

2007 Heber Valley Pow Wow at Soldier Hollow

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**Fri., June 22, 6-10 p.m.
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And at 11 a.m. Saturday & Sunday**

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The popular Heber Valley Pow Wow will once again be joined by a Mountain Man Rendezvous when Pow Wow returns to Soldier Hollow June 22-24 for three days of Native American dance, art, crafts and food, plus the traditions of America's Mountain Men.

The Pow Wow, including an extensive and authentic Indian Market, will be held at the Olympic venue of Soldier Hollow in Midway, Utah, nestled among the Wasatch Mountains 30 minutes from Provo and 50 minutes for Salt Lake. Hours are 6-10 p.m. on Friday, 1-10 p.m. on Saturday, and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Native American arts and crafts booths, Native American food, including delicious tacos and fry bread, and Mountain Man Traders will all be open from 5 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission for all activities is \$5, with children ages 6 and under free.

Grand Entry of Native American Competitors is scheduled for 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. The Grand Entry will be followed by Pow Wow Competitions, with over \$7,500 in cash prizes awarded. Contest categories include traditional, fancy, grass and jingle. Tiny Tots and Golden Age will also compete for prizes.

New this year are special demonstration sessions where Native American dancers and singers (and Mountain Men) bring their history, culture and skills to the audience. Audience participation includes Q and A, stories, and interpretation. This fascinating new addition will include Native American dancing and drumming and Mountain Man fire starting, and knife and tomahawk throwing, all with explanations as to the traditions and meanings of these activities.

Master of Ceremonies is Dennis Bowen, Seneca, from Tuba City, Arizona. Al Blackbird, Omaha, returns as Arena Director, with Winston Mason, Mandan-Hidatsa, serving as Spiritual Advisor. The Southern

Host Drum is Grey Hawk, Omaha, and the Northern Host Drum is Hill Creek, Northern Ute. Pow Wow Committee Co-chairs are Margaret Red Elk, Assiniboine Sioux, and Rosemary Giles, Navaho.

For the shopper, a colorful 2007 commemorative T-Shirt will be available in adult and youth sizes, and orders will be taken for a “Live at Soldier Hollow” cd that will be recorded during this year’s Pow Wow by Crank it up! Studio from Boulder, Colorado.

The Heber Valley Pow Wow is supported in part by a grant from the Utah Arts Council.

Blue Sage Trio with Cowboy Poet Don Kennington in Concert at Zions National Park!

The Blue Sage Trio will present an evening of western style folk / bluegrass music this Saturday evening, June 23rd, at the O.C. Tanner Amphitheater just outside of Zion's National Park in Springdale. Performing with Blue Sage will be Don Kennington, one of the west's finest cowboy poets.

Join us this Saturday evening for a delightful program of old time cowboy songs, bluegrass tunes, and cowboy poetry surrounded by the grandeur of Zion's magnificent red rock cliffs.

The performance starts at 8:00 p.m.

For tickets or more information call Gail Bunker at (435)652-7994 or visit the Tanner Amphitheater website at: <http://www.dixie.edu/tanner/index.html>

Summer activities at the Utah Museum of Natural History

The Utah Museum of Natural History will be jumping this summer as it becomes a nature preserve for some of the world's most fascinating animals. Nearly 70 live frogs and toads representing 20 species are comfortably housed in terrariums suited to their special needs.

Visitors will see replicated habitats as varied as the frogs that inhabit them. In this world full of frogs, the frogs and toads of popular culture will be featured as well. From the Frog Prince to



Kermit, frog personalities have long been present in cultural story telling around the globe. Throughout Toadally Frogs, you'll get to know the facts and fictions about these remarkable, adaptable creatures that are somehow so easy to humanize.

For visitors of all ages, there will be plenty to do and see. Activities and exhibits will invite you to discover more about frog locomotion, metamorphosis, behavior, anatomy, adaptation, and communication.

The exhibit runs through Labor Day. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and children ages 3 through 12. The Utah Museum of Natural History is located at the University of Utah. For information, call (801) 581-6927. The Utah Museum of Natural History continues its summer camps through the week of August 17. Kids ages 5 through 17 will explore a range of scientific and natural history subjects both at the museum and in the field with engaging and fun hands-on activities. For a schedule, registration, and fee information, call (801) 581-5567 or visit www.umnh.utah.edu.

Black Bear Confirmed

Salt Lake City, Utah (June 18, 2007) -- A bear killed by Utah wildlife officers in American Fork Canyon earlier today is the bear that killed an 11-year-old boy who was camping with his family in the canyon Sunday night.

“A necropsy [autopsy] on the bear confirmed that this is the bear who attacked and killed this young boy,” said Jim Karpowitz, director of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, said at 5:05 p.m. on Monday.

“Our hearts and condolences go out to the young boy’s family,” Karpowitz said.

The confirmation was made Monday afternoon by personnel at the Utah State University Veterinarians Diagnostic Laboratory in Logan. Personnel from the Utah State Crime Laboratory assisted the USU personnel in making the confirmation.

Peregrine Falcons: They’re Back!

Four baby falcons almost ready to fly in downtown Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City -- Work to improve the area near Temple Square isn’t the only new and exciting development in downtown Salt Lake City these days: Utah’s famous peregrine falcon pair is back and nesting again.

The pair has hatched four baby peregrines. In a few days, the five-week-old peregrines (called eyases) should be making some of their first harrowing flights in the downtown area.

“It was bound to happen,” says an elated Bob Walters. “I’m pleased to report that the falcons have returned to the big city to once again dazzle downtown spectators.”

Walters runs the Watchable Wildlife program for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

Walters says the adult pair is busy raising the eyases in a nest box at the north end of the east face of the Joseph Smith Memorial Building (JSMB). The JSMB is at South Temple and Main streets.



You can view the falcons at the DWR's peregrine falcon Web cam. The cam is available at www.wildlife.utah.gov.

You're also welcome to come downtown and see the falcons firsthand. Starting June 28, Walters and an army of volunteers will share glimpses and gawks at the peregrine family.

"During upcoming Watchable Wildlife field trips, and impromptu noon hour and evening gatherings, we'll provide binoculars and spotting scopes you can use to catch a glimpse of the falcons," Walters says.

Look for Walters and the volunteers on sidewalks along South Temple, Main and State streets close to the JSMB.

"When you see us, please drop by," Walters says. "We'll help you spot the falcons, and we'll be happy to answer any questions you might have."

In addition to helping visitors see the falcons, volunteers will assist Walters in trying to keep the falcons out of harm's way during their harrowing first flights around the buildings and construction work in downtown Salt Lake City. Walters describes the experience of watching over the falcons as "hours of not much going on punctuated by moments of sheer exhilaration."



[View streaming video. mms://stream.lds.org/falcon_watch](mms://stream.lds.org/falcon_watch)
Clicking this link will launch Windows Media Player in a separate window.

Peregrine Falcon History

Peregrine falcons nested on the JSMB (formerly the Hotel Utah) from 1986 to 1990, and again in 1994 and 1995. In 1996, they nested at the Deseret Building about one block south of the JSMB.

The famous pair produced 16 young during that time. Eleven of those youngsters successfully departed from the downtown area to unknown wilder haunts.

Peregrines also nested at the JSMB in 2004 and 2006. In 2005, they chose an alternative nest on the Deseret Building. From 2004 to 2006, five of seven falcons were successfully raised in busy, downtown Salt Lake City.

From 1991 through 1993, the pair nested in a nearby canyon where five young successfully mastered flight and dispersed from the nest area.

The peregrine falcon was removed from the federal Endangered Species list in 1999. It continues to enjoy protection under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and is recovering statewide.

FROM FIRE SAFETY TO FISHING, WEEKEND EVENTS IN STATE PARKS

Utah's State Parks offer a wide variety of programs for the entire family, from fire safety to fishing. For a full list of activities, events, camping discounts, and more, visit www.stateparks.utah.gov.

June 30 Jordanelle State Park

Junior Ranger program - Living with Fire: Children six to 10 are invited to the Rock Cliff Nature

Center from 11 a.m. to noon to learn about the importance of fire and fire safety. Children earn a badge and certificate. (435) 782-3030

June 30 Hyrum State Park

Mountain Man Dustin Hooton entertains visitors with stories of the mountain men who lived here and created caches that gave the valley its name. Meet at the group-use site at 7 p.m.; admission is free. (435) 245-6866

June 30 Wasatch Mountain State Park

Junior Ranger Program - Bats! Children six through 12 can become a Junior Ranger by joining the naturalist for this one-hour program. Program begins at 1 p.m. at Huber Grove. (435) 654-1791

June 30 Antelope Island State Park

Evening Program - Nocturnal Animals: Join the park naturalist on an adventure into Antelope Island State Park's nightlife. Meet at the visitor center at 4 p.m. (801) 721-9569

June 30 Antelope Island State Park

Full Moon Hike: Join the park naturalist for a hike along the Mountain View Trail beneath a full moon. This is a 1.5-hour, three-mile easy hike. Participants should bring water, snack, bug spray, sturdy shoes, and meet Mountain View North Trailhead at 9 p.m. Registration is required. (801) 721-9569

June 30 Wasatch Mountain State Park

Evening Program: Fire Safety with Smokey Bear. Be safe this summer while camping, and even in your own backyard. Come meet Smokey, and learn about the importance of fires and fire safety. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the campground amphitheater. (435) 654-1791

June 30 Antelope Island State Park

Junior Ranger Program: Trace the steps of early explorers and learn orienteering. Participants should bring a compass if one is available and meet at the visitor center at noon. (801) 721-9569

June 30 Sand Hollow State Park

Fish and Fun Fishing Contest: Enjoy food and fun at this event for children with disabilities. Registration forms are available at Sand Hollow, Sportsman's Warehouse in St. George, and Hurst Ace Hardware in Hurricane. (435) 680-0715

Big Changes Await Hunters July 1

Starting July 1, you may have to pay more—or less—to hunt and fish in Utah.

July 1 is the day that several license fee and hunting changes approved by the Utah legislature go into effect.

Fee Changes

The following are among the fees that will be reduced on July 1:

	<u>Before July 1</u>	<u>After July 1</u>
Resident combination license (allows the holder to hunt and fish)	\$34	\$30
Resident deer permit	\$40	\$35
Resident elk permit (anterless/any bull/spike)	\$65	\$45

The following are some of the fees that will increase on July 1:

	<u>Before July 1</u>	<u>After July 1</u>
Resident small game (hunting license)	\$17	\$26
Nonresident small game (hunting license)	\$45	\$65
Drawing application fee	\$5	\$10

To see some additional fees that will also change, please visit wildlife.utah.gov/licenses/license_fees.php on the Web.

Must Buy a Hunting License

One of the biggest changes on July 1 involves a requirement that hunters buy either a hunting license (formerly called a small game license) or a combination license **before** they can apply for or obtain a hunting permit.

For example, before you can apply for or obtain a general season deer hunting permit, you must buy a hunting license or a combination license first.

There are two exceptions to this rule: if you have a 365-day small game or combination license that's still valid on July 1, you don't have to buy a new hunting or combination license until your license expires.

Lifetime license holders are also exempt from this requirement because their license is valid through their lifetime.

Beginning July 1, a hunting license will cost \$26 for residents and \$65 for nonresidents. A combination license will cost \$30 for residents and \$80 for nonresidents.

In addition to allowing you to apply for or obtain a hunting permit, a hunting license allows you to hunt small game. A combination license allows you to fish, hunt small game and apply for or obtain a hunting permit.

“In the past, paying \$5 to try and draw a big game permit was the only financial contribution many people made to Utah’s wildlife,” says Jim Karpowitz, director of the DWR. “Now people will have to buy a hunting or combination license before they can apply for or obtain a hunting permit.”

“We think this is a good way to spread the cost of wildlife management out among all sportsmen.”

How the Money Will Be Used

The fee changes will provide the DWR with the funding it needs to continue managing Utah’s wildlife effectively. “Not only will the fee changes allow us to meet our operating expenses, they’ll allow us to help sportsmen and wildlife in some new ways,” Karpowitz says.

The following are some of the ways the new funding will benefit sportsmen and wildlife:

- The amount of private land open to sportsmen through the DWR’s new Walk-In Access program will continue to grow.
- More habitat work can be done to benefit wildlife across Utah.
- Work will continue to control phragmites, a plant that’s invaded many of the marshes along the eastern shore of the Great Salt Lake.
- The state’s wildlife and waterfowl management areas will be improved.

Fishing License for 12- to 13-year-olds

Another change involves fishing. Beginning July 1, anglers who are 12 to 13 years old must buy a fishing license to fish in Utah. The license costs \$5 for both residents and nonresidents.

“Every time a young angler buys one of these licenses, \$12 in federal aid will come to Utah,” Karpowitz says. “We’re going to invest that money in fish hatcheries, community fishing waters and other programs that will make fishing in Utah even better.”

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

COLORADO CONGRESSMAN SEEKING TO BAR BLM'S ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE VALID EXISTING RIGHTS-OF-WAY (R.S. 2477)

Rep. Mark Udall (D-CO) has announced he intends to offer an amendment to the Interior appropriations bill that would essentially preclude any Interior agency from recognizing any R.S. 2477 right-of-way. If adopted as law, such a provision would undermine years of negotiation between Western counties and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) addressing county ownership of some of the thousands of roads crossing public lands, commonly known as R.S. 2477 roads.

Federal agency treatment of R.S. 2477 has long been a controversial and heavily politicized issue. Under current policy, counties can seek Interior and BLM recognition of qualifying R.S.

2477 rights-of-way via a "Recordable Disclaimer" as well as a "non-binding determination." The Udall amendment would attempt to reverse existing policy, requiring counties or other claimants to initiate costly litigation to have the status of every route resolved through the courts.

The Udall amendment is supported by well-funded Wilderness activist groups, such as the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA), who have promised through their lawyers to declare "trench warfare" against any county hoping to defend public rights of access along R.S. 2477 rights-of-way.

BlueRibbon is concerned that the Udall amendment will stall evolution of a reasonable dialogue between federal, state and local governments and private interests on the status and management of R.S. 2477 routes. "By definition, many of these routes have been in existence for a century or more and provide access for all to our treasured public lands," noted Brian Hawthorne, BlueRibbon's Public Lands Policy Director.

"The status of these roads requires creative solutions forged by collaborative dialogue, not a last-minute amendment to a catch-all spending bill or other heavy-handed edicts designed to stall progress or bankrupt rural western counties," Hawthorne concluded.

News from Bowhunters of Utah

Good afternoon fellow Bowhunters,

6-18-07

I know that you have been waiting for some info on our last board meeting held on the 5th. I have been stalling as there were some unresolved issues but apparently they still haven't been resolved yet and I can't wait any longer.

What I am referring to is the I-400 Proposal. We heard from them about their plan and in fact a paper was handed out about it but our presenter said that the I-400 committee was going to meet again and that they were going to make some significant changes. When that revision was done he was going to e-mail it to me so that I could share it with you. Apparently they have not been able to come to any conclusions. I don't think it would be right to vote on something that is incomplete and that would not accurately represent what the final proposal will be.

Having said that, the gist of the I-400 is to increase Elk hunting opportunity on 5 units. Those units identified were the North Cache, Wasatch (managed in 3 subunits), La Sal, Nebo, Fish Lake. In order to increase hunting opportunity it is their opinion that the rifle hunt should be moved out of the rut (working on the premise that this would reduce harvest numbers--Robb Facer presented harvest statistics from out of state hunt units that border Utah that shows that harvest statistics may not be radically reduced by moving the rifle hunt out of the rut.) The proposal has the archery Elk season Sept 1-21 with the units open to the general antlerless archery from Aug 23-Sept 14th . 2 Muzzleloader seasons Sept 26-Oct 4th and Nov 1-9. Finally 2 rifle seasons Oct 6-10, and Oct 13-17th. Mandatory reporting would take place on all units. To draw one of these hunts you will use the same point system that you are currently on. These units would be managed for a higher quality bull found on the open bull units but not the world class 400 bull quality that now exists on some Utah LE draw units. These pilot areas would seek to increase opportunity by issuing a greater % of both archery and Muzzleloader tags. Currently

we are under the 60% rifle, 25% archery, and 15% Muzzleloader. The plan would seek for a revision only on these pilot units of 50% rifle, 30% archery, and 20% muzzleloader. In addition to the added tags it is hoped by the I-400 committee that this would be a hunt that an individual could draw every 4-5 years given that they would be giving out lots more tags than is currently given out under the LE unit plans that we now have. The plan is currently being discussed on the divisions website under the forum link www.wildlife.utah.gov/forums look for the I-400 threads.

Again, no vote at this time until a final proposal is arrived at. At such time I will e-mail you all information that we have (including Mr. Facer's information) so that you can make an informed decision as to whether we should support this initiative.

Next Item--

John Wester has a new job and will be leaving Utah. A position has opened on the BOU Board of Directors for Project Manager. Responsibilities include managing service projects for wildlife, the DWR, and for bowhunters. Work is underway on an updated wasatch front access map. If you are interested please contact Gordy Bell (President) or myself.

We want to sincerely thank John for all of his work and sacrifice in getting BOU off of the ground and up and running. He has been a great person to work with and I for one will miss his big grin and the occasional sarcastic remark that just makes you laugh. Thanks again John. We wish you luck.

Next--

BOU will be launching a shopping cart with BOU paraphernalia (hats/stickers/shirts/arrow wraps etc.) It should appear on the website around the end of June or start of July.

Finally, Memberships. We hope that you take the opportunity to invite a friend to join with BOU. They can do so by going to the website and use a credit card to pay their membership or they can fill out an information form and send it snail mail to our P.O Box.

Also. Newsletter should be arriving soon. I can't give you a date but maybe this will hurry the mailman along (wink) Just as we get one newsletter out it is time to begin planning for our next newsletter that will be coming out in the late Aug, early Sept time frame. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter please send the article to this address with 2 or 3 pictures that go with your article and I will get it where it needs to go. Thanks again for all of your support!

Shaun Graves
BOU V.P.

***NEW STATE FORESTER/DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY, FIRE AND STATE LANDS
ANNOUNCED***

Salt Lake City, Utah -- The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) has a new leader. The announcement was made today by Utah Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Mike Styler. "I am pleased to announce that Dick Buehler is the new Division Director

and State Forester. Dick has been involved with fire management, forest management and sovereign lands management for more than 33 years, and is highly qualified to serve in this role.”

Buehler was selected following a nationwide search. He had most recently been serving as Interim Director for FFSL, following the retirement of Director Joel Frandsen in March 2007. Prior to that, he was Deputy Director for the Division.

“It is an honor to have been given this opportunity and I am very humbled,” said Buehler. “My first priorities will be in the areas of working with our very qualified and committed staff to strengthen the team effort in providing quality service to our customers. I will also work to strengthen efforts to protect and enhance our valuable natural resources, and provide strong support for the Governor’s priorities of economic development and quality of life.”

In addition to numerous roles within FFSL, Buehler’s career includes employment as a state park boating ranger, hazardous materials instructor, law enforcement coordinator and reserve sheriff deputy (current). He also served in the Air Force and Air National Guard for 30 years. He has a degree in Forest Management from Utah State University. Buehler was born in Utah and grew up in Heber City. He is married with two children and five grandchildren. He enjoys spending time outdoors with his family.

“I have a passion for the natural resources of our state and feel a strong sense of commitment to the people who use and enjoy them. I believe in multiple-use and sustained-yield management balanced with environmental awareness. I believe in public and private property rights and that both must be protected,” said Buehler. “I want to do what I can to make the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands a successful public entity that capitalizes on the knowledge and skills of its employees as a committed and highly motivated team that administers its duties and responsibilities to the highest degree possible.”

FFSL oversees state sovereign lands, wildland fire protection on state and private lands, urban and community forestry, and the Lone Peak Conservation Center. The Division manages all state-owned non-trust lands, state forestry and fire control programs, and derives optimum benefit from resources held in public trust.

Utah BLM Geothermal Lease Sale Nets Over \$3.5 Million

In Utah’s first competitive geothermal lease sale, the Bureau of Land Management sold three parcels on over 6,000 acres for a total of \$3,685,986. All three parcels are located on the Fishlake National Forest in the Cove Fort-Sulphurdale area. This was the first sale under the new regulations of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The highest bid was from Enel Cove Fort II, LLC, located in Andover, Mass. at \$850 per acre on parcel number one for a total of \$2,196,586. Bids ranged from \$20 to \$850 per acre. All bonus bid, rental and royalty monies collected are shared equally with the State of Utah.

Five parcels in Idaho were also offered at the Utah sale. The highest bid for an Idaho parcel was from Agua Caliente LLC, located in Englewood, Colorado at \$875 per acre for a total sale of \$2,033,016. Bids on these parcels ranged from \$130 to \$875. Total revenue from the Idaho

parcels was \$5,726,208.

Geothermal energy accounts for 8.5 percent of renewable electricity generation, and 0.3 percent of total U.S. electricity supply. Almost 50% of the nation's production of geothermal energy is on federal land. Utah's current geothermal production is primarily in Beaver County where two plants produce 24 megawatts per year.

The Bureau of Land Management administers 29 geothermal power plants, using federal resources in California, Nevada and Utah. The power plants have a total capacity of 1250 megawatts and supply the needs of 1.2 million homes. Geothermal energy uses steam and hot water generated by heat from the earth. Some geothermal power plants use steam or hot water from a natural underground reservoir to power generators for electricity generation. Others use hot water to provide direct heat for residential and other buildings, and for other applications. For more information, contact the BLM Utah Information Access Center at 539-4001 or see www.ut.blm.gov.

Utah Geothermal Lease Sale Results

Bid per acre	Acres	Total Revenue
\$850	2,578	\$2,196,586
\$600	2,437	\$1,467,204
\$20	1,003	\$22,196

Total \$3,685,986

Idaho Geothermal Lease Sale Results

Bid per acre	Acres	Total Revenue
\$875	2,318	\$2,033,016
\$600	1,686	\$1,015,102
\$130	1,080	\$142,690
\$525	2,080	\$1,096,290
\$825	1,740	\$1,439,110

Total \$5,726,208

Totals include bonus bids, first year's rental and processing fees.

Blackswingandclay.com Is Shotgunner's Dream Site

Just point and click—that's all it takes to access the most-comprehensive collection of equipment manufacturers, shooting schools and wing & clay shooting destinations available for shotgunners anywhere, with the launch of the all-new blackswingandclay.com. This premiere Web site was created to enhance the famously popular print product, *Black's Wing & Clay Waterfowl* directory, just one of the leading outdoor directories produced by Grand View Media Group.

The *Wing & Clay Waterfowl* directory—now in its 16th edition—represents years of active research and dedication to the shotgun sports industry. The introduction of blackswingandclay.com is a perfect complement and sure to provide even more value to the printed directory.



Visitors to this site will now have a wealth of information about shotgun-related products, services and destinations online. Complete with pull-down menus that invite users to search for equipment manufacturers and service providers based on specific needs and interests. Detailed contact information, including address, phone and e-mail address is displayed, as well as a brief description of the product(s) offered.

In addition, avid hunters and clay shooters can select the type of hunt or clay discipline they wish to pursue, as well as the state they will be hunting, shooting or simply traveling to. Simply use the U.S. map provided to pull up both wing and clay shooting destinations in a particular state. The site also calls attention to Featured Destinations throughout the U.S. and abroad—locations that offer the extra-special experience that will transform your annual hunting or shooting excursion into the trip of a lifetime!

For more information contact Editor, Steve Gramins *Black's Wing & Clay Waterfowl* (763) 383-5800 x 104 steve@grandviewmedia.com or simply visit our new site to experience www.blackswingandclay.com for yourself.

Is It Safe to Camp In Utah?

Recent bear attack causes concern

With weeks of summer still ahead, and a recent and tragic incident only a few days behind, many Utahns are wondering if it's safe to go into Utah's backcountry.

"Bear attacks like the one that occurred this week are extremely rare," says Kevin Bunnell, mammals program coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources. "And,

fortunately, there are many things you can do to reduce the chance that an attack like this happens.”

The incident Bunnell is referring to is the sad and tragic death of 11-year-old Samuel Ives. Samuel was killed by a black bear while camping with his family in American Fork Canyon on June 17.

Are Bears Typically Aggressive?

Bunnell says bears are shy by nature, and they usually try to avoid getting close to people. But they’re also very curious.

“There are two main things that will cause a normally shy black bear to act aggressively towards people,” Bunnell says.

The first, and most common, is when a bear starts to associate the presence of people with the chance to find a quick and easy meal.

“This usually happens when a bear finds food in trash cans, or in and around campsites,” Bunnell says.



“Repeatedly finding food in these areas can habituate the bear to the presence of people. And that can cause it to become aggressive to protect or obtain what it considers to be a source of food.”

The second situation involves a person getting between a mother bear and her cubs. “A mother bear will act aggressively to protect her cubs,” Bunnell says.

How Can I Stay Safe in Bear Country?

Tips that will help keep you safe in black bear country are available in the DWR’s “Living in Black Bear Country” brochure. The free brochure is available at www.wildlife.utah.gov/bear or at any DWR office.

“Bears have a keen sense of smell. Anything that produces a strong odor might be considered a potential source of food by a bear,” Bunnell says. “Reducing the odors that come

from your campsite is the key to staying safe. If you can reduce those odors, you'll greatly reduce the chance that a bear visits."

Campers and cabin owners are encouraged to do the following:

* Don't leave food out. Instead, place food in an airtight container. Then store that container and your cooler in the trunk of your car, in your camping trailer, in a bear proof container (please remember: plastic garbage cans and plastic food storage containers are NOT bear proof), or suspended at least 12 feet high between two trees (so bears can't reach them).

* Keep your campsite clean. Don't scatter garbage, food scraps and fat drippings around your campsite, and don't leave them in your fire pit. Place them in an airtight container. Then place the container in your trailer or the trunk of your car until you can take it home with you.

* After you're finished washing dishes, dig a hole at least 100 yards away from your camp. Pour the gray water from your dish washing into the hole, and then cover the hole.

* Keep the cooking grills and utensils in your camping area clean.

* Separate your cooking area from your tent and sleeping area. And don't sleep in the clothes you cooked in or wore while cleaning fish. Leave those clothes, along with utensils, rags and anything else used in food preparation, cooking, eating and clean up, at your cooking area or sealed inside a vehicle.

Also, don't keep anything in your tent that has a strong smell. These items include personal hygiene items, such as soap, deodorant or perfume.

* Never intentionally feed bears by leaving food out for them.

How Can I Learn Where Bears Have Been Sighted?

The best way to learn about recent bear sightings is to call the U.S. Forest Service office that manages the forest you'll be visiting.

You can also call the nearest DWR regional office. The DWR offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Telephone numbers are as follows:

Ogden office – (801) 476-2740

Springville office – (801) 491-5678

Vernal office – (435) 781-9453

Price office – (435) 636-0260

Cedar City office – (435) 865-6100

How Many Black Bears Live in Utah?

Bunnell says Utah's black bear population numbers between 2,000 to 4,000 bears. "While that may sound like a lot of bears, our bear population is actually small compared to many other states," he says. Bunnell says bears can be found in almost any mountainous area in Utah

SASKATCHEWAN BOASTS WORLD-RECORD RAINBOW TROUT

REGINA: Saskatchewan's status as a premier North American destination for fresh water fishing was reaffirmed by the recent catch of a world record-sized rainbow trout in Lake Diefenbaker, located in the province's southwest.

Caught by Adam Konrad of Saskatoon, the record breaker weighed in at 43.6 pounds, with a length of 38.75 inches and a girth measurement of 34 inches. The previous world record holder, weighing 43 pounds, 2 ounces, was caught in Alaska in 1970.

Adam Konrad and his twin brother Sean have made past news headlines, breaking the provincial rainbow trout record three times last July with catches weighing 28.39 pounds, 30 pounds and 33.3 pounds. By fall, the brothers smashed their own record with a 34.5 pound catch. In the past two fishing seasons, the Konrads have reportedly caught and released back into Lake Diefenbaker more than 200 rainbow trout exceeding 20 pounds and at least a dozen more weighing over 30 pounds.

Recreational anglers spend an estimated \$200 million annually in Saskatchewan. The province is home to 100,000 lakes, boasts an abundance of species and offers some of the most unique fishing environments in Canada.

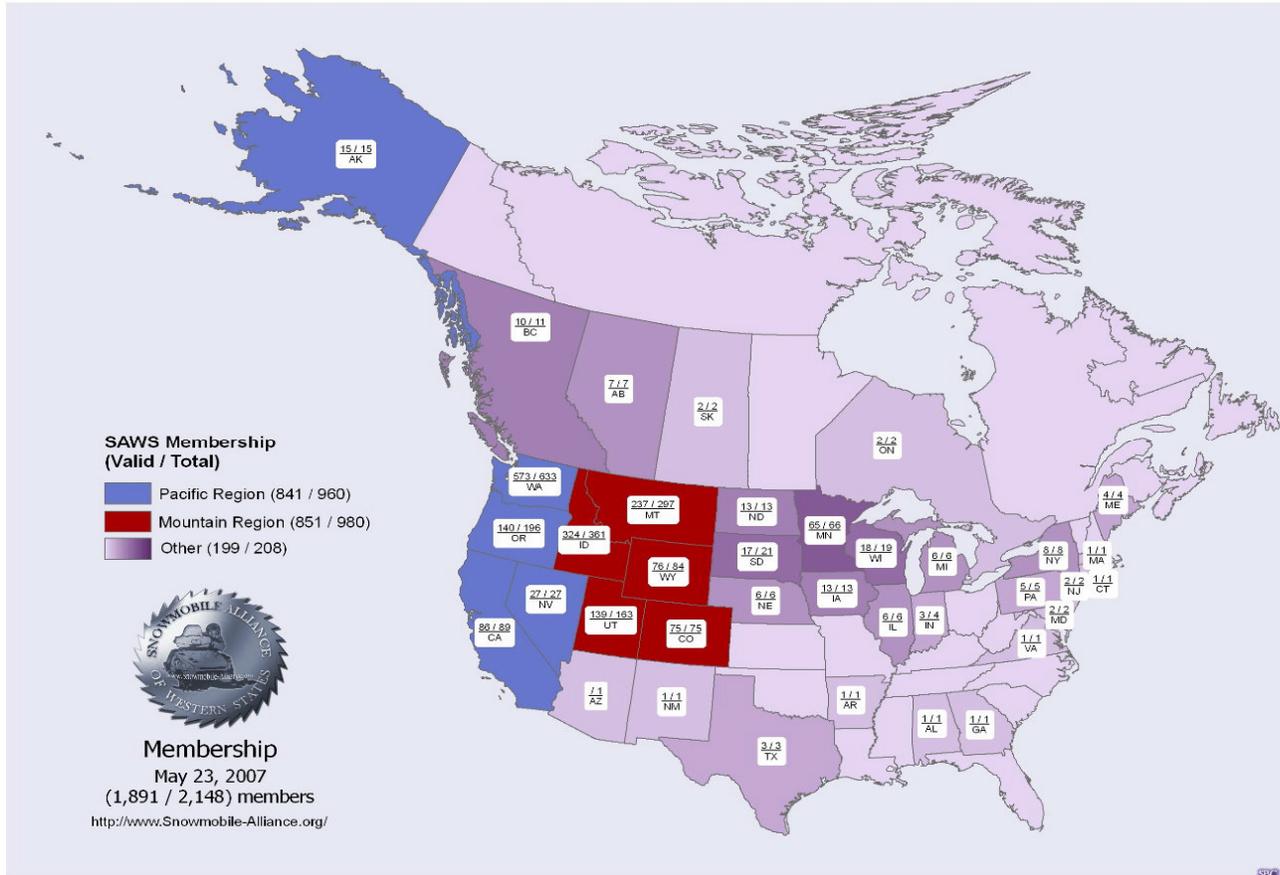
News for the Snowmobiling Community

SAWS members,

As most of you know, the Snowmobile Alliance of Western States is a free email/web site communications based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization set up and dedicated to helping keep our riding areas open. Since our inception nearly three years ago in August 2004, SAWS has grown to more than 2100 members. You can use the following link to view a map of where our current members are located: http://www.snowmobile-alliance.org/07/images/Membership_May2007.jpg

In this relatively short time, six of our SAWS representatives have been able to inform you through about three dozen SAWS Alerts about some of the potential closures to many of your riding areas through our email alert system. Refer to the following link for a list of many of our past alerts: http://www.snowmobile-alliance.org/Action_Alert_Archives.htm. As our recreational riding areas are coming increasingly under attack, we find that we currently do not have enough

volunteers in all of the areas our members recreate in to adequately cover all of the potential closures. This is where you can help. We are looking for additional SAWS members that would be willing to volunteer some of their free time to help us work to keep our members current riding areas open across the western United States.



SAWS does not send our alerts or other snowmobile related information to our members through US mail, as this would involve an enormous expense that we just can not afford. SAWS also does not have regular membership meetings as our members and volunteers are spread out all over the western United States. This is why SAWS relies on email for nearly all of our communications. SAWS is an all volunteer organization. There are no paid positions. All of us that volunteer for SAWS at this time also work full-time jobs to support our families. Our SAWS Reps and other SAWS officers have twice yearly meetings by teleconference to conduct required business and vote on proposals and officers.

How can our members, and/or our member clubs/organizations help SAWS? We currently need more volunteer help, especially in the states of CA, CO, NV, UT and WY, to keep an eye on their local forests and/or to become a SAWS Rep. We are in need of SAWS Reps or SAWS members that are willing to help keep us informed on the numerous negative snowmobile access issues that may come forward and need our attention. We have had SAWS Reps for all of these states in the past, but due to various circumstances, we no longer do. SAWS could also use help in our other western states too. Our vision is to have several SAWS members keeping an eye on

the national forests where they snowmobile in each of our western states. These SAWS members would be referred to as SAWS National Forest Watchdogs.

Below is a list of national forests broken down by state. It is very likely that there are not snowmobile opportunities in all of these forests, but we felt it was best to list all of the national forests from these states and proceed from there. Which forests would you, your club, or your organization be willing to volunteer some time to become more familiar with and stay on top of the potential negative snowmobile access issues? As stated above, multiple volunteer SAWS members for any of these forests would produce the most effective outcome.

How would you stay aware of these issues? One simple method is by reviewing the quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) report and then requesting further information from the Forest Service contact person - whose name is provided in the report for each listed proposed action - about items that may be of concern to snowmobilers. What are SOPA reports? SOPA reports are published in January, April, July, and October. They contain a list of proposed actions that will soon begin, or that are currently undergoing environmental analysis and documentation. They provide information so that you can become aware of and indicate your interest in specific proposals.

Instructions to review a SOPA report:

- 1) To learn more about SOPA and to view SOPA reports go to: <http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa/>
- 2a) Select the state or forest that you wish to review the SOPA report for, or
- 2b) If a state was selected in 2a, then select the forest on the map you wish to review
- 3) Select either html or pdf format for the forest SOPA report you wish to review

Note: the SOPA reports are broken down for each forest by category with nationwide actions first, then regional actions, then forest actions, then ranger district specific actions.

Please reply back to this email with your contact information and indicate in which forest you are willing to be a SAWS National Forest Watchdog. We realize that this plan does not yet cover Bureau of Land Management land and state land, so if you are currently watching these areas for potential issues, by all means reply back and let us know that too. Also reply back if you are willing, or would like more information, on becoming a SAWS rep in your state.

Together with your help we CAN make a difference.

Montana Student Wins NRA Women's Conservation Scholarship

FAIRFAX, Va. -- The National Rifle Association has announced the selection of Jessica Shotzberger of Bozeman, Mont., as the winner of the second annual NRA Women's Wildlife Management/Conservation Scholarship. The scholarship, established by the Women's Policies Committee of NRA, is administered by The NRA Foundation. It is a one-year renewable \$1,000

award that is available to women who are full-time college juniors or seniors majoring in wildlife management and conservation, and who have a minimum 3.0 grade point average.

Asked about her future plans, Jessica said, “I either want to be a game warden for the state of Montana or get my master’s degree in Mammal Biology, I haven’t decided which. I was very excited when I found out I was selected for the scholarship.”

Commenting on the award, Sue King, NRA Board Member and Chairperson of the Women's Policies Committee, said, “Jessica was one of the most impressive candidates for this award I’ve seen, both in terms of her academic achievements and her focus on field activities, which will serve her, and wildlife conservation, well in the future.”

Shotzberger is currently a junior at Montana State University (Bozeman), and is working toward a degree in Fish and Wildlife Management and Range Science. She has an intensive background of practical field experience with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), including working on a wilderness resource crew in the Bob Marshall Wilderness area and on the White River Construction Project. She also worked for the USFS in the Rocky Mountain Ranger District on a trail construction crew where she helped to reroute trails to reduce disturbances on fish populations.



Shotzberger also worked for the USFS on a project to survey goshawks in the Kootenai National Forest, and did a stint as a crew member to obtain a population estimate of grizzly bears living on the eight million acres of land in the Northern Continental Divide ecosystem.

Some of Shotzberger’s other accomplishments include: being named to the President's List and the Dean's List at Montana State University, receiving awards from the Business Professionals of America, receiving four letters and setting records in varsity track and field competitions, winning the Montana State 4-H Community Service Award, being listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, serving as an officer and member of the National Honor Society, and receiving 4-H Project Awards in shooting sports, Montana big game, hunting, snowboarding, public speaking, veterinary medicine, and citizenship. She has also won numerous scholarships from a wide variety of organizations.

Women college students who are interested in applying for the NRA's Women's Wildlife Management/Conservation Scholarship may obtain official application forms, eligibility criteria, supporting materials, and general information by visiting www.nrafoundation.org/Womens_Scholarship_Application.doc, or by phoning Sandy Elkin at (703) 267-1131 or e-mailing her at selkin@nrahq.org.

Persons who are interested in supporting this special scholarship may send contributions to The NRA Foundation, c/o Sandy Elkin, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Contributions to The NRA Foundation, Inc. are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by federal law.

Jessica Shotzberger

Utah Shakespearean Festival Presents a Week of Opening Nights

CEDAR CITY, Utah — Six plays opening in six days! It's unheard of in the theatre world at large, but it's business as usual at the Utah Shakespearean Festival where the 46th season is about to begin. Add the additional glitz of a world premiere, and Cedar City will be bustling with excitement during the last week in June.

Beginning June 25, performances will be Monday through Saturday with matinees at 2 p.m. and evening performances at 8 p.m. Preview performances with tickets available to the public begin June 21. Tickets for all shows are now on sale at the Festival Ticket Office, at www.bard.org, or 800-PLAYTIX.

Opening night, with all its usual gala festivities will take place Monday, June 25 at 8 p.m., and will feature Shakespeare's delightful and imaginative *Twelfth Night*. Preceding the performance will be short on-stage appearances by Festival Founder Fred C. Adams and other government and Festival officials. The evening will also include a pre-show reception for media representatives from across the country. This event will be even larger and more dramatic than usual because members of the American Theatre Critics Association will be in attendance.

"We are delighted that around two dozen members of the American Theatre Critics Association will be here during opening week," said Festival Marketing Director Kami Terry. "They'll be writing reviews for each of their many news outlets. These are well-known people who regularly review professional and non-professional theatre across the country, including Broadway productions. That's the kind of attention the Festival is attracting these days."

"Opening night is such a great time at the Festival," added Amanda Caraway, Festival media and public relations director. "The air is full of excitement as another year begins and the crowds return to Cedar City."

Opening events will continue Tuesday evening, June 26, when the great warrior *Coriolanus* storms the Adams Shakespearean Theatre. On Wednesday evening, Shakespeare's greatest tragedy, the soaring and marvelously poetic *King Lear*, will open. Friday afternoon at 2 p.m., Thornton Wilder's hilarious comedy *The Matchmaker* will open in the Randall L. Jones Theatre.

Ah, then there is Saturday! George Bernard Shaw's poignant examination of husband/wife relationships, *Candida*, will open at 2 p.m. in the Randall L. Jones Theatre. Then, at 8 p.m., the spotlights and red carpet will signal the world premiere of the highly anticipated and wildly funny musical comedy *Lend Me a Tenor: The Musical*.

To help kick off the world premiere, a press conference will be conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. Featured guests will include the award-winning playwright of the original *Lend Me a Tenor*, as well as Peter Sham and Brad Carroll, the playwrights who transformed the play into a rollicking musical, and the director of the play, Roger Bean.

So, dust off your tux and mark your calendar. Rehearsals are in the final stages, the Randall L. Jones Theatre has been beautifully refurbished, and it all adds up to another exciting Festival season!

Tickets for all the 2007 plays are now on sale and may be purchased online at www.bard.org; by telephone at 800-PLAYTIX; by mail at Box Office Utah Shakespearean Festival, 351 West Center Street, Cedar City, Utah 84720; by fax at 435 586-1944; or in person at the Box Office, 300 West and Center Streets in Cedar City.