

Utah Winter Games Friends & Family Ski Race is this weekend at Brighton!

Brighton has announced that they will provide 1/2 off all day lift tickets for all participants!!!



The lift ticket prices are the following:
Adults \$26.50
Kids (7-12) \$12.50, 6 & under FREE.

Brighton and the Utah Winter Games team up to offer a

skiing/snowboarding fun and friendly competition for the whole family. Test your times against friends, moms, dads, siblings, and even grandparents. Medals are awarded in age divisions from three to 93 and goodie bags are handed out to all that are registered. Skis/snowboards, poles, boots, and helmets are recommended. Register at Brighton the morning of the race. Visit www.utahwintergames.org for complete details. Participants are welcome to stay and ski/snowboard at the resort after the race ends.

See you at Brighton!

Discrete Sport Celebrates Unprecedented Momentum

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - December 24, 2007 - Discrete Sport, LLC, a rider owned and conceived headwear brand in the snowsport industry, is proud to announce the launch of several new initiatives for the upcoming 07-08 season. The company is geared up for a successful and impactful winter with new marketing tactics, and a bolstered product line and athlete team.

Discrete has committed to a sponsorship of the 2008 North American Freeskiing Series sanctioned by Mountain Sports International, an invaluable partnership that is directly aligned with Discrete's target

audience. The company also announces their first ever booth presence at the SIA tradeshow in Vegas. Discrete will display their product line for the 2008-09 season, composed of 35 headwear styles. Additionally, Discrete is proud to announce the launch of a new and improved website, www.discretesport.com.

Local Discrete owners and professional skiers, Billy Poole and Julian Carr, have molded Discrete into a unique snowsport brand appealing to snow enthusiasts and hard core riders alike.

"I created and built awareness for Discrete by sponsoring amazing athletes," said Julian Carr, Discrete owner. "Over the last two years I've focused on my ski career and am now in a place to make Discrete a priority and share my passion for skiing with the development of this brand. Discrete is a genuine and humble company that is rider owned and conceived, and I am grateful for the partnership and business intel of my new partner, Billy Poole."

New to the Discrete athlete team this year is Mike Wilson, Eric Hjorleifson, CR Johnson, and Dash Longe. Be sure to check out all of

UGLY SWEATER PARTY

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KICK-OFF PARTY FOR THE 2008
BIG-MOUNTAIN FREESKIING
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AT THE **SKYBOX**

ISLCI last years contest winner

more info @ SheJumps.org

Logos at the bottom: Black Diamond, Wasatch Powder Clinics, Snowbird, Discrete, Alta, Skull Candy.

Discrete's sponsored riders in films by MSP, TGR, Levitation Project, Warren Miller, RAGE, and others.

To celebrate their momentum and officially kick-off the 2008 IFSA winter season, Discrete invites everyone of drinking age to the SkyBox in the Gateway, Friday January 4th at 10 p.m.

Discrete's co-owners are proud to announce this event as a party in honest celebration of life's finest specimens: freeskiers.

The event will be co-sponsored by Wasatch Powder Clinics and will benefit SheJumps (www.shejumps.org), a non-profit organization dedicated to women's empowerment.

When: January 4, 2008.

Where: Skybox at the gateway mall downtown SLC. 10 p.m.

Theme: Ugly Sweater Party.

Why: Best sweaters will be awarded prizes.

NOTED HISTORIAN SPEAKING AT CAMP FLOYD STATE PARK

Fairfield - In celebration of the Camp Floyd's sesquicentennial, author/historian Curtis Allen will entertain visitors with stories of the Camp Floyd officers who were later generals in the Civil War, both Union and Confederate. Mr. Allen has identified all of the Utah expedition officers and what happened to them later. He also followed careers of key enlisted men. "The men of Johnston's Army are fascinating. Some are heroes, and some were scum. Many became some of the most important generals of the Civil War."

The lecture will begin at 1 p.m. Admission fees are \$2 per person or \$6 per family to attend and includes entrance into the museums.

Established in 1858, Camp Floyd housed the largest concentration of U.S. troops then in the United States. The troops were sent to Utah to suppress a rumored Mormon rebellion, which never took place. The army was recalled back east in 1861 for the Civil War emergency.

Camp Floyd State Park is located in the town of Fairfield, Utah, 22

miles southwest of Lehi, Utah on State Highway 73. For more information on this event or Camp Floyd, contact the park at 801-768-8932.

Student Fellowship Programs

(Western United States) -- Two Fellowships have been announced for student research in Rocky Mountain parks. The Rocky Mountains CESU (RM-CESU), the University of Montana, and the Crown of the Continent RLC have announced the 2008 Jerry O'Neal student fellowship program to support natural resource management, cultural resource management and social science research in Glacier NP, Grant-Kohrs Ranch NHS and Little Bighorn Battlefield NHS. This fellowship program funds graduate or undergraduate research for students attending RM-CESU universities.

Applications, due February 15, 2008, are available at <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/research/CESU/NEWCESU/WhatsNew/default.htm>. In addition, Rocky Mountain National Park has announced the 2008 Bailey



Fellowship. Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Nature Association, the fellowship provides for a graduate student research internship at the park during 2008. Applications are due by February 1, 2008 and forms are available at <http://www.rmna.org/fellowship.html>. For more information

contact Kathy Tonnessen, RM-CESU, at 406-243-4449. NPS Contact: Kathy Kupper, 202/208-6843.

NNL Program Negotiates Ten Challenge Cost Share Grants (Nationwide) -- During FY 2007, the National Natural Landmarks staff negotiated ten 50/50 cost-share grants in seven states for management and research projects. The grants cost the government \$110,616 and thanks to partner contributions, completed over \$221,000 worth of work.

Projects included interpretive displays at Devil's Sinkhole, Texas and Burney Falls, California; invasive plant eradication at Red Rock Lakes NWR, Montana and Montpelier Forest, Virginia; dinosaur track digitizing at Dinosaur Valley State Park, Texas; water catchment installation for endangered ocelots at Bayside Resaca, Texas; rare butterfly dispersal research at Bear Island, North Carolina; educational book production for Wallula Gap, Washington; and fire regime oral histories and videos at Ellenville Fault-Ice Caves, New York. For more information, contact Margi Brooks at 520-791-6470 or Heather Germaine at 303-969-2717. NPS

**SEALIFE® ECOSHOT® WATERPROOF DIGITAL CAMERA:
World's First Truly Waterproof, Shockproof Digital Sports Camera**



MOORESTOWN, N.J. – Basking in the winter wonderland of the Rocky Mountains, battling class 3 rapids, scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef or paddling your way through amazing landscapes are all extraordinary moments you'll want to remember for the rest of your life. SeaLife's new ECOshot is designed tough to capture these impressive outdoor adventures. This 6-megapixel camera is the ideal companion to take on all your ventures into the elements.

The ECOshot is specifically designed for those who love any type of outdoor diversions from the serene to the extreme. Its durable fully rubberized exterior allows users to take impressive photographs under tough outdoor conditions. Large accessible shutter and menu buttons make using this camera a breeze, even when wearing gloves. Whether kayaking, skiing, rafting, snowshoeing, hiking, scuba diving or snorkeling there's no fear that water or ice will damage or ruin the camera. And its compact size makes it the ideal camera for all outdoor and watersport situations.

SeaLife Cameras, recognized by TIME Magazine for one of "The Most Amazing Inventions Of 2005" for its DC500 digital camera, is a leading manufacturer in digital dive cameras, with over 25 years of experience designing durable waterproof cameras to the specific needs of outdoor and watersports enthusiasts.

This camera utilizes the latest in digital camera technology and made for fast action use under



varying elements. The ECOshot has virtually no shutter lag and a fast recycle time so you won't miss capturing your memorable moments.

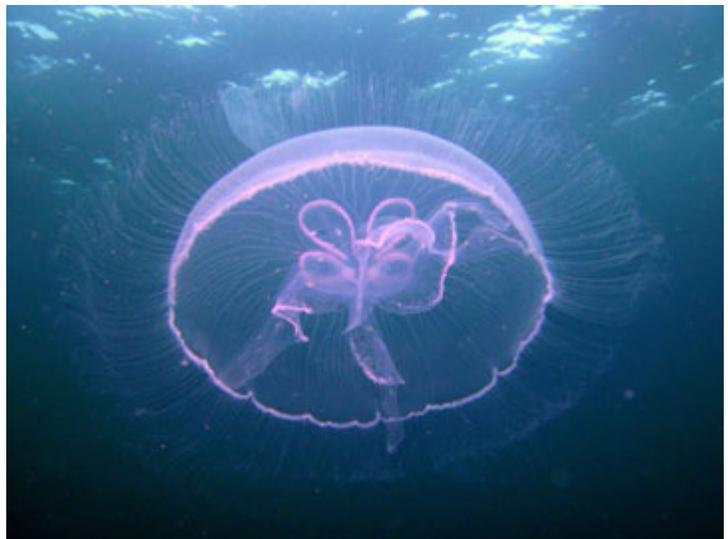


The new SPY mode allows the camera to take continuous pictures at set time intervals so you capture the perfect shot of hard to photograph subjects. Select the desired time interval between pictures from 5 seconds to 5 minutes and push the shutter button. The camera will automatically take pictures until the memory card is full or you push the shutter button

again. Capture rare photos of animals and sea creatures that would normally be difficult to photograph. The SPY mode has endless applications limited only to your creativity.

The ECOshot also features unique Land&Sea exposure program so the camera automatically takes sharp, colorful pictures in a variety of applications. Set the camera to Sea mode for optimal exposure control and color correction of underwater pictures. The External Flash mode allows scuba divers to take bright colorful images when using the SeaLife optional external flash accessory. The ECOshot Mini also offers 6 modes for land-based photography, including Auto, Sports, Night, Portrait, Backlight and Landscape modes.

Guaranteed waterproof to a depth of 75 feet/23 meters, the ECOshot is small enough to fit in your shirt pocket and weighs 10.4 ounces/295 grams (with 2AA batteries and an SD memory card). The camera is fully rubber armored for sure-grip handling and shockproof to 6ft/2m. The camera also includes a self-timer and features a video mode, allowing users to capture high-resolution Motion JPEG digital video with audio.



“The ECOshot takes the meaning of rugged and waterproof to the extreme. Its the ideal camera for places you would not dare take your stylish land camera,” said Joe

Ifi, SeaLife’s director of sales and marketing. “With its new Spy and Land&Sea modes, the ECOshot is the perfect camera to have on your outdoor adventures.”

The SeaLife ECOshot features 14 MB of built-in memory, and an SD Card slot that can be used to expand the memory up to 1 GB. The camera comes complete with Photo Express, Photo Explorer software and USB connection cable. The SeaLife ECOshot is available at select outdoor and photo retailers nationwide at a suggested list price of \$229.95.

Teach Kids How to Fish

Volunteer training starts in February

Want to help a group of kids have one of the best experiences they’ll have all summer? Then sign up to become a youth fishing club volunteer!

The Division of Wildlife Resources is looking for volunteers to teach six to 13 year olds about fish, the places fish live and how to catch them.

Volunteers are needed in communities stretching from Logan to Washington City. The following communities have youth fishing clubs, and each club needs volunteers to help:



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| Logan | (two clubs) | | |
| Brigham City | (one club) | | |
| Ogden | (one club) | Roy | |
| | (one club) | | |
| Clinton | (two clubs) | | |
| Syracuse | (one club) | | |
| Clearfield | (one club) | Kaysville | (one club) |
| Bountiful | (two clubs) | Murray | (two clubs) |
| Riverton | (one club) | South Jordan | (one club) |
| Herriman | (one club) | Highland Glen | (one club) |
| Orem | (one club) | Spanish Fork | (two clubs) |
| Salem | (one club) | Saratoga Springs | (one club) |
| Payson | (one club) | Washington City | (one club) |

Anyone can help

Adult volunteers make the clubs possible, and the clubs will be formed only if enough adults sign up to help.

Volunteer training takes only a single evening to complete. Depending on the community, the one-evening trainings will take place between the first of February and mid-March.

“You don’t need a lot of fishing experience to volunteer,” says Chris Penne, community fisheries biologist for the DWR.

“If you have a positive attitude, patience and good communication skills, you have everything we’re looking for. We’ll teach you everything else you’ll need to have a great experience with these kids.”

Penne says a number of rewards await those who volunteer.

“One of the biggest thrills you’ll have is seeing the look on a young one’s face when they reel in their first fish. Experiencing that will make your whole summer,” he says. “Helping connect today’s youth with the natural world around them is also something that our volunteers find rewarding.”

If you’d like to volunteer, please e-mail Penne before Feb. 1 at chrispenne@utah.gov.

Growing in popularity

The clubs meet at the fishing pond in their community beginning in early April. The children spend the first 30 minutes of each two-hour class learning about fish, how to catch them and about the fishes’ habitat. Then adult volunteers take the kids to the pond and help them use their new skills to catch fish.

“2007 was our most successful year yet,” Penne says. “About 3,000 kids and 270 volunteers participated in the six-week program. Many of the volunteers were folks who had volunteered the year before. After seeing the positive influence they had the kids, they wanted to help in the program again.”

Penne says city recreation departments have started offering fishing as a sport. He says that’s one of biggest reasons for the program’s success. “For the first time, fishing has found its way into mainstream sports, right along with soccer, baseball and football.”

As the number of children and communities involved in the program grows, so does the need for volunteers. “The number of kids who can participate is determined largely by the number of adults who volunteer to help,” Penne says.

Learn 2007 Big Game Drawing Odds

The odds of drawing a Utah big game permit in 2007 are now available in a Division of Wildlife Resources report.

“Drawing odds usually don’t change drastically from year to year, so I think hunters who are applying for a 2008 permit will be interested in seeing the report,” says Judi Tutorow, wildlife licensing coordinator for the DWR. “And the best part is, you can view it for free.”



If you have access to the Internet, you can view and download the *2007 Big Game Odds Report* for free.

To find the report, visit the big game information page at www.wildlife.utah.gov/hunting. Once you’re there, scroll down to the big game statistics & drawing odds portion of the page. Click on the 2007 options, and the report should pop up.

The report is also available at DWR offices. You can read the report for free or buy a copy for \$21.

Must apply by Jan. 31

Applications for 2008 Utah big game hunting permits will be accepted until Jan. 31. You

can apply through the Internet (wildlife.utah.gov) until 11 p.m. on Jan. 31.

You can also apply over the phone at (801) 538-4700. Phone-in applications will be must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 31.

For more information, call the Utah Wildlife Administrative Services office at 1-800-221-0659, the nearest Division of Wildlife Resources office or the DWR’s Salt Lake City office at (801) 538-4700.

Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

January 8 - 9 a.m. DNR Auditorium 1594 W. North Temple Salt Lake City
AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda ACTION – Paul Niemeyer, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes ACTION – Paul Niemeyer
3. Old Business/Action Log CONTINGENT – Rick Woodard, Vice-Chair
4. DWR Update INFORMATION – Jim Karpowitz, DWR Director
5. Procedure for Updating Elk Unit Plans INFORMATION - Craig McLaughlin,

Wildlife Section Chief

6. Board Appeal – Doug Wong – Time Certain 1:00 p.m.

7. Otter Management Plan - Amendment ACTION - Kevin Bunnell, Mammals Program Coordinator

8. Prairie Dog Conservation Plan ACTION- Kevin Bunnell, Mammals Program Coordinator

9. Bear Proclamation and Rule R657-33 ACTION
- Kevin Bunnell, Mammals Program Coordinator

10. Fishing Contest Rule R657-58

ACTION

- Drew Cushing, Warm Water/Community Fisheries Program Coordinator

11. Other Business CONTINGENT – Paul Niemeyer

Happenings at the Council

2008 Citizen Lobby Training - Don't let another legislative session get you down! Come learn what it takes to be an effective citizen lobbyist, how to navigate the halls of the Capitol, and what hot river issues are on tap for the 2008 session! Held in conjunction with HEAL Utah, our lobbying experts will get you set up with everything you need to know to make the case to protect the rivers you love. Please RSVP to Dave at dave@utahrivers.org or 801-486-4776.

Health and Sustainability Issues at the 2008 Utah Legislature! The Utah Population and Environment Coalition and the Salt Lake League of Women Voters will host a discussion of the legislative issues you will want to understand in the upcoming session. Amy Defreese, River Defense Coordinator, will explain the purpose of the Council's water conservation bill and how it will encourage state government to lead by example in achieving meaningful water conservation. Other panelists include Sarah Wright (Utah Clean Energy) and Missy Larsen (Utah Planned Parenthood Action Council). Join us on **January 15, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm** at the **Salt Lake City Library**, Fourth Floor Meeting Room.

Salt Lake City Council hears stream setback debate! On **January 15**, Salt Lake City Council will accept public comment on the Riparian Corridor ordinance forwarded to them by the Planning Commission. There are currently no mechanisms in place to protect our local streams. This proposal would enact a 25

foot setback from city streams in which no new structures would be allowed except under a permit. While the proposal is not as strong as it could be, it represents a critical first step in protecting our streams. The Council needs volunteers to call or email their council members by January 15 to express support. If you live in Salt Lake City and can contribute to this effort, please contact [Amy Defreese](#) at 801-486-4776 to find out how to proceed.

Conservation Tip: Soak those pots and pans!

Did you have a sink full of dishes after the holidays? Well, you can clean those pots and pans and still conserve. If you are washing by hand, fill both sides of your sink with water, one with suds, one for rinse. If you have only one sink bay, use a sink of suds and run your tap only to rinse. And for you folks with a dishwasher, scrape your dishes, soak the very dirty ones, then run a full load to minimize water used!

Minn Kota® and Humminbird® Launch "Club Crashers" Promotion *Chance for a Fishing Club to Win a Day with Hank Parker or Al Lindner*



RACINE, Wis. (Dec., 2007) - Recognizing the importance of local clubs to the sport of fishing, Minn Kota® and Humminbird® are launching "Club Crashers", a promotion that gives clubs the chance to win a day with one of two legendary anglers, Hank Parker or Al Lindner.

The Web-based promotion also includes the chance for registrants to win products from Minn Kota and Humminbird. The total value of product prize drawings is nearly \$15,000. Two lucky clubs will be awarded grand prizes, one having Hank Parker and the other Al Lindner, who will participate in club activities for a day.

The celebrity they choose could conduct a seminar, serve as master of ceremonies for a banquet or host a tournament weigh-in, among others.

"Anything we can do to support anglers who are advocates of the sport, especially fishing club members, will help grow fishing participation," said Judy Douglas, Director of Marketing. "We are very fortunate to be partners with such legendary anglers as Hank and Al who will pump a lot of energy into this exciting

promotion."

Hank and Al were actively involved with local fishing clubs early in their careers and understand the role clubs play in fostering the sport of fishing.

"Joining a club is the fastest way possible for any angler to learn how to become a better fisherman," Lindner said. "There's no better way to advance your skills. Of course, another benefit is the friendships that come from being active in a club.



Those are friendships that will last a lifetime."

Parker noted that clubs are responsible for many facets of the sport beyond simply fishing. "They help get important legislation passed, clean waterways and get youth programs off the ground. Without the clubs, there really would be no action, it would all be lip service," said Parker.

To become eligible for the grand prize or product prizes, club members simply complete a registration form online at

www.CLUBCRASHERS.com. The grand prize will be drawn on June 16, 2008. In addition to the grand prize, registrants are eligible to win products from Minn Kota and Humminbird

including Maxxum Pro and Terrova trolling motors along with the 797c2i SI Combo fishfinder featuring Side Imaging™ technology. Product prizes will be selected randomly twice a month. Registration takes place now through June 15, 2008.

The Marine Electronics Group of Johnson Outdoors Inc. consists of the Minn Kota, Humminbird and Cannon® brands. Minn Kota is the world's leading manufacturer of electric trolling motors, as well as offers a complete line of battery chargers, trim tabs and marine accessories. Trolling motors include Terrova™,

PowerDrive™ V2, Maxxum Pro, Maxxum®, Edge, Vantage®, Vector™ 3X, Endura™, Riptide Pro, Riptide®, Riptide ST, Riptide SP,

Engine Mount, E-Drive and Trim-N-Troll™ models.

Humminbird is a leading innovator and manufacturer of fishfinders, fishfinder/GPS combo units, chartplotters, marine radios and digital depth gauges. Products in the Humminbird line include 1100 Series™, 900 Series™, 700 Series™, Matrix® Series, 500 Series™, 300 Series™, 100 Series Fishin' Buddy™, PiranhaMax™ and SmartCast™.

Cannon is the leader in controlled-depth fishing and includes a full line of downrigger products and accessories.

Downriggers include Digi-Troll™, Magnum, Uni-Troll™, Easi-Troll™, Lake-Troll and Mini-Troll™.



Peter Breinholt Concert scheduled

Peter Breinholt will be taking his solo acoustic concert to one of the finest theaters at the University of Utah next week. What makes it more exciting is that this particular concert will be recorded with the intention releasing segments of it on the forthcoming Peter Breinholt retrospective CD (more on that later). So it's Peter--along with pianist David Tolk--playing his most famous songs the way they sounded when he wrote them. Over the past few months all of these solo shows have sold out in advance. Man, it's gonna be bigger than the Zeppelin reunion!

The concert details . . .

Saturday, Jan. 12 at 7:30 pm

The Alice Sheets Marriott Center For Dance

University of Utah (straight west of library)

Tickets \$8

Available at: "ACOUSTIC MUSIC" (857 E. 400 S., SLC, UT) and

www.peterbreinholt.com

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Dear Utah BRC Action
Alert Subscriber,

I had Utah's KUER
tuned to the radio here
in BRC's office this

Figure 1

morning as I was
finishing up BRC's
Action Alert on the
Kanab Field Office
RMO and Travel Plan.

KUER's local news
break reported on **Utah
Senator Robert**

**Bennett's comments on the importance of completing Utah BLM's Resource
Management Plans by the time the current administration leaves office.**

KUER played a sound bite of Senator Bennett correctly noting that some interest
groups are trying to unnecessarily delay the decision making process until after the
2008 election.

I've been involved in the BLM's RMP and Travel Planning Process from the very
beginning, and I can tell you that the anti-recreation crowd in Utah is doing more
than *trying*. They are on the verge of *succeeding!*

SUWA has put a lot of effort in administrative and legal attempts to delay the
completion of the RMP revision process in Utah. It is likely that SUWA's strategy



here is based on the hope that the next administration would be more favorable to their goals. Given the current crop of Presidential candidates, we could look back on the Babbitt Years as the 'good ol days.'

The green groups in Utah will likely dump vicious criticism on Bennett, and I predict there will be an audible wailing and gnashing of teeth emanating from the pages of the Salt Lake Tribune.



WHY IS THIS A CRITICAL ACTION ITEM?

Because it gives an opportunity for concerned Utahans to be effective in their advocacy. I'm not going to go into a detailed explanation here but please trust me -- Bennett's public statement today gives Utah's OHV community the opportunity to remind legislators that access to public lands is on YOUR mind during this key election year.

Bennett's strong stand on this controversial issue should be supported by all who value the public's right to access their public lands. The silent majority of Utah's residents support *reasoned* decision making on public lands, and the organized OHV community supports *reasonable* restrictions on motorized vehicle use.

We must not let the "shrill" of SUWA's lawyers and lobbyists in DC and Salt Lake City drown our voice.

Please see our action item below,



Brian Hawthorne
Public Lands Policy Director
BlueRibbon Coalition
208-237-1008 ext 102

PS: Want to help by visiting or writing your local political representatives? BRC has an issue paper that will help make your points. Call Ric Foster at 208-237-1008 ext 107 for more information.

PPS: Learn more about BLM's Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Travel Planning process here:

http://www.sharetrails.org/public_lands/?section=MoabUpdate

BRC UTAH ACTION ALERT:



**OPPOSE
UNNECESSARY
DELAY OF
RMP AND
TRAVEL PLAN
REVISIONS**

ACTION ITEM:

Please send an email to Senator Bennett and Utah BLM State Director Selma Sierra opposing further delay in RMP planning.

Selma Sierra and Utah Congressman Chris Cannon are the only ones with direct email addresses. For the others, you will have to send a message via "web form."

The web forms allow you to "paste" in the letter below. Just cut the sample letter, click on each of the links and paste it into the web form. Do your editing and fill out your name and address then click send.

We've included fax numbers in case you would prefer to send a fax.

Important:

- Please "cut and paste" the letter below and add any additional comments you may have.
- Be polite and keep your comments short and to the point.
- Send your email to all Utah's congressional representatives (see full list below).
- Forward this email to your friends and family.



EMAIL ADDRESSES:

BLM State Director Selma Sierra Selma_Sierra@blm.gov

Senator Robert Bennett <http://bennett.senate.gov/contact/emailmain.html>

Fax: 801-524-5730

Congressman Chris Cannon cannon.ut03@mail.house.gov

Fax: (801) 851-2509

Senator Orin G. Hatch

<http://hatch.senate.gov/index.cfm?Fuseaction=Offices.Contact>

Fax: (801) 524-4379

Congressman Jim Matheson <http://www.house.gov/matheson/contact.shtml>

Fax: (801) 486-1417

Congressman Rob Bishop <http://robbishop.house.gov/ContactMe/>

Fax: (801) 625-0124



Dear Senator Bennett and State Director Sierra

I learned from an email sent by the BlueRibbon Coalition that Senator Bennett is opposing any unnecessary delay in the RMP/Travel Planning process. BlueRibbon asked me to send an email in support of Senator Bennett's request.



As an avid OHV user, I support reasoned decision making on public lands and reasonable restrictions on motorized uses. Generally, I support keeping existing roads and trails open unless environmental damage can not be mitigated. I also support the designation and management of popular OHV areas such as Factory Butte and White Wash Sand Dunes. I am strongly opposed to the BLM's proposal to manage "Non WSA Lands with Wilderness Character."

So called "environmental groups" such as SUWA are trying to delay these important decisions. It seems likely that their strategy is in hopes a future

administration might install a "Bruce Babbitt type" leadership at BLM. The Babbitt years in Utah were a mess, resulting in unnecessary and costly litigation. The Babbitt BLM ignored needed updates in recreation management, such as designating roads and trails, and got tied up in the political agenda of Wilderness advocacy groups.

I agree with BlueRibbon that the BLM should closely coordinate with state and local governments, stakeholder groups and resource users to implement Multiple Use/Sustained Yield strategies in order to strike the proper balance between use and access -- and conservation and protection.

Central Region Fishing Report

AMERICAN FORK RIVER: (Jan 3) Snowy canyon so be wise when looking for a parking spot. Some nice new fishing holes created at the newly-decommissioned power plant (brown trout seen in the newly-constructed clear pools of water). Light fishing pressure and fair success.

BURRASTON POND:
(Jan 3) Open water. Slow to fair fishing success using traditional baits and lures.

DEER CREEK RESERVOIR: (Jan 3) Ice is up to six inches deep in several areas but still a few pockets of open water and thin ice so use caution. Fishing success is spotty. Some anglers (like myself) report slow fishing near the island boat ramp, and others report good success especially by the island by



using a one-inch white tube jig tipped with a piece of worm. Yellow perch limit is 10 but you must keep all perch you catch from January 1st through April 30th. Remember that the bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Walleye limit is 10 but only one over 24 inches may be kept.

DIAMOND FORK RIVER: (Jan 3) Snowy conditions. Light fishing pressure and slow to fair success by using flies, worms or lures. The previously closed area above three forks opened up to angling on January 1!

HOBBLE CREEK & CATCH BASIN: (Jan 3) Catch basin is frozen but has unsafe ice. Few anglers were seen on the river. Snowy conditions so dress appropriately. Worms are bait of choice.



JORDANELLE RESERVOIR: (Jan 3) No safe ice on the hailstone side. Ice anglers on the Rock Cliff side and they report slow to fair success for perch and trout with ice reportedly at about five inches (conditions can change so please use caution). Bass limit is six, but immediately release all bass over 12 inches long. Perch limit is 50! Please remember not to fillet bass or remove heads or tails because of the size restriction (for law enforcement purposes).

MILL HOLLOW: Drained! No fishing until 2009!

PAYSON LAKE: (Jan 3) Gate to Payson Canyon (Nebo Loop) is now locked, therefore no access to the lakes.

PROVO RIVER: (Jan 3) Fishing is considered fair to good by using small nymphs. Read the fishing guidebook for the different regulations on the river—some areas allow bait and others do not. Please keep out of the smaller gravel areas of the river (spawning beds). Size restrictions and reduced limits ("two brown trout under 15 inches") are in place in some stretches.

SALEM POND: (Jan 3) Mostly open water. Fair to slow success for trout. Slow success for catfish and bass. The park closes at 10:00 p.m. each night. Remember that regulations include: limit is four fish (Daily bag and possession limit is a total of four fish in the aggregate for all species, for example: one trout, two channel catfish and one bluegill.

SALT LAKE WATER: (Jan 3) Light pressure and slow to fair fishing success. Please don't venture onto any ice on these ponds as they rarely solidify enough to be considered safe.

SPANISH OAKS RESERVOIR: (Jan 3) Gate closed and the city states that it's



closed for the season.

SPRING LAKE: (Jan 3) Don't venture onto any formed ice. Slow success for trout and catfish in open water.

STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR:



(Jan 3) Fair fishing success reported by most ice anglers. Ice thickness varies but anglers report over four inches in most areas. Most anglers are using small- to medium-sized jigs or plain bait. ATVs are not a wise idea. Plowing is occurring but vehicles may not be able to drive on the west side of the reservoir beyond the turnoff to the Strawberry Marina. Regulations for the reservoir include an aggregate limit of four trout or kokanee salmon. No more than two of which may be cutthroat trout under 15 inches and no more than one may be a cutthroat over 22 inches long. All cutthroat between 15 and 22 inches must be immediately released (any trout with cutthroat markings is considered a cutthroat). Don't feel compelled to harvest fish on every trip. Please do your part to ensure the future of this heavily utilized fishery by voluntarily releasing fish!

THISTLE CREEK: (Jan 3) Low pressure due to the snow and cold weather. Fair success. Snowy conditions so wear waders and stay dry.

TIBBLE FORK RESERVOIR: (Jan 3) Though there is ice on the reservoir it has many soft spots where you can fall in due to warm springs. Ice fishing is not encouraged.

UTAH LAKE: (Jan 3) Ice has covered most of the lake and several ice anglers have been adjacent to the docks. Ice thickness is not usually more than four inches and can be much thinner. Stick close to the docks if going for the white bass. White bass success was considered slow to fair. Walleye limit is 10 but only one can be over 24 inches. There is no limit on white bass. Largemouth and smallmouth bass limit is six, but immediately release all largemouth and smallmouth bass over 12 inches long. For more information on conditions call Utah Lake State Park at (801) 375-0731.

VERNON, GRANSTVILLE & SETTLEMENT CANYON RESERVOIR: (Tooele Co.) (Jan 3) Ice anglers on Grantsville and Vernon but no specifics on ice thickness have been reported.

YUBA RESERVOIR: (Jan 3) About 60 ice anglers were seen by Aquatics Biologist Mike Slater on Tuesday at the Painted Rocks portion of the reservoir (eastern/HWY-28 side of the reservoir). Many were catching perch with most going over eight inches long. Ice conditions are about four inches or so in the Painted Rocks area and probably unsafe ice exists on much of the reservoir other than the Painted Rocks area. New regulations on perch began on January 1 which now allow anglers to keep 10 perch. However all perch must be kept from January 1 through April 30. For more information call the State Park at (435) 758-2611.

E-mail your fishing reports on central region waters to scottroot@utah.gov

Wildlife cases go unsolved in northeastern Utah

The DWR needs your help in solving wildlife crimes.

Last summer, pronghorn antelope were shot and left to waste in northeastern Utah.

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is asking the public for help to solve several poaching cases from this summer and fall. "During this past fall, numerous cases involving illegally taken wildlife have been solved in large part due to information given to the UDWR by concerned citizens," said Randall

Scheetz, DWR Conservation Officer. "However, there are also several unsolved cases, and we're hoping someone may have seen or heard something that could help us out."

The following are a few of those cases:

During the week of July 30, 2007, four pronghorn antelope (a buck, two



does, and a fawn) were shot and left to waste approximately one mile south of the Redwash turn off on the Old Bonanza Highway.

During the week of Aug. 9, 2007, a buck mule deer was shot and only the antlers taken along the Harpers Corner's Road west of the Blue Mountain Road turn

off.

On Aug. 8, 2007, a buck pronghorn antelope was shot and left to waste along the Coyote Wash Road approximately 10 miles west of Highway 45 south of Bonanza.

During the week of Nov. 3, 2007, a trophy (28 inches wide) buck deer was shot and left to waste near Watson in the Book Cliffs Limited Entry Area.

On or about Dec. 14, 2007, a buck deer was shot and left along the Diamond Mountain/Jones Hole Road near the Brush Creek Substation.

If anyone has information about these, or any other wildlife related crimes, they are encouraged to contact the Utah Turn-In-Poachers (UTIP) hotline at 1-800-662-DEER (3337), the Northeastern Region DWR Office at (435) 781-9453, or Conservation Officer Randall Scheetz at (435) 790-1070. Anyone giving information leading to a conviction involving illegally taken wildlife is eligible for rewards of up to \$1,000. For certain cases involving animals illegally taken on Limited Entry Areas a person may be eligible for Limited Entry Area reward permits.

WEEKEND SNOWSTORM BLASTS PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT

Two Feet of Snow in Two Days

Park City, Utah (December 31, 2007) – A powerful winter snowstorm



dumped 25 inches of Utah's famous powder on Park City Mountain Resort in the last 72 hours.

"This storm came just in time to ring in the New Year with fantastic skiing and riding conditions," said Krista Parry, director of marketing and communications for Park City Mountain Resort. "This latest snowfall lets us provide our holiday guests with the experience they expect from a top-ten resort with the type and amount of snow Utah has become famous for. There's really no comparison!"

This latest winter storm provided consistent snowfall over multiple days. The following are snow totals from the past week:

- 24 hours - 12 inches
- 48 hours - 22 inches
- 72 hours - 25 inches
- From Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve - 31 inches



Park City Mountain Resort is reporting a 49-inch base at the summit. The Resort currently has all 15 lifts open accessing 98 runs, eight bowls, three terrain parks and two half-pipes. According to the

WeatherBank forecast, additional weather systems will move across the area on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Park City Mountain Resort has many exciting events lined up for season. For the fourth year in a row, Picabo Street will be hosting a celebrity ski challenge on January 20, 2008 at the Resort. All proceeds from this event will benefit National Children's Alliance and the Children's Advocacy Center Programs. On March 8, 2008, Park City Mountain Resort will once again host the World Superpipe Championships, one of the premier pipe competitions for the best invited skiers and riders in the world including Shaun White and Tanner Hall, among others.

About Park City Mountain Resort

Park City Mountain Resort, celebrating its 45th anniversary, is located in the heart of Park City, Utah and is only 40 minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport. The Resort is spread out over 3,300 acres and offers groomed Signature Runs™, bumps, powder, trees, eight peaks, nine bowls, four terrain parks, and the Eagle Superpipe, North America's largest superpipe. The Resort has received

numerous accolades, most recently being named a top-ten Resort by the readers of *SKI* and *Skiing* magazines as well as earning the title “Terrain Park(s) of the Year” by *Transworld Snowboarding* magazine for the fourth year in a row. Park City Mountain Resort is committed to being the leader in environmental sustainability in Utah and reduced its carbon output by nearly 3,800 tons during the 2006-07 season. For more information about Park City Mountain Resort, please visit us online at www.parkcitymountain.com or call (800) 222-PARK.