



WINDZUP NEWS OZONE KITES, USA

The first cold spell has hit Utah and winter is getting close. The Windzup crews are having fun getting ready for another action packed season of snowkiting! Exciting stuff is happening this year, from a new kite specific snowboard designed by Rob Whittall to the 5th annual US Open Snowkite Masters starting February 26th, 2009. Heather and Brian are hard at work preparing for a busy winter and laying out plans for this seasons Snowkite Freeride Tour. With as many dates as last year and several new shops coming on board, there will be Snowkiting demos somewhere nearly every weekend this winter.



One of the beauties of Snowkiting is that it opens up amazing terrain and riding opportunities in our own backyards, and with fuel prices on the rise Windzup has adopted the 'Kite Local - Ride Free' philosophy. While road tripping is in our blood and we will be traveling to visit our many friends this season, we would like to encourage shops and riders to Kite Local and promote their home town locations. Windzup is practicing what we preach and will be hosting twice as many Ozone demos within our home state of Utah this winter... if you would like to be apart of this philosophy and host an Ozone Kite demo at your spot, send and email to info@windzup.com with Kite Local - Ride Free in the subject line.



To see what's happening on the snow in Utah check out [Kite Utah](#) for weather and information on events, clinics and advanced Snowkite courses.

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ACCESS XC 09 >>

For 09 we have updated the incredibly successful Access XC to keep it cemented as the # 1 entry level/intermediate depower foil in the industry for land and snowkiting. Constructed using the same materials as the FYX and Manta II, Amsteel speed-system, Control Bar system using only the finest materials and handling and stability that puts smiles on anyone's face.

- Huge D-Power range
- Fast yet predictable turn
- Rock solid stability
- New control bar with moulded chickloop
- 4 x coloured flying lines

- New large technical backpack
- New Bar ends –We also from now on supply all kites (Instincts and D-Power kites) with spare Amsteel leaders just in case a customer sees wear after many months of riding)
- Dirt-outs in tips
- Highest spec 40D Nylon rip stop
- Double stitched seams
- New colours for 09
- New Safety leash – same as the leash supplied with our Instinct range
- Control Bar now one size (54cm) for all size kites.

For more details on this legendary kite download the [INFO SHEET](#) or check it out on the website [HERE](#)
<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?Windzup/383d002622/250db7b59c/2690ae735d>

Be Ready Utah

The 2008 fall schedule for the Ready Your Business "12 Point Program to Business Continuity Planning" is attached for your review. Forward to your business associates, customers or vendors who would benefit in joining you in better preparing the workplace for any type of business interruption.

View the Be Ready Utah Declaration signed by Governor Jon M Huntsman Jr, recognizing September as National Preparedness Month and Utah celebrating preparedness awareness events across the State on the www.BeReadyUtah.gov home page.

Watch for details of more Ready Your Business opportunities with on-line training modules as a resource to your continuity planning. Soon to be released: Pandemic Influenza Planning and Communication Options. Thanks to the Utah Small Business Development Center, a training library will be available on the www.BeReadyUtah.gov website fall of 2009!

Visit our NEW web site. www.BeReadyUtah.gov to find additional Community, School, Family and Business preparedness tips, video and events.

For additional information on how you can schedule a Ready Your business workshop series or presentation for your organization, please contact:

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Kate MacLeod Upcoming Performances and Fiddle Workshops

Sunday September 14

2pm

Kate MacLeod

Performing during the Earthdance Celebration 2008

Library Square - 400 S. 200 E.

Salt Lake City, UT

Utah will join with the world during a two-day festival uniting in Prayer for Peace.

This 2-day festival will focus on promoting unification & healing of the Earth through environmental awareness,

green practices & sustainable, peaceful living. Activities/Workshops will include: winter gardening, green building,

yoga ,live music, Deeksha Oneness Blessings, Aztec & Hopi Dancers, fire spinning/dancing, more.

Food provided by One World Cafe. Prayer for peace 5:00pm, September 13, 2008

Prices: Donations appreciated

400 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, 801-264-0607

<http://ourcommunityconnection.com/earthdance.spotlight.php>

Saturday September 20

7:30pm

Kate MacLeod

Torrey, UT

The Entrada Institute's Saturday Night Events

Robber's Roost Bookstore

Main St., Torrey, UT

www.entradainstitute.org

info@entradainstitute.org

Saturday September 27

7pm

Kate MacLeod, sharing the stage with other regional musicians.

A Tribute to Utah Phillips

University of Utah Fine Arts Building

Salt Lake City, UT

Concert proceeds will go to support Utah Jobs with Justice. Speakers and song makers in random order will be Duncan Phillips, Kate MacLeod, Anke Summerhill, Doug Wintch, Gigi Love, Mike Iverson & Blue Sage, Tony Roehig & Mike Garcia, Kyle & Weston Wulle.

Tickets are \$10 in advance \$12 at the door.

For information call:

Linda Parsons

Utah Jobs with Justice

Phone: 801-606-2074

FIDDLE WORKSHOP SERIES

Kate MacLeod will teach a fiddle workshop series, 3:30pm-5:30pm on the following dates:

Sat. Sept. 27

Sat. Oct. 11

Sat. Nov. 8

Sat. Dec. 13



For information contact: Margaret Lewis - cellomargaret@yahoo.com

The workshops will be held in Murray, UT., sponsored by Salt City Music Lab.

Further info TBA, see Kate's website for updates at www.katemacleod.com.

Workshop information and registration will soon be posted at www.saltcitymusiclab.com.

ARDENT ANNOUNCES NEW SPONSORSHIP OF THE ARMY BASS ANGLERS

Ardent, an American-owned manufacturer of fishing reels and accessories made exclusively in the U.S.A., is proud to announce the company's multi-year sponsorship of the Army Bass Anglers. "Since Ardent was founded in 2003 the company has been committed to creating manufacturing jobs in the U.S.A.," said Michael J. Brooks, President and C.E.O. of Ardent. "We are honored to support the men and women of Army Bass Anglers* who defend the freedoms enjoyed by our employees, the customers who purchase our products, and every other American citizen."

As part of Ardent's sponsorship of Army Bass Anglers, the company will provide team members with premium Ardent baitcasting and spinning reels and other quality Ardent accessories, all Made in the U.S.A. Ardent's long term commitment to the group also includes a reel rebate program for active U.S. servicemen and women.

"Joining forces with Ardent has been exciting, not only because of the superior quality of products like Ardent's XS 1000 baitcasting reel, but also because Ardent's products are Made in the U.S.A. by the very people we have sworn to defend and to serve," said Major Cody Roberson, the Army Bass Anglers' team leader.

By competing in bass tournaments, Army Bass Anglers are able to support programs like Take a Soldier Fishing, Return Heroes Home, and Fishing for Freedom, while also increasing public awareness of their mission to honor and to aid those who have served their country. During the off-season, Army Bass Angler volunteers raise funds and solicit products in further support of Fishing for Freedom tournaments.

In recognition of their work on behalf of servicemen and women, B.A.S.S./ESPN recently selected the Army Bass Anglers and their boats to serve as honorary launch boats at the 2009 Bassmasters Classic.

“Ardent is the only American-owned manufacturer of casting and spinning reels that are exclusively made in the U.S.A., and the only fishing reel manufacturer supporting Army Bass Anglers and military men and women who fish,” said Roberson.

“Launching the world’s top bass fishing professionals during each day of the 2009 Bassmasters Classic will be a tremendous honor,” Roberson said. “Army Bass Anglers are excited to attend the Classic as members of an Ardent team that includes legends of the sport such as Alton Jones, the 2008 Bassmasters Classic champion, who won last year’s Classic while fishing exclusively with Ardent’s XS1000 and XS600 baitcasting reels. Meeting Alton and knowing

that both he and Army Bass Anglers are sponsored by the same great company will truly be a dream come true!”

Ardent manufactures superior-quality, high-performance fishing reels and accessories that are Made in the U.S.A. For more information, visit Ardent’s website at www.ardentoutdoors.com.

Help to limit flood and storm damage of family heirlooms

WASHINGTON – Tropical storms and other flood events are often termed disasters because of injuries, fatalities and the destruction of homes and businesses. Part of the disaster is the loss of family heirlooms.

“I am saddened by the stories

of people who have lost so much from floods



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Ice Arena & Sports Complex
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and storms,” said National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar. “We learn about their stories of survival in the news but also hear about damage to a lifetime of memories – the loss of personal heirlooms is devastating.”

Director Bomar said, “The National Park Service has been at the forefront in the effort to save, preserve and protect America’s treasures for nearly a century. We have tips available from our conservation and preservation experts for people who will be able to save family heirlooms before disaster strikes. And we have tips for how to deal with flood-damaged items.”

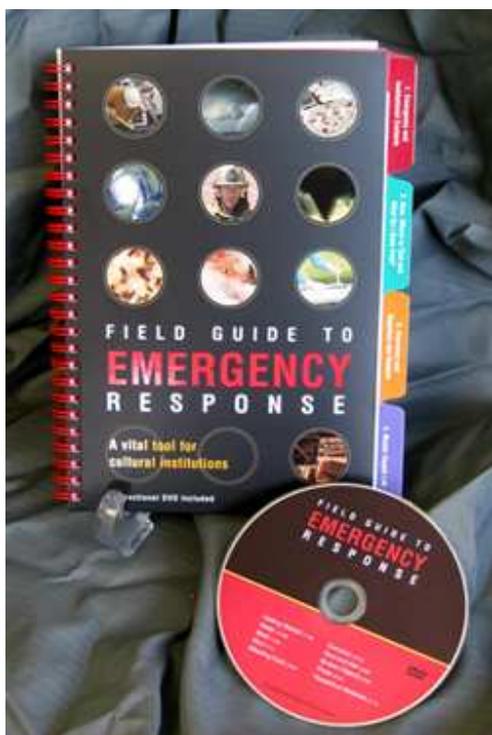
The National Park Service, along with other members of the Heritage Emergency National Task Force, produced a public service announcement video to help families. It is available on-line at <http://www.ncptt.nps.gov>

The following tips are adapted from the Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel produced by Heritage Preservation in support of the Heritage Emergency National Task Force
<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/PROGRAMS/TASKFER.HTM>



Preparation before flooding:

Avoid storing family heirlooms in the basement, which is likely to flood.



Evacuate heirlooms, such as family photo albums, when possible--otherwise, place in closets or rooms without windows on upper floors.

Response and recovery after flooding:

Even if they are completely soaked, family treasures can probably be saved, if they are not contaminated with sewage or chemicals. Work on high priority items first.

Freeze books, paper, textiles, and most photographs that cannot be cleaned and dried within 48 hours to prevent mold. Interleave with freezer or waxed paper, if possible. Consult a conservator before freezing metal, plate glass, paintings, some photographs, and furniture.

Photographs: Rinse with cool, clean water, as necessary. Hang with clips on non-image areas or lay flat on absorbent paper.

Books: If rinsing is necessary, hold book closed. If partially wet or damp, stand on top or bottom edge with cover open to 90-degree angle and air dry.

Paper: Air dry flat as individual sheets or small piles up to 1/4". Interleave with paper and replace interleaving when damp. Do not unfold/separate individual wet sheets.

Textiles: Rinse, drain and blot with clean towels/cotton sheets. Block and shape to original form. Air dry using air conditioning/fans. Do not unfold delicate fabrics. Do not stack wet textiles.

Furniture: Rinse/sponge surfaces gently to clean. Blot. Air dry slowly. If paint is blistered or flaking, air dry slowly without removing dirt or moisture. Hold veneer in place with weights while drying. Separate the weights from the veneer with a protective layer. Upholstery: Rinse. Remove separate pieces, such as cushions and removable seats. Wrap in cloth to air dry and replace cloth when damp.

Framed paintings: Carefully remove from frames in dry area. Keep paintings horizontal, paint side up, elevated on blocks. Avoid direct sunlight.

Framed art on paper or photographs with glass fronts: Remove from frames, unless art is stuck to glass. Dry slowly, image-side up with nothing touching the image surface. If art sticks to glass, leave it in frame and dry glass-side down.

If a precious item is badly damaged, a conservator can help. For guidelines on selecting a conservator, see <http://aic.stanford.edu/public/select.html>



31st ANNUAL
Great Nevada
Picture Hunt



Lonely Sunrise © Mike Sevon

Fallon resident wins Nevada Magazine's 2008 Great Nevada Picture Hunt

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Fallon resident Mike Sevon is the Grand Prize winner in Nevada Magazine's 31st annual Great Nevada Picture Hunt, the feature story in the publication's September/October issue.

The winning image, "Lonely Sunrise," was taken at Pyramid Lake last December. A large tent, set up by Sevon as a warming hut for fellow members of the Truckee River Flyfishers club, glows in the foreground as a burning-orange sunrise lightens the dark dawn. For added effect, the planet Mars can be seen shining in the early morning sky.

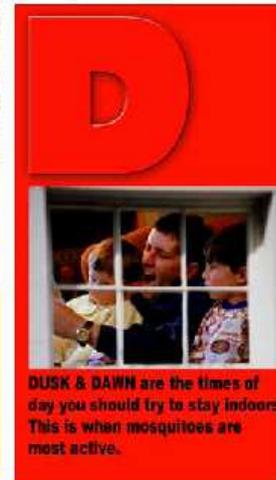
Sevon, who worked for the Nevada Department of Wildlife for 36 years, holds a special place in his heart for the desert lake. He did work there in the early '70s while attending University of Nevada, Reno, and has kept going back ever since. "I have a spiritual connection to it," he said. "It's the most beautiful lake in the world."

In addition to the Grand Prize, photographers were judged in five different categories: City Limits, Wide Open, Living, People, and Events. The People winner, Deanna Esplin of Spring Creek, also won second place overall with her photo, "Flyfisher." She captured her husband, Todd, in his backswing as he tried his luck near the South Fork Reservoir in Spring Creek. The picture evokes a peaceful mood as clouds, mountains, sagebrush, and the river fill the canvas. Esplin also won the Wide Open category with "Long Dusty Road."

Janice Phillips, from Las Vegas, won the Events category and took third place overall with her captivating image, "Let the Sparks Fly," which depicts a Fourth of July fireworks show behind the Stratosphere Tower, a



Remember the "Five D's" to defend yourself against West Nile virus.



Symptoms of West Nile Virus infection include fever, headache, body aches, tiredness, and sometimes rash. If you have severe symptoms such as stiff neck, severe headache, or confusion, contact your health care provider immediately.



Vegas icon.

The other category winners are: Living—Jodi Esplin, Spring Creek, “Happiness is...”; and City Limits—Maria Coulson, Reno, “Pioneer Center.” Pick up the latest issue to view the winning images and more, or visit www.NevadaMagazine.com. Through September, you can also vote online in the magazine’s first Readers’ Choice photo contest. More than 70 entrants have submitted photos each of the past two years. Look for an ad in the May/June 2009 issue covering rules of submission for the 2009 contest, or visit NevadaMagazine.com around May 1.

Also in the September/October issue, Nevada Magazine takes a chick trip to Mesquite, uncovers the “truth” on the Extraterrestrial Highway and enlightens readers on Nevada’s bed-and-breakfast experience.

Nevada Magazine is the official state travel magazine. Pick up the latest edition at your local bookstore or anywhere else magazines are sold. For subscription information, visit www.NevadaMagazine.com

Orienteering Utah Event Saturday

Did you ever want to run around a college campus when you weren't late for class? You can this Saturday, Sept 13 between 10 am and 1 pm.

We're offering 2 courses on this new map: a Basic of approximately 1.5 K and an Advanced of 3 K. Come and try your O skills in a very urban setting!

Directions to Utah Valley University (formerly UVSC) in Orem

To Start location:

Use I-15. Take exit 269 for UT-265/University Pkwy and go east. Turn left (first left, at the light) to enter the campus of Utah Valley University. Take the first right out of the roundabout (not 1200 South, which is before the roundabout) onto College Drive heading east. Turn north into the second (upper) parking lot on the left. The start will be at the northern end of that lot.

Lake Powell Fishing Report September 2, 2008

By Wayne Gustaveson

Lake Elevation: 3629

Water Temp: 78-80 F

The biggest change this week is a drop in surface water temperature. After more than a month of water warmer than 80 degrees, the lake has finally dipped down to 78 F in the morning. Nights are cooler and days shorter. While there will still be some warm days, water temperature will decline steadily from now on. Fall fishing excellence is just ahead.

The Labor Day storms left us uncertain as to changes in fish location and behavior. Few reports were given. It is assumed that fish just went deep and will now resume the patterns

established last week.

Over the length of the lake, big strong striper boils happen once in a while. More often there are scattered feeding events marked by a few fish surfacing at random wide spread locations. Some times all is quiet, particularly during the mid day period.

Best fishing strategy for this week is to search for that big boil. If found, the rewards are tremendous with numerous strong, fat 2-3 pound stripers that can be caught as long as the fish feed on top * which may be over an hour. These huge boils occur during the first two hours of daylight and the last two hours of light at night.



Last week they were found in Padre Bay, Rock Creek, Oak Canyon, Jacks Arch Cove (San Juan mouth), Red Canyon, and Trachyte. At least every third day these boils light up to the delight of all those lucky enough to be close by.

More often (daily) scattered fish are seen morning and evening marking the location of feeding schools. A few of these can be caught with surface lures thrown right into the splash ring. The better approach is to graph the 30-60 foot bottom contour where the single splashes are seen. Find the big school on the bottom for the best fishing experience. These can be readily caught on spoons. Surfacing fish mark the location of feeding events and deep running

schools. The feeding action is going on at depth so mimicking a dying shad with a spoon falling to the bottom is the most productive technique to try. This will be the most rewarding technique to pursue while waiting for the big boil to appear.

Bass fishing continues to improve particularly around feeding stripers. Stripers are easy to see and bass are close to the feeding commotion. Try cranking rattle traps and other shallow runners in the structure nearest to the surface commotion. Both large and smallmouth bass are there feeding on fleeing shad. Largemouth are more likely to be in brush structure while smallmouth will be around rocky points and ledges. The most productive plastic bass lure reported last week was the standard watermelon colored green tube jig.

Catfish are still feeding near camp and sunfish are in the brush.

The cooling weather will spark increased fish activity and also be kinder to anglers who may not like the heat.

Shooting Section Features Viewer Favorites and Original Programming

September 5, 2008 (Nashville) - Shooters can now go directly to the shows and videos that interest them most on MyOutdoorTV.com, the world's largest online network of outdoor TV programming. A new Shooting section features many of the site's most popular personalities and shows, including original programming created by MyOutdoorTV.com.



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favorites such as Todd Jarrett, Jerry Miculek, and Julie Goloski are there, as well as other personalities from such shows as *Shooting USA's Army Pro Tips*, *S&W Pro Tips*, and *Blackhawk Pro Tips* series; *On Target Clay Target Shootout*; *Cowboy Action Shooter*; *Outdoor News*; National Shooting Sports Foundation, and more. The Scholastic Clay Target Program is also featured in a series of original videos available exclusively on MyOutdoorTV.com.

The [Shooting section](#) is easily accessed through a home page tab, taking the viewer directly to the library of shooting-sports videos. Viewer

"The popularity of our shooting programming prompted us to make it even easier for viewers to access their favorite shows," said Craig Lamb, Senior Editor. "Month after month, competitive shooting shows are among the most-streamed ones on the site. In addition, we've increased the amount of programming we offer on tactical shooting, shotgunning, high-power silhouette, cowboy action shooting, and firearms safety topics, so it was time to devote an entire section to these shows."



Other topical sections on MyOutdoorTV.com include Hunting, Fishing, Wildlife & Nature, Explore the U.S., Cooking, and News. The site also hosts radio shows, links to outdoor blogs, The Ultimate Tailgater, TipMasters, and The Showroom product video section.

MyOutdoorTV.com is the world's largest online network for outdoor TV programming, currently

streaming over 225 show titles on the shooting sports, fishing, boating, and conservation. The site streams TV shows featuring some of the leading names in the outdoors, including Todd Jarrett, Jerry Miculek, Bill Miller, Jackie Bushman, Bill Dance, Hank Parker, Roland Martin, Jimmy Houston, and many others.

Use of MyOutdoorTV.com is always FREE to viewers, 24/7, with no registration required and no software to download. Visit our website at www.myoutdoortv.com.

Antelope Island Balloon Stampede

Welcome to this exciting new adventure sponsored by the [Davis Chamber of Commerce](#). With the support of the State of Utah, Davis County and the [Davis Convention and Visitors Bureau](#), September promises to be an exciting time on Antelope Island. **The Antelope Island Balloon Stampede is September 19th and 20th, 2008.**

This year's Balloon Stampede promises to strengthen our community as well as draw a diverse and new demographic to Davis County and Antelope Island. Ballooning is a fun and intriguing sport for participants and viewers alike, appealing to thousands.



Antelope Island is a unique venue for all. Preliminary flights and visits by Balloonists assure strong support from the balloonist community. The island, with its many features, including mass media such as Ogden Publishing Corporation and Simmons Broadcasting Corporation, will all join to draw a large audience from not only Davis County but the entire intermountain region.

The event is family-friendly priced at only **\$10.00** per personal vehicle which includes the Park entrance fee.



The Stampede will host a variety of vendor booths, all of which promise to excite attendees as well as vendors. The Audience Research and Economic Impact Study conducted for the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta reported 91.6% of attendees have a positive attitude toward balloon event vendors. Even more important, 67.1% of attendees reported being "more likely to purchase" from balloon event vendors. We expect a similar response from attendees at the Antelope Island

Balloon Stampede.

Places to Stay

Please call for special room prices during the Antelope Island Balloon Stampede, and mention that you are coming to Davis County.

Vernon Reservoir to be Drained; DWR Removes Trout Limit

Draining starts Sept. 15

Tooele -- If you have a fishing license, and you want a chance to catch and keep a bunch of fish, visit Vernon Reservoir within the next two weeks.

Starting Sept. 15, the reservoir south of Tooele will be drained. Completely draining the reservoir will give workers access to the outlet structure on the reservoir's dam. The outlet is so plugged with debris that water users cannot access the water in the reservoir for irrigation and other purposes.

After the draining process starts on Sept. 15, it should take about one week to drain the reservoir. The draining process has been delayed until Sept. 15 to allow anglers to catch and keep as many fish as possible.

An emergency amendment to the 2008 Utah Fishing Guidebook, which removes the trout limit at the reservoir, was signed Sept. 4 by DWR Director Jim Karpowitz.

Late Season Fishing Report

BAKER RESERVOIR: Heavy algae blooms and low water. Fishing is slow.

BARKER RESERVOIRS, NORTH CREEK LAKES: Fair to good success in Barker and Lower Barker for stocked rainbows and a few brooks. Nice brook trout are found in Flat, Yellow and Joe Lay. Try fishing with dark-colored marabou jigs and wooly buggers near any structure like floating logs, submerged grass, large boulders and undercut banks. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four, only two of which may be over 14 inches.

BEAVER MOUNTAIN LAKES: Fishing pressure has dropped off, but there should be one more push this weekend. Water conditions in most lakes are good, except Three Creeks, which is dry. Kents and Upper Kents are at conservation pool level. Upper Kents has an algae bloom, but all other lakes are clear. Fishing is fair overall with some good moments. Anderson Meadow reservoir is the most consistent producer. Most of the fish caught on the mountain are catchable rainbow trout. The larger fish and other fish species should pick up as the waters begin to cool.

Public access at Puffer Lake is restricted to 100 yards of shoreline on the southwest end. Look for the small area that is not posted.

BEAVER RIVER, LOWER: Irrigation flows should end within a month. Much of the river is on private property, so please treat the area with respect. Much of the private land is open to walk-in access, but some is closed to trespass so watch for signs.



BEAVER RIVER, UPPER: Small rainbows and browns are abundant and will take most lures and flies. Try flashy spinners or a hopper-dropper rig. Not much pressure. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

BOULDER MTN LAKES: Fishing is fair to good in all

areas of the mountain. If fishing is slow at one lake, move on to another. For brook trout, try dark-colored marabou jigs and wooly buggers near any structure, like floating logs, submerged grass, large boulders, and undercut banks. Special regulations on many of the Boulder Mountain waters include a trout limit of four, only two of which may be over 14 inches.

CHALK CREEK: Wild rainbows are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. The best fishing is away from the campground and the more heavily fished spots. Some catchable-sized rainbows are stocked in the campground. The North Fork provides a good spot for those willing to hike. Meadow Creek and Pioneer Creek are other small streams in the area that contain populations of small, wild trout.

CLEAR CREEK: Reports of fair to good fishing for small rainbows and browns with dries and nymphs.

CORN CREEK: Wild brown trout are abundant and can be caught with spinners and flies. Some catchable-sized rainbows are stocked in the campground.

DUCK CREEK SPRINGS/ASPEN MIRROR LAKE: Catchable-sized rainbows have been stocked and fishing is fair to good with popular baits. Try lures or flies for more of a challenge.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER KINGSTON CANYON: Flows and turbidity are high due to irrigation releases, but the river is still fishable. Irrigation flows will end October 1. Sampling this spring found that trout numbers are down from recent years. There is public access on a section of Kingston Canyon midway through the canyon that was purchased through the Blue Ribbon Program. Look for the signs. Most of the remainder of the canyon is private and posted, so ask permission first.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER BLACK CANYON: Flows are good and generally clear, but can be muddy for days after a rainstorm. Fair to good fishing for browns and some cutthroat and rainbows. Special regulations only allow the use of artificial flies and lures and include a limit of two trout for the section of river from the BLM property boundary (about four miles south of Antimony) upstream to the confluence with Deer Creek. Some private land is closed to trespass, so watch for the signs.

EAST FORK SEVIER RIVER ABOVE TROPIC RESERVOIR: No recent reports. Small trout are abundant from Kanab Creek upstream.

ENTERPRISE RESERVOIR, UPPER AND LOWER: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in the lower reservoir. The upper reservoir will not be stocked this year due to the continued repair work on the dam. Extra fish have been stocked in the lower reservoir to help compensate for the loss of the upper reservoir. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Upper Enterprise Reservoir due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to one eight-ounce portion per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and children should limit their consumption to one two-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.



FISH LAKE: Trolling for rainbows at 30–50 feet using popgear or small lures is good to excellent. Bait fishing can also produce. The average size of rainbows seems to be a little higher this year. Slower action for splake. Fast action for perch in and just outside the weeds. Try jigs tipped with worms or perch meat. Trolling for lake trout is generally slow, with a few fish caught by patient anglers. Make sure your lures imitate the lakere's forage: rainbows, chubs and perch. Note: A few tiger muskies have moved up from Johnson Reservoir. The general statewide limit on tiger musky applies here — 1 fish, which must be over 40 inches.

FORSYTH RESERVOIR: The water level is very low and boat launching is not recommended. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

FREMONT RIVER: Flows are a little high and turbid above Mill Meadow Reservoir, though fishing for small and medium-sized browns can be good to excellent with flies or flashy spinners. The lower sections of the stream can be good at any time of year if the water is not turbid. Much of the lower stream is on private land. Ask for permission before fishing on private land. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease* by cleaning mud from waders and equipment. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

GUNLOCK RESERVOIR: The reservoir is being drained and the water level is dropping. Because the fishery will be lost with the draining, the daily bag and possession limits at Gunlock



have been increased to 12 largemouth bass without size restrictions, 16 channel catfish, 100 bluegill and green sunfish in the aggregate, and 100 crappie. A fish consumption advisory was issued for largemouth bass from Gunlock due to elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption of largemouth bass to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing

mothers and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.

JOHNSON RESERVOIR: The water level has dropped. Fishing for tiger muskies is hit and miss, with most anglers throwing rapalas. Don't be afraid to try the weirdest thing in your tackle box. A few fish over 40 inches have been caught this year. The reservoir contains an abundance of suckers, Utah chubs and small yellow perch. Special regulations: Whole fish and amphibians are not allowed as bait. Cut bait must be no longer than one inch in any dimension and only one piece per hook. Limit one tiger musky over 40 inches. All tiger muskies less than 40 inches must be immediately released.

KOLOB RESERVOIR: Very little pressure. Fishing is very slow. Trolling is usually most effective in the summer. Special regulations include artificial flies and lures only, and a limit of

one trout, which must be over 18 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Tributary streams are closed to fishing until July 12. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report violations.

KOOSHAREM RESERVOIR: Fishing is fair for cutthroat. Weeds should get thick soon.

LOWER BOWNS RESERVOIR: The water level has dropped to the conservation pool and much of the shoreline is very muddy. Lots of pressure on the weekends. Fishing for rainbows is good to excellent with any bait or fly.

MAMMOTH CREEK: Flows are low and clear. Fishing is good for small browns with spinners. Public access is possible on some of Mammoth Creek west of Highway 89. Please watch for and respect private property postings. Special regulations apply to a section of Mammoth Creek. Check the proclamation for details. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MILL MEADOW RESERVOIR:

Perch fishing is good to excellent. Slow action for trout. Medium-sized brown trout are abundant. These brown trout are wild fish spawned in the Fremont River. It is very unique to find such a dense population of wild brown trout in a reservoir. Best techniques for the browns are flashy lures, streamers and natural baits like night crawlers and minnows. Good-sized perch up to 10 inches are semi-abundant. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.



MINERSVILLE RESERVOIR: Water level is low, though it hasn't reached the conservation pool yet. The water is getting a little turbid. Almost no fishing pressure. Smallmouth bass fishing was good much of the summer. Work the rocky shorelines with curly-tail jigs or lures that imitate crayfish and chubs. Trout fishing is slow. The trout are skinny and easily stressed due to warm water. Please reduce playing and handling time to avoid hooking mortality. Remember these special regulations: Artificial flies and lures only, and a limit of one trout, which must be over 22 inches. Scented jigs are not allowed. Please call the poaching hotline (1-800-662-DEER) to report

violations. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

MONROE MOUNTAIN LAKES: Most lakes are producing well (Big, Deep, Annabella, Upper and Lower Box Creek Reservoirs). Most anglers are using bait, though some are doing well using fly and bubble combos in the evenings. Fair to good fishing at Manning Meadow for cutthroat up to 16 inches with an assortment of lures. Remember these special regulations: The Manning Meadow Reservoir trout limit is one fish over 22 inches, artificial flies and lures only. The Barney Lake trout limit is two, artificial flies and lures only.

NAVAJO LAKE: Not much pressure. Fishing should pick up for rainbows and splake as water temperatures cool. Splake are very abundant. Some 18– to 19–inch fish are present. Trolling is producing more rainbows than shore fishing. For splake, try lures, streamers or jigs tipped with chub meat.

NEWCASTLE RESERVOIR: Most anglers are catching a few wipers, with some periods of very good fishing. Best success trolling or casting gold crankbaits (Frenzies, Rapalas, etc.) or wooly buggers. Wipers can be caught anywhere on the lake, but much of the best success is right next to shore. When fishing from shore, work the dam and nearby shorelines. Smallmouth fishing is fair to good for small to medium-sized fish, with several fish over two pounds. Try a variety of



soft plastics, crankbaits and even streamers. Keep switching tactics until you find something that works. Recent sampling has found that 3– to 4–pound wipers are abundant and spread out through various depths. Try trolling minnow-imitating lures for wipers. Experiment with various speeds and depths. Please remember that golden shiners are not approved for use as fresh or frozen bait. A fish consumption advisory was issued for rainbow trout in Newcastle Reservoir due to

elevated levels of mercury. It is recommended that adults limit their consumption to two eight-ounce portions per month. Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers and children should limit their consumption to one four-ounce portion per month. For further details, visit www.fishadvisories.utah.gov.

OTTER CREEK RESERVOIR: Water level is at 29%, but boats can still be launched. Fishing is slow, but should pick up as water temperatures cool later this month. Lumps and sores, caused by a skin infection brought on by the warm water temperature, are showing up on some rainbows

at Otter Creek. This infection affects only the skin, so the flesh is safe to eat when fully cooked. The infection will dissipate as the water cools later in the fall. Please prevent the spread of *whirling disease*. *Do not transport* any parts of fish caught here to other waters.

PANGUITCH LAKE: Fishing is generally slow, though a few anglers report periods of fair to good fishing. The algae bloom is starting to die off. Fishing will improve as the water cools and clarity improves. Remember these special regulations: The limit is four trout, which must be less than 15 inches or over 22 inches. Anglers must release all trout 15 to 22 inches long. Trout caught at Panguitch Lake cannot be filleted, or have the head or tail removed until you get home or to a camp. Some tributaries are closed until July 12 — check the [Utah Fishing Guide](#) for which streams are closed. Tips for releasing fish in the slot (15 to 22 inches): If a fish swallows the hook, please cut the line to avoid mortality. A fish can pass a swallowed hook and survive, while digging the hook out will almost certainly kill the fish. Also try fishing with single hooks instead of treble hooks.

PARAGONAH (RED CREEK) RESERVOIR: Fishing is generally slow. Rainbows are very abundant. Harvest is encouraged to allow fish to stay in balance with the food base.



PINE LAKE: No recent reports.

PINE VALLEY RESERVOIR: Catchable rainbows have been stocked.

PIUTE RESERVOIR: Water level has dropped to 14%. Boat launching may become difficult soon. Fishing is slow.

QUAIL LAKE: Water temperature is in the upper 70's to low 80's. Anglers report fair to good success for largemouth bass over two pounds. Try drop-shots

near cliffs, spinnerbaits near submerged brush or crankbaits along the rocky dams. Fishing at night can be productive when bass go in shallow. Remember the special regulations for bass: four bass under 10 inches and two over 20 inches.

SAND COVE RESERVOIRS: Good numbers of largemouth bass and bluegill in both reservoirs. Fishing is fair to good.

SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Water temperatures are in the low 80s. The water level was dropped in preparation for building a new boat ramp on the south end. Bass fishing is good to excellent. Small fish are found just about everywhere, while large fish are found closer to brush, rock edges or in deeper water. Dark-colored senkos are a popular bait. Also try deep-diving

crankbaits for larger fish. Some topwater action lately. Bluegill have moved deeper again, but are still being caught with a worm and bobber. Try fishing early and late to avoid the heat and the water skiers. New regulations: Bass limit is six, with one over 12 inches. Public access to the reservoir is available only through the State Park. Change in access: Access to Sand Hollow State Park has changed to 3700 West (Sand Hollow Road). The road that previously accessed the park, 4300 W (Turfsod), is closed. The new road is a half-mile east on SR-9 of the old entrance.

SEVIER RIVER (UPPER), ASAY CREEK: Flows are low and generally clear. Most of the trout water on the upper Sevier is located upstream (south) from the town of Hatch. Intermittent sections of good habitat are present above Hatch and easily accessible from Highway 89. Asay Creek west of Highway 89 is on private land and access is restricted.

SEVIER RIVER MARYSVALE CANYON: Irrigation flows will end on October 1.

THOUSAND LAKES MTN: Fair to good success at all lakes. Dry flies and nymphs are producing well.

TROPIC RESERVOIR: Catchable rainbows have been stocked and fishing is slow to fair.

URBAN PONDS: Washington County: Trout fishing is over for the summer. Try jigs tipped with nightcrawlers for bluegill and small bass. Iron County: Catchable rainbows have been stocked in Parowan Pond and Woods Ranch Pond. Catfish have been stocked in Parowan Pond.

WIDE HOLLOW RESERVOIR: Boats cannot be launched at the state park due to extremely low water. Bass are bunched up in any deep water you can find. Top water lures are best.

YANKEE MEADOW RESERVOIR:
Fishing is slow.

ABAJO MOUNTAINS:
No recent reports.

BOULGERS RESERVOIR:
Todd Munford of King's Outdoor World reports fair to good fishing with rainbow PowerBait or nightcrawlers. Fly fishermen



report success in the early morning or late evening from a tube or pontoon. Todd suggests slow-trolling near the dam with a #10 olive leech pattern.

CLEVELAND RESERVOIR: Tom Ogden fished on Sep. 3 and reported success with 13- to 15-inch rainbow trout and a catch rate of five fish per hour. He fished in 12-18 feet of water and found the most fish in the southwest corner of the reservoir. Tom used a fast-sinking line tipped with a soft hackle wet fly pattern of his own creation. He described the fly as a #8 beadhead black, purple and red nymph with a soft hackle and a soft black marabou tail.

DUCK FORK RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer Casey Mickelsen reports fishing has dropped off considerably. He suggests trying a variety of flies and lures until the right terminal tackle is found.

ELECTRIC LAKE: Conservation Officer Ben Riley reports that Electric may soon outstrip Scofield as a preferred fishing destination. The catch rate has been variable, but is picking up.

FERRON RESERVOIR: Officer Casey Mickelsen reports fishing is better in the early morning



with a variety of PowerBait colors or worms and green marshmallows.

HUNTINGTON CREEK: Aquatics Biologist Kenny Breidinger fished the left fork last Saturday. He had numerous strikes and landed eight trout. The majority were caught on a beadhead hare's ear nymph, and the remaining few were caught with a grasshopper pattern. The

water has been turbid, so Kenny suggests anglers try something with a little flash. On the right fork, Todd Munford recommended a #18 Griffiths or #18 Royal Wulff. The water is clear below the dam, so use a stealthy approach with a light presentation. Work the creek upstream to reduce visibility.

HUNTINGTON RESERVOIR (MAMMOTH RESERVOIR): Last week, Tom Ogden fished the upper end in 12–20 feet of water. He used fast sinking line and a #8 beadhead black and green soft hackle wet fly with a black marabou tail. Tom's catch rate was four fish per hour and the tiger trout ranged from 13–17 inches. When Tom opened the stomach of the largest trout, it was full of snails. Huntington Reservoir is closed to the possession of cutthroat trout or trout with cutthroat markings.

JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR: Water sports dominate. Fishing is expected to improve with the onset of winter. All trout from 15–22 inches must be immediately released. The trout limit is two, and only one can be over 22 inches.

LAKE POWELL: Visit www.wayneswords.com for the latest fishing report from Wayne Gustaveson, DWR project leader.



LA SAL MOUNTAINS: Conservation Officer TJ Robertson reports good fishing at Dark Canyon with orange or rainbow PowerBait, or nightcrawlers with salmon eggs. Medicine Lake was fair to good with green or orange PowerBait, or spinners. Hidden Lake is producing fair to good fishing with typical baits. Dons Lake is mossy, but offers anglers good-sized brook trout when they get through the moss. Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud recently caught 10 bass at Kens Lake. Most of the bass measured under 12 inches, except for one exceptional 17–inch, three pound largemouth. Dark green plastic worms are the best

bass catchers.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR: Recent creel surveys reveal better bank fishing on the southeast side. Boat fishing is best when anchored north of the island. Nightcrawlers, marshmallows and PowerBait are popular baits for boaters. Shoreline anglers use worms and marshmallows. Todd Munford reports improving fishing conditions. He agreed with the creel survey saying that bank anglers will do best on the east side, especially where the shoreline drops off more steeply. Todd recommends a nightcrawler tipped with a chartreuse garlic marshmallow. The catch will consist of a mix of rainbow, tiger and cutthroat trout that range from 16–20 inches. Unfortunately, the Division of Wildlife Resources continues to receive reports of chubs. The chub population is growing at an alarming rate, which makes corrective action necessary. During this month's RAC meetings, proposals will be made to address chub control. For more information about the problems caused by chubs and other nuisance species, visit http://wildlife.utah.gov/news/08-08/illegal_stocking.php

WILLOW LAKE: Anglers report fair fishing with baits.

WRIGLEY SPRINGS RESERVOIR: Anglers report fair fishing.

News from Red Butte Garden

Fall Bulb & Native Plant Sale

Friday, September 26th, 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 27th, 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Enhance your garden's spring color by supporting Red Butte Garden's Fall Bulb & Native Plant Sale! We will be offering fall-blooming perennials, ornamental grasses, and native plants. You will also find an excellent selection of spring-flowering bulbs:

- Allium—Flowering Onion
- Anemone—Wind Flower
- Chionodoxa—Glory-of-the-snow
- Colchicum—Autumn Crocus
- Crocus
- Eranthis—Winter Aconite
- Fritillaria—Fritillary
- Galantus—Snowdrop
- Hyacinthus—Hyacinth
- Ipheion—Starflower
- Iris—Blub Forms
- Leucojum—Giant Snowflake
- Lillium—Lily
- Narcissus—Daffodill
- Puschkinia—Striped Squill
- Scilla—Squill
- Remember to visit our Giftshop for a great selection of gardening books and accessories.



All proceeds benefit the horticulture and education programs at the Garden. Regular Admission/Members FREE

In addition, the Go Green Team at Red Butte Garden invites you to join them on an excursion through the Garden to learn how to propagate plants from seed as part of the Garden's **Native Seed Collecting** class. Collect seeds from a variety of of perennials and annuals growing in Red Butte Garden that can then be grown in your own garden. We will provide a list of plants and envelopes for seed collection, and you bring a pair of sharp pruners. [Register now.](#)

<https://tickets.redbuttegarden.org/TheatreManager/1/tmEvent/tmEvent132.html>



Silent Streams? Escalating Endangerment for North American Freshwater Fish: Nearly 40 Percent Now At-Risk

Editors: Additional information is available at <http://fisc.er.usgs.gov/afs/>

Nearly 40 percent of fish species in North American streams, rivers and lakes are now in jeopardy, according to the most detailed evaluation of the conservation status of freshwater fishes in the last 20 years.

The 700 fishes now listed represent a staggering 92 percent increase over the 364 listed as "imperiled" in the previous 1989 study published by the American Fisheries Society. Researchers classified each of the 700 fishes listed as either vulnerable (230), threatened (190), or endangered (280). In addition, 61 fishes are presumed extinct.

The new report, published in *Fisheries*, was conducted by a U.S. Geological Survey-led team of scientists from the United States, Canada and Mexico, who examined the status of continental freshwater and diadromous (those that migrate between rivers and oceans) fish.

"Freshwater fish have continued to decline since the late 1970s, with the primary causes being habitat loss, dwindling range and introduction of non-native species," said Mark Myers, director of the USGS. "In addition, climate change may further affect these fish."

Most Vulnerable Groups

The groups of fish most at risk are the highly valuable salmon and trout of the Pacific Coast and western mountain regions; minnows, suckers and catfishes throughout the continent; darters in the Southeastern United States; and pupfish, livebearers, and goodeids, a large, native fish family in Mexico and the Southwestern United States.

Nearly half of the carp and minnow family and the Percidae (family of darters, perches and their relatives) are in jeopardy. Fish families important for sport or commercial fisheries also had many populations at risk. More than 60 percent of the salmon and trout had at least one population or subspecies in trouble, while 22 percent of sunfishes — which includes the well-known species such as black bass, bluegill and rock bass — were listed. Even one of the most popular game species in the United States, striped bass, has populations on the list.

Regions with the Most Troubled Fish

Regions with especially notable numbers of troubled fish include the Southeastern United States, the mid-Pacific coast, the lower Rio Grande and basins in Mexico that do not drain to the sea.

Hotspots of regional biodiversity and greatest levels of endangerment are the Tennessee (58 fishes), Mobile (57), and the southeastern Atlantic Slope river systems (34). The Pacific central valley, western Great Basin, Rio Grande and rivers of central Mexico also have high diversity and numbers of fish in peril, according to the report. Many of the troubled fish are restricted to only a single drainage. "Human populations have greatly expanded in many of these watersheds, compounding negative impacts on aquatic ecosystems," noted Howard Jelks, a USGS researcher and the senior author of the paper.

Degree of Trouble

Of fish on the 1989 imperiled list, 89 percent are either still listed with the same conservation status or have become even more at risk. Only 11 percent improved in status or were delisted. The

authors emphasized that improved public awareness and proactive management strategies are needed to protect and recover these aquatic treasures.

"Fish are not the only aquatic organisms undergoing precipitous declines," said USGS researcher Noel Burkhead, a lead author on the report and the chair of the AFS Endangered Species Committee. "Freshwater crayfishes, snails and mussels are exhibiting similar or even greater levels of decline and extinction."

The authors noted that the list was based on the best biological information available. "We believe this report will provide national and international resource managers, scientists and the conservation community with reliable information to establish conservation, management and recovery priorities," said Stephen Walsh, another lead author and USGS researcher.

This is the third compilation of imperiled, freshwater and diadromous fishes of North America prepared by the American Fisheries Society's Endangered Species Committee. **Additional**

information is available at <http://fisc.er.usgs.gov/afs/>



An endangered holiday darter (*Amicola* population). Darters are among the most threatened Southeastern fish; they have been likened to aquatic canaries. Photo by Noel Burkhead, USGS



A threatened Waccamaw killifish from the Southeastern Atlantic Slope. Photo courtesy of Fritz Rhode, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources



A threatened sicklefin redbreast from the Tennessee River. Photo courtesy of Steve Fraley, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission



An endangered Alabama sturgeon from the Mobile River. Photo courtesy of Patrick O'Neil, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources

JEEP 48STRAIGHT SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENT PARTNERS

WITH PARK CITY'S "HEAL THE SNOW" ENVIRONMENTAL

ORGANIZATION FOR UPCOMING SEPT. 19-20 EVENT AT THE CANYONS

PARK CITY, Utah – Furthering its commitment to producing world class sports, music and entertainment events alongside cutting edge green initiatives, Jeep 48STRAIGHT has announced

a partnership with Park City's Heal the Snow environmental organization to create the Green Your Scene Eco-Festival.

The Eco-Festival, which will be on display during the Jeep 48STRAIGHT event at The Canyons Resort in Park City, Utah on Sept. 19-20, will offer a robust, informative, and interactive experience for local residents and visitors. Examples of environmentally friendly features include electric motorcycles and other alternative ways to harness energy, as well as booths with education on green building practices. In addition, several other area non-profits will contribute their own eco-displays as part of the Eco-Festival package.

Jeep 48STRAIGHT is currently requesting proposals for vendor inclusion. There are no fees associated with participating, however, vendors are responsible for the set up, execution, and tear down of respective exhibits. For more information and to apply for participation in the Eco-Festival, please contact Jesse Swing at jesse_swing@hotmail.com.



“At Jeep 48STRAIGHT, we believe that protecting the environment and enjoying the outdoor lifestyle is not mutually exclusive,” said Kipp Nelson, founder of Jeep 48STRAIGHT. “Our goal is to provide a platform that turns the traditional environmental awareness paradigm on its head. Often it is looked at on the global level, and we want to offer solutions at the local level.”

Heal the Snow adheres to a similar philosophy of educating communities and businesses about healthy, low-impact living. Formed by a group of professional skiers, it has created innovative projects like the *Shred Wagen*; a sustainable mobile cabin that provides housing to skiers competing on the US Freeskiing Tour.

Full event information for Jeep 48STRAIGHT, including dates, times, and locations, as well as registration for the cycling competitions, may be found at www.jeep48STRAIGHT.com.

Each event of the Jeep 48STRAIGHT summer season will receive national broadcast coverage on CBS Sports, representing the most visibility of any mountain biking event in the sport.

Jeep 48STRAIGHT Partners with Heal the Snow for Sept. 19-20 Sports & Entertainment Event,

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SEPTEMBER 19-20

The Canyons Resort, located in Park City, Utah, was home to many events during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. The Canyons offers its guests the ability to enjoy all the nightlife, dining and shopping that the town of Park City has to offer.

Watch the action from The Canyons Resort on CBS Sports on Oct. 12!

Photo courtesy of The Canyons Resort

Each event of the Jeep 48STRAIGHT summer season will receive national broadcast coverage on CBS Sports, representing the most visibility of any mountain biking event in the sport. The event at The Canyons will air on CBS Sports on October 12.

Following the event at The Canyons, Jeep 48STRAIGHT will head to San Luis Obispo, Calif., on Sept. 19-20 for the season's grand finale.

FREE Activities for the Entire Family

Library Square Festival of Science and Art

Saturday, September 27 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Salt Lake City Main Library, 210 East 400 South

Hands-on exhibits, presentations, workshops and performances that showcase geological wonders, scientific phenomena and artistic exploration

- _ allosaurs exhibit _ watercolor painting _ mineral and fossil treasure hunt
- _ generator bike _ fluorescent mineral display _ "sluice box" for mineral samples
- _ mineral and fossil art contest for children (cash prizes!)
- _ panning for fools gold _ Utah dinosaurs slide presentation _ and MUCH MORE!

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Mountain goat poached on the Tushar Mountains

Someone killed a mountain goat on the Tushar Mountains recently and then left the animal to rot.

Someone poached this mountain goat on the Tushar Mountains and then left it to rot. The Division of Wildlife Resources needs your help to find the person responsible.

Division of Wildlife Resources photo

Now the Division of Wildlife Resources needs your help to arrest the person who killed the goat.

Someone with a rifle



The goat was discovered by an archery hunter on Sept. 3, but he didn't report it to the DWR until Sept 8. The goat had been dead for a couple of days when the archery hunter discovered it, so it probably died around Labor Day weekend.

The hunter found the mountain goat under the ledges on the west side of Mount Holly. This is a remote area in steep, rocky terrain. It's an area that's accessible only by foot or on horseback.

DWR officers investigated on Sept. 9. They determined the goat had been shot with a large-caliber rifle. No rifle hunting seasons are in progress on the Tushar Mountains.

The goat was a medium-sized billy (a male goat). The bullet passed through its spine, so the goat could not have moved far after it was shot. The carcass was essentially intact, other than natural decay, so the shooter apparently had no intention of using the animal.

"We hope someone may have seen the person who committed this senseless act," says Lynn Chamberlain, DWR regional conservation outreach manager. "The person may have been on foot or on horseback, but he or she would have been carrying a rifle at a time when no rifle seasons are being held in the area."

Chamberlain says the archery deer and archery spike elk hunts were in progress, so anyone carrying a rifle would have been noticeable.

"The main access points to Mount Holly are from Big John's Flat or the head of Lake Stream, near Puffer Lake," he says. "These areas are popular with hunters and off-road vehicle riders."

"If anyone knows anything about this incident, or noticed any suspicious activity or a suspicious vehicle in the area around Labor Day weekend, please call the Division of Wildlife Resources."

A reward is being offered to anyone who gives information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for killing the goat.

If you have information, please call Utah's Turn-In-a-Poacher hotline at 1-800-662-DEER (3337).

Spot Tracker And Thumpertalk Helping Riderdown And The Blueribbon Coalition

POCATELLO, ID (September 10) - SPOT, LLC and ThumperTalk.com are working together to help off road riders and their families with security and peace of mind, while giving back to the RiderDown Foundation and the BlueRibbon Coalition at the same time. The SPOT Satellite Messenger is extending an exclusive offer to the more than 188,000 registered members of ThumperTalk.com, the largest and most active community of off-road motorcycle and ATV enthusiasts on the planet. Members are eligible to receive 100 percent off the Personal Tracking service for one year when purchasing SPOT online at www.ThumperTalk.com.

SPOT LLC. is splitting six percent of the proceeds from each SPOT Satellite Messenger sold through ThumperTalk.com between the RiderDown Foundation and the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national recreation group that champions responsible use of public and private lands, and encourages individual environmental stewardship.

"At RiderDown we help injured riders and their families," says Bruce Vermeulen, President of the RiderDown Foundation. "Some of the riders we have worked with have been pretty far out on the trail when they've crashed in extremely remote areas. Locating and retrieving these riders is obviously a major priority. Using the SPOT personal tracker with its ability to access the GEOS International Emergency Response Center provides a huge advantage in getting the medical attention and help needed as quickly as possible. We are very pleased that SPOT & ThumperTalk have chosen the RiderDown Foundation, along with our hardworking friends at the BlueRibbon Coalition, to benefit from this great program."

"We already know the SPOT personal satellite tracking system is a valuable product. Two of our people on the BlueRibbon Coalition Team use the SPOT system when they are out riding and swear by them. So, when Bryan Bosch from ThumperTalk called to let me know that they were teaming up with SPOT to make the units available to their members and that BlueRibbon Coalition and the RiderDown Foundation were going to benefit from each sale through ThumperTalk, I couldn't have been more delighted," said Greg Mumm, Executive Director of the BlueRibbon Coalition. "This is a win-win situation for everyone. Riders purchasing the SPOT system through ThumperTalk.com can rest assured that help is only a push of a button away when they go riding and two important organizations that work for riders are gaining much needed support."

Give yourself peace of mind, give your family peace of mind, and give your friends peace of mind. If you're not already a member, join ThumperTalk.com today and take advantage of this exceptional offer. ThumperTalk.com members can take advantage of this exclusive offer by visiting www.findmespot.com/thumpertalk.

Take your kids waterfowl hunting on Sep. 27

Shooting starts at 6:50 a.m. that day

A great way to introduce your kids to waterfowl hunting awaits Sep. 27 as Utah hosts its annual Special Youth Hunting Day.

Two Canada geese.

Division of Wildlife Resources photo

All of Utah's state waterfowl management areas and federal refuges will be open to hunters 15 years of age and younger that day. To qualify for the hunt, young hunters must complete the state's Hunter Education course, have a current hunting license and be accompanied by an adult.



Shooting starts at 6:50 a.m. on Sep. 27. You can learn more about the hunt by obtaining a copy of the 2008–2009 Utah Waterfowl Guidebook. The guidebook is available now at www.wildlife.utah.gov/guidebooks

A fun day

"The youth hunt is a great way to get young people excited about waterfowl hunting," says Tom Aldrich, migratory game bird coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "There's always plenty of ducks for the kids to shoot at, and the kids have the marsh all to themselves.

"And, since adults can't hunt that day, they can focus all of their attention on these young hunters. The youth day gives adults more time to teach the kids how to be safe, responsible and ethical hunters."

REI Calendar of Events

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

SINK OR SWIM – GRAND CANYON RIVER RUNNING

Thursday, October 9th, 7pm

Steven Wesley Law presents "Sink or Swim" a documentary in which he, an apprentice boatman, attempts to navigate his raft through some of North America's biggest and craziest whitewater and once again face his nemesis—and the greatest fear of his life—Crystal rapid, which hates him and proves it regularly. This documentary, shot in stunning 1080i HD, follows a group of Grand Canyon river guides in two oar boats and one motor boat for four electrifying days as they pilot their rafts through the heart of the Grand Canyon's most challenging whitewater where rocks can reach up and rip off your motor, where lateral waves can flip your boat, where the swamper can—and will—burn the bacon. Will Steven succeed or fail? Will he conquer or surrender? Will he "Sink or Swim?" After the movie Steven Law will answer questions regarding rafting the Grand Canyon and life as a river guide.

GPS 101

Thursday, October 16th, 7pm

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

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

SINK OR SWIM - GRAND CANYON RIVER RUNNING

Tuesday, October 7th 7pm

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ECOTOURISM IN COSTA RICA

Tuesday, October 14th 7pm

Far beyond the commercial buses and lines of tourists exists a Costa Rica that few have seen. From rivers that are pristine in their untouched splendor to locals who have no pretense, only hearts of gold and open arms, adventure traveler Andrew Taylor will show images and share experiences from his five years in the rapidly growing ecotourism industry. Attendees this evening will leave with a better understanding of the fragile beauty of the rainforests, the many positive benefits of eco-tourism, how it works, and how to find these types of tours.

WINTER BIKE COMMUTING

Thursday, October 16th, 7pm

Have you been enjoying bike commuting during summer, but are discouraged from continuing through winter by the thought of the cold, darkness, snow and ice? If you want to keep your gas bill low by commuting in the cold, but are not sure how, then come to this free presentation by REI staff member and veteran biker John Higgins. John will debunk the common myth-perceptions about winter bike commuting, and discuss the appropriate clothing, cycle accessories, route selection, planning and skills needed to enjoy riding year round. Maintain your cycling momentum, motivation and fitness by learning how to keep pedaling from fall to spring.

DRESS FOR IT AND EXPERIENCE MORE! WOMEN'S WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, October 21st, 7pm

Ever been caught unprepared for the weather? Have weather conditions ever kept you inside? Did you know that men and women experience cold differently? Fall and winter are coming and there's no need to change your outdoor activity plans, just change your wardrobe. Discover the latest in technical fabrics and layering techniques from top outdoor brands plus tips from outdoor experts at this new Dress for It™ workshop and trunk show brought to you by the makers of GORE-TEX® Fabrics. In this one-hour workshop you will learn everything you need to know take control of your own comfort in the outdoors. This one-hour Dress for It™ workshop taught by women outdoor sports experts will arm you with proven tips and tricks developed by professional female outdoor athletes over years of experience. Every participant receives a goodie bag full of fun and valuable prizes, valuable discount offers on top outdoor brands, the chance to win great prizes, information about trails near you, and the opportunity never to be caught complaining about the cold again.

COMMUNITY & REI SPONSORED EVENTS:

JOSIE JOHNSON MEMORIAL RIDE Saturday, October 11th, 11am

The Josie Johnson Memorial ride is an annual ride held in remembrance to those killed in car collisions while riding their bicycles and honors Josie Johnson, who was killed while riding up Big Cottonwood Canyon on September 18, 2004. Josie was an avid road and mountain biker, overall outdoor enthusiast, and aspiring doctoral student at the University of Utah. The ride is free with no registration required. Cyclists of all levels are invited to meet at Sugar House Park and ride to Mill Hollow Park in Cottonwood Heights. Please visit www.utahbikes.org for more information.



VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

SUGAR HOUSE PARK TREE PLANTING Saturday, October 4th, 8am

Please join the Sugar House Park Authority Board in partnership with Tree Utah and REI to plant 100 balled and burlapped trees at this urban community hub. Enthusiastic volunteers capable of vigorous work are needed! Be sure to bring your own work gloves and if possible a labeled shovel. This project will be held rain or shine. Appropriate clothing, including closed toed shoes/boots, hat and water/snack are a must. Please arrive at 8am at the Lake Terrace to see the demonstration and hear the explanation of what to do. For questions contact Wayne Johnson, Salt Lake County Parks 483-5473 or Emy Storheim, Salt Lake City Open Lands Program 535-7730. Sign up at REI Customer Service 486-2100 or email Celeste at Cepler@rei.com to register.

CLASSES:

REI COMPREHENSIVE BIKE MAINTENANCE CLASS

Saturday, October 4th, 9am at REI SLC

REI in Salt Lake City is now offering our popular four- hour hands- on bicycle repair class. One of REI's certified shop techs will lead the class through a comprehensive tune-up and teach you to perform the basic adjustments on your own bike! We provide the tools and stands; all you need is to bring your bike. Class size is limited to six students. Tuition is \$95.00 for REI members/ \$115.00 for nonmembers. Register by calling (801) 486-2100.

BASIC WILDERNESS LIFE SUPPORT CLASS

Saturday, October 4th, 9am at REI SLC

Created for all outdoor enthusiasts, the Basic

Wilderness Life Support® certification is a one day

course designed to help you prevent and treat injuries and illnesses common in outdoor activities.

Developed at the University of Utah, School of Medicine the course will teach you to prepare for

your outing, assess injuries and scene safety, decide whether to evacuate or treat a patient, and

methods of evacuation. The curriculum was developed from our advanced course used to train

medical professionals and will be taught by one of our certified instructors. The course includes

morning lectures at REI Salt Lake City and an afternoon outdoors (weather permitting)

participating in hands on scenarios. At the end of the day you will receive your BWLS certificate.

Cost is \$95 per person. Please register by calling REI's customer service department at (801)

486-2100. <http://www.bwls.org>



See kokanee salmon at Sheep Creek

Kokanee Salmon Day set for Sep. 20

If you visit Sheep Creek to see kokanee salmon on Sep. 20, make sure and bring binoculars or a spotting scope with you. You might see some bighorn sheep too!

Kokanee salmon in Sheep Creek.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resource's annual Kokanee Salmon Day will be held Sep. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is free, and the viewing site is easy to get to. Sheep Creek is about six miles south of Manila. The viewing site is at the Scenic Byway turnout where Sheep Creek crosses under SR-44.

"We seem to always have some other wildlife besides the bright red kokanee to watch," says Ron Stewart, regional conservation outreach manager. "Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, wild turkeys, sandhill cranes, red-tailed hawks, song birds, squirrels and a variety of other wildlife greeted visitors [who attended Kokanee Salmon Day] last year.

"We picked kokanee salmon as a species to highlight because they are very visible; they turn red when they spawn," Stewart says. "These colorful and unusual fish run or spawn in several Utah

streams in September and October after spending about four years maturing in downstream reservoirs. One of the most scenic kokanee runs takes place in Sheep Creek, which is a tributary to Flaming Gorge."

DWR biologists will be at the site between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Display materials will be available that will help you see the kokanee and interpret their behavior. The biologists will also have a spotting scope in case bighorn sheep visit the area, which they usually do during Kokanee Salmon Day.

Salmon in Utah

Utah's salmon populations are a completely freshwater species known as kokanee salmon. They follow a similar life-cycle to other salmon except instead of migrating from the Pacific Ocean to freshwater streams, kokanee reach freshwater streams by migrating to the streams from freshwater lakes and reservoirs.



Photo by Ron Stewart, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

While kokanee spawning runs are an excellent opportunity to discover Utah's wildlife, please watch the salmon from the bank of Sheep Creek. As you approach the bank, move quietly to avoid disturbing the fish. Studies have documented that the kokanee are sensitive to disturbances on the bank. Also, don't wade in the stream. Wading in the stream can disrupt the spawning run, destroy the redds (egg nests) and cover the eggs with silt.

CELEBRATE FREE STATE PARKS DAY SEPTEMBER 27

Celebrate Free State Parks Day Saturday, September 27. Day-use fees are waived at all Utah state parks. (Special fees, such as golf and camping fees still apply.) Visit for the day and attend one the following special events:

Camp Floyd State Park - Camp Floyd Day: From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. experience reenactments, encampments, storytelling, stagecoach rides, firearm and cannon demonstrations, marches, drills, period games, and photos in period uniform. (801) 768-8932

Wasatch Mountain State Park - Llama Walk: Join Friends of Wasatch Mountain State Park for a four-hour moderate to difficult hike with llamas along the Sundance Horse Flat Loop. This hike includes a lunch stop. Meet at 9 a.m. at the visitor center. (435) 654-1791

Antelope Island State Park - Bird Walk: Fall means migration for many songbirds. Join the park naturalist for an early morning bird walk through Garr Ranch. Meet at the ranch museum at 9 a.m. (801) 721-9569

Antelope Island State Park - Junior Ranger Program: How is there enough food for all the wildlife

residents on Antelope Island? Junior Rangers learn the skills behind wildlife management during this program. Meet at the visitor center at 3 p.m. This activity is intended for children age six to 12, however everyone is welcome. (801) 721-9569

Goblin Valley State Park - Bats: Bats aren't creepy, crawly pests, they're fascinating animals that play a big role in Goblin Valley's ecosystem. Join park staff at 8 p.m. at the amphitheater to learn about these misunderstood critters. We'll use the bat detector box to see who's flying around! (435) 564-3633

Goblin Valley State Park - Junior Ranger Program: Who are the predators and who are prey? How do they survive in this harsh environment? This program is geared toward children six to 12, but everyone is welcome. Earn a Junior Ranger badge and have fun! Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Observation Point. (435) 564-3633

Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Junior Ranger Program: Join the park naturalist for fun outdoor games and activities. Learn to leave no trace on your next adventure in nature and earn a Junior Ranger badge. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. (435) 826-4466

Jordanelle State Park - Mammals of Rock Cliff: Join park staff at 1 p.m. at the Nature Center to learn about the animals of the area and their incredible adaptations. (435) 782-3030

Join us for International Coastal Cleanup Day on September 20th!

Come help out the Legacy Nature Preserve, Utah Rivers Council, the Ocean Conservancy & REI to participate in the annual International Coastal Cleanup along a two mile stretch of the Jordan River! We will help restore native ecosystems, reduce invasive weed species and clean up the banks of the Jordan in a behind-the-gates special event. Enthusiastic volunteers are needed! Tools will be provided, but appropriate clothing, footwear, and a healthy water supply are a must. All volunteers should wear long-sleeved shirts long pants and closed toed shoes and bring a hat. All ages are welcome, but please leave your dogs at home to reduce potential impacts to migratory birds. All activities will take place from 9am - 3pm on September 20th. To RSVP, please contact [Eric Spreng \[espreng@rei.com\]\(mailto:Eric Spreng@rei.com\)](mailto:Eric Spreng@rei.com) at the [Salt Lake City REI store](http://www.rei.com/stores/19). <http://www.rei.com/stores/19>

Youth chukar hunt was a hoot

Five hunts held on Sep. 6

Nearly 20 youngsters enjoyed hunting chukars recently at the Gordon Creek Wildlife Management Area west of Price.

The Hoffman brothers from Orangeville show the chukar partridge they took at the Gordon Creek Wildlife Management Area. A special youth chukar hunt was held on Sep. 6 at Gordon Creek and four other WMAs in Utah.

The Gordon Creek WMA was one of five sites in Utah that hosted special youth chukar hunts on Sep. 6.

Youngsters bag a few birds

The Division of Wildlife Resources stocked the Gordon Creek WMA with 150 birds just before the hunt. Even with that many chukars on the ground, the quail-sized birds proved to be pretty cagey. They ran far ahead of the shot shooters and often flushed out of range, or to one side of the shooters or the other.



Hundreds of shot shell blasts later, the youngsters had bagged only a fraction of the birds stocked on the WMA.

The important thing was that everyone had a great time and did a lot of wing shooting. Every boy and girl was able to shoot and take home one or more birds.

Photo by Randall Stilson, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

It's your turn: chukar hunt opens Sep. 27

Most of the birds that eluded the youth hunters should be available on or near the Gordon Creek WMA when Utah's general chukar hunt opens on Sep. 27. The hunt runs through Feb. 15 across Utah. The daily bag limit is five birds.

Big game hunters: grab your shotguns!

To hunt upland game, you must have a hunting license or a combination license.

"If you're a big game hunter, you probably already have one of these two licenses," says Brent Stettler, regional conservation outreach manager for the DWR. "If you do, you don't need to wait until your big game hunt starts to get out and enjoy some hunting. You can grab your shotgun and start chasing chukars on Sep. 27!"

ANTELOPE ISLAND HOSTS BALLOON STAMPEDE

Syracuse - Antelope Island State Park hosts the Third Annual Antelope Island Balloon Stampede Friday, September 19 and Saturday, September 20. Cost is \$10 per vehicle and includes park entry fee.

Activities begin Friday evening at 5 p.m. at White Rock Bay. Enjoy good food and stroll through vendor booths, then watch as balloonists fly above Antelope Island and Great Salt Lake. Family entertainment continues through 10 p.m. with a balloon glow at dusk.

State park gates open at 5:30 a.m. Saturday. Balloons are expected to launch between 7 and 8 a.m. Activities include ballooning classes, live entertainment, giveaways, guided nature hikes and tethered balloon flights from Morningstar Balloons (weather permitting).

Vendor booths include the American Red Cross of Northern Utah, Rooster's Restaurant, Bangkok



Garden, Friends of Antelope Island and Buffalo Point.

All balloon events depend on weather conditions. For more information, call (801) 593-2200 or visit www.antelopeballoons.com.

UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake -- Utah law requires children under 13 years of age to wear a properly-sized life jacket when on a boat. However, it is a safe and smart practice for everyone to always wear their life jacket.

Utah boating accident statistics for the past six years indicate that nearly 75 percent of boating accident drowning victims would likely have survived had they worn a life jacket.

For more boating safety information, visit www.stateparks.utah.gov or call 538-BOAT. Wear it UTAH!

WILLARD BAY HOSTS BIRDING BY THE BAY

Willard - Willard Bay State Park hosts a day of bird watching Saturday, September 20 beginning

at 8 a.m. Events include walking tours, booths, raffles, activities for kids and a variety of presentations. Park naturalists from Utah State Parks and Ogden Nature Center offer live bird demonstrations.

Events are held along Eagle Beach at North Marina. For more information, please call (435) 734-9494.

FAIRFIELD TO CELEBRATE CAMP FLOYD DAY

Fairfield - Camp Floyd State Park in conjunction with the Utah Territorial Civilian Commission and Utah Civil War Association will host Camp Floyd Day on September 27, 2008, at Camp Floyd State Park. Camp Floyd Day celebrates the history of Johnston's Army and the influence it had on Utah and the Civil War history. The event comes to life with re-enactors, encampments, storytelling, stagecoach rides, firearm and cannon demonstrations, marches, drills, period games, photo ops in period uniform and more. All activities will be on going throughout the day, beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The events will begin with a cannon and firearm display, followed by the story of Camp Floyd. Stagecoach rides will run from 12:00 p.m. through 2:00 p.m.



Established in 1858, Camp Floyd was the largest military installation then in the United States. The army was sent to Utah to put down a Mormon Rebellion, which never took place. The army was recalled in 1861 with the outbreak of the Civil War.

The event is free and open to the public. Camp Floyd State Park also celebrates Free State Parks Day on September 27th. The park will be waiving all admission fees to the Camp Floyd Museum and Stagecoach Inn for this event. Special fees for certain activities still apply. Camp Floyd State Park is located in the town of Fairfield, Utah, 22 miles southwest of Lehi on Highway 73. For more information, contact the park at: 801-768-8932.

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

September 24 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Geology Hike: Travel back in time 150 million years! Explore the park's unique geology on this guided hike to the Petrified Forest. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. (435) 826-4466

September 26 Utah Field House of Natural History - Vernal
Astronomy Lecture: Patrick Wiggins, NASA's Utah representative, presents a lecture on the latest developments in space exploration at 7 p.m. followed by a star show. (435) 789-3799

September 26 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier

Pottery Workshop: Make pottery using ancient techniques with one-on-one guidance from experienced artists. Limited to 20 participants, age 12 and up. Cost is \$60 and registration is required. (435) 527-4631

September 26 Antelope Island State Park – Syracuse

Star Party: Do you know the difference between galaxies and nebulas? Join the park naturalist for a close look into the different types of galaxies and nebulas found in the universe. Program is followed by an outside tour of constellations. Please bring red-lens lights only. Meet at the visitor center at 7:30 p.m. (801) 721-9569

September 26 Goblin Valley State Park – Green River

Under the Stars: Ever wonder how much city lights affect our night sky? What is the sky like without nearby lights? Join park staff at 8:30 p.m. at Observation Point for a deeper look at Goblin Valley's night sky. Bring a lawn chair and wear warm layers. (435) 564-3633

September 26 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante

Bird Watching: The fall migration is on! Join the park naturalist and learn to identify birds by sight and sound. Binoculars and field guides are provided. Meet at the visitor center at 9 a.m. (435) 826-4466

The Best Places to Boat and Fish

It's easier than ever to find great places to boat and fish. All you have to do is stop by the new and improved "Hotspots" map on TakeMeFishing.org. There, you can find bodies of water in your state and, even better, right in your neck of the woods. To expand your search you can click on various categories such as, restaurants, marinas, lodging, campgrounds and more. Icons will appear on the map, then you can click on them for more information. Check it out, and make your time on the water even more enjoyable.



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Victory for Sportsmen in Arizona as Judge Decides in Favor of Wildlife Management

(Arizona) – In a major victory for sportsmen and conservationists nationwide, a federal court has ruled to protect hunting and wildlife management on an important parcel of federal land. The ruling reiterates that wildlife management takes precedent over protectionism on the nation's National Wildlife Refuges.

Judge Mary H. Murguia of the U.S. District Court for Arizona decided in favor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in a case brought against it by Wilderness Watch and the Arizona Wilderness Coalition. In the suit, the plaintiffs had claimed that FWS violated the National Environmental Policy Act and the Wilderness Act by constructing and restoring wildlife watering devices on the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). While these devices are key for the survival of bighorn sheep and other desert wildlife, the plaintiffs claimed they violated federal law.

Last year, the U.S. Sportsmen's Legal Defense Fund (U.S. SLDF), the litigation arm of the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation (USSAF), moved to defend FWS and several sportsmen groups in the case. The U.S. SLDF argued that a "Wilderness" designation does not preclude wildlife conservation. Joining the U.S. SLDF were several other groups including: Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Arizona Deer Association, Arizona Antelope Foundation, Foundation for North American Wild Sheep, Yuma Valley Rod & Gun Club, Safari Club International and the National Rifle Association.

"This decision establishes that conservation in a wildlife refuge does not take a back seat to the concept of an area being designated as "wilderness" stated USSAF Senior Vice President Rick Story. "Hopefully, this will prevent other efforts to prohibit active wildlife management in refuges that have been given the "wilderness" designation."

The Kofa National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1939. It is home to desert bighorn sheep and an array of other wildlife species. In 1990, more than 80 percent of the refuge was designated Wilderness by Congress.

The U.S. SLDF is the nation's only litigation force that exclusively represents sportsmen's interests in the courts. It defends wildlife management and sportsmen's rights in local, state and federal courts. The U.S. SLDF represents the interests of sportsmen and assists government lawyers who have little or no background in wildlife law.

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Fishing Forecast in the Northern / Northeastern Regions

BEAR LAKE: DWR Biologist Scott Tolentino reports fair fishing for cutthroat and lake trout using jigs in 60–80 feet of water.

BENSON MARINA: Conservation Officer Rob Johnson reports anglers are having some success catching large crappie using rubber worms and small jigs.

CAUSEY RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer David Beveridge reports fishing is slow. While fishing is closed in the tributaries to Causey, it's one of the prettiest canoe trips in the state. You can see spawning kokanee salmon in the inlet streams on the east side of the reservoir. Fish viewers are reminded to stay out of the streams to protect eggs laid in the spawning beds. Visit utahwildlifevideos.blogspot.com to see a brief video of the spawning salmon.

EAST CANYON: Conservation Officer Jonathan Moser reports boaters were having some success trolling using pop-gear and a worm or a flat fish in about 30–feet of water. Shore anglers were having a lot of success catching crappie near the inlet using a lead head and tube jig set up. Most shore anglers were using rainbow or chartruse PowerBait for the trout and were even catching some bass with a worm.



HYRUM RESERVOIR: Park Ranger Floyd Powell reports fishing is picking up with the cooler weather. Anglers report catching rainbow trout around 12–14 inches along the shore using multiple colors of PowerBait. Some nine– to ten–inch yellow perch have been taken from the shore with a worm, just off the bottom. Bluegill are biting using a worm, just off the bottom. Fishing for bass is okay using jigs around the two islands.

LOGAN DAMS (1st, 2nd, 3rd): Conservation Officer Rob Johnson reports anglers are having success catching rainbow trout at all dams.

LOST CREEK RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer Jonathan Moser reports some success floating bait up off the bottom with a big sinker with about four to five feet of leader, and floating PowerBait or a "floater" worm. Rainbow or sherbet PowerBait seemed to be the favorite. Boaters were trolling with pop-gear and a worm.

MANTUA RESERVOIR: Some anglers report good fishing, others slow. Try fishing for bluegill and perch with worms, although it can require moving around to find fish. Bluegill have been actively taking flies in the evenings. Try a small caddis or prince nymph pattern.

OGDEN RIVER: Conservation Officer David Beveridge reports anglers are still catching some brood stock fish released a couple weeks ago near Rainbow Gardens.

PINEVIEW RESERVOIR: Conservation Officer David Beveridge reports shore fishermen are catching a few muskie near the narrows. Remember to catch and release immediately.



UINTA MOUNTAINS: Some of the best fishing of the year is happening right now on the Uintas. Watch a brief video clip at utahwildlifevideos.blogspot.com. Also, remember there is a four fish bonus to the brook trout limit on Uinta streams and lakes (you can keep a total of eight brook trout). Brook trout are small, but make up for a lack in size in flavor! Brook trout aggressively pursue lures. Copper and brass colored spinners work well.

BIG SANDWASH RESERVOIR: Anglers continue to report good fishing. The trout, which had moved deeper, are near the surface longer due to the cooler weather. During the early mornings and evenings, try fishing top-water flies and lures, and use either a bubble or floating baits to clear the submerged vegetation and boulders. As the water warms, go deeper and use a floating bait or marshmallow to float your offering above the rocks and moss. The water is being drawn down, but there is still plenty of good fishing.

BULLOCK / COTTONWOOD RESERVOIRS: There are no recent reports. The last report was slow fishing for rainbows and fair success for warm water fish at Bullock. Few tiger muskie are being taken. Remember the special regulation on tiger muskie: You may keep one fish that's 40 inches or over; anything under 40 inches must be released. Division biologists moved smallmouth bass into Cottonwood in June to supplement the breeding population, which was decimated when the reservoir was drained. If you catch a smallmouth bass, please release it quickly. Small boats can be launched from undeveloped sites near the dams when the water is high. The reservoirs are located approximately five miles north of the town of Gusher.

BROUGH RESERVOIR: There are no recent reports. Until the waters begin to cool, fishing should be fair to good in the early morning and slow during the heat of the day. Catch rates are slower than most waters because Brough is being managed as a "trophy" fishery, but will improve as Fall progresses. To get large fish, management has to restrict the population numbers. To get to Brough, take SR-88 south from US-40 (Ouray Road). Turn west at the second dirt road past the high power lines; there should be a sign. Follow this road approximately two miles and pay



attention to the signs. The road can be quite rutted.

BROWNIE / SPIRIT LAKE: Access to Brownie and to Spirit was quite muddy over the weekend, please give the roads time to dry out. Recent reports from Brownie are of fair fishing during the day with faster fishing in the early morning and evening. Success was fair to good at Spirit throughout the day. Stream fishing in the area is also good. Warning: whirling disease was

found in this area. Please make sure you clean, dry and sterilize waders, livewells and other fishing gear before venturing to another water. Do not move fish or fish parts from one area to another. Cleaning fish: Biologists now believe the disposal of fish parts, especially the head and skeleton, is one of the primary reasons whirling disease has spread to new waters. To avoid moving whirling disease and other undesired organisms, you should clean fish at home and send the parts to a landfill. If that isn't possible, please clean the fish and bury the parts at least 100 yards away from the water's edge.

CALDER / CROUSE RESERVOIRS: Anglers report slow to fair fishing for some nice-sized, heavy fish. Calder is being managed with fewer fish so they will grow faster and larger. Remember these special regulations: you may use flies and lures only, no baits; all fish under 22 inches must be released immediately; the bag limit is one fish over 22 inches.

CURRENT CREEK RESERVOIR: Anglers report muddy roads, but good fishing if you stick around. Anglers report good catch rates fishing the nearby streams. All access roads are open, but watch for the mud.

EAST PARK / OAKS PARK: The roads are open to East Park and Oaks Park. Anglers reported fair to good fishing over the weekend.

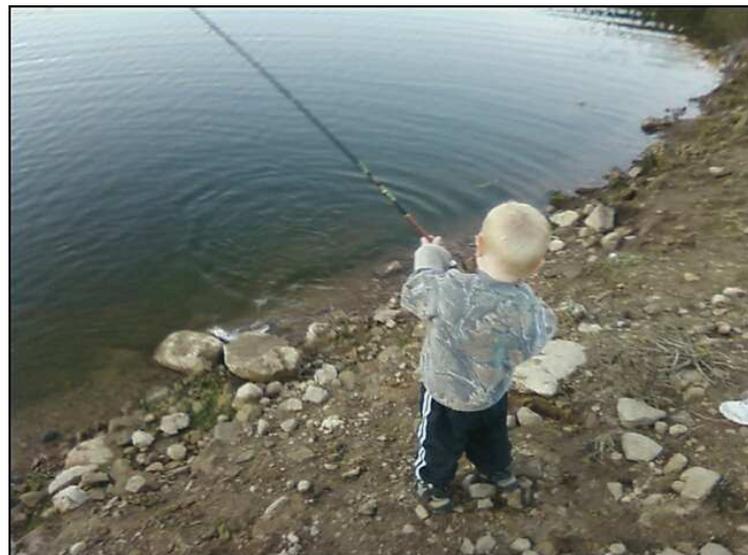


FLAMING GORGE: Fishing is fair to good for the following species.

Lake trout: Some anglers report fishing is picking up due to the cooler weather. Anglers continue to report fair with occasional good fishing for 16– to 24–inch lake trout in the canyon in the early mornings and later in the evening. Try points next to deep water in Sheep Creek, Red Canyon, the

Skull Creeks and Jarvies Canyon. If you are jigging, try tipping tube jigs in white, chartreuse, glow or brown with a small chunk of sucker or chub meat to increase interest. Airplane jigs and jigging spoons are also working well. No-stretch line will help anglers feel strikes and set the hook better. Use a graph to see suspended fish and put your jig right in front of them. If trolling, use downriggers to get lures like needlefish, other spoons and Rapalas down near the bottom. Try and keep the lure within 10 feet of the bottom unless you are seeing suspended fish on the graph. If you are seeing suspended fish, raise the lure to the correct depth. Fishing is usually best early in the morning or later in the afternoon. Unlike their larger relatives, the smaller lake trout are excellent table fare when grilled. There's an overabundance of lake trout under 28 inches in the Gorge so do your part to help the fishery and keep a limit of eight fish. Larger lake trout fishing was fair this summer at traditional structure spots from Big Bend south to Sheep Creek Bay. Big lake trout eat big food, so lures and jigs should be big also. Try larger tube jigs and jigging spoons, or if you're trolling, use large plugs, spoons or flatfish on a downrigger. Remember, only one fish over 28 inches may be kept.

Kokanee salmon: Kokanee spawning regulations went into effect on September 10th with all fish (Kokanee) caught have to be released immediately through November 30. Anglers continued to report better catch rates this week as cooler temperatures perked up the fishing. Anglers can still fish for kokanee, they just have to be released. Try around the Pipeline, Sheep Creek and Jarvies Canyon. While the waters remain warm, fish in depths of 40-55 feet or anywhere you see fish on the graph. Downriggers, long lining, lead weights and planer boards can get the small spoons like



needlefish, triple teasers, or other erratic-moving lures down to the right depths. Troll at speeds from 1.5–2.5 miles per hour.

Rainbow trout: There's fair to good fishing on most areas of the reservoir during the cooler hours. Try casting baits like PowerBait, worm/marshmallow combinations or deep sinking lures from shore. Trolling spoons, pop gear and spinners in deeper water is also effective. If you're fishing from a boat and looking for larger fish, try fishing in 30–40 feet with downriggers. Don't be afraid of harvesting some rainbows, as they are really tasty from the cold waters of the Gorge.

Burbot (Ling): We've gotten a few reports of good fishing this summer from anglers specifically targeting burbot. For those interested in fishing for burbot, try the following techniques. Go out at night or early in the morning and fish waters from 30–50 feet. Try off the points in areas like Antelope Flat, Linwood Bay or Sheep Creek in Utah and Firehole, Lost Dog, Sage Creek, Confluence, Buckboard, Holmes Crossing, Anvil Draw, Skunk Cliffs and Marsh Creek in Wyoming. Use glow tube or curly tail jigs that are two to three inches in size and about 1/8 to 1/4 ounce in weight. Jigging spoons and jigging Rapalas also work well. Tipping with sucker or crayfish meat and using smelly jelly or similar scents in crayfish also seems to help. These fish are in depths from 30–90 feet but seem to be caught more in the 40–60 foot range. During the day, these fish will move deep (70–100 feet), so jigging in deep water may produce some fish during the day. Netting in the Wyoming end of the reservoir has shown a large increase in the number of burbot present. Larger fish are more than 30 inches long and about four

or five pounds. These fish must be harvested if caught in Utah to help control their population. They were illegally introduced to the upper Green River drainage and could have a major impact on other fish species. There is no limit on burbot. You cannot waste the burbot in the Wyoming end of the reservoir, and they can be released there. However, please don't release any of these fish. They have been eating large amounts of crayfish and are also consuming kokanee salmon, smallmouth bass and critical food sources for other fish species. They could have an extreme impact on the reservoir fishery and should be removed by fishermen whenever possible. Burbot are an excellent eating fish with white, flaky flesh that is similar to a perch. They can be breaded and fried, or boiled and dipped in melted butter.

Smallmouth bass: Smallmouth fishing has been good for the last couple of months, but it will slow down as the water cools. Small fish can still be found near the surface, and the larger fish have dropped down to deeper structures. Try fishing the rocky areas where the crayfish will be and adjust depth until you find the fish. Crayfish-colored grubs on lead-head jigs or small plastic worms, sinkos, twitch and crankbaits have all been working in about 5–20 feet of water off rocky shorelines and points. Try adding drop shot techniques to your presentations if you can't find fish found in the upper waters. If you're fishing in the canyon, keep a limit of ten fish smaller than 10 inches to help thin out the population and increase growth on remaining fish.

GREEN RIVER (UPPER): Anglers report good fishing in most sections of the river. Please remember the slot-limit size range has changed from 13–20 inches to 15–22 inches to make regulations more consistent statewide. Imitation grasshoppers and other top-water fishing lures work well. Nymphs and streamers are also working. Try size 2–4 buggers such as Goldilox and patterns in olive, pink and white. Spin fishermen should try Rapalas (floating, countdown and husky jerk); spinners; black, brown or olive marabou jigs; and plastic jigs. Please check to see that your tube jigs do not contain fish-attracting scents; they are illegal to use in the river. The flows on the river have returned to normal with an average of 1,500 cfs with one peak per day. This should continue through September. Visit the Bureau of Reclamation Web site at www.usbr.gov/uc/water/crsp/cs/fgd.html for the latest information on flows. New Zealand mudsnail densities have dramatically increased in several localized areas near Little Hole, and have been documented in most areas of the river. Please thoroughly clean mud and vegetation from waders, boats and fishing gear. If possible, completely dry equipment before leaving the

area. A hot water bath (120° F) will kill mudsnails, and spraying equipment with 409 or a similar soap solution before drying will increase effectiveness. Anglers also need to be aware of others floating the river and not block the passage of their boats by standing in the deepest passages. A little courtesy can go a long way to stopping a potentially hazardous encounter for both anglers and boaters.

GREEN RIVER (LOWER): The water level remains low with a few peaks due to the rains. Catfish anglers reported good fishing in the Jensen and Ouray areas.



MATT WARNER RESERVOIR: We are getting fewer reports this summer, likely because anglers found fishing was much slower than usual in the late spring and early summer (although the fish seemed to be larger). Exactly why the fishing was slow is a fishing mystery. Spring netting indicated a healthy population of fish survived the winter plus the population was further supplemented with additional catchable-sized rainbows.

MOON LAKE: The latest reports indicate fair to good fishing success. Moon Lake contains a variety of trout and kokanee, and fishing for all of these species should continue to be fair to good, especially in the cooler hours.

MOOSE POND: Moose Pond was drained to make some needed enhancements. The goal is to create a walking/fishing structure along the north end that provides safe access and places to fish, so visitors won't need to use the highway as a path. Part of this new walkway will be accessible to visitors with physical disabilities. In the process, the inlet and outlet structures will be rebuilt, the pond will be made deeper by dredging in some areas and stabilizing a crack in the bottom to create better fish habitat, and a nature/access trail will be created to the south. If everything goes as planned, the new Moose Pond access should be ready, the pond filled and fish stocked again by early next summer.

PELICAN LAKE: Anglers continue to report fair to excellent fishing for bass and bluegill. The fish are deeper, so it's generally a matter of finding the schools. The lake is cooling, so duck hunters will soon begin to replace the anglers.

RED FLEET RESERVOIR: Anglers are reported good fishing for trout, bass and bluegill over the weekend. Like the trout, bass and bluegill have moved into deeper waters. Try fishing off rocky points, moss beds and other structure during the cooler hours. Rainbows are also near the structure, but you should try fishing on the outside edge and in deeper waters. Note: During the warmer hours, there is an increase in waterskiing, wake boarding and jet ski activities this summer, so be prepared for large waves.

STARVATION RESERVOIR: Anglers have been reporting mostly good fishing for walleye, bass and yellow perch. A few rainbows and browns have also been reported. Try fishing off the walls and points for bass and walleye and near the moss beds for yellow perch. Best fishing is during the cooler hours.

STEINAKER RESERVOIR: Anglers report better fishing for rainbows, bass and bluegill due to the cooler weather. Try fishing in waters around 20-foot deep near rocky structures for bass and bluegill, and bottom fishing with baits or deep sinking lures for trout. During the mornings and evenings all the fish were also found feeding close to the surface. Note: During the warmer hours, there is an increase in waterskiing, wake boarding and jet ski activities this summer, so be prepared for large waves.



UINTA MOUNTAIN LAKES AND STREAMS: The mountain trails are accessible, and fishing success is usually good. There is new snow at the highest elevations. Fishing on mountain lakes and streams can be spotty, so if one isn't producing, try moving to another. With over 400 managed fisheries on the South Slope alone, it's easy to find a new place to fish. Bright shiny lures and dry flies have been producing well. Always go prepared for serious weather, as the Uinta Mountains are well known for frequent, unexpected storms and high winds. The Uinta Mountains have a four-trout limit with a bonus of four more brook trout—see the [2008 Fishing Guidebook](#) for details.

Raptor Watch Day scheduled Sep. 27

Thousands of birds of prey fly through Utah's clear, crisp skies every fall.

A close-up photo of a golden eagle.

Division of Wildlife Resources photo

You can see and learn more about these migrating birds of prey during Utah's annual Raptor Watch Day.

This year's event will be held Sep. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Orem overlook along Squaw Peak Road, east of Orem.

You can access Squaw Peak Road from the Provo Canyon Road. To reach the Provo Canyon Road, exit I-15 at Exit 275 and travel east on 800 N. in Orem.

The Division of Wildlife Resources hosts Raptor Watch Day every year. The event is free.

"The fall colors will just be starting to flirt with your eye, and the temperature at our high elevation watch site should be crisp," says Bob Walters, Watchable Wildlife coordinator for the DWR.

"With any luck, the skies will be clear," he says. "If the skies are clear, you'll be treated to up-close glimpses of harriers, vultures, eagles, hawks and falcons as they continue their annual migration to the south.

Walters says experts will be on hand to help you identify passing birds of prey and to answer any questions you have about raptor migration. "Raptor Watch Day is usually one of the best times of the year to spend a few hours relaxing and watching raptors," he says.

Snowbasin Resort – Early Season Pass Purchase Deadline Nears

Snowbasin – Utah – With a recent dusting of snow on the high elevations of Snowbasin Resort skiers and riders alike are scurrying to take advantage of the early season rates for season passes.



www.snowbasin.com/winter/season_passes.asp The deadline for obtaining the rate is September 30th.

Passes may be purchased at the Snowsports Desk in Earl's Lodge, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 9 until 5. Don't forget **seniors 75 and over ski free** as well as **children 6 and under**.



Passes available for purchase online are: Adult Season Pass (Age 18-64) and Military Season Pass.

<https://secure.snowbasin.com/store/onestore/displayGroups.do?brandId=snowbasin&storeName=snowbasin>

Snowbasin Resort anticipates a Thanksgiving Day Opening in conjunction with the newest tradition of a Thanksgiving Day Feast Buffet at Needles Lodge. Feast available from 11 until 6
Price \$48.00 Reservations, please call 620-1021.

Fish Passage Program Solves Dam Problems

September 10, 2008

This year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Fish Passage Program provided nearly \$8.3 million to remove or bypass more than 168 barriers to fish passage. Along with nearly \$18 million in partnership funds, the Fish Passage Program will help reopen 1,716 miles of streams and rivers and 9,471 acres to improve habitats for recreational fish and imperiled aquatic species.

The widespread issue of fish passage is the result of the construction of millions of culverts, dikes, water diversions, dams and other artificial barriers that impound and redirect water for irrigation, flood control, electricity, drinking water, and transportation – all changing natural features of rivers and streams. As the Service's understanding of the response of fisheries to these barriers has grown, efforts have begun to reverse the negative impacts they've had on our fish and environment.

The Fish Passage Program uses a voluntary, non-regulatory approach to work with municipal, state, tribal and federal agencies, as well as non-governmental agencies to reopen and improve

aquatic habitats in the nation's streams and rivers. The program provides funding and technical expertise to partners to remove or bypass dams and other obstructions and replace or improve culverts under roads or railroad tracks – all to allow fish to swim through. The goal of the program is to restore native fish and other aquatic species to self-sustaining levels by reconnecting habitat that has been fragmented by barriers.

One exemplary project supported by the Program is the removal of the Balmoral Dam on Mill Creek, a major tributary to the Wisconsin River, Wisconsin. The removal of the dam will restore stream flows and allow access to more than 92 miles of habitat for brook trout, smallmouth bass, walleye, western sand darter and other native fish and mussel species. The removal will also improve the quality of the cold-water trout fishery in the upstream reach, the warm-water fishery in the lower section, as well as improve water quality throughout the stream.



Other funded projects include:

John Day River Basin, Oregon – \$66,231 in Service funding and \$440,000 in partner funds to restore passage at six diversions, allowing access to an additional 40.8 miles of stream habitat for the listed bull trout and Mid-Columbia River steelhead

salmon, as well as spring Chinook salmon, redband trout and other native fish species.

Homestead Woolen Mill Dam, Ashuelot River, Swanzey, New Hampshire – \$83,623 in Service funding to remove the dam and restore access to five miles of stream habitat for Atlantic salmon, American shad and blueback herring.

Loosahatchee Bar, Tennessee – \$100,000 in Service funding and \$65,000 in partner funding to remove one dam and restore access to four miles of stream habitat for pallid and shovelnose sturgeon and other fish species.

Two Moose Creek, Alaska – \$42,857 in Service funding to restore access to nine miles of stream habitat for steelhead, Coho and sockeye salmon.

Oak Run Creek, Shasta County, California – \$33,450 in Service funding and \$20,000 in partner funds to remove to barriers and restore access to six miles of stream habitat for resident wild trout and other fish species.

Since its inception in 1999, the National Fish Passage Program has removed or bypassed 655, restoring access to almost 10,612 miles of river and 51,361 acres of wetlands. The Program has also been able to leverage an average of three dollars for every project dollar spent through its

partners.

Click here for a complete list of funded 2008 projects:

<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/fwma/FishPassage/pdfs/NFPP08projects.pdf>

For more information about the Fish Passage Program, visit our home page at:

<http://www.fws.gov/fisheries/fwma/fishpassage>

DEER VALLEY RESORT RANKED #1 SKI AREA IN NORTH AMERICA AGAIN!

DEER VALLEY, PARK CITY, UTAH (September, 2008) – Deer Valley Resort has been honored with being named the #1 ski resort in North America by the readers of *SKI* magazine for the second year in a row. In the past eight years, Deer Valley®'s rating hasn't dipped lower than third, with a #2 ranking in 2001/2002; a #1 ranking in 2002/2003; a #3 rating in 2003/2004; a #2 rating in 2004/2005; another #1 ranking in 2005/2006, a #2 rating in 2006/2007, a #1 ranking in 2007/2008, and now a fourth #1 ranking in 2008/2009.

“We're ecstatic, actually,” says Bob Wheaton, Deer Valley Resort president and general manager. “To receive this prestigious honor two years in a row is simply amazing. Everyone around here is all smiles. The fact that *SKI* magazine readers, who are avid skiers, travelers, and lifestyle enthusiasts, continue to give us the ‘thumbs up’ makes us very grateful and humbled to have received this award. Deer Valley Resort has been built around a commitment to excellence in service and to have achieved #1 among with other top world class resort destinations is truly an honor. As always, this award reflects the efforts of our many Deer Valley employees who give it their all every day to be the best, and to make Deer Valley the best.”

Aside from being named the #1 Resort overall out of the 60 North American resorts that receive rankings, Deer Valley ranked winningly in many individual categories. Highlights included the Resort being given #1 rankings for grooming, service and on-mountain food, Deer Valley has placed #1 in these categories since *SKI* magazine has been tracking ratings. The Resort also received #2 rankings for access, lodging and dining.

More than 20,000 *SKI* readers are surveyed for its “Top 60 Resort Guide” by an independent research firm. *SKI* readers ski an average of 23 days a year. The ski resort survey is the most comprehensive and longest-running in the winter sports industry. Some of the personal comments about Deer Valley in this year's surveys include: “These people know how to care for their clients and their snow”; “It's hard to go to any other resort after you have been pampered at Deer Valley”; “Deer Valley is great for families – we love just about everything about it”; “Nice terrain variety – love the lack of snowboarders”; “Deer Valley continues to improve a platinum product year after year”; and “Deer Valley has it all – a skier's paradise.”

For more information on Deer Valley Resort or its #1 *SKI* magazine ranking, please contact Resort Communications Manager Erin Grady at 800-424-DEER (3337) or 435-645-6522, or visit www.deervalley.com .

Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson
Lake Elevation: 3628

August 10, 2008
Water Temperature 77-80 F

The theme for this report is "good fishing". That takes on different connotations in Lake Powell when compared with most other fisheries. Anglers at Powell usually catch large numbers of fish while those fishing other waters are content with fewer fish. Both fishing experiences are fun but expectations are different.

The immense size of the lake provides space for innumerable predator fish that are often forage limited. Hungry fish are easy to catch. Infrequently the lake balance swings away from being predator heavy and forage fish are more abundant. Flourishing forage is normal in most waters but when that happens at Powell an adjustment in fishing attitude is required.

Stripers drive the Lake Powell fishery. They eat early and often which makes them easy to find while they are roaming and searching for food. This year feeding is easy in the northern lake. Stripers are fat. Meals are provided in a short order without great effort. Roaming and searching for food is limited.

To be successful in these conditions feeding habits must be understood and exploited. Stripers feed for the first and last two hours of daylight. They are nocturnal and will feed in dark periods as well. The prized surface feeding events (boils) occur consistently during the dawn and dusk period and randomly during the day. Wind blows away the boil and stripers just feed at depth instead of the surface. The strategy is to be in position to find a boil when the sun comes up.

Recently the southern lake is "better" for boils. There are less shad, making stripers search harder and boil more often. Cruise the lake from Wahweap to Rainbow for a chance to see a morning



boil. The mouth of the San Juan may be the most consistent boil spot now but the channel from San Juan to Bullfrog is also productive.

The northern portions of the lake (Hite and San Juan) are still forage-heavy with less surface action. Fishing is great for bass along the rocky shore and in the brushy coves. If fishing the northern lake, target bass and take advantage of a striper school when they pop to the top or cross the screen of the graph. The best technique is the jigging spoon placed immediately in the fast moving school. Catch them quick because they move on in a short time.

What has been described here is Lake Powell fishing success being much like most other fisheries. It should be enjoyed knowing that fish are having an easy time right now. But these conditions will not last long. Shad will be consumed in huge numbers. The shad spawn next spring will be small due to the high numbers of shad competing with each other for food. The end result will be a normal Lake Powell high success year in 2009 with big fish being common. That will be a peak year to be remembered. Plan now to fish the lake in 2009.

For this week we have to be satisfied with only catching 10-30 fish per day, unless bass fishing and then the numbers go up. I know this is "slow" fishing by Lake Powell standards, but today's sacrifice will lead to a brighter tomorrow.

Bureau of Land Management Offers Reward for Wildland Fire Information

The Bureau of Land Management is offering a \$2,500 reward for information leading to apprehension and conviction of the party responsible for starting the Lonesome Pine fire.

The fire started on BLM land 3.5 miles north of Eureka, Utah, on August 24 and burned 560 acres before being controlled on September 2. The total suppression cost for this fire was nearly \$200,000.

Law enforcement officials are hoping that someone will come forward with information about who started the fire. Anyone with information should contact BLM Special Agent Brent Range at 801-550-9863 or e-mail Brent.Range@blm.gov.

Lugano's and the Utah Rivers Council Team up! The Utah Rivers Council is celebrating the opening of the Free the Flow campaign. The campaign is designed to show Utahns there is no real shortage of water in our state. We'll go after water held for speculation and non-beneficial use. Instead of building billion dollar dams and diversions, this campaign will say the money is better used for schools and health care. In the process, we'll support further conservation of water efforts. On September 25th, from 5:30 to 7:30pm, at Lugano's Restaurant, 3364 South 2300 East in Salt Lake City, prize winning Chef Greg Neville will share his Italian food and there will be plenty of beer, wine, and refreshments. A short presentation on our Free the Flow campaign will take place. If you wish to attend, call 486-4776 or RSVP at info@utahrivers.org. There is no charge.

Take the time to influence your backyard river. Last spring, a number of URC members attended open houses and submitted on-line surveys to help influence how the Jordan River will be managed in the future. As a next step, Envision Utah will present a DRAFT vision for the Jordan at three upcoming Open Houses on September 10 and 11. If you can't make an Open House, you can view the vision on-line and fill out the survey that will be used at the Open Houses. For more information, go to the [Blueprint Jordan webpage](http://www.blueprintjordan.org). This is our backyard river and we can make a difference in its future. <http://www.blueprint.slco.org/html/publParticipation.html>

