Show and Sale continues on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. with a variety of events, demonstrations and entertainment throughout the day. At 8 a.m. young Navajo girls will compete in presenting traditional Navajo dress, introducing themselves in the Navajo language and describing the clan they belong to, as well as performing a talent. The selected "Navajo Princess" will be crowned at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 12: The show opens Sunday at 10 a.m. and features an appearance by war hero George Willie discussing his experience as one of the distinguished Navajo "Code Talkers" in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. At 1 p.m., the Navajo grandmothers will present a weaving demonstration, followed by a POW WOW at 3 p.m. performed by the Harry James Dance Troupe. The show closes at 6 p.m.

COST: Tickets to Friday evening's fundraiser are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting Adopt-A-Native-Elder at (801) 474-0535. Admission to the Rug Show on Saturday and Sunday is \$5 and/or a donation of canned items to the Elders.

WHERE: Snow Park Lodge, Deer Valley Resort, Park City, Utah

Paleontology Meetings scheduled in Feb.

This is a general notice that the 2008 WAVP meetings will be held at the Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff.

In 2008, President's Day Week End begins Friday, Feb. 15, and ends Monday, Feb. 18.

We anticipate having a reception at the Museum on Friday evening, and a wine and snack occasion on Saturday after the completion of the talks.

Sunday will be reserved for field trips, yet to be finalized, but weather permitting one should be dealing with the Cretaceous of the Colorado Plateau where our *Therapsid* recently was found (now on exhibit). We may also have a field trip to Cenozoic sites in places off the rim to the south. Suggestions are welcome.

Limited low-cost housing will be available for students on campus, on a first come-first served basis. More details later.

The purpose of this message is to alert the potentially interested and to ask that you send an email to me at: mikew@npgcable.com to so indicate. This will allow us to organize getting forthcoming announcements and further details to you. Please pass this message on to those in your unit that may otherwise not have access to the present email.

See bighorn sheep near Moab

Bighorn Sheep Festival set for Nov. 16 and 17

MOAB — November is the best time of the year to see desert bighorn sheep.

Desert bighorn sheep, the subspecies of wild sheep that people will see at the Bighorn Sheep Festival in Moab.

It's their rutting (breeding) season, and the time of year when rams engage in head-butting and other rituals to attract the attention of the ladies (female sheep called ewes).

"The antics of the rams makes for some exciting public viewing," says Brent Stettler, regional conservation outreach manager for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

That's why Stettler and other DWR staff have chosen Nov. 16 and 17 as the dates for this year's Bighorn Sheep Festival.

The festival will be held in and near Moab in sunny southeastern Utah.

The event is free. The DWR encourages everyone to attend.

What to bring

When you come to the event, plan on bringing a pair of binoculars or a spotting scope along with snacks, drinks and a camera.



DWR biologists will watch the sheep before the event. They'll be ready to guide you to locations where the bighorns have been recently observed.

If you don't have your own binoculars or a spotting scope, or a vehicle that will get you where the sheep are, don't worry: the biologists have extra spotting scopes and binoculars you can use. They also have several large four-wheel-drive vehicles that they'll use to get you where the sheep are.

Nov. 16—learn about the sheep

The festival begins on Friday evening, Nov. 16, at the Moab Information Center. The center is at the corner of Center and Main streets in Moab.

At 7 p.m., Bill Bates, regional wildlife manager for the DWR, will present a PowerPoint program about bighorn sheep ecology and their life history. Bates studied desert bighorn sheep in the Moab area for his Master's Degree thesis.

Bates will also have some bighorn sheep skulls and horns you can see and handle, and he'll be available to answer any questions you have.

Nov. 17—see the sheep!

The fun really gets rolling on the morning of Nov. 17.

At 8 a.m., DWR biologists and festivalgoers will meet again at the Moab information Center. Biologists will divide everyone into groups. Then the groups will travel to various areas near Moab in search of desert bighorn sheep.

All the parties will be in radio contact with each other. As soon as one group finds some sheep, all the parties will know about it.

If you bring your own vehicle, you can leave the group at any time. If you ride in a vehicle with one of the DWR biologists, plan on the field trip ending by noon or early afternoon.

For more information, contact Brent Stettler at (435) 613-3707 or brentstettler@utah.gov.

Making Deer and Elk Seasons the Same Statewide

DWR proposals would give you more time to hunt

Many hunters believe that taking a few days off a hunting season means fewer deer will be taken.

But Division of Wildlife Resources surveys show that's not always the case: on average, Utah deer hunters take more deer during five-day deer hunts than they do during nine-day hunts.

That's why the DWR is recommending that the general rifle season in both the Southeastern and Southern regions return to a nine-day hunt for the 2008 season.

The DWR is also recommending that the statewide general spike bull elk hunt return to a 13-day season. That would make the spike season the same length as the state's general any bull elk season.

Some information regarding deer and elk management in Utah will also be discussed at a series of upcoming public meetings.

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

Citizens from Utah's five Regional Advisory Councils will take the public input received to the Utah Wildlife Board when it meets in Salt Lake City on Nov. 29 to approve Utah's 2008 Big Game Guidebook.

Meeting dates, times and locations are as follows (**two notes: the Southern Region meeting begins at 5 p.m. The Northern Region meeting is being held on a Monday**):

Southern Region

Nov. 6
5 p.m.
Hurricane High School
345 W. Tiger Blvd.
Hurricane

Central Region

Nov. 13
6:30 p.m.
Springville Junior High School
165 S. 700 E.
Springville

Southeastern Region

Nov. 7
6:30 p.m.
John Wesley Powell Museum
1765 E. Main St.
Green River

Northern Region

Nov. 19
6 p.m.
Brigham City Community Center
24 N. 300 W.
Brigham City

Northeastern Region

Nov. 8
6:30 p.m.
Western Park, Room #2
302 E. 200 S.
Vernal

Providing more opportunity

“It might be hard to believe, but our harvest data shows that more deer are typically taken during five-day hunts than during nine-day hunts,” says Anis Aoude, big game coordinator for the DWR.

The following chart compares five-day hunts in Utah to nine-day hunts. The chart begins in 1999, when Utah’s first five-day deer hunt was held in parts of the Southeastern Region:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Season length</u>	<u>Average days hunted</u>	<u>Deer taken per 1,000 hunters</u>
1999	5 days	3.2	470
	9 days	3.9	321

2000	5 days	3.3	480
	9 days	3.8	326
2001	5 days	2.9	330
	9 days	3.6	275
2002	5 days	3.2	317
	9 days	4.0	237
2003	5 days	3.0	224
	9 days	3.7	241
2004	5 days	2.8	367
	9 days	3.5	329
2005	5 days	3.1	282
	9 days	3.5	229
2006	5 days	3.0	441
	9 days	3.5	324

Aoude has some ideas about why fewer deer are typically taken during a nine-day hunt.

“I think it might have something to do with hunters putting in more effort during a five-day hunt,” he says. “They know the hunt isn’t going to last long, so they put some extra effort in. Because the hunt is fairly short, I think they’re also willing to take one of the first deer they see.”

A busy life and procrastination might also be factors



“During a nine-day hunt, I think hunters are more selective. If they don’t see a deer they want the first weekend, they know they can come back and hunt the second weekend,” Aoude says. “But

despite their best intentions, most hunters don't make it back the second weekend to hunt.”

Aoude says Utah deer hunters hunt an average of three-and-a-half days during a five-day hunt. During a nine-day hunt, they hunt an average of four days.

“If Utah stays with a five-day hunt in southern Utah, four days—including a



weekend—will be taken away from hunters,” he says. “Most hunters wouldn't take advantage of the extra days, but those who would like to hunt some extra days could if we went to a nine-day hunt.

“That's very important for young hunters who are in school during the week and for those who have jobs that allow them to hunt only on the weekends.”

More time to hunt spike elk

Another DWR proposal would give you more time to hunt spike bull elk in the state.

The DWR is recommending the general spike bull elk hunt return to a 13-day season. It's been nine days long for the past few years.

The general spike bull hunt would run from Oct. 4 -16. Those are also the season dates the DWR is proposing for Utah's any bull elk hunt.

“The length of the spike bull elk hunt was shortened a few years ago when the age objective for bulls taken on limited entry units was lowered on most of the units,” Aoude says. “Lowering the objective allows more permits to be issued and more bulls to be taken. The idea behind shortening the season was to save more spike bulls so they could grow into mature bulls.”

Since that time, Aoude says the age objective on most of the elk units has been raised. Raising the objective means fewer bulls will be taken.

Even if there was a need to protect spike bulls, Aoude says keeping the season at nine days wouldn't make much of a difference. “The elk situation is the same as the deer situation,” he says. “Even if the season is lengthened by four days, most hunters won't take advantage of the extra days.”

Aoude says hunters who hunt nine-day elk seasons in Utah hunt an average of five days. That number increases to five-and-a-half days when the season is 13 days long.

Proposals for southern Utah

Some of the other big game proposals the DWR will present include the following for southern Utah:

- Change the Fillmore, Oak Creek South bull elk unit from a limited entry unit to a general any bull elk unit.

“The habitat on the unit isn’t very good for elk, and there aren’t many bulls on the unit,” Aoude says. “If you draw a tag for the unit, there’s a pretty good chance you’ll take a bull. But we can’t offer many permits for the unit, and we don’t believe it meets the requirements to be a limited entry unit.”

- Change the Plateau, Fishlake – Thousand Lake buck deer unit from a limited entry unit to a general season unit.

“This small unit rarely meets the minimum objective of 25 bucks per 100 does that each of Utah’s limited entry deer units is supposed to meet,” Aoude says.

“The unit is surrounded by private land, and deer move in and out of the unit a lot,” he says. “General season hunters on the private land surrounding the unit take a lot of deer as they move to and from the unit.”

- Create a new general any bull elk unit in southeastern Utah. The unit would be on the east side of US-191, just east of the San Juan limited entry bull elk unit.

“The elk in this area could cause hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to sunflowers that are being raised for biofuel,” Aoude says. “We’re hoping general season elk hunters can help reduce these losses by taking some of the elk.”

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

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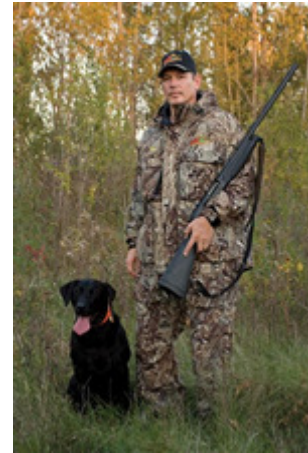
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Anderson Joins Mossy Oak® As Pro Staff Manager

WEST POINT, MISSISSIPPI - Mossy Oak announces the appointment of Tim Anderson as their new Pro Staff Manager.

Tim brings with him over seven years experience in the outdoor industry, overseeing some of the biggest brands on the market.

"Tim's experience and enthusiasm are great additions to our team, and we are happy to have him as part of the Mossy Oak family," said Ben Maki, Mossy Oak's Director of Marketing.

Tim lives with his family in Delhi, Iowa. He and his wife Karen have four children. "I am excited about the opportunity to join the Mossy Oak team. The chance to be a part of one of the top brands in the outdoor industry doesn't come along often," said Anderson. "Mossy Oak is so much more than a name, logo, or pattern. It is about a lifestyle and all the enjoyment and privileges that go along with it."

Tim Anderson goes on to say, "As Pro Staff Manager, it will be my responsibility to build on an already solid foundation of Pro Staff personalities. We will be working with our partners on both the retail and manufacturing sides to build a staff that benefits all of us in a very competitive environment."

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DNR TO DEDICATE NEW BUILDING IN PRICE, UTAH

Building Incorporates "Green" Technology

What: The Utah Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to dedicate a new building in Price, Utah

Who: Officials from DNR, Utah Legislature, Carbon and Emery County Commission, Grand County Council, partnering federal, state and local agencies and organizations, architects and contractors

When: 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 1, 2007

A public open house will follow from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Lobby of the new DNR Building
345 Carbonville Road
Price, Utah 84501

Why: The new building consolidates the southeast Utah offices of the Divisions of Oil, Gas and Mining, Forestry, Fire and State Lands, Wildlife, and Water Rights.

The 12,000 square foot facility features a thermal conductivity heating and cooling system, using water recycled from 27 wells drilled on the property. “The system is expected to save 50% in energy costs every year, and we will recoup the costs for the system in five years,” said DNR Executive Director Mike Styler.

See bighorn sheep Nov. 17 in Provo

PROVO — A chance to see Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep in the foothills east of Provo awaits Nov. 17 at a free bighorn sheep viewing event.



A Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep ram, the subspecies of wild sheep that people will see at the viewing event in Provo.

The Division of Wildlife Resources will host the free event at Rock Canyon Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rock Canyon Park is at 2620 N. and 1200 E. (Iroquois Dr.) just

northeast of the Provo LDS Temple.

Biologists will provide spotting scopes and binoculars you can use to see the sheep. They'll also be available to answer any questions you have.

If you have your own binoculars or spotting scopes, please bring them, and make sure you dress warmly.

There is no limit to the number of people who can view the sheep. Reservations are not required.

Directions to Rock Canyon Park

From I-15 take either the University Parkway or Provo Center Street exits. Drive east to 900 E. Turn north on 900 E. to Temple View Dr. (east of the Missionary Training Center at about 1900 N.).

Once you're on Temple View Dr., drive east past the LDS Temple (the road will curve to the north). At the stop sign, continue north for about 200 yards (the name of the road will change to Iroquois Dr.).

Rock Canyon Park is on the east side of Iroquois Dr. at 2620 N.

Wild sheep are making a comeback

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep are native to Utah. They climbed the hills of Utah County until about 1930, when sheep in the northern portion of Utah were thought to be extinct.

Since January 2000, many bighorn sheep have been reintroduced to the mountains overlooking Utah County's larger cities, stretching from American Fork Canyon to Nebo Mountain.

The Utah Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, the Division of Wildlife Resources, sportsman and conservation groups, and private citizens have joined together to bring bighorn sheep back to this part of the state.

Three subspecies

Utah is home to three subspecies of bighorn sheep:

Desert bighorns live in several locations in southern Utah.

California bighorn sheep have been trans-located to Antelope Island State Park and the Newfoundland Mountain range in northwestern Utah.

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep are found at several Utah locations, including Utah County, Flaming Gorge Reservoir, the North Slope of the Uinta Mountains, Desolation Canyon and Dinosaur National Monument.

The Utah County bighorn sheep population is thriving. It now numbers more than 100 animals.

For more information about the Nov. 17 viewing event, call the DWR's Central Region office at (801) 491-5678.

AAA Reminds Homeowners to Prepare for Winter Safely

SALT LAKE CITY, October 29, 2007 – Colorful changing leaves make for wonderful autumn views, but once fallen, those leaves can cause serious problems for homeowners. Leaves can pile up in gutters, forming clogs that cause water

damage to walls, ceilings, or basements during the rain and snow of winter. To keep foliage from turning foul, AAA reminds residents to be safe while cleaning out their gutters and downspouts this year.

“Cleaning out the gutters and checking the chimney aren’t anyone’s favorite chores, but they are important ones,” said Rolayne Fairclough, for AAA Utah. “Regular maintenance protects your home from water damage and fire dangers. Just take precautions and don’t rush while you’re up there.”

According to the National Safety Council, falls are the sixth most common cause of death in the United States, and 41 percent of fall-related deaths occur in the home. You can prevent accidents while preparing your home for winter by following a few guidelines:

- Face the ladder.
- Stay centered between the rails.
- Try to hold on with one hand while working with the other.
- Wear non-skid shoes.
- Never scoot or bounce the ladder over to a new position while standing on it; climb down and move it.
- Don’t stand on the paint shelf, the back section of a step ladder, or above the second rung from the top.

If your home features a functional fireplace, it’s also a good idea to check it for safety before you enjoy your first cozy fire of the season. Even gas-burning fireplaces require attention to remain efficient and safe. Here are some tips to keep fireplaces warm and safe this winter:

- The Chimney Safety Institute of America recommends that open masonry fireplaces should be cleaned after soot builds up to 1/4", and sooner if there is any glaze present in the system.
- Factory-built fireplaces should be cleaned when any appreciable buildup occurs.
- Keep chimney vents and flues free from bird nests or other debris, and have them inspected professionally every three years.

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance, financial services and consumer discounts 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.

BLM Releases Richfield Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan for Public Review



The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released their Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) on Friday, October 26, 2007. The Draft RMP/EIS planning efforts will result in a comprehensive RMP for approximately 2.2 million acres of public lands in Garfield, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne Counties administered by the BLM's Richfield Field Office.

An RMP can be compared to a county master plan where management direction and objectives are defined for specific resources and areas. They address issues including livestock grazing, recreation, wildlife habitat, off-highway vehicle use, camping and even energy and mineral development. In addition, the BLM has been considering nominations for potential Areas of Critical Concern (ACEC) and nominations of rivers for possible inclusion in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

And most importantly, BLM's Utah State Office has issued guidance that directs all of the Field Offices in Utah to complete a route designation plan at the same time they revise the RMPs, so this DEIS will include a new Travel Plan as well.

Your comments and suggestions are critical at this stage in the new RMP development. The BLM will accept public comments until January 23, 2008. BLM will need to know what part of the preferred alternative you support and what part you oppose. Also, BLM needs to know what parts of the other alternatives should be included in the final plan and which parts of the other alternatives should NOT be in the final plan.



The Richfield Field Office will host six open houses where the public can meet with BLM resource specialists to review the plan and offer comment. The meetings will be held at the following times and locations:

Monday, December 3, 2007 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Snow College South Campus
Admin Bldg. Rooms 147 B and E
800 West 200 South
Richfield, UT

Thursday, December 6, 2007 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Triple C Arena (Indoor Events Building)
50 East 900 North
Panguitch, UT

Monday, December 10, 2007 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Wayne County Community Center
375 South 400 East
Bicknell, UT

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 5:00-7:00 p.m.

New City Building Conference Room
55 South Main Street
Manti, UT

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Salt Lake City Main Library
Fourth Floor Meeting Room
210 East 400 South
Salt Lake City, UT



Thursday, December 13, 2007 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Piute County Courthouse
550 North Main Street
Junction, UT

The Draft RMP/EIS is available online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/richfield/planning.html>. This website also contains background information about the plan, as well as an electronic public comment form. Written comments should be addressed to the attention of John Russell, Assistant Planner, Richfield BLM Field Office, 150 East, 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701. They can also be e-mailed to: UT_Richfield_Comments@blm.gov.

The comment period ends on January 23, 2008. For further information or to obtain a copy of the draft RMP/EIS, please contact the Richfield Field Office at (435) 896-1070.

PLEASE, IF YOU RECREATE IN GARFIELD, PIUTE, SANPETE, SEVIER OR WAYNE COUNTIES, GET INVOLVED NOW! PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO KEEP RECREATION AREAS OPEN.

QuickSeals® Makes Life Easier for Boaters

Exciting new household “baggie” storage system to is convenient while on the water

PHOENIX (October 31, 2007) – QuickSeals (www.quickseals.com), a revolutionary new food baggie storage system that converts nearly any packaged food item into a resealable storage container, keeping snacks and other perishables fresh and preventing costly food waste, is now hitting the marine industry. Designed for versatility and ease-of-use, the QuickSeals product uses a zip slider top and adhesive strips to form a seal with consumers’ favorite food bags or boxes, sealing in freshness and preventing spillage. These multi-use storage bags go easily from freezer to microwave or from pantry to plate, while creating extra space on the boat.

Ideal for boaters, with QuickSeals consumers can lock in freshness without disposing of (and losing) the original product packaging which often contains valuable cooking instructions or serving and nutritional information. QuickSeals forms an airtight barrier which helps to eliminate infestation and other food spoilage, making it a must-have for boaters, travelers, backpackers, RVs, or anyone on-the-go.

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QuickSeals is offered in a 20-pack (10 medium size and 10 large size in one box) at an MSRP of \$3.49, a 6-pack (3 medium and 3 large) at an MSRP of \$1.29, and a 150-pack (75 medium and 75 large) at an MSRP of \$24.99. QuickSeals products are also available at select Wal-Mart stores, Walgreens, Bed, Bath & Beyond as well as major e-tailers and the QuickSeals online store directly at www.QuickSeals.com. Stores and other vendors interested in carrying QuickSeals or any of the Neese Products line-up may contact Neese Products at 1-800-705-4000 or via e-mail at sales@NeeseProducts.com .

**Important Vote Wednesday!
Urge Congress to reform mining laws to
protect wildlife**

Congress is hopping right now when it comes to voting on bills that impact wildlife. I hope the extra emails don't wear you (or me) out.

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives is voting on an important bill to [reform a 135-year-old mining law](https://online.nwf.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=401&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr009=du2cqy23t1.app44b) which has threatened public lands and wildlife since way back in 1872!
<https://online.nwf.org/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=401&autologin=true&JServSessionIdr009=du2cqy23t1.app44b>

Can you send a quick message to your rep to protect wildlife from toxic mining practices?

<http://online.nwf.org/supportminingreform>

The General Mining Law of 1872 has governed hardrock mining since the presidency of Ulysses S. Grant, allowing mining companies to buy up America's public lands at dirt cheap prices with little or no cleanup required. **This is bad news for the wildlife** and all who enjoy recreating on America's public lands.

The House will vote to reform this outdated law on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, so [please contact your representative immediately!](#)

And please forward this on to as many people as you can before Wednesday's vote.
Thanks so much for speaking up!



Kristin Johnson

Take Action

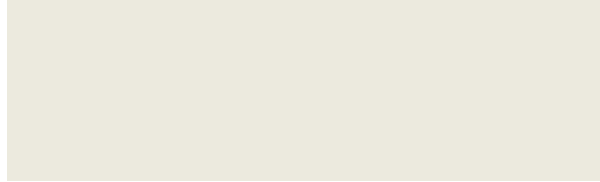
Should mining companies be allowed to buy up public lands at dirt cheap prices, with **little or no cleanup required?** An 1872 law has allowed this for more than a century.

[Urge your rep to vote for mining reform Wednesday!](#)



Photo: Polluted water seeping from Montana's Mike Horse Mine Impoundment into a tributary of the Blackfoot River.

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Sakhalin Salmon Refuge Established

Wild Salmon Center has worked with our Russian partners, including Sakhalin Environment Watch, to establish a 165,000 acre salmon/marine refuge on Sakhalin Island in the Russian Far East. The Vostochnii Refuge in northeast Sakhalin includes two entire ocean-draining basins, the Vengeri and Pursh-Pursh Rivers, protecting habitat for healthy populations of pink,

chum and coho salmon, as well as char and other salmonids. The refuge protects some of the last remaining intact forest ecosystems of Sakhalin in perpetuity and includes a 2km marine buffer to protect endangered sea lions.

Since 2002, Wild Salmon Center has been supporting our partners at Sakhalin Environment Watch to create the refuge, develop management plans, fight poaching and other threats to the refuge, and develop a salmon monitoring program. The charter of the refuge makes specific provisions for public participation in protecting the refuge, and Sakhalin Environment Watch has already concluded an agreement with the Sakhalin Administration.



Through the Sakhalin Salmon Initiative, we will work with the Sakhalin Administration to ensure effective protection of the refuge. The Vostochnii Refuge is located in the Smirnikhovsk District of Sakhalin, which is also a proposed site for a sustainable fisheries pilot project. This one area therefore presents an exciting opportunity to showcase a combination of approaches to salmon conservation and sustainable fisheries management.

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RESTORE THE CLEAN WATER ACT

House Committee to Vote to Restore Original Intent of Act

The Clean Water Act has done its job well for the past 35 years, and was clearly meant to protect all of America's waters including wetlands and headwater streams. But recent rulings by the Supreme Court and consequential moves by EPA and the Army Corps have potentially cut off protection for many of the nation's waters. Like poisoning the roots while protecting the tree, these Clean Water Act rollbacks simply don't make sense. They endanger our drinking water supply, our health, and wildlife.

These waters are the lifeblood of our country's diverse water system. Healthy streams, wetlands and lakes mean healthy people and abundant populations of wildlife. Weakening protections for these waters puts us all at risk.

The Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007 simply reaffirms the traditional scope and clear purpose of the Clean Water Act. Two recent split decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court have put many of America's wetlands, streams, lakes and ponds at risk by creating ambiguity over the scope of the law. These decisions have left at least 20 million acres of the nation's wetlands at risk of losing Clean Water Act Protections. Additionally, some 60 percent of stream miles in the United States which do not flow year-round could also lose protection. A House panel is expected to vote on this critical measure this fall.

The legislation, introduced for consideration by the House and Senate, does not expand Clean Water Act protections, but simply restores the regulatory status quo as it existed before the Supreme Court issued its decisions.

In some Southwest states like New Mexico, the current status could mean about 90-percent of the state's waters are left unprotected, and would be open to filling or toxics dumping.

The waters at risk of losing protection help replenish water supplies, filter out pollution, work as buffers against storms and floods, and provide habitat for America's fish, birds and other wildlife.

For instance, excluding Alaska, at-risk streams are part of around 60 percent or more of surface water protection areas. These areas supply drinking water to as many as 110 million people. Many of these at-risk streams already receive regulated discharges of pollution. Excluding Alaska, available preliminary EPA data shows that about 40 percent of all pollution permits for sewage, industrial and other waste involve potentially at-risk streams.

The law is now unclear as to whether much of this pollution still needs permits that require compliance with standards designed to protect water quality.

Case law since the Rapanos decision has only added to the confusion and disarray and important regulatory programs are at a near standstill in many parts of the country.

Global warming will mean increasingly intense storms, droughts and habitat loss. Having healthy wetlands, rivers and streams will be essential in helping people and

wildlife survive the threats of global warming.

The misinformation campaign being run by some critics ignores the fact that approximately half of our waters are at risk. This effort is by so-called property rights groups and industry with an interest in lax regulation. Their arguments that this bill will protect gutters, puddles and swimming pools are utterly ridiculous. America's waters are now closer to having the full protections Congress originally intended under the Clean Water Act. Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI), and Representatives Oberstar (D-MN), Dingell (D-MI) and Ehlers (R-MI) introduced the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007, which will restore Clean Water Act safeguards to all of America's water bodies and will clearly affirm the original intent of the law.

The protections are a national standard, not a patchwork. There is no good reason why this cannot be done before this Congress adjourns.

Passage of this legislation to end the confusion caused by the Supreme Court is the most decisive tool available.

People and wildlife depend on safe, clean water. Failure to act condones paved-over wetlands, polluted rivers and depleted wildlife habitat.

The administration is fully aware that President Bush's commitment to a legacy of a net gain in wetlands cannot be achieved if the traditional scope of the Clean Water Act's safeguards is eroded.

National Wildlife Federation applauds Senator Feingold and Representatives Oberstar, Dingell and Ehlers and the original co-sponsors who joined them for leading the fight to protect America's waters. The Clean Water Restoration Act will help return us to the path of protecting our nation's wetlands, lakes and streams for wildlife and for our children's future.

We urge you to editorialize in favor of these important bills.

What Leading Newspapers are saying about the Clean Water Restoration Act:

International Falls Daily Tribune: "Ornamental ponds? Mud puddles? Kitchen sinks? Not mentioned in the bill...In fact, the Supreme Court rulings have dramatically added time and red tape to the permitting process. In addition, the act exempts farming and ranching activities, and industries including mining and timber and the proposed bill clarifies that new regulations are not to be enacted in these areas."

Newsday: "If the Supreme Court densely misreads the intention of Congress, what can Congress do? Say it again, more loudly and clearly. That's what two key figures in the passage of the 1972 Clean Water Act propose, to counteract two Supreme Court decisions that are endangering streams and wetlands nationwide, including in New York. They've got the right idea."

Bob Marshall in the Times Picayune: “If ever a piece of legislation was right for the times, this is it. Not only can it prevent catastrophic damage to the environment, especially to waterfowl, but it could set a template for rapidly correcting many of the most egregious offenses of the Bush years. ”

Minneapolis Star Tribune: “This is necessary because the Supreme Court narrowly interpreted the term ‘navigable waters.’ This summer, in response, new guidelines for the Clean Water Act were issued, thereby limiting the scope of the law and precluding protection of non-navigable isolated waters under the Act... To protect them, Congress must restate and clarify its commitment; Oberstar’s bill does just that.”

Duluth News Tribune: “[Oberstar’s] Clean Water Restoration Act would return the federal law to the way it was before the Supreme Court rulings. It wouldn’t expand federal authority or create any new rulings. It simply would ‘restore the authority of the Clean Water Act...’”

Fort Myers, FL News-Press: “Clearly, Congress intended to clean up all our waters when it voted the Clean Water Act 34 years ago. It is more than lamentable that 45 percent of our rivers and lakes are now considered too polluted for swimming, fishing and drinking. It is alarming that 53 to 59 percent of our waterways might be excluded from protection if this new act isn’t passed.”

The National Wildlife Federation inspires Americans to protect wildlife for our children’s future.

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Bowhunts Gaining Traction as Deer Control

Emerging trend of deer population management includes bowhunters

October 29, 2007 (National)

Several Midwestern towns are implementing bowhunting as a safe and effective way to control skyrocketing deer herds.

On Oct. 3, the Granville, Ohio Village Council unanimously approved an ordinance to allow bowhunting in the community. As of Nov. 2, hunting will be permitted on private property with written permission. The chief of police, with approval of the village manager and following a review of the village council, will establish rules and regulations for the hunt.

Anti's resisted the new ordinance, instead suggesting deer birth control, which has been proven to be ineffective.

In the Des Moines, Iowa suburb of Urbandale, bowhunting will now be permitted in four city parks to safely control deer numbers. The Polk County Deer Task Force recommends there be 30 deer per square mile, and surveys show the new hunting areas have several times that many animals. Private property has also been included in the hunting area this year.

Sportsmen may take antlerless deer from a tree stand. Hunting and is not permitted within 100 feet of a road, trail or right of way, or within 200 feet of a home or building. The bowhunt will run through Jan. 27.

In Portage, Indiana, the John Merle Coulter Nature Preserve has opened its woods to bowhunting. On Oct. 2, the Shirley Heinze Land Trust received Portage City Council permission to allow bowhunting on the property to control a booming deer herd that is causing extensive property damage and threatening endangered plants.

Hunters must have a valid hunting license and are to have completed a hunter education course. The hunt will coincide with the state's bowhunting season, from now until Dec. 2 and from Dec. 8 through Jan. 6.

The Bowhunter Rights Coalition will continue to monitor the progress of these new deer control measures and with the help of sportsmen, will draw attention of their success to other communities that could integrate bowhunting into deer population control.

For more information about how you can protect your rights as a sportsman, contact The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance, 801 Kingsmill Parkway, Columbus, OH 43229. Phone (614) 888-4868. E-Mail us at info@USSPORTSMEN.org