

All Shotgunners in Utah are invited to the Sportsman's Warehouse Third Annual Utah Shotgun Showdown

Show`down: n. (Inf.) an action that brings matters to a climax or settles them.

The Utah Shotgun Showdown, sponsored by Sportsman's Warehouse, challenges shot gunners in a grueling two-day, two-location, multi-discipline shotgun competition that will settle the matter of who really is the hottest shot in Utah!

The Showdown begins at the Provo Gun Club on Saturday, July 14 at 8:00 am for 25 skeet targets, 25 five-stand targets and 50 sporting clays targets. The competition moves to the Heber Valley Gun Club on Sunday morning for 25 singles, 25 long yardage and 50 doubles trap targets. Cash prizes will go to the highest overall score in the Men's, Women's and Junior's categories. High gun in each of the individual events will also win cash prizes.



“Most shooters participate in just one of the shotgun sports - Amateur Trapshooting Association, National Skeet Shooting Association or the National Sporting Clays Association,” says Wendy Mair, Event Organizer. “So, this event is unique in that it challenges shooters to get out of their comfort zone, try something new and meet some new shooters that they wouldn't normally get to meet on their regular competitive circuits.”

Last year's competition drew almost fifty shooters from all over the state. Contestants received generous door prizes and gift certificates to Sportsman's Warehouse and one lucky raffle winner went home with a brand new Stoger over and under combination shotgun sponsored by Sportsman's Warehouse.

“This is the most fun shooting event of the whole year,” says Cody Adams, a Junior competitor who, along with his dad, competed in the 2005 and 2006 Shotgun Showdowns.

Registration forms can be picked up at your local Sportsman's Warehouse or downloaded from their website at www.sportsmanswarehouse.com. For more information and/or directions please contact Wendy Mair at 435.671.2365 or email hebervalleygunclub@earthlink.net or visit website, www.hebervalleygunclub.net.

Uinta National Forest proposes Projects

Several projects have been proposed for the Uinta National Forest. The opening letter is below and the proposals are found at http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta/nepa/current_sopa.pdf



United States
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Uinta National Forest

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File Code: 1950
Date: July 2, 2007

Dear Uinta National Forest Visitor:

The enclosed Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) details projects proposed on the Uinta National Forest which require environmental analysis. If you wish to be provided opportunities to comment on a specific project, the first step is to get a hold of the primary contact and request to be added to the project mailing list.

Current and past projects can be accessed on the internet at www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta/projects/sopa.shtm. SOPA's for other National Forests can be read by visiting www.fs.fed.us/sopa/.

We would like to encourage those who have internet access to review the SOPA online; SOPA's are posted online before hard-copies are printed and mailed. The online version contains additional information detailing what the SOPA is, a brief overview of the National Environmental Policy Act and a list of commonly used abbreviations and acronyms. In addition, this helps us by reducing the number of paper copies and associated printing and mailing costs. If you prefer to no longer receive the SOPA in hard-copy format, please notify us using the following url: www.fs.fed.us/r4/uinta/projects/mail/ or by writing or calling us at the address or phone number shown at the top of the page.

We appreciate your interest in the Uinta National Forest. If you would like to comment regarding a project or to receive more information on any of the projects listed in the SOPA, please contact the individual listed as the "Project Contact."

Sincerely,

BRIAN FEREBEE
Forest Supervisor



Earth Furthest From Sun Friday

Despite Utah's current hot temperatures, this Friday at 6:00 p.m. MDT Utah and the rest of the Earth will be as far from the Sun as we're going to get this year.

"While it may seem odd that we're having our hottest temperatures when we're furthest from the source of the heat, there is a simple explanation," says NASA Solar System Ambassador to Utah Patrick Wiggins.

The difference between furthest and closest is very small and has little effect on Earth's temperatures. Rather, the real culprit is the tilt of the Earth.

"During this time of year," explains Wiggins, "we in Utah and the rest of the northern hemisphere are tilted toward the Sun, meaning the Sun is higher in the sky and stays in the sky longer, making for longer, hotter days."

Conversely during the frigid days of January Earth is actually closest to the Sun. But we're also tilted away from it, so the Sun is low in our sky and doesn't stay up very long.

"Of course, if it's too hot for you here," jokes Wiggins, "you could always head for the southern hemisphere where the seasons are reversed and the skiing is pretty good these days."

Be Part of the Solution, Attend a Local Workshop Hosted By Utah Living With Fire

SLC, UT--Utah Living With Fire (ULWF) will be hosting regional "Make Your Space" workshops throughout the summer, providing the knowledge and resources to prevent and prepare for disaster from wildfire. Registration has begun for workshops in Cedar City on July 14th, 2007 at the Hunter Conference Center at The Hunter Conference Center (SUU) and in Salt Lake City August 11, 2007 at The Guesthouse at the University of Utah. Register online at www.utahfireinfo.gov or mail in the form below.

Who should attend?

- Homeowners
- Fire officials
- Government agency employees
- Planners, contractors and builders
- Landscape designers
- Emergency Planners



- Business Owner

In addition to delicious food these workshops will include knowledge and strategies from experts in fields such as defensible space, firewise landscaping, hazard lot assessment training, building materials for the WUI and community evacuation planning. The day will also allow time for networking and an *Ask, Answer and Put it on the Table* open forum. Businesses and



organizations specializing in any product or service related to fire prevention or preparation should register as a vendor to showcase their business to this receptive audience. With fire season upon us the information presented in these workshops is beneficial in prevention and preparation for the

wildfires that consume our natural resources, devastate our homes and claim lives. Join the solution! Registration is limited and space is filling up fast. Register today.

Registration Form “Make Your Space” 2007 Regional Workshops

Participant’s Name: _____
 Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: () _____ - _____ Email: _____
 Participant’s Name: _____
 Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: () _____ - _____ Email: _____

*Please inform us of dietary restrictions.

Enclosed is my check or money order payable to Utah Living With Fire for \$15 each

Attention Credit cards are ONLY accepted online @ http://www.cmiregistration.com/user/splash_org_9004.htm

I will attend:

The 2007 Wildland Urban Interface **Southern** Utah Workshop July 14th in Cedar City at the Hunter Conference Center, 351 West University Blvd, Cedar City, UT, 84720

~ OR ~

The 2007 Wildland Urban Interface **Northern** Utah Workshop August 11th in Salt Lake City at the University Guesthouse, 110 s Fort Douglas Blvd., Building #365, Salt Lake City, UT, 84113

Mail completed Registration Forms to:
Office of the Fire Marshal
Attn: Chelsey Short
5272 South College Dr. Suite # 302
Murray, UT 84123
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Chelsey Short
cshort@utah.gov

UTAH STATE PARKS LAUNCH AND WATER CONDITIONS

Utah State Parks camping, pavilion, and boat slip reservations are available by calling (801) 322-3770 or 1-800-322-3770 from outside the Salt Lake area.

Launch ramp and water conditions for Monday, July 2, 2007:

Bear Lake State Park Marina: Launch Ramp OPEN 55 degrees
Deer Creek State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 67 degrees
East Canyon State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 65 degrees
Wide Hollow at Escalante State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 70 degrees
Great Salt Lake State Park Marina: Launch Ramp OPEN 82 degrees
Gunlock State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 69 degrees
Huntington State Park: Launch Ramp CLOSED 72 degrees
Hyrum Lake State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 69 degrees
Jordanelle State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 65 degrees
Millsite State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 66 degrees
Otter Creek State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 68 degrees
Palisade State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 65 degrees
Piute State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 70 degrees
Quail Creek State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 70 degrees
Red Fleet State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 68 degrees
Rockport State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 65 degrees
Sand Hollow State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 73 degrees
Scofield State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 63 degrees
Starvation State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 67 degrees
Steinaker State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 68 degrees
Utah Lake State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 77 degrees
Willard Bay State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 70 degrees (Water hazards exist)
Yuba State Park: Launch Ramp OPEN 71 degrees

Strawberry: Launch Ramp OPEN 65 degrees
Flaming Gorge: Launch Ramp OPEN 65 degrees

Utah State Parks is the state boating authority, providing access, education, and search and rescue on Utah's boating waters.

FLOWERS AND SPIDERS AND STARS, OH MY!

Utah's state parks host a variety of programs for the entire family in every part of the state. For a complete list of events and activities, visit www.stateparks.utah.gov.

Saturday, July 14 Rock Cliff Nature Center at Jordanelle State Park

Junior Ranger Program: Wildflowers - From 11 a.m. to noon, children age six to 10 are invited to the Rock Cliff Nature Center to learn about native plants and why they are important to wildlife. Children earn a badge and certificate. (435) 782-3030

Saturday, July 14 Wasatch Mountain State Park

Junior Ranger Program: Insects, Spiders, and other Creepy Crawlers - Children age six to 12 may become a Junior Ranger by joining the naturalist at the Educational Yurt at 1 p.m. for this one-hour program (435) 654-1791

Saturday, July 14 Kodachrome Basin State Park

Kodachrome After Dark: Join volunteers from Bryce Canyon National Park for an astronomy program and stargazing. Come early and view the sun through the solar scope. Time TBD. (435) 679-8562

USSA LOOKS FORWARD TO SOCHI IN 2014

Huge mountains on Black Sea to greet ski, snowboard athletes

PARK CITY, Utah (July 4) - U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association President and CEO Bill Marolt expressed his enthusiasm Wednesday for the International Olympic Committee's selection of Sochi, Russia, to host 2014 Olympic Winter Games.

"What a fabulous opportunity we have with the selection of Sochi as the 2014 Olympic site!," said Marolt. "It's a chance to take our sports to a new and truly fascinating destination in the Caucasus Mountains along the Russian Riviera of the Black Sea."

The mountains reaching skyward above the Krasnaya Polyana valley are the home to Russia's primary winter resorts with massive alpine terrain. The new Rosa Khutor will have over 5,000 feet of vertical, making it one of the biggest lift-served mountains in the world. And it's all just 30 miles from Sochi on the Black Sea!

Olympic venues are under construction. Most of the snow competitions are planned at Rosa Khutor with nordic events at Psekhako Ridge. Former Breckenridge Resort (CO) Co-President Roger McCarthy recently joined the company building Rosa Khutor to head the development of what will be Russia's largest ski resort.

"Roger was a big help to us with competition and training for our athletes when he worked for Vail Resorts and IntraWest," said Marolt. "It's exciting to know that he will play a key role in building the stunning new ski and snowboard venues in Sochi."

Sochi's airport is just 10 minutes from the city. With the mountain venues less than an hour away, it will be one of the most convenient Winter Olympics in recent history. Sochi represents a truly unique location for winter sports. Spectators will be able to catch an Olympic competition in the afternoon in the mountains, and stroll that evening under palm trees along the Black Sea in

Sochi!

The 2014 Olympic region has a rich history dating back to the Byzantine Era. It is located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and has welcomed visitors for thousands of years, from travelers and merchants on the famed Silk Road to Russian czars. Sochi became Russia's most popular resort destination a century ago, and continues today to be an attractive international destination because of its moderate climate in the city and over 300 spas along its Mediterranean-like Black Sea coastline and in the nearby Caucasus Mountains.

The climate in Sochi is unique - the northernmost tropical climate in the world due to the unique location between the Caucasus Mountains, including Russia's highest peak (Mount Elbrus - 18,000 feet) and the Black Sea. Temperatures in the mountains likely will be in the 20s with little wind while winter temperatures are expected to be in the 40s and 50s in the city.

"Russia is a great winter sports nation and the hosts will bring incredible passion to these truly unique Games," said Marolt.

Sochi was one of three finalists. Salzburg, Austria went out in the first round of voting, with Sochi eventually prevailing over PyeongChang, South Korea.

Activities scheduled at Ogden Nature Center

Here are the activities for July at the Ogden Nature Center:

NATURE CAMP

Backstage with Mother Nature

July 9-13 (6-12 yrs)

Mon., Tues., Wed. 8:30-2 pm

Thurs. night campout 6 pm

Fri. morning pick-up 9 am

Members \$135

Nonmembers \$150

Call 621-7595 to pre-register

Come play, improvise and create. Explore nature through music, art, acting, storytelling and writing. Learn to use all five senses for nature exploration. Discover how Mother Nature can provide inspiration and materials for artistic expression, then showcase your newfound earthly awareness at Thursday evening's campout.

PRESCHOOL NATURE CAMP

Elementary Elements

Preschool (3-5 yrs)

July 30-Aug. 3

Mon.-Fri. 9-11 am

Members \$65

Nonmembers \$85

Call 621-7595 to pre-register

Walk, fly and splash through nature as you explore its basic forces. Discover your place in earth's big picture through crafts, activities, stories and songs. Snack provided daily.

SUMMER CONCERT

David Francey

July 19 / 7 pm

Tickets are \$15

Seating is on the lawn behind the Visitor Center. Bring along drinks and a picnic dinner!

David Francey is a musician and storyteller who establishes a personal rapport with his audience in minutes. His wry humor and astute observations combined with his openhearted singing style have earned him a loyal following. Francey's songs are timeless gems that will be sung for many years to come. Francey has been one of the most talked about performers on the festival circuit. David Francey is one of the biggest stars of Canadian Folk Music.

-- Words & Music -- SOCAN Magazine

Expressions of Nature: A photography exhibit

by John Blumenkamp & Cory Waite

Showing now through Wednesday, August 8

9 am - 5 pm Mon. - Fri.,

9 am - 4 pm Sat.

Regular admission rates apply:

\$3 adults / \$1.25 children

FREE for members

Intro. To Birding

Sat. July 14 / 8:15 am - 10:45 am

All Ages / FREE

Bill Fenimore from the Wild Bird Center in Layton will teach a primer on enjoying wild birds at the Nature Center. The first 40 minutes will be a slideshow presentation on habitats, identification and gear. Afterwards enjoy a bird walk at the nature preserve.

To Tie Dye For

-- Children's Craft Workshop

Sat. July 28 / 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Shirts provided - \$18 for members & \$20 for nonmembers Or bring your own shirt (100% cotton, white or light colored) and pay \$10 for members / \$12 for nonmembers

For ages 6+

Instructor Amber Hansen will teach a variety of tie dye techniques and you'll create a colorful and fun shirt to wear. Tie dye materials will be provided. Wear grubby clothes. Please call to pre-register and give shirt size by July 26.

Bookworms in July

Tuesday, July 31 / 5:30 pm

For adults / FREE

Come discuss Walden by Henry David Thoreau. Refreshments provided.

The Ogden Nature Center is located at 966 W. 12th Street in Ogden, Utah. For more information, to make reservations for classes, or to buy concert tickets, please call 621-7595.

FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH

GENERAL

- This year, Utah State Parks and Recreation has reduced entrance fees to state parks by

half for anyone with a valid fishing license. The discount is valid only from Tuesdays through Thursdays until the end of the year.

- Fire restrictions are now in effect statewide for all public land. No open fires are allowed, except in pits and grills in improved campgrounds.
- No smoking is permitted, except inside enclosed vehicles. All types of fireworks are banned.
- Recreationalists on the south side of the Wasatch Plateau will find smoky conditions due to a prescribed burn in the Ferron drainage. The public may find delays or temporary closures of the road between Willow Lake and Ferron Reservoir.
- 12 and 13 year-old kids need to purchase a fishing license, due to a fee increase passed by the Utah Legislature. The price of a license for 12 and 13 year-olds is \$5.



ABAJO MOUNTAINS

Conservation Officer Paul

Washburn reports that Monticello and Foy lakes continue to produce lots of trout with worms, PowerBait or fly and bubble. Fishing success at Blanding #3 has been fair. Blanding #4 catch rates have been good with traditional baits. Lloyds Lake has been fair for trout. Catfish and bass are biting at Recapture Reservoir. Blanding #4 and Lloyds Lake have an abundance of small bluegill and sunfish that are easily caught in great numbers close to shore. A small fly seems to work very well. The limit is high, so Officer Washburn encourages anglers to keep lots.

BENCHES RESERVOIR No report.

BOULGERS RESERVOIR No report.

DUCK FORK RESERVOIR Access to the reservoir may be temporarily closed, due to a controlled burn in the Ferron drainage. Expect smoke and poor air quality. Fishing success has been sporadic.

Ray Allred reported catching and releasing 25 tiger trout in five hours with a size 12 baby olive wooly bugger. His tigers ranged from 14-20 inches. Tom Ogden fished last week with a #10

beadhead scud close to shore. He had the best success when he cast the fly, let it sink a little, and then stripped it in. All of Tom's tiger trout ranged from 13-17 inches. Special regulations apply. Cutthroat trout must be immediately released to the water. Artificial flies and lures only.

ELECTRIC LAKE No report.

FAIRVIEW LAKES No report.

FERRON RESERVOIR Fishing success has been sporadic. A week ago, Ray Allred caught and released 9 rainbows in two hours with an olive crystal bugger. The prescribed burn has made air quality conditions unpleasant for anglers. At Ferron Reservoir, anglers may take an extra four fish, if at least four of them are brook trout.

GIGLIOTTI POND No report.

GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR No recent report.

GRASSY LAKE No report.

HUNTINGTON CREEK Fisheries Biologist Kenny Breidinger fished the left fork last Sunday and enjoyed good success with black ant or brown grasshopper patterns. Tom Ogden fished below the forks last weekend and said that caddis flies, stoneflies and mayflies emerged from the water surface most of the day. He had best luck with a size 8 maroon San Juan worm or a size 12 ugly or size 12. Tom used floating line with a BB size split shot about 12 inches above the fly. Tom's catch consisted mostly of brown trout, which ranged from 11-13 inches.

HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK No report. The water level is extremely low. The boat ramp is out of the water.

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

No report. Last month, using motorboats with 10 horsepower became prohibited. This reservoir has special fishing regulations. All cutthroat trout must be immediately released.

JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR No report. Special regulations apply at this reservoir. The limit is two fish. Only one may be over 22 inches. All trout from 15-22 inches must be immediately released.

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

LASAL MOUNTAINS Sergeant J. Shirley reports that fishing has been very good on LaSal Mountain lakes. Oowah and Dark Canyon are both producing decent-sized fish and good fishing. Most anglers are using bait and having good success. Although Blue Lake is small, fishing has been good with bait or a fly pattern with a red tail. Hidden and Dons lakes are both fishing well for planter-size fish. Dedicated Hunter Todd Day performed a creel survey over the weekend. He reported good fishing at Oowah, Warner, and Dark Canyon. Across the mountain, PowerBait was the most popular bait. Green, yellow and orange were the top-producing colors. The Daredevil was a commonly used spinner. The Mill Creek Bridge is under construction and will be impassable until November. Anglers wanting to fish Oowah must access the lake from the south end of the LaSal Mountain Loop Road. Warner Lake fishermen will need to come from the Castle Valley side. Officer Shirley says that fishing pressure at Kens Lake is virtually non-existent due to summer heat.

LOWER FISH CREEK Fishing success has been good with a Rapala crankbait. The road from Highway 6 to lower Fish Creek is open. Along the DWR easement, nymphs have been effective for 12-16 inch brown trout.

MILLER FLAT RESERVOIR No report.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR Smoky conditions from the prescribed burn have made air quality poor. No report on fishing success.

PETES HOLE No report.

POTTER'S PONDS No report.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR

Moss has become a problem for fly and lure casters and trollers alike. Most trout have retreated to deeper colder water, which has reduced the catch rate for shore anglers. Due to frequent hatches of mayflies, damselflies and midges, the overall catch rate for all angler types has dropped—there's just too much natural food in the water.

This past week, Tom Ogden used leeches in a variety of colors. His catch generally ranged from 13-19 inches, although his son landed a single 22-incher. The best fishing occurs in the early morning.

Anglers, please avoid fishing in tributaries. They remain closed to fishing until July 14th in order to protect spawning cutthroat trout.

SOUP BOWL No report.

STRAIGHT CANYON No report.

WRIGLEY SPRINGS RESERVOIR The reservoir is low and choked with moss. PowerBait has been moderately effective for 9-10 inch stocked fish.

WILLOW RESERVOIR The campground has been closed during the prescribed burn. Smoky conditions have dramatically reduced angler pressure.

A week ago, angler Ray Allred caught and released 16 rainbows with #10 red crystal buggers. Tom Ogden fished last Friday and said that trout were surfacing everywhere. Fish are generally small, ranging from 10-12 inches. The large majority are rainbows. Tom had good luck with a #10 beadhead black leech on floating line, but thinks that a fly and bubble with a renegade, scud or ant would work equally well.

If you'd like to see reports of waters around the state, visit the following Division website: <http://www.wildlife.utah.gov/fishing/reports.php>

Travel Management Plan Field Trips Scheduled

Friends, the Ashley National Forest is updating their Travel Plan and held their first round of public meetings in June 2007. We're kicking ourselves because we failed to get an Action Alert out in time. We apologize and promise to do better at getting you advance notices of meetings and such.

Those of you who enjoy recreating on the Ashley NF should contact the Planning Team lead, Kris Rutledge, via phone or email to find out how those meetings went. Contact Kris at (435) 781-5196 or by email: krutledge@fs.fed.us.

Besides those meetings, the Forest Service is conducting three very important field trips. The purpose of these field trips is to visit specific locations across the Forest where modifications to the current Travel Management Plan have been proposed or impacts to natural resources are occurring.

Below is the Alert about the field trips. Please forgive our goof.

As always, if you have any questions or need additional info give us a call.

Brian Hawthorne
BlueRibbon Coalition
208-237-1008 ext 102

The Ashley National Forest is doing a revision to their current Travel Management Plan in order to meet the requirements of the 2005 Final Travel Management Rule, formally designating a system of roads, trails and areas where motorized vehicle use would be allowed. The Forest

Service (FS) is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to establish a forest wide system of designated routes and areas for motorized travel. The Travel plan will restrict ALL vehicle use to designated roads, trails and areas.

The FS is required to conduct a planning process in collaboration with the public to help design the designated system. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the FS will be seeking comments from individuals, organizations, local and state governments, and other federal agencies that may be interested in or affected by the proposed action.

Everyone with an interest in travel planning, OHV use or other kinds of recreation is encouraged to participate in the designation process. The FS will be hosting a series of Travel Management Plan field trips during the month of July 2007.

The purpose of these field trips is to visit specific locations across the Forest where modifications to the current Travel Management Plan have been proposed or impacts to natural resources are occurring, (See schedule below). Please Note: The field trips will last all day and will depart from the designated locations at 8:00 am. Please bring a lunch and drinks.

Field Trip Schedule

Saturday, July 14, 2007

Flaming Gorge Ranger District

Meet at Flaming Gorge District Office in Manila Utah

Saturday, July 21, 2007

Vernal Ranger District

Meet at the intersection of Red Cloud Loop Road (Forest Road 018) and Highway 191

Saturday, July 28, 2007

Roosevelt/Duchesne District

Meet at District Office in Duchesne Utah

For further information about Travel Management Planning on the Ashley National Forest please contact, Kris Rutledge, Team Leader at (435) 781-5196 or by email to krutledge@fs.fed.us.

NASHVILLE PAYS *TRIBUTE TO THE PIONEERS* IN CONCERT

“ The ALBUM TREK: A NASHVILLE TRIBUTE TO THE PIONEERS

TREK: A Nashville Tribute to the Pioneers is the much anticipated follow-up album to the 2005 release **Joseph: A Nashville Tribute to the Prophet**. Featuring some of the most successful musicians in Nashville, **TREK** pays tribute to the men and women who forged a westward movement that changed lives and history.

“**Trek** is real,” songwriter and producer Jason Deere says. “This is an album that gets right to the heart of the human experience. We’re all on a journey just trying to get to the right place.”

Deere and co-producer Dan Truman (keyboardist for Diamond Rio) intentionally gathered research for the album, including names, landmarks, various events, and personal reflections solely from the journals of Latter-day Saint pioneers.

“We all know the stories of the pioneer journey,” Deere says. “So with this album we tried to write songs and present narrations that would offer a different experience. And it really is a ‘Tribute.’ Those pioneers did something incredible as they left what they knew, to find something they hoped for.”

“ The EVENT

ALBUM RELEASE CONCERT TOUR

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

July 24	Salt Lake City	Cottonwood Auditorium (5715 S. 1300 E.)
July 25	Ogden	Austad Auditorium (Weber State University)
July 26	St. George	Cox Auditorium (Dixie State College)

Tickets: \$19, \$15, \$10 (service fees may apply depending on venue)

Available at

www.DeseretBook.com/tickets

“ The ARTISTS

The TREK album release concert will feature music from both albums and brings together such artists as:

Dan Truman

Keyboard player for Diamond Rio

Jason Deere

Songwriter whose songs have been recorded by artists such as LeAnn Rimes, SHeDAISY, and Josh Gracin

Due West

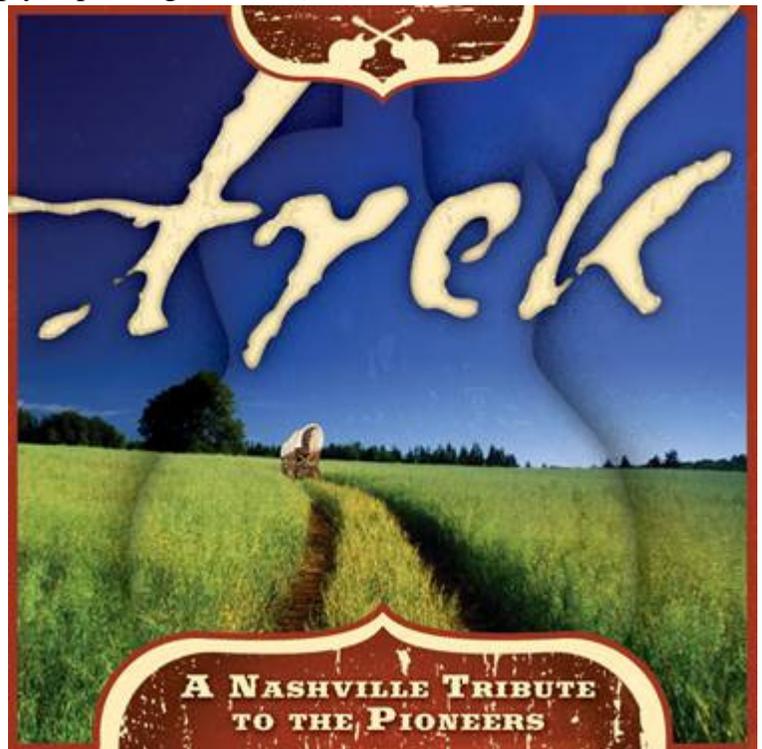
Rising country music stars

David Osmond

From the legendary Osmond family, performer, recording artist, actor

Mindy Gledhill

Up-and-coming local recording artist



And a **back-up band** that includes **Joel Stevenett** (Jodee Messina’s drummer), **Ron Saltmarsh** (Award-winning songwriter/producer/guitarist), **Rob Honey** (Bass player, has written for Faith Hill, co-wrote the #1 hit “Norma Jean Riley”)

2007 Wasatch Wildflower Festival Schedules

Friday July 27th

Solitude

3pm - 5pm Wildflower Hikes

Without question, this is unbeatable excuse to skip work, beat the heat and take a hike. This hike begins with a ride on the Sunrise Lift followed by a beautiful walk back down to the Village. The trail winds through a wide variety of habitats ensuring flower diversity and great views along the way. For this hike it is of moderately strenuous grade due to high elevations and unstable footing conditions. Please wear sturdy shoes, bring water, snacks and rain gear. Not recommended for

those with knee problems or improper footwear.

These hikes start on an as needed basis from 3pm- 5pm. Meet at Solitude's Village, Entry 2 at the Stonehaus (the building with the grass roof!

4pm Wildflower Walk

If you would like to take a more relaxing stance on a Friday afternoon, join one of our volunteer guides for a stroll through abundant wildflower meadows on easier terrain. Please wear sturdy shoes, bring water, snacks and rain gear.

This walk starts at 4pm.

Saturday July 28th

Alta

Please meet us at the Goldminer's Daughter Patio, new for 2007! This is located at the first entrance to Alta, look for the festival signs.



Join local naturalists for a wildflower walk! Walks will be tuned for varying abilities, starting

from the Goldminer's Daughter Patio. Learn about the dizzying variety of wildflowers at Alta. All walks and hikes are of moderate grade due to high elevation and unstable footing conditions. For

all walks, please wear sturdy shoes, bring water, snacks and rain gear.

Walks will be held with a ratio of 1 guide to 12 participants and leave on an as needed basis.

10am 12pm 2pm Beginner Walks (Van Assisted)

An moderate walk that begins with a short ride up into the wildflowers, with a walk back to the Patio.

10:30am & 12pm Intermediate Wildflower Walks

A walk that starts and ends at the Patio, with some great flowers along the way!

10am & 12pm Wildflower Walk for Kids.

1pm Children's Art in the Mountains.

11am Utah Puppets

1 - 3:30pm Live Music

Sunday July 29th

Snowbird

8:15 - 9:15am Sign up for Wildflower or Geology Hikes

\$5 donation to the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation

\$15 gets you lunch after the hike is over & your choice of a bungy trampoline jump or an alpine slide ride.

9:30am Tram leaves for Wildflower and Geology Hikes

Please be ready and inline at 9:30 with all your hiking gear. This is a ***strenuous*** hike.

9:45am Lower Mountain Wildflower Hike

Join us on this relaxing walk through gorgeous wildflower terrain. This hike follows Snowbird's lower mountain trails, no tram ride is needed for this hike. Ideal for those who do not hike often. Everyone is welcome!

Lake Powell Fish Report



By: Wayne Gustaveson

July 4, 2007

Lake Elevation: 3611

Water Temperature: 79-83 F

Happy Independence Day - God Bless America

Fishing is best very early in the morning and again late in the evening with night fishing being perhaps the best opportunity. Fishing strategy during the day requires a bag of anchovy bait, some shade and a cooler full of ice to keep the fish fresh and the fillets cool. At night a green light and anchovies will do the trick.

Striper schools are in the main river channels, main canyons, and where the canyon intersects with the main channel. Look for a prominent point, deep drop off near a shallow flat or similar travel lane where stripers can stay deep and cool but near the feeding zone provided by a brushy flat. Chumming will cause an immediate reaction from the resting

school if they are nearby. Chum and fish for 15 minutes. If no fish respond then move to the next likely location and repeat the process. It should take no more than 4 or 5 tries to locate a school. Once located, these schooling stripers will hit for as long as bait is put in the water.

Some good starting points include Glen Canyon Dam, both points past the double islands in Navajo Canyon, main channel edges between Rock Creek and Dungeon Canyon, flats near the Rincon, and Moki Canyon mouth and Wall.

There will be some boils in the extreme ends of the lake where the San Juan and Colorado Rivers enter Lake Powell. Look in very muddy water or under debris fields to find shad hiding and stripers seeking. The surface action is very early and very late in the day. But 50-100 stripers can be caught quickly on topwater lures during prime time.

Bass fishing is still good but bass are deep. Dangle a green or smoked plastic grub on a drop shot or Carolina rig in 20-30 feet of water. Fish the bait very slowly with frequent rest stops to tempt curious bass. Keep the bait near the 20 foot depth contour to consistently catch fish.

Boat camps will attract some fish. Bluegill and catfish are curious and will shade-up under houseboats. They provide great fun for kids and adults alike. Just put a little piece of live worm on a small hook (size 12) placed under a bobber for bluegill. Kids can catch their first fish quickly and easily. Have a bucket of water ready to allow the neophyte angler an opportunity to watch and touch the first fish after the catch. When the young angler is done with the fish it can be released or eaten.

Summer is family time at this grand lake. Swim and ski during the day but allot a bit of time to fish each morning and evening. Adding fishing to the agenda will enhance the enjoyment of the trip.

Founders Title Company Folk & Bluegrass Festival July 13, 14 & 15, 2007

Concert packages start at \$79 per person including concert tickets and lodging. Click [HERE](#) for more info or call 1-800-232-9542 for reservations.



ADMISSION:

\$25/day or \$35 for both days Per Person.

After 07-13-07, tickets available at the Snowbird Ticket Office only. (Handling fee applies).

Friday's events are free and open to the public. Priority Seating \$40/day

or \$60 for both days are available at the Snowbird Ticket Office only. Handling fee applies.

Seniors (65+) & Full-time Students \$15/day or \$25 for both days. Kids under 12 admitted free with a paid adult! See ticket locations. Tickets by phone with credit card (800)524-739, Handling fee will apply.



***COOLERS ARE ALLOWED** (no alcohol or glass)

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, July 13, 2007

2 p.m. Sign-up for open Mic

3-6 p.m. Open Mic on the Plaza Deck

6-6:30 p.m. Sign-up for Band Scramble

6:45 p.m. Posting, rule announcements, how to find your group, etc.

6:45-7:15 p.m. Band scramble practice – on instrumental and one vocal. This is subject to change depending on the # of bands.

7:15 p.m. Call back and performances

Band Scramble on the Plaza Deck (both events are free & open to the public)

Saturday, July 14, 2007

8 a.m. Gates open

9 a.m. Utah State Instrument Contests Bluegrass Fiddle & Flatpick Guitar

12:30 p.m. Susanne Millsaps Memorial – KRCL performing songwriter finals (both events are free & open to the public)

2:30 p.m. MAIN STAGE AREA CLEAR OUT (all must exit)

3 p.m. Neil Bradley Owen

4 p.m. Mitch Barrett

4:45 p.m. Lab Dogs

5:45 p.m. Mollie O'Brien

6:45 p.m. Chris Stuart

Figure 1

7:45 p.m. Vance Gilbert

9:00 p.m. Blue Highway



Immediately following the last band there will be an open jam session until 1 a.m. All Pickers, Singers and Watchers are welcome.

Sunday, July 15, 2007

8 a.m. Gates open

9 a.m. Utah State Instrument Contests Finger Style Guitar

11:45 a.m. Banjo & Mandolin (the above event is free & open to the public)

1 p.m. MAIN STAGE CLEAR OUT (all must exit)

1:30 p.m. Anne & Pete Sibley

2:30 p.m. Contest Winners

3:45 p.m. The Hot Strings

4:45 p.m. April Verch

5:45 p.m. Cadillac Sky

7:00 p.m. Iris Dement

Immediately following the last band there will be an open jam session until 12 a.m. All Pickers, Singers and Watchers are welcome.

Tickets will be available starting May 1st. Click [HERE](#) for a listing of ticket vendors.

After July 13th, tickets will only be available at the Snowbird Ticket Office



Jamming, dancing & having fun is allowed & encouraged. Food Vendors, adult beverages & sodas available. Crafts, clothing and other vendors in the Pickin' Place Market. Information Booths on site. There will be a Children's area on site with story readings, crafts & other fun activities. Snowbird Tram Rides, Alpine Slide Rides, Zip Line Rides, hiking & mountain biking are all available on-site

If you have any questions, please call (801) 532-5218 during regular business hours, (801) 339-7664 voice mail; e-mail us at iama@xmission.com, or visit our web site at www.foundersfestival.org. If you are interested in Festival Sponsorship, please contact: janboes@earthlink.net

Please remember when you come up to enjoy all of our wonderful concerts and festivals, leave ALL of your pets at home! Snowbird is located in spectacular Little Cottonwood Canyon, and is also part of the Salt Lake City Protected Watershed. The snow and stream water from this canyon is a primary source of drinking water for visitors and residents here at Snowbird and in the Salt Lake Valley. For having pets in the canyon, you could be looking at up to a \$1000 fine...even for the really little ones! Thankyou for helping us "[keep it pure](#)".

Trapping and Cougar Hunting Discussions

Animals that trappers aren't trying to trap would have an easier time escaping from snares the Division of Wildlife Resources wants to require in Utah.

The DWR also wants to keep the number of cougars taken during Utah's upcoming hunting season at a level similar to the number taken during the past three seasons.

The DWR will share its recommendations at an upcoming series of public meetings. The meetings provide an opportunity to learn more about the recommendations and to provide biologists with your input and suggestions.

Citizens from Utah's five Regional Advisory Councils will take the public input received to the Utah Wildlife Board when it meets Aug. 8 in Salt Lake City to approve Utah's 2007 – 2008 furbearer and cougar proclamations.

Meeting dates, times and locations are as follows:

Northern Region

July 10
6 p.m.
Brigham City Community Center
24 N. 300 W.
Brigham City

Southeastern Region

July 17
6:30 p.m.
John Wesley Powell Museum
885 E. Main St.
Green River

Central Region

July 11

Northeastern Region

July 18

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

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

Southern Region

July 12
7 p.m.
Beaver High School
195 E. Center St.
Beaver

Trapping changes

Starting with Utah's 2007 – 2008 season, trappers in Utah would be required to use breakaway snares.

These snares allow bigger animals to escape if they're accidentally trapped.

"Larger animals, such as deer, elk, cougars and black bears, should be able to escape from these traps," says Kevin Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

"When an animal puts enough pressure on the snare by pulling on it, the snare releases and lets the animal free," Bunnell says. "It's rare that these larger animals are caught in these traps, but when they are, they should be able to escape from them."

The Utah Trappers Association supports the DWR and is working with the agency to get this recommendation implemented.

Cougar hunting recommendations

About 300 cougars would probably be taken in Utah during the state's 2007 – 2008 season under proposals the DWR is recommending.

That number would be similar to the past three seasons in Utah, when an average of 311 cougars were taken each season.

"A few years ago, an effort was underway to reduce the number of cougars in Utah," Bunnell says. "The goal was to bring cougars into better balance with the deer, bighorn sheep and other animals that cougars prey on."

"It appears those efforts have worked. Now we want to maintain that balance. We think our recommendations for the upcoming season are another step in that direction."

COLEMAN CONDUCTS GREAT GEAR GIVEAWAY SWEEPSTAKES

WICHITA, Kan. – Coleman's Great Gear Giveaway Sweepstakes featuring Coleman outdoor ambassador and winner of "Survivor's Guatemala", Danni Boatwright is under way. The sweepstakes promises the grand prizewinner an array of Coleman's latest and greatest camping products worth more than \$950. In addition to the grand prizewinner, another 85 people will be awarded first-, second- and third-place merchandise prizes.

Anyone 21 years of age or older may enter either online at Coleman's Web site, www.coleman.com, or by filling out an entry form available at leading sporting goods retailers across the country. The 2007 sweepstakes runs from April 1 until July 31. Winners will be chosen in August.

According to Shelley Young, Coleman director of brand management, the Great Gear Giveaway



is designed to get people outside. "At Coleman, we're all advocates for the outdoors," she said. "Our 'Let's Go Outside' campaign is focused on getting people outside, having fun and being close to nature. This sweepstakes should get people thinking about all that fun they could win by just entering, and hopefully inspire them to get outside more this summer."

The Coleman Great Gear Giveaway Sweepstakes grand prize includes these Coleman® products: Weathermaster® Elite Tent; Model 5469 Propane Stove; Northstar® Propane Lantern; Electronic Radio Cooler; Queen QuickBed® Unit with 4D pump; two Diamondback™ 30 Sleeping Bags; two Cooler Quad

Chairs; Cooking Station Table; 12-Piece Enamelware Set with Cutlery; 3-Piece Family Cookset; 3-piece set of cooking utensils; Camper's Storage Tote; Tent Kit; Cool Zephyr™ Tent Fan and a Hot Water On Demand™ Portable Water Heater.

In addition to the grand prize, 10 first-place winners will receive a Weathermaster Elite Tent. Twenty-five second-place winners will receive a Coleman Electronic Radio Cooler and 50 third-place winners will receive a Cooler Quad Chair.

For further information on the Coleman Great Gear Giveaway Sweepstakes, contact Nicole Freund at nfreund@coleman.com or call her at (316) 832-2622.

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Olympic Jumpers Alborn, Jones Retire

PARK CITY, Utah (July 2) - Ski Jumpers Alan Alborn (Anchorage, AK) and Clint Jones (Steamboat Springs, CO), Olympic teammates and former U.S. champions, have retired from World Cup competition.

However, Alborn, a three-time Olympian who holds the U.S. jumping distance record, and two-time Olympic jumper Jones didn't waste any time in retirement. The pair, who also competed in four FIS Nordic World Ski Championships apiece, are the new elite (Alborn) and development (Jones) coaches for the Park City-based National Sports Foundation; they plan to be activists in helping revamp the nation's jumping pipeline, they said.

Jones, 22, was the youngest U.S. gold medalist when he won the large hill title at 15 in 2000. He said, "This is a great opportunity. It's a chance for Alan and I to take a step back and, with all

we've learned, help younger kids start from scratch."

Alborn, 26, and getting married this fall, added, "It's a great feeling to be offered a job right away because it's always an issue for jumpers trying to find jobs after retirement. The timing worked out great."

A five-time U.S. jumping champion, he was troubled with knee problems in the last few years although he set the U.S. distance record of 221.5 meters at Planica, Slovenia, in 2002, topping his then-record of 211 meters. In that '02 season, Alborn also had a fourth- and two sixth-place World Cup results, and swept both the normal hill and large hill U.S. championships.

Competing ends, preparing others begins

"It's a big, double whammy when your top two athletes - as they have been for many years - retire," U.S. Nordic Director Luke Bodensteiner said. "However, this is so valuable for us and for the jumping community to have them continue in the sport as coaches. They have strong ideas on what needs to get done - especially in terms of preparing athletes for international competition - and they're showing good leadership by staying in their sport and looking to help things improve."

Alborn started jumping with the Karl Eid program in Anchorage and, he said, "loved it. Then, when my father [a commercial pilot] was transferred to Colorado, I got to train with the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club for three years. Otherwise, I probably would have been twiddling my thumbs in Anchorage, jumping off the 50-meter [jump] and wondering about what it would be like to be in the Olympics."

He spent seven years on the U.S. Ski Team, retiring after the 2003 season but coming back a year later because he missed the sport, and because his knees felt fine.

"I've learned so much more than I would have thought, and the travel and the perspective that the Ski Team gave me are invaluable. I feel I owe the Team something I can't pay back. There have been ups and downs, but if I had to do it all over again, for sure I'd do it," Alborn said.

Alborn recalls record jump

Looking back to his long jump during the qualifying round in Planica in '02, Alborn called it "an amazing jump although, unfortunately, the competition was blown out [by high winds]. I can't imagine what would have happened if we'd held it. I had such a good feeling...knew immediately on leaving the takeoff I'd done it. I had this weightless feeling over the knoll because I was so balanced coming down the in-run.

"I felt like a knife slicing through the air and it took me right to the bottom of the hill. It seemed like 30 minutes because I was flying so effortlessly. I could see people on the side of the hill cheering. One thing," he added, "is I wish I had tried to keep flying a little longer; the record was 225 meters, and if they had a line [in the snow] past 225 and...well, who knows?"

"I remember, though, yelling to myself going over the knoll at 140 meters, pushing myself to push the limit. I hope somebody else can feel that."

Jones, also a seven-year Ski Team member, came out of the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club jumping program, too. He credits Chris Gilbertson, currently the Continental Cup coach for the U.S. Nordic Combined Team, for giving him a good foundation.

He had his best World Cup results in Finland, including a ninth and 12th in Kuopio and 13th in Kuusamo. "I don't know what it was," Jones said, "but we spent a lot of time in Finland with Kari [Ylianttila, U.S. head coach 1998-2004 and former Finnish head coach], so Finland was like a second home to us. I always felt comfortable over there.

"You learn a lot of things..."

"But, when it's all done, you forget about things like results. I got to see a lot of cool places, meet a lot of cool people. And, at that level, you learn a lot of things about yourself and life in general," Jones said. "I'm very happy with the way things went, and now there are other things I want to do with my life," he said. He plans to enroll in college at some point, but for the present, coaching is his top priority.

Alborn and Jones have been working for the past month with the National Sports Foundation skiers, mixing strength training with the jumping. They created a strength training area at the top of the Utah Olympic Park jumps to boost their overall conditioning.

"These kids are like sponges. We've seen some pretty good stuff," Alborn said, "and some not-so-good. But that's the challenge, and that's part of the reward. Clint and I both feel we've got something to offer young jumpers, and if we accomplish that, it'll be a good thing.

"Being a [new] coach will take a while for me to be accepted in the coaching community and respected, I'm sure. That's fine. I understand that. Clint understands it, too. We've talked with Luke [Bodensteiner] about our thoughts, about preparing these kids...not just sending them to competitions in Europe or Japan because we want someone there. There's so much preparation that needs to be done, and the international comps will come in time...but not necessarily now...

"It's a question of how good a jumper do you want to produce, a national champion or a world champion? There's a lot of work to be done," Alborn said.

Jones: "...true athletes, not just on paper"

Jones agreed. "We want to make the athletes into true athletes, not just on paper," he said.

"We've got a lot of experience, a lot of things to draw from, different coaches, and all that...and just look at what the cross country team has done in the last few years, reviving that program. We can do it, too. We need to be organized and work hard - that's no secret...

"I remember when I was 12 years old, back when you weren't thinking about making a team or going to a certain competition. You were just trying to get better. That was exciting, definitely cool...and jumping's still definitely cool."

Each sees the need for a national standard for jumping. "We need to get everyone on the same page in terms of development; kids in the East are different from the Midwest, and then Steamboat and NSF may be different from everyone else. So, it's challenge but there's no question we need to have some uniformity and structure in what we're all coaching...and then get these young athletes moving up through the pipeline, not just have 'em floating around," Jones said.

Bodensteiner is pleased with their approach. "It's so valuable to have these guys in the field and focusing on preparation. We need to get kids better prepared to compete rather than just having them participating.

"The jumping community understands the problem. There's no quick turn-around but getting organized is the first step. And what Alan and Clint can bring to this is the fact they're current with what's happening and they're fired up to make a major impact on their sport. On one hand, it's tough to see them retire, but on the other hand they bring such good, positive energy to the situation...and they'll make that positive impact."

News from Mikki Brisk

Between the great things we cannot do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing.-- Adolph Monod (1802 - 1856)

I'm making (for now) a rare summer appearance in Utah this month at the Founders Title Company Folk & Bluegrass Festival. I'm also getting some good writing done and I hope to have the new record available in the spring. I'll keep you posted.

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