

SCOFIELD STATE PARK HOSTS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Huntington - Scofield State Park staff host a fishing tournament Saturday, May 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration begins Wednesday, May 2 at 8 a.m. by phone or in person and is limited to 49 participants. Any no-shows will be filled after 7:30 a.m. on a first come, first served basis tournament day. Only one fish per participant will be entered and possession limit is eight. Please follow all rules of the fishing proclamation. For more tournament information or to register, please call (435) 687-2491.

CAMPSITES AVAILABLE NOW FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



Salt Lake - Even though Memorial Day is still a month away, it's not too early to reserve a campsite at a Utah state park. The following parks have campsites available for the big weekend, but are filling up quickly: Antelope Island, Bear Lake, Deer Creek, Jordanelle, Red Fleet, Rockport, Scofield, Snow Canyon, Starvation, Steinaker, Utah Lake, Wasatch Mountain, Willard Bay, and Yuba.

To make a reservation or for more information, please call (801) 322-

3770 from within the Salt Lake calling area and (800) 322-3770 from outside the area or visit www.stateparks.utah.gov.

UPCOMING STATE PARKS EVENTS

April 27 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

Discover Goblin Valley: Join the park naturalist for an evening walk through the goblins. Find out how the goblins came to be and who lurks around in the night! Meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Observation Point above the Valley of the Goblins. Don't forget a flashlight. For more information, please call (435) 564-3633.

April 28 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding

Artist Reception: Join park staff from 1 to 4 p.m. to celebrate the artwork of Ambrose Mexican and his exhibit Yellowhorse. This exhibit is a first for Ambrose and a chance for the public to talk with the artist and see his collection of wildlife drawings, scrimshaw and woodcarvings. The exhibit is on display at the museum until May 15. The reception is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (435) 678-2238.

April 28 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

Rock Art: What tools might have been used and what might the artists have been thinking? Find out at 7:30 p.m. at the amphitheater. For more information, please call (435) 564-3633.

April 28 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

Junior Ranger Program - Incredible Insects: Meet the mini-beasts of Goblin Valley. 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 above the Valley of the Goblins. For more information, please call (435) 564-3633.

April 28 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Scorpions: Have you ever wanted to see a scorpion up close? Join park staff beginning at 9 p.m., and explore the sand dunes in search of resident scorpions. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information, please call (435) 628-2255.

April 28 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

Owl Walk: Join the park naturalist on an evening owl prowl. Delve deep into the lives of these formidable predators. Participants should bring plenty of water, sturdy shoes, bug



spray and meet at the visitor center at 6 p.m. Registration is required for this event. To register or for more information, please call (801) 721-9569.

April 28 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse

History of Sheep Ranching lecture: Join park staff at 2 p.m. for an informative lecture on how Antelope Island's sheep industry influenced Utah's wool market. For more information call (801) 649-5742.

14th annual exhibit of handcrafted Birdhouses at the Ogden Nature Center announce Winners

The Ogden Nature Center is proud to announce its 14th Annual Birdhouse Exhibit, open now and showing through September 8, 2007. The public is invited to stroll down Birdhouse Lane to view this year's clever and well crafted entries along with the Nature Center's permanent collection.

In this exhibit you'll see many functional submissions. A birdhouse can be wildly creative and still serve as a place to roost! Conceptual and nonfunctional birdhouses are also on display.

"In my 12 years of organizing the competition, this year's entries are by far the most creative and wonderful I've seen," said Linda Babcock, Nature Center volunteer coordinator. "One of the original purposes of the contest was to patronize local artists, and this year many artists put forth extra effort to submit excellent entries that bring quality to the exhibit and showcase their talents."



The competition was also designed to demonstrate various ways to attract wildlife to backyards by creating unique, aesthetically pleasing habitats. Entrants are encouraged to use environmentally sensitive materials in their construction. Almost all of the birdhouse creators used environmentally-sensitive building materials, such as recyclable or recycled materials and non-toxic finishes.

This competition is sponsored by the Utah Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, Washington D.C. along with partners: Jack and Jodi Livingood, the Robin and Brad Farr Family, Shepherd's Bush, Pat & Glen Richter, Salt Lake Wild Bird Center, Wasatch Audubon Society, Ogden Blue the Wild Bird Center of Layton and Jeremiah's Restaurant.

Exhibition on Display: Now through September 8, 2007 During Nature Center Hours: Monday through Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-4

Judges: Deb Marin, Amy Adams and Arnold Smith Deb Marin, paints a variety of subjects in oil, watercolor and pastels with an emphasis on landscapes. She has a Bachelors in Art from Southern Utah University and is an active member of the Ogden Palette Club, exhibiting locally in many juried shows and judging a number of local Reflections Contests. She is also an amateur birder and member of the Wasatch Audubon Society.

Arnold Smith, Senior Water and Waste Operator in Morgan, is an avid birder and former president of the Wasatch Audubon Society. He is a member of the Utah Ornithological Society and has photographed and published many articles on nesting habits of local birds.

Amy Adams, adjunct professor of art at WSU since 1994, previously taught at Auburn University. Her specialty includes 3-D design sculpture and assemblage. Current projects include female figures that incorporate found objects and encaustic paint. She is represented by A-Gallery.

AWARDS:

Birdhouse Categories

Imaginative/Artistic:

- 1st place - #21 Vern Bergstrom “Little ole Mamma” (junkwood)
- 2nd place - #11 Melodie de Guibert “Falling Leaves” (gourd, paint)

Best Use of Recycled Materials:

- 1st place - #2 Susan Snyder “Mobile Home” (wood, bike)
- 2nd place - #24 Sara & Gaylynn Geis “Birds in the Barn” (wood)

Unique Use of Materials:

- 1st place - #23 Patty Graham “Orange Crate Birdhouse” (barn wood, license plate)
- 2nd place - # 1 Jake Kanatsiza “The Witches Evening” (wood, paint, stool)

Form/Function:

- Function - #17 Fred Beesley “The Get-A-Way” (barn wood)
- Form - #25 Steve Harvey “ONC Bird and Breakfast” (wood)

Originality

- 1st place - # 9 Mark Fortugno “Modern Highrise” (metal)
- 2nd place - #4 Chad Hancey “Roll Away Birdhouse” (construction debris)



Children's Awards

Form/Function:

- Function - #8 Ian and Kai Shahleen "Sparrow Tiki Lounge" (particle board, sticks)
- Form - #19 Tayden Foulger "Old West Bird Town" (wood)

Imaginative/Artistic:

- 1st place - #12 Hollie Klar "Spring Flowers" (wood, paint)
- 2nd place - #3 Cache Hancey "Airtraffic Control" (construction debris)

TOP AWARDS:

Commission Award (BEST OF SHOW): #20 Curt Fuller "Walnut House" (turned wood)

Judge's Choice: #10 Outback Pottery "Well Shut My Mouth" (ceramic, wood)

Honorable Mention: #5 Mark Warren "Bird Loft" (barn wood)

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th Street, Ogden. For more information, please call 801-621-7595.

FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH

ABAJO MOUNTAINS For Recapture Reservoir pike, try a ¼ oz. white or pink jighead hooked to a 3-4 inch chartreuse or pumpkin-colored curlytail grub. Another suggestion involves a 6-inch pumpkin-colored rubber worm rigged weedless on a bass worm hook with a single piece of split shot about 15 inches above the worm. Work either rig on or near the bottom. Trolling may also be effective for pike. Try a medium-diving Berkley Frenzy in a crawdad color, or a silver-colored, double-jointed Canadian Wiggler. Bullheads may be caught on the bottom with a worm or commercial catfish bait. Most pike range from 20-22 inches but may be as large as 31 inches. Bullheads range from 1-2 pounds.

Sergeant J. Shirley reports very good fishing for pike at Recapture. Both Blanding reservoirs offer good fishing for rainbows and a few tiger trout. In the Monticello area, J. says the best fishing hole is Foy Reservoir. Lloyd's and Monticello lakes have been slow.

BENCHES POND Mostly iced over. After ice-off, try a worm fished on the bottom.

BOULGERS RESERVOIR The ice is coming off near the inlet. Try nightcrawlers.

CLEVELAND RESERVOIR Try a worm tipped with PowerBait.

ELECTRIC LAKE Todd Munford of King's Outdoor World says the lake is still iced up, except around the pumps on the north end. For those willing to hike, there will be good fishing on the north side for staging cutthroat trout. Todd recommends red woolly buggers for fly fishermen and nightcrawlers tipped with a salmon egg for baitcasters.

GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR Access is by foot or snow machine only. It will be a few weeks before vehicle access becomes available.

HUNTINGTON CREEK Try a #10 beadhead Montana, prince or zebra tail nymph.

HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK Water levels will remain very low until early May or later. Bait fishing for rainbows has been sporadic, but bass have been biting on the west side.

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

The ice is rotten and unsafe. Please fish elsewhere until the shoreline opens. Closed to the possession of cutthroat trout. As of June 7, using motorboats with 10 horsepower or more will be prohibited.

JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR Try a whole chub or a 3-inch curlytail grub on a ¼ oz. jighead, tipped with chub meat. April and May have traditionally the best months to fish Joes Valley for trophy-size splake. A couple of 11 pounders were caught in 2006. Special regulations apply. Please refer to the 2007 fishing guide.

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

LASAL MOUNTAINS Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud tried Hidden Lake over the weekend and said fishing was good with nymphs and streamers. Baitcasters did well with worms. Rainbows range from 7-10 inches.



LOWER FISH CREEK Aquatics Biologist Kenny Breidinger fished two hours on Sunday afternoon and caught four 8-12 inch brown trout using a black and green wooly bugger. **MILLSITE RESERVOIR** Anglers have had luck, dunking PowerBait or trolling lures. Trout range from 12-14 inches.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR

Lt. Carl Gramlich fished the west bank on 4-22-07 and did fairly well, but not as well as last week or the week before. Using spinners, he caught several 15-inch tiger trout and some 2-3 lb. rainbow and cutthroats. Carl recommends Jake's or Mepp's. Early

morning (7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.) offered the best fishing.

Tom Ogden fished on Sunday and caught 4 fish in 3.5 hours. Tom said that fishing had slowed down from his last trip. He used wooly bugger and leech patterns. The biggest rainbow was a 20-inch. Tom said that most fish seemed to be closer to shore in 4-8 feet of water.

Todd Munford also reported slowing conditions. He recommends egg sacs or nightcrawlers.

Aquatics Biologist Justin Hart recommends still-fishing directly over the break close to the island. He did well, vertically jigging a Tasmanian Devil. Justin thinks that trolling with a black and silver Rapala would do equally well. Justin talked to one fly fisherman, who did well with a green wooly bugger and strike indicator. A few anglers near the boat ramp had good luck with egg sacs.

BLM's Utah Statewide Resource Advisory Council to Meet

Salt Lake City, Utah--April 23, 2007--The Bureau of Land Management's Utah Statewide Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet May 1-2, 2007, in Price and Castle Dale, Utah.

On May 1, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., the RAC will meet at the Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, for a field tour of Nine Mile Canyon. Nine Mile Canyon has been proposed for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for nearly 30 years. Renowned as “The World’s Longest Art Gallery,” Nine Mile Canyon contains more than 800 documented prehistoric sites, more than 80 percent of which have rock art images. In 2005, the Nine Mile Canyon Coalition (NMCC), with a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, contracted with the Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance to write the description section of the nomination form. BLM worked with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the NMCC to define a boundary for the archaeological district. It now includes that area of the canyon with recorded eligible archaeological sites.

On May 2, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:15 p.m., the Council will meet at the Emery County Courthouse, 75 East Main, Castle Dale. Topics of discussion include an overview of what’s happening in BLM Utah; an overview of Utah’s Fee Proposal Protocol and Guidelines; an update on the temporary restriction order for Factory Butte; a presentation of two fee site proposals from the Price Field Office; as well as, the RAC making their recommendation regarding fee proposals of five new fee sites and fee increases at existing campgrounds in Moab.

A public comment period is scheduled from 12:45 p.m. until 1:15 p.m., where members of the public may address the Council. Written comments may be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84101.

All meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating public. For further information, contact Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, at (801) 539-4195.

FINE IMPOSED FOR ILLEGAL ANTLER POSSESSION



PRICE, UTAH—On March 27th, a Hyrum, Utah man pled guilty to the unlawful possession of antlers and was fined \$217. The set of antlers with skull attached came from a trophy mule deer buck, which measured 199 Boone and Crocket points.

The antler set was forfeited as a result of the court action.

Under Utah law, a person may only possess shed antlers, except those antlers obtained from lawfully harvested animals. Shed antlers are those that have dropped naturally from a big game animal as part of its annual life cycle. These antlers have a rounded base commonly known as an antler button or burr.

In this case, the antlers were picked up in Colorado. "It's a good idea to know not only Utah law but that of surrounding states as well," stated Lt. Carl Gramlich, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. "People just can't pick up anything they see."

This case was successfully prosecuted because of a tip from a concerned citizen. If you see something that appears to be illegal, please call the Help Stop Poaching hotline at: 1-800-662-DEER. Wildlife is our heritage to protect and enjoy. Let's all do our part to protect it from those who fail to abide by the law.

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting Scheduled

Proposals to increase the number of hunting permits for doe deer, and cow elk and cow moose, are among the items the Utah Wildlife Board is expected to act on at its April 26 meeting in Salt Lake City.

The meeting begins at 9 a.m.

More information is available in the pasted and attached agenda.

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting April 26, 2007

9:00 A.M., DNR Auditorium 1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda ACTION
– Dr. Jim Bowns, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes ACTION
– Dr. Bowns
3. Old Business/Action Log CONTINGENT
– Dick Diamond, Vice-Chair
4. DWR Update INFORMATION
– Jim Karpowitz, DWR Director
5. Antlerless Addendum, Rule and Permit Recommendations for 2007 ACTION
– Anise Aoude, Big Game Coordinator

6. Antlerless CWMU Permit Recommendations for 2007 ACTION
– Boyde Blackwell, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

7. Other Business CONTINGENT
– Dr. Bowns

DESERT LAKE WATERFOWL VIEWING ON MAY 5

PRICE—The Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) will sponsor a water bird viewing event on Saturday, May 5th, 2007 at Desert Lake in Emery County from 8 a.m. until noon. The event commemorates national celebrations of Migratory Bird Day and Wetlands Day. The event is free to the public. DWR biologists will be on-hand with spotting scopes and binoculars to assist the public with waterfowl identification.

Desert Lake is located east of the town of Elmo. From either Carbon or Emery County, take State Highway 10 to the Elmo turn-off (State Route 155). Travel to Elmo. On Main Street, travel east out of town until you see a sign for the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry. Follow the sign. In less than a mile, you will arrive at Desert Lake. Signs will direct you to the viewing locations.



Desert Lake serves as a rest area for many species of birds during migration. These include ducks, geese, sandpipers, herons, gulls, terns, pelicans, and cranes. Desert Lake is managed by the DWR for the benefit of migratory waterfowl. Normally closed to public access, the lake also serves as a sanctuary for nesting birds. The DWR encourages Castle Country residents to come out and enjoy this unique opportunity. For more information, contact Brent Stettler at 435-636-0266 or brentstettler@utah.gov

Vacancies on Utah Wildlife Board

Applications accepted through May 4

Three openings are available on the board that sets the rules that govern wildlife management in Utah. These rules include the state's hunting and fishing laws.

The Utah Wildlife Board Nominating Committee is seeking qualified nominees to fill the three seats on the seven-member Utah Wildlife Board. Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. will appoint the new

members to six-year terms.

Those who are interested in serving on the board should have a strong interest in wildlife and wildlife management, and a commitment to represent all of Utah's citizens.

No more than two board members may come from any one of the Division of Wildlife Resources' five regions.

Board members attend 10 to 12 wildlife board meetings each year in Salt Lake City. They're also encouraged to attend monthly Wildlife Regional Advisory Council meetings in their regions. Some overnight travel is required.

For more information, or to apply, go to Gov. Huntsman's Web site at www.governor.utah.gov/boards. Follow the prompts at the site to learn more, or to apply.

Applications will be accepted through May 4, 2007.

Adventure Athletes Gear Up for Third Annual 'Nevada Passage' Reality Television Program

2007 participants are chosen, along with 'Wild Card' team from public auditions

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Twenty athletes from 13 states and Washington, D.C., have been chosen to compete in the third episode of "The Nevada Passage" made-for-television adventure reality show May 7-12, Lt. Gov. Brian K. Krolicki, chair of the Nevada Commission on Tourism (NCOT), announced today.

One of last year's champions, accountant team member Linda Lindsay of Petaluma, Calif., will return with a new partner to compete against nine co-ed teams of pilots, Realtors, programmers, physical therapists, attorneys, engineers, physicians and journalists. A new twist for this year's competition is the selection of one "Wild Card" team composed of two fans selected from the general public.



NCOT, which sponsors "The Nevada Passage," expects a national television audience of 2 million in more than 100 markets to see the hour-long show during syndication from August 2007 through February 2008. NCOT also will make "The Nevada Passage" available to Internet users around the globe online at www.nevadapassage.com, where visitors can watch or download. "The Nevada Passage" 2005 and 2006 is online and the 2007 episode will be online by early 2008.

"The Nevada Passage" is a lively, engaging way for our state to highlight unusual rural destinations and outdoor adventure opportunities," Krolicki said. "Viewers can see that Nevada's distinct terrain of mountains and desert offers recreational activities that complement the state's urban excitement."

Team Unlimited, a Hawaii-based company, produces “The Nevada Passage” and the XTERRA America Tour off-road triathlon series, which includes the XTERRA USA Championship at Lake Tahoe. The company selects the athletes based on physical condition and outdoor experience.

This year for “The Nevada Passage,” one team, called “Wild Card,” was selected from the general public as a response to demand. Phillip Glenn, a part-time emergency medical technician in Reno, Nev., and Lisa Bommer, an athletic trainer in Chicago, were chosen as the “Wild Card” team.



“Contestants in this adventure reality program tell us that our state’s dramatically diverse landscape took them by surprise,” NCOT Director Tim Maland said. “These women and men travel all over the world to compete in outdoor athletic events, and they find that Nevada offers adventure in spectacular settings comparable to or better than other top destinations.”

“The Nevada Passage” covers more than 1,000 miles throughout the state as athletes engage in a series of adventure sports and excursions in six outdoor destinations. Events include a 10K desert run in Valley of Fire State Park May 8, an ATV competition at Amargosa Dunes 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas and a visit to the famed ghost town Rhyolite May 9, back-roads cycling just outside the historic mining town of Tonopah May 10, back-country skiing at Mt. Rose near Reno May 11 and a visit to Carson City to explore the state’s capital May 12.

The roster of teams lists the athletes by name, age, profession and city of residence, with the woman’s name first:

Accountants:

- Linda Lindsay, 42, owner/accountant of a computer hardware and software store from Petaluma, Calif.
- Tim Menoher, 36, U.S. Banks e-commerce sales manager from Erlanger, Ky.

Pilots:

- Ildiko Lengyel, 29, captain for Jet Blue Airways from Park City, Utah\
- Steve Cole, 51, DC-9 pilot and captain from Olive Branch, Miss.

Realtors:

- Christina Burgos, 38, Realtor specializing in independent sales from Houston, Texas
- GL Brown, 63, residential real estate consultant from Grand Rapids, Mich.



Programmers:

- Jackie Ryan, 48, software engineer from Birmingham, Ala.

- Frank Febraro, 32, partner and director of technology for Phase2 Technology from Fairfax, Va.

Physical Therapists:

- Heather McNamara, 45, physical therapist from Brighton, Mich.
- Dave Ruby, 47, post-rehab therapist from La Verne, Calif.



Journalists:

- Lisa Jhung, 34, outdoor sports journalist from Boulder, Colo.
- Brian Metzler, 38, travel and adventure sports journalist from Boulder, Colo.

Attorneys:

- Deborah Crandall, 46, business, family and criminal litigation attorney from Washington, D.C.
- Adam Chase, 41, tax attorney from Boulder, Colo.



Engineers:

- Lauren Kemp, 43, civil engineer from San Diego, Calif.
- John Madden, 30, senior engineer of research and development at Evalve, Inc. from Redwood City, Calif.

Physicians:

- Caroline Colonna, 43, doctor of Oriental medicine and owner of the Willow Clinic of Traditional Oriental Medicine from Taos, N.M.
- Peter Hanson, 41, sports medicine physician from Minneapolis, Minn.

“Wild Card”:

- Lisa Bommer, 25, athletic trainer from Chicago.
- Phillip Glenn, 30, part time emergency medical technician and real estate professional from Reno, Nev.

Adventure-seekers interested in watching “The Nevada Passage” on TV can find the syndication schedule at <http://www.nevadapassage.com/> beginning in May.

Anti’s Cry Wolf, USSAF Joins Suit to Downlist

(Columbus) - The U.S. Sportsmen's Legal Defense Fund, the litigation arm of the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation, today moved to represent sportsmen in a lawsuit brought by anti-hunters that will make it virtually impossible to remove recovered wildlife populations from the federal endangered list. Obstructing delistings will also prevent states from resuming control of healthy wildlife populations.

On April 16, animal rights groups filed suit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The anti's claim that the service violated the Endangered Species Act (ESA) when it removed from the federal endangered species list distinct populations of abundant gray wolves in the Western Great Lakes region.

The U.S. SLDF, along with the Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association and Wisconsin sportsmen Scott Meyer and Robert Stafsholt, asked to join the case as party defendants, specifically to represent hunters' interests. They contend that the ESA has been effective, this population of wolves is not endangered or threatened, and authority to manage wolves should now be returned to the states.

"The federal government has determined that the wolf populations have recovered and it is time for states to resume control of their wildlife resource," said U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation Senior Vice President Rick Story. "Unfortunately, the animal rights plaintiffs are not interested in species recovery. Their goal is to force a hands-off approach for all animals, and they are simply using the ESA as a tool."

Sportsmen support the delisting of the specific wolf populations. They want the states to resume management control of the animals, and establish regulations that will allow them to protect their property, including hunting dogs, from wolf attacks.

"The delisting of the gray wolf gives the Wisconsin government the ability to protect its citizens and our property by allowing the state to deal with problem wolves," said Bill Klugow, president of the Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association. "If this lawsuit succeeds in taking away Wisconsin's right to manage its own natural resources, our state will lose the right to protect me, my family and my property from wolves."

The FWS removed the Western Great Lakes wolves from the endangered list on Feb. 8 after determining that federal recovery efforts have been successful and the animals are no longer threatened.

Plaintiffs in the case against the FWS include the Humane Society of the United States and the Animal Protection Institute, groups that oppose all hunting.

This is the latest lawsuit brought by the anti's to manipulate the ESA to eliminate hunting. The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance is representing sportsmen's interests in potentially precedent-setting lawsuits in Minnesota and Maine that will ban trapping to prevent incidental catch of lynx. A suit brought in Florida will make black bears in the state off-limits to sportsmen by classifying them as a sub-species and listing them as endangered.

The USSA is also challenging a FWS proposal to list polar bears as threatened and halt hunting programs, which came in response to a lawsuit filed by environmental groups.

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.

Everyone, Kevin still has some packages available if you need bees (or more bees). He will also be making more packages when he gets some queens in the next week or two. For more information, please contact Kevin at backyardbeekeepers@gmail.com or 623-0230. Happy Beekeeping!

Pheasants Forever Leads Unprecedented Coalition on Growing Farm Bill Conservation

PF testifies before U.S. House Conservation Subcommittee today

Washington, D.C. - April 19, 2007 - Pheasants Forever's (PF) Dave Nomsen testified before the Conservation Subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture this afternoon, presenting the views of two large coalitions in offering recommendations on 2007 Farm Bill conservation programs.

Nomsen, Pheasants Forever's Vice President of Government Affairs, presented the views of the Agriculture and Wildlife Working Group (AWWG) and the American Wildlife Conservation Partners (AWCP). Both groups, with a combined 41 total organizations - the vast majority of the nation's wildlife conservation and sporting organizations - are endorsing the same set of 2007 Farm Bill conservation recommendations, released in a report entitled Growing Conservation in the Farm Bill.

The AWWG is made up of 16 of the nation's leading hunting, fishing and conservation organizations, including PF and its quail division Quail Forever (QF), as well as the likes of Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited and The Nature Conservancy. PF and QF are also part of the AWCP. The 36 AWCP organizations, including the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the National Wild Turkey Federation, have reached concurrence on the comprehensive array of conservation programs for the upcoming farm bill.

"This is one of the largest and most comprehensive coalitions focused on Farm Bill conservation that has ever come together - the list is unprecedented," Nomsen said, "Collectively, these organizations represent millions of Americans that use, support and enjoy the vast benefits of federal farm bill conservation programs. We work hand in hand with farmers, ranchers and foresters on wildlife habitat projects, and many of those projects include federal conservation programs."

"We thank Pennsylvania representative and committee chairman Tim Holden and Oklahoma representative and ranking minority member Frank D. Lucas for allowing us the opportunity to share our collective desires for the future of conservation," Nomsen stated, "We look forward to developing and supporting a comprehensive array of strong conservation policies and programs. The

2007 Farm Bill must continue to build upon the legacy and framework of federal polices and programs in supporting natural resource conservation."

Pheasants Forever supports the 2007 Farm Bill recommendations, including: Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) - Reauthorize USDA's most successful conservation program and ensure the competitive viability of the program.

Overall CRP acreage should expand to 45 million acres. Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) - Increase America's number one wetlands restoration program to 300,000 acres per year to improve wetlands conservation. Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP) - Increase GRP to 2 million acres per year, and require that a minimum of 60 percent of the agreements are long-term easements of 30 years or more.

Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) - Gradually increase the WHIP funding from \$100 million to \$300 million over the course of the 2007 Farm Bill, with a significant portion of new funds targeted for aquatic restoration activities.

Biofuels and Renewable Energy - Protecting the benefits of CRP for soil, water and wildlife must be the first initiative. Research and development funding should promote the next generation of biofuels and renewable energy that are consistent with wildlife, fish, soil, nutrient management and water conservation goals.

To see the entire list of recommendations, log onto www.PheasantsForever.org.

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, are non-profit conservation organizations dedicated to the protection and enhancement of pheasant, quail, and other wildlife populations in North America through habitat improvement, land management, public awareness, and education. PF/QF has more than 115,000 members in 700 local chapters across the continent.

For additional information about Pheasants Forever, please visit www.pheasantsforever.org

Orienteering Upcoming events

Ed White is teaching a 2 hour FREE course May 17 at the Sandy REI store to introduce people to orienteering. And, there will be a Draper Jordan River Park meet May 19 from 3 to 5 pm



Notes on the class: ORIENTEERING 5/17/2007 7:00 PM

Introduction to Orienteering

Learn to navigate using a map and compass to find checkpoints in this fun outdoor sport suitable for all ages and abilities! Instruction begins in the classroom with basic concepts such as orienting the map, choosing routes, and using handrails and catching features before culminating in a practical exercise outside the store on a simple map. Bring

a compass if you have one or borrow one from the instructor. Also, the local orienteering club, O-

Utah (www.o-utah.org), will be holding an event the following Saturday, May 19th, so you can test what you have learned!

Instructor: Ed White first tried orienteering over 20 years ago and has been hooked ever since. He has competed throughout the US and Canada and is the current US Champion in the Men's 40-44 age group. After moving to Salt Lake City two years ago, Ed joined O-Utah and regularly sets up or competes in local orienteering events. When not orienteering, Ed also enjoys hiking, trail running, canoeing, and rock climbing.

Location: REI Sandy

Contact: Kristen Kenley at 801-501-0850 or kkenley@rei.com

Cost: Free

Registration Required? No.

Utah BLM Volunteer to Receive National Award “Making a Difference”

Salt Lake City, Utah—April 19, 2007--At a ceremony to be held on May 10, in Washington, D.C., seven volunteers (from a pool of more than 35 nominations submitted), will be recognized with the BLM’s “Making a Difference” National Volunteer Award. Mike Satter, Grand Staircase Escalante Partners, is Utah BLM’s recipient of this national award. Mr. Satter serves as the president of the Grand Staircase Escalante Partners, a private, non-profit, community-based organization that he helped form three years ago. The Partners are dedicated to increasing awareness and appreciation of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, BLM’s first national monument, while also supporting the Monument’s particular missions of interpretation, education, science, and research. Mike successfully applied for and received a seed grant for \$35,000 to provide funding for a paid Volunteer/Membership Coordinator, four high school interns, one college intern, and critical media equipment for the organization. He supervised the overall program, recruited community volunteer board members, and organized meetings, field trips, work projects, and community presentations. He has worked tirelessly to build a volunteer organization at the grassroots level, engaging local citizens in resource, science, and educational activities on public lands.

Volunteers continue to play a major role in helping BLM to care for America’s public lands. In 2005, volunteers contributed nearly 1.3 million hours, the equivalent of more than 700 work years. In addition to these hours, volunteers contributed their unique talents, truly adding to the expertise of BLM’s 10,000-member workforce.

The wide variety of volunteer projects reflects the diversity of public lands and some of the numerous challenges involved in BLM’s multiple-use mission. Individuals of all ages and groups of all sizes participate in these projects. To foster common objectives, BLM works with many partners, ranging from small businesses to other government agencies. These partners, including friends and interest groups, as well as educational and other nonprofit organizations, contribute supplies, financial support, and enthusiastic volunteers to a multitude of projects and events.

State Director, Selma Sierra stated that, “Service and volunteerism are an integral part of the American character.” As BLM volunteers, you have chosen to look beyond yourselves to serve a greater cause—helping to preserve America’s public lands legacy.

More information about volunteer opportunities can be found at www.volunteer.gov/gov or by calling your local Bureau of Land Management office.

Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustaveson
Lake Elevation: 3600

April 25, 2007
Water Temperature: 57-66 F

Long awaited Spring warming is forecast for this coming weekend. Bass have been poised all month on the edge of the flat waiting for warmth that will trigger the spawn. Looks like it will finally happen. There was some largemouth bass nest building and spawning in the northern lake early in the month but the big smallmouth spawning event is still to come.

Sight-fishing for aggressive bass that have just spawned is exciting. Male bass that guard fresh eggs on the new nest will attack anything that comes close to "his nest". Aggression peaks for two days post-spawn and then tapers off each succeeding day after that. Timing the trip to coincide with actual spawning ensures a memorable trip. That will happen this weekend and beyond.

Catching bass is not all that technical in these conditions. Basically anything that swims near the nest is fair game. The lure choice is then determined by confidence of the angler. Past success with a certain lure, technique or presentation should determine how to fish during the next week. If it worked before it should work even better now.



For beginners perhaps the easiest and most effective bait is a weightless plastic bait like the Zoom Fluke or Yamamoto Senko. Toss the bait beyond the nest, retrieve until it is over the nest and then let it slowly descend right on the rocks. The male bass will take it on the way down or pick it up and carry it off the rocks. Catch the male bass off the nest but then release it to protect the eggs from predation. If bass are to be kept for supper, keep the females or those fish not on nests. In the bass world, males determine the survival of the next generation and females are excess fish to be harvested.

Crappie will be spawning at the same time. Crappie will nest in thick cover and the male security guard will often be a very black color. Release the black fish and those caught on nests to ensure the survival of the next generation. Use small plastic or hair jigs on very light jig heads (1/16th – 1/32nd ounce). Place them about 4 feet under a bobber to present the bait at a steady depth and a slow speed which crappie prefer.

Striper fishing is **RED HOT** in the channel near the Dam. Use anchovy bait for a big catch of adult fish prowling the canyon walls. Try the dam, Buoy 1, Antelope Canyon, Buoy 9, and Navajo Canyon for a big catch. Uplake start fishing at Moki Wall, Moki Canyon and the wall upstream from the mouth of Moki. Lake Canyon and the mouth of Halls Creek are good as well.

Striper fishing is even better in the backs of canyons around brush piles that harbor small sunfish. Both adults and juveniles are hanging out in the backs of canyons. Find them by fishing reaction baits like a lipless vibrator or jerk bait, on the shallow edge of the canyon near deep water. Cast to the shoreline much like fishing for bass. Stripers, bass and walleye are sharing the same habitat. A hooked striper is usually accompanied by 5 others trying to grab the bait from its mouth. When one striper is being played cast behind the hooked fish to catch the school mates. Jerk baits like pointers, bevy shad, and Bomber long A's work well, as do plastic grubs and tubes and spoons. Use your confidence lure. The fish will love it too.

GEOLOGIC HAZARDS WORKING GROUP REVIEW DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

What: The Geologic Hazards Working Group, established by Governor Huntsman, has developed draft recommendations. The group will discuss finalizing the draft and how to obtain public comment.

Who: Representatives from the Utah Geological Survey, Utah League of Cities and Towns, Utah Association of Counties, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, Utah City Engineers Association, American Planning Association, Division of Homeland Security, Provo City, Layton City, Alpine City, and Morgan County.

When: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Where: DNR State Parks Conference Room 112 1594 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah

Why: This is the fifth meeting of the working group, which was formed as a result of the damages in urban areas caused by landslides in 2005 and 2006. The group is developing recommendations to present to Governor Huntsman for consideration on how to improve the land-use regulation process in Utah to reduce losses from landslides and other geologic hazards. (Agenda is attached)

Fish Advisories issued for Six Waterways across the State

(Salt Lake City, Utah) - Fish consumption advisories have been issued for certain species of trout in six popular fishing areas, including two in northern Utah and four in southern Utah after state

officials found elevated levels of mercury in fish.

The advisories are in effect for brown trout from the Weber River near Morgan, Utah and Jordanelle Reservoir in Wasatch County; rainbow trout from the Upper Enterprise Reservoir in Washington County and Newcastle Reservoir in Iron County; brown trout from Calf Creek in Garfield County and splake trout from Joe's Valley Reservoir in Emery County.

Fish consumption advisory signs will be posted at access points to Joe's Valley and Upper Enterprise reservoirs stating that: .

Adults should limit their consumption of splake Trout taken from Joe's Valley Reservoir and rainbow trout from Upper Enterprise Reservoir to no more than one 8-ounce serving per month; and . Women who may become pregnant, pregnant woman, nursing mothers, and young children should not eat more than one 2-ounce serving per month from either location.

Fish consumption advisory signs will be posted at access points to Jordanelle and Newcastle reservoirs, Weber River and Calf Creek stating that:

. Adults should limit their consumption of brown trout from Jordanelle and rainbow trout from Newcastle reservoirs and brown trout from Weber River and Calf Creek to no more than two 8-ounce servings per month; and Women who may become pregnant, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and young children should not eat more than one 4-ounce serving per month from any of the locations.

Eating more than these amounts over a long period of time could result in an intake of mercury that exceeds the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency health recommendations, according to an analysis completed by the Utah Department of Health. Any health risks associated with eating fish from the affected areas are based on long-term consumption and are not tied to eating fish occasionally. There is no health risk associated with mercury for other uses of the reservoirs, river or creek, such as swimming, boating and waterskiing.

Fish were collected from the waterbodies as part of an ongoing water quality investigation. Officials from the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Utah Department of Health, Utah Department of Natural Resources, and the local Health Departments worked in partnership to issue this advisory.

Information about the advisory and the health effects of mercury is available at http://www.deq.utah.gov/Issues/Mercury/fish_advisories.htm and each of the agencies' Internet sites. The final report on the evaluation of mercury concentrations in fish sampled from streams, lakes and reservoirs in Utah can be found at <http://health.utah.gov/epi/enviroepi/FishHgStatewide2007Final.pdf> .

Newly Renovated Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry to be Rededicated BLM's First Visitor Center Reopens to the Public

Price, Utah—April 19, 2007—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will host the rededication of the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry near Price, Utah with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April

28, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The facility is BLM's first visitor center and the rededication will feature speakers from the BLM, Emery County and the Utah Museum of Natural History. The quarry was originally dedicated in 1968. Guests at the rededication will be able to view the newly renovated and expanded facilities and interact with paleontologists who will be on hand to answer questions about the site.



The Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry is home to one of the most impressive collections of dinosaur fossils worldwide. The quarry contains a unique concentration of skeletons of the meat eating dinosaur Allosaurus, along with the bones of many other familiar dinosaurs, including Stegosaurus and the enormous long necked sauropods. Over the years, excavations led by the University of Utah

and the Utah Museum of Natural History have resulted in the collection of more than 12,000 bones from the quarry. While most of these fossils are currently housed at the Utah Museum of Natural History, many skeletons reproduced from Cleveland-Lloyd dinosaur remains are now on exhibit in more than 65 museums worldwide. Many original bones from the quarry remain on public exhibit in Utah at the Utah Museum of Natural History, the Prehistoric Museum in Price, and the Earth Science Museum at BYU, but the new BLM visitor center at the Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry is the best place to really experience the quarry and its treasure trove of dinosaur fossils.

The new facility, which was developed by the BLM in collaboration with Insight Exhibits, the Utah Museum of Natural History, and Paleoforms Inc., features over 2000 square feet of interactive displays and exhibits. An updated and colorized bone bed map shows the scattering of various types of dinosaur bones, as they were initially discovered at the site. Another exhibit lists scientific theories that have been proposed to explain this unusual concentration of dinosaur remains, and compares them to the data collected. Other exhibits include a display showing the excavation history of the site, a fossil preparation table, replica skulls of animals found in the quarry and a new Allosaurus skeleton mount. At the actual quarry, two observation platforms allow visitors to view the deposit from various angles. Here, visitors can see some of the original bones still in place and a reconstruction of a small portion of the quarry recently excavated and reproduced by the Utah Museum of Natural History.

Directions to the Quarry:

The quarry is located in the northern part of the San Rafael Swell, 30 miles south of Price.

From Price: take Hwy 10 south to the Cleveland/Elmo turnoff and follow the signs. The last 12 miles are on graded unpaved road. Unpaved roads may be slippery when wet.

From Huntington: follow Hwy 10 north and take the Cleveland turnoff. In Cleveland go south towards the San Rafael Swell and follow the signs. The last 13 miles are on graded unpaved road. Unpaved roads may be slippery when wet.

Bigger, Badder, Better: The New Triumph 235CC Kicks 23s Up a Notch

DURHAM, NC - April 24, 2007 – Not all boats are created equal and next to the new Triumph 235CC, the competition's 23 just got a lot smaller. Triumph Boats, the world's leading producer of rotation-molded sport fishing and pleasure craft is unveiling its largest-yet model – the 235 Center Console. Packed with enough creature comforts and sea-worthy features to make even the most hard-core fisherman (as well as his family) happy, the 235CC is the largest roto-molded boat in the world. "We wanted to create a 'big' 23-footer" said George Blaisdell, Triumph vice president of operations, "with generous freeboard, an aggressively flared bow to deflect spray, plenty of dry storage and a traditional transom to maximize cockpit space."

Triumph designed the new 2008 model to deliver offshore fishing capabilities in an arrangement that emphasizes open-water performance, functionality and exceptional ergonomics. Blaisdell reports the exhaustive development process included extensive research into the preferences of boat owners that led to the multiple details incorporated into the 235CC's design. Capt. John Uebel, Jr. of Marathon in the Florida Keys recently took the 235 through its paces in a choppy Gulf. Captain John said, "I was impressed how well it handled. It was a rough day. 250' water and 5 to 6' waves, but it took the waves great and we didn't get drenched. Handled phenomenally."

Features include 105 s.f. of truly usable deck space, a deluxe bait prep station, big bucket helm seats, a head with a 6' ceiling and six compartments that add up to 150 gallons of self-draining storage – room for everything from tackle and tools to sunglasses and cell phones. And the 235CC is trailerable.

"Roplene gave us the ability to pull this model off" Blaisdell added, referring to Triumph's proprietary Roplene technology process that produces a monocoque-type hull that, in addition to the outer shell, integrates stringers, gunwales, transom and storage compartments into a single structural unit. The hull's molded polymers absorb shock, vibration and noise allowing Triumph to design a deep V-hull with a 21° to 24° variable dead rise geometry, improving fuel efficiency without compromising the brand's signature quiet ride. Roplene is the thermal roto-molding process Triumph uses to build boats with strength and impact resistance five times that of fiberglass.

The new Triumph 235CC is the latest addition to an independent breed of boats proving to be the "toughest in the world." Captain John adds, "I believe the new Triumph beats every other 23-footer out there. An all around perfect boat – for fishing, wake boarding, tubing, cruising – you name it."

The Roundup -- presenting the latest Monolithic news - April 23, 2007

Next Workshop - Monolithic will hold this year's second dome-building Workshop, May 8-12 at its headquarters in Italy, Texas. It will include hands-on experience building a Monolithic Dome home. Get the details and reserve your spot NOW!

<http://shop.monolithic.com/products/monolithic-dome-workshop>

Monolithic to participate in major conference - The Hawaii Association of County Building Officials (HACBO) will hold its annual conference on May 17-18 on Kona. Architect Rick Crandall will speak to the assembly and Monolithic will maintain an information booth. For more information email info@monolithic.com

Decorating Know-How - There's a secret to decorating a Monolithic Dome and Judy South, our Director of Interior Design reveals it!

<http://www.monolithic.com/idi/intro/index.html>



More Decorating Know-How - Did you know that a home's furnished rooms have a horizon? They do. Read what Judy South has to say about room horizons in a Monolithic Dome. <http://www.monolithic.com/idi/curvedwalls/index.html>

Correction to our article about Arkansas' new school construction law - Read how the original bill got watered down. Nevertheless, Monolithic feels this new law is till a step in the right direction.

http://www.monolithic.com/domenews/2007/Apr/arkansas_law/correction/

Check It Out - For the latest on Monolithic Domes and related topics, check our website. New articles, profiles and discussions, as well as updates of old ones, are posted often.

<http://www.monolithic.com/>

FUTURE OF NATION'S WILDLIFE REFUGES AT RISK

Diverse Coalition Issues New Report Showing that Chronic Under-Funding Is Threatening America's Wildlife and Wild Lands

Congressional Wildlife Refuge Caucus Co-Chairs Speak Out

Washington, D.C. – The nation's wildlife refuge system is operating at half the budget it needs, according to a new report released today by the Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement (CARE). The group, comprised of conservation, sportsman, recreation, and scientific organizations, finds that the wildlife refuge system is threatened by crime, invasive species, habitat fragmentation, global warming and a sharply reduced workforce, all of which are exacerbated by chronic under-funding.

“Already, about a third of all wildlife refuges have no staff at all, and the Fish and Wildlife Service's regional workforce plans have identified scores of additional refuges that are going

to close their gates or have on-site staff removed," Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) said. "Not only does this hurt the hunters and anglers that can no longer gain access to these areas, but lack of staffing can also cause biological operations to cease and invasive species to expand unchecked. We cannot allow our refuges, some of the last remaining areas of pristine wilderness in America, to deteriorate."

The report, "Restoring America's Wildlife Legacy 2007," details the nationwide impact of funding shortfalls and illustrates many of the deteriorating conditions at national wildlife refuges. It also outlines the consequences of under-funding and recommends funding levels for fiscal years 2009-2013 to offset the damage already occurring throughout the system.

"Unfortunately, our refuge system is now at great risk due to severe budget shortfalls. Operating today with less money than in 2004, the refuge system has reached a crisis point," states the report. "Because the refuge system can no longer keep pace with inflation, it is now in the process of eliminating staff and services."

"We take so much from the environment for our transportation systems, our energy usage and even our food needs, but the National Wildlife Refuge System is one of the few places we actually give back," said Congressman Jim Saxton (R-NJ), a senior member of the House Natural Resources Committee. "Back in 1997 when we passed the bipartisan Wildlife Refuge Improvement Act, we envisioned a national network of refuges to protect and expand natural habitat for our wildlife in an era of unprecedented commercial and residential development. Only a decade later, that vision is in jeopardy. Congress needs to support sufficient maintenance and operation funding for the refuge system it helped build."

According to recently released regional workforce plans from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the refuge system is cutting 20 percent of its staff, a permanent loss of 565 positions. The report finds that without these jobs, visitors will encounter:

- Shortened or eliminated visitor center hours;
- Dilapidated viewing platforms and hiking trails;
- Reduced or cancelled hunting and fishing events;
- Outdated materials, maps, brochures and websites.

Without further funding, habitat maintenance and law enforcement staff will be limited in their ability to:

- Control invasive plant and animal species;
- Enforce safety regulations and protect refuge visitors;
- Manage habitat;
- Implement necessary conservation measures for endangered or threatened species.

The report goes on to conclude that "Unless Congress increases the annual appropriations for the refuge system soon, the Fish and Wildlife Service will be unable to perform its Congressionally mandated duty to 'administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations.'"

"The report released today by CARE brings to light the extremely important issue of protecting our nation's environmental treasures," said Rep. Mike Castle (R-DE). "Bombay Hook and Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuges in my home state of Delaware conserve important segments of the Delaware Bay Marshes. They are vital stop-over sites for migrating shorebirds and wading birds, and are considered some of the best wetland habitat areas along the Atlantic Coast. Every time I visit I am in awe of their beauty. I know others

feel exactly the same about the refuges in their districts, which is why we will work extremely hard to ensure that the refuges are adequately funded and protected."

The refuge system needs an annual increase of \$15 million per year simply to keep up with inflation. CARE recommends a total budget of \$765 million per year by fiscal year 2013 based on a comprehensive analysis of refuge system funding needs. CARE recommends \$451.5, or about a \$55 million increase, for refuge operations and maintenance funding for the next fiscal year.

"Incremental increases over the next five years will enable the refuge system to fulfill its mandate of protecting wildlife and provide wildlife-dependant recreation by fiscal year 2013," states the report.

The report can be found on line at <http://www.fundrefuges.org/care/carehome.html>

The Cooperative Alliance for Refuge Enhancement is a diverse coalition of 21 conservation, recreation, sporting, and scientific organizations with more than 5 million members across the United

States. CARE has been working since 1995 to help the National Wildlife Refuge System fight a serious funding crisis.

Members include: American Birding Association***American Fisheries Society***American Sportsfishing Association***Assateague Coastal Trust***Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies***Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation***Defenders of Wildlife***Ducks Unlimited, Inc.***Izaak Walton League of America***National Audubon Society***National Rifle Association***National Wildlife Federation***National Wildlife Refuge Association***Safari Club

International***The Corps Network***The Wilderness Society***The Wildlife Society***Trout Unlimited***U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance***Wildlife Forever***Wildlife Management Institute

News from Friends of Utah Rivers Council

The Council participated in several Earth Day events over the weekend, including tabling at Ogden Nature Center and Hogle Zoo, in addition to hosting a very successful Ogden River Cleanup. *Thanks to all who volunteered and showed support – and to those who joined our Friends email list!* Please read below for information on the City Creek Cleanup we are doing next Saturday; we can use as many hands as possible and would love to see you there!

Happenings at the Council

TOMORROW: Write your letter to the editor and get it published! Come to the Utah Rivers Council Letter to the Editor training on Thursday, April 26, at 6 pm. We'll cover the basics of how to write a letter to the editor featuring the hottest water topics, including Wild and Scenic River designation issues, and explain how to get published. Don't miss this great opportunity! *Contact Chantal at 801-486-4776 or chantal@utahrivers.org by today to reserve your place.*

City Creek Cleanup! Join Council staff and Salt Lake City Watershed on Saturday, May 5, from 9-12 pm to clean a stretch of City Creek and help remove trash from this urban backyard river, along with the invasive weed dyers woad. All ages welcome – space is not limited, but please RSVP so we can accommodate all participants! Contact Chantal at 801-486-4776 or chantal@utahrivers.org for details and to RSVP. See the attached flyer.

Volunteers needed for Paddle Festival 2007! Yes, that's right, we have begun planning Paddle Festival 07, which will be held at Little Dell Reservoir June 2-3. Now is the time to think about

getting involved with this super-fun outdoor festival and to sign-up to volunteer. We have many different opportunities, including cashiering, rafting instructor/assistant, raffle manager, parking monitor, lifeguard, and more. Please contact Chantal to volunteer or for more information at chantal@utahrivers.org or 801-486-4776.

Council launches Rip Your Strip for 2007! Rip Your Strip is an incredibly successful water conservation campaign aimed at giving people the tools to convert their turf to a beautiful low water-use landscape. Utahns realize that water conservation is not simply important during periods of drought, but must become a way of life. To date, over 3,000 Utahns have taken the Rip Your Strip pledge. Join them and take the pledge today at <http://www.utahrivers.org> to receive coupons and helpful advise toward ripping your strip. Check out our recent press coverage on Fox and KCPW:

<http://www.myfoxutah.com/myfox/pages/Home/Detail;jsessionid=8808E6634FF1DCE3E84FC6EE47D287CB?contentId=3015972&version=2&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=VSTY&pageId=1.1.1> and on KCPW at: <http://www.kcpw.org/article/3404>

Protect Utah's remarkable rivers! Utah Rivers Council is launching the Get Wild with a River campaign as part of our effort to ensure Utah's most outstanding rivers on Forest Service land are protected under the Wild and Scenic Act. The Forest Service is doing a two year suitability review of their rivers and we need your help. By "adopting" a candidate river, you will help us make sure our outstanding

rivers get the protection they deserve. For information and a list of candidate rivers, please contact Chantal at 801-486-4776 or



chantal@utahrivers.org or visit our website:

http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=22

News/Events

Utah Rivers Council responds to coverage of Bear River water development. The Council's river protection coordinator, Amy Defreese, published an opinion editorial piece in response to Logan Herald Journals' coverage of Bear River water development. Read the editorial and the article that inspired it:

<http://pioneer.olivesoftware.com/Repository/ml.asp?Ref=VEhKLzIwMDcvMDMvMjgqQXIwMDMwMg==&Mode=Gif&Locale=english-skin-custom>

<http://hjnews.townnews.com/articles/2007/04/16/letter/letter03.txt>

Spring Valley water to be pumped to Las Vegas. Nevada State Engineer granted a portion of Southern Nevada Water Authority's request to pump and pipe groundwater from Nevada's Spring Valley to Las Vegas to meet growing water demand. While the State Engineer has placed a limit on the amount of water to be pumped, Snake Valley residents fear groundwater loss as the two valleys are hydrologically connected. For more coverage on the proposed groundwater pumping in both Spring and Snake Valleys, visit: http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_5701520.

Beaver County Commission approves Mt. Holly Club development agreement, but planners postpone approvals for preliminary plats in light of unanswered questions. Last week, the Planning Commission determined that developers will have to meet several criteria before they see

approvals of their preliminary and final plats necessary for phase one development. For the latest on Mt. Holly Club development, read the Tribune's coverage at:

http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_5684549 and

http://www.sltrib.com/search/ci_5709919?source=email.

Forest Service to debate whether or not Summit County rivers deserve protection. The Forest Service is getting ready to debate which rivers in Summit County - if any - are suitable to be designated as Wild and Scenic. This will ensure lasting protection for rivers such as the Provo, Stillwater, and Henrys Fork. The Forest Service will be hosting open houses over May and June, with one scheduled for Heber on May 29th from 4-8 pm. To get involved, check out our Get Wild with a River campaign:

http://www.utahrivers.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=136&Itemid=223. For more information view the story at:

http://www.parkrecord.com/todayshadlines/ci_5687990?source=email



Worst winter snowpack since 1977!

Tage Flint,
director of
Weber Basin
Water
Conservancy
District,

recently stated that the snowpack this year is the worst since the dry summer of 1977. People need to be very careful with how they use their water this year. Weber Basin Water Conservancy District customers are back on watering restrictions, and enforcement teams will be out to find violators.

Use your water wisely this summer. View the article at:

<http://www.standard.net/live.php/opinion/editorials/102000/>

Congress authorizes spending \$30 million on water projects in western Summit County: The U.S. House authorized this spending for a variety of water projects in Summit County.

Congressman Rob Bishop says that this funding is absolutely needed in order to maintain our water supplies. Part of the money could fund a project to send water from eastern Summit County to Park City. Read the story at: http://www.parkrecord.com/county/ci_5740828?source=email

Visit www.utahrivers.org for updates and upcoming events!
