

Edge of the Cedars presents Four Corners Indian Art Market Demonstrations

Blanding, Utah: Heartbeat, drumbeat, thrum of guitar, ancient notes of the flute, original and unique art, wearable art, home décor, traditional crafts created by gifted and skilled hands, traditional dancing, delectable food; the 2007 Four Corners Indian Art Market offers something for everyone. The Market, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, May 5th and 6th, will be open to the public from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM each day. It is all free and all for you!

New this year is “Traditions,” at the hub or center of the Art Market. The Traditions tent shades and shelters eight artists who will be demonstrating their talents and sharing their knowledge with Art Market visitors. Each artist represents a unique heritage passed along from mother to daughter, father to son. Traditions will offer visitors a chance to observe artists and work and to try a hand at one of the arts!

Anita Hathale (Navajo) is an award-winning textile weaver from Monticello, Utah. As a child growing up in New Mexico, she learned to weave intricately patterned rugs from her mother's instruction. As an adult, she loves to teach weaving to the next generation. She has been an instructor at the College of Eastern Utah, at Edge of the Cedars Museum,



and she also provides private weaving classes. On Art Market weekend, Anita will be working on one of her weaving projects. A student loom will be available for visitors who want to try weaving a row or two!

Shirley Clarke (Navajo) is an educator at the College of Eastern Utah, San Juan Campus. Her New Mexico childhood included shepherding and boarding school. She will be demonstrating the wool preparation activities of carding fibers and spinning wool. There will be wool and combs available for folks who want to give it a try!

Adeline Eyetoo (Ute Mountain Ute, White Mesa) is an elder gifted in many talents. In addition to her basketry skills and cradleboard making, Adeline is a well-known beader, using tiny glass

beads to create rainbow designs on cloth and leather. Adeline often travels to events around the state as a demonstrator. Adeline will be demonstrating her beading skills throughout the Art Market weekend.

Amanda May (Ute Mountain Ute, White Mesa) is one of very few young women who maintain the ancient tradition of Ute basket weaving. Amanda, who has been weaving her entire life, learned basket weaving as a young girl working with her mother and grandmother. One of her first baskets was a water jug. Now, she is teaching her young daughter to weave. Amanda teaches and demonstrates basket weaving at Edge of the Cedars Museum. At the Art Market, Amanda will be working on a traditional Ute basket.

Gregory Holiday (Navajo/Paiute) is a potter with a mission. Gregory combines his academic training in ceramics and his fascination with ancient Pueblo construction and design to create contemporary vessels and effigies. Gregory will be demonstrating his pottery techniques at the Art Market.

Elfreda Holmes (Second Mesa, Hopi) enjoys showing visitors the way in which piki bread is made. Piki bread is the wafer-thin roll of crispy blue corn meal made on a special polished stone. It is a delicacy enjoyed by the Hopi at feasts and ceremonies. Art Market visitors will have the opportunity to watch Elfreda making the piki and taste the bread for themselves! Elfreda has demonstrated piki making at events around the Southwest, including most recently, at the Heard Museum Indian Market.

Dora Sakeva (Second Mesa, Hopi) will be coming all the way from her village to show visitors her method of crafting yucca sifter baskets and wicker plaques. Dora uses prepared yucca leaves to make traditional baskets used in preparing cornmeal, using the same techniques as her ancestors did one thousand years ago. Dora also uses willow to weave her plaques used for holding piki.

You won't want to miss this year's Art Market, Silent Auction, Art Competition, Art Vendors, and full slate of entertainment, both traditional and contemporary. Come early and plan to stay all day. It's all free and all for you. Come Celebrate Tradition with us!

The Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum is located at 660 West 400 North, Blanding, Utah. For more information about this or any other fine events, please call 435-678-2238.

American Hiking Society Announces 15th Annual National Trails Day

Get Outside and Experience the Benefits of Trails

Silver Spring, MD –On Saturday, June 2, American Hiking Society celebrates its 15th annual National Trails Day®, the largest annual single-day trails and outdoor celebration in the country. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to get outside and attend more than 1,000 events taking place nationwide.

American Hiking Society urges everyone to get on the trail and make everyday National Trails

Day because of the many benefits trails provide to individuals, communities, and the environment.

Individual benefits:
National Trails Day promotes the health benefits of trail use, especially hiking. Hiking gets your heart



pumping, lungs expanding, and muscles working. It helps relieve stress and contributes to weight loss, controlling high blood pressure, and preventing serious ailments such as heart disease and diabetes.

Community benefits: National Trails Day fosters community- building. It brings together people from all ages and backgrounds, including toddlers just learning how to walk, Girl Scouts earning a badge for their participation, and seasoned hikers who have logged many miles. It's a time to get outside and get to know your neighbors. It also provides local governments and trail clubs with much-needed volunteer sweat equity hours to restore and maintain trails. Last year volunteers spent more than 135,000 hours establishing, maintaining and cleaning-up nearly 1,700 miles of trail—labor worth an estimated \$2.5 million.

Environmental benefits: National Trails Day raises public awareness about the many environmental benefits of trails. Trails serve as conservation corridors, help protect plants and wildlife, and serve as outdoor classrooms for nature study and environmental education. Connecting with nature on a trail instills conservation values and inspires the public to take action to protect our natural heritage.



“Celebrating National Trails Day is an excellent way to promote healthy lifestyles and connect with nature,” said Gregory Miller, President of American Hiking Society. “Trails are life-enriching places, and hiking is the best nature-based recreational activity for a lifetime of health and fitness.”

National Trails Day events take place in local, state, and national parks, forests and other public lands from coast to coast. Activities include hiking, biking, horseback riding, paddling, trail dedications, park clean-ups, trail work projects, and much more. To find a National Trails Day event near you, visit <http://AmericanHiking.org>

Salem Pond Fishing Derby To "Hook" Hundreds Of Participants On Joys Of Fishing

What: Annual Fishing Derby for 800-900 disabled children.

Who: Participants from all over Utah County with mental and physical needs.

Sponsors include: Sportsman For Fish & Wildlife, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, United States Forest Service, Albertson's, Salem City, Sportsman's Warehouse, Utah Jazz, MVP Sports, and others.

Where: Salem Pond (Salem is located between the towns of Spanish Fork and Payson)

Directions: From I-15, take Spanish Fork exit (exit found immediately south of "Price/Manti" hwy 6 eastbound exit). You will turn left (south) onto Sp.



Fork Main Street and will be driving southward on Main until you pass through Sp. Fork. Continue on this road southward until you come to the town of Salem. This road (main street) will begin to curve toward the west (toward Payson). About a mile or so after the road curves westward, you will actually drive over a portion of Salem Pond. Take your first left and drive south to the 2nd stop sign. Take another left and drive eastward. You will see the pond, park and festivities (law enforcement will help you find a place to park).

When: Tuesday, May 8th from 9:00 a.m. until about 1:00 p.m. (Jazz Bear will make appearance at about 11:00 a.m. until noon (great photo opps!). Lunch is graciously being provided to all people at the event by Albertsons.

Why: To introduce many disabled children to the joys of fishing! Children that have done this in

the past look forward earnestly all year long for this annual event. Others have never caught a fish and this event Volunteers from many organizations will be on hand to help children catch fish.

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

May 4 - 5 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins

Desert Reptile Awareness: Are you aware that southern Utah has the greatest number of reptiles in the state because of its diverse plant communities? Meet live resident reptiles and learn about their unique adaptations Friday beginning at 6:30 p.m., with a lecture and presentation given by Wildlife Biologist Ann McLuckie. On Saturday, join park staff at 9 a.m., for a hike in desert tortoise habitat and look for signs of reptiles. Perhaps you can spot the elusive desert tortoise! Space is limited. Separate registration for each program is required. To register or for more information, please call (435) 628-2255.

May 4 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

Discover Goblin Valley: Join the park naturalist for an evening walk through the goblins. Find out how the goblins came to be and who lurks around in the night! Meet at 8 p.m., at the Observation Point above the Valley of the Goblins. The program lasts one hour. Don't forget your flashlight! For more information, please call (435) 564-3633.

May 5 Goblin Valley State Park - Green River

Junior Ranger Program - Incredible Insects: Meet the mini-beasts of Goblin Valley. This program is geared toward children six through 12, but everyone is welcome. Earn a Junior Ranger badge and have fun! Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Observation Point above the Valley of the Goblins. For more information, please call (435) 564-3633.

May 5 Antelope Island State Park-Syracuse

Antelope Island State Park hosts the Buffalo Stampede Bike Race sponsored by Ogden One Cycling Club. This event begins at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Visitors can expect minor delays and a one-way travel route during this event time on the northern two thousand acres of the park. Participants may register and find more information by contacting Ogden One Cycling Club at www.ogdenone.com.

May 5 - 6 Edge of the Cedars State Park

Four Corners Indian Art Market: Celebrate the diversity of native cultures of the Four Corners area. The market is an opportunity to buy directly from the artists of high-quality, hand-made, native art. Visitors can expect to taste traditional foods, watch traditional dancers perform age-old ceremonial and social dances, and hear both contemporary and traditional music.

Demonstrations in basket weaving, pottery-making, rug weaving, beadwork, silver work, are presented throughout the weekend. Events are daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is free to the public. For more information, please call (435) 678-2238.

May 9 Iron Mission State Park Museum - Cedar City

50th Anniversary Program - Humans and Nature in Balance: Exploring the Interface of Urban Sprawl and Natural Parks. Join Snow Canyon State Park Manager Kristen Comella at 7 p.m. for

this presentation. This event is open and free to the public. For more information, please call (435) 586-9290.

May 11 Otter Creek State Park - Antimony

Grand opening for new group use area and pavilion and 50th birthday celebration for Utah State Parks. Join park staff for a dedication ceremony at noon, followed by lunch. For more information, please call (435) 624-3268.

May 11 - 13 Fremont Indian State Park and Museum - Sevier

Annual Mountain Man Rendezvous: All weekend long, visit the encampment to participate in primitive/historic skills, play mountain man games, and purchase period items. Join flint knappers from around the state to learn how to chip arrowheads and other creations. On Saturday, May 12 enjoy watching the annual atlatl competition. This activity is open to the public. For more information, please call (435) 527-4631.

May 19 Millsite State Park - Huntington

Millime State Park Two-Man Scramble Trout Fishing tournament. Two-man teams can compete for the biggest fish. Winning teams take home \$500 in prize money. Pre-registration begins Tuesday, May 2 by calling (435) 687-2491.

Third Annual 'Nevada Passage' Made-for-TV Adventure Competition Begins Tuesday



LAS VEGAS -- — Tuesday marks the start of a 1,000-mile adventure across rural Nevada for 20 athletes participating in the third annual Nevada Passage, a made-for-TV competition designed to showcase the state's rugged outdoors and unique character, Lt. Gov. Brian K. Krolicki announced today.

Athletes from hometowns as far-reaching as Washington, D.C., Fairfax, Va., Birmingham, Ala., Brighton, Mich., and Reno, will spend six days

together as they compete in a series of outdoor adventure sports for the third episode of "The Nevada Passage" adventure reality show. Events range from traditional sports like trail running and mountain biking to lesser-known competitions like back country skiing, Atlatl dart throwing and sand buggy racing. A new twist for the 2007 Nevada Passage will take the competitors on two "excursions" to see Nevada's sometimes well-documented and sometimes hidden history and culture.

"The Nevada Passage has been a distinct and unique way to showcase the beauty, possibility and wide open spaces that are offered throughout Nevada and 2007 will be no different," Krolicki, NCOT chair, said. "The rural communities of our state offer adventure and excitement that rival the thrills found in Las Vegas and Reno."

The Nevada Passage, created by the Nevada Commission on Tourism as a dynamic and entertaining way to brand the state a premier outdoor adventure destination, will air in syndication in more than 80 markets from August 2007 to February 2008, along with regional and resort cable networks. The hour-long show will reach more than 2 million television viewers across the United States and already is confirmed in 50 markets, including San Francisco, Minneapolis, Denver, Cincinnati, Sacramento, Indianapolis, West Palm Beach, and San Antonio. The show will air primarily daytimes during weekends, when sports program viewership is typically at its highest.

“This event is more than a television show or an adventure competition,” Commission Director Tim Maland said. “This is an ode to Nevada’s great outdoors and colorful history; an opportunity for millions of people to see the unlimited experiences that await them in the Silver State.”

The program will take viewers from panoramic desert landscapes to snow capped mountains, as well as distinctive Nevada landmarks. This episode of “The Nevada Passage” will visit the Valley of Fire State Park, known for its spectacular colors and vivid scenery; Amargosa, home to one of Mother Nature’s most unusual wonders, the Amargosa Dunes; Rhyolite, one of the West’s most famous ghost towns; Tonopah, a historic silver mining town that has been proclaimed as the best place in the country to stargaze; Mt. Rose, one of the Sierra’s most popular ski resorts overlooking Reno and Lake Tahoe; and the state capital, Carson City, rich in history and tradition.

By selecting a diverse slate of male and female athletes that includes a 63-year-old real estate consultant, a 29-year-old commercial airline captain, a 45-year-old physical therapist, two adventure sports journalists and many others, commission officials hope to demonstrate that Nevada’s adventures can be experienced by people from all walks of life.

The following 50 stations are confirmed to air “The Nevada Passage” television program. Dates, times and more stations will continue to be added to the online schedule at www.nevadapassage.com. The full program schedule will be announced in August.

Albuquerque, N.M. – KOAT (ABC)	Indianapolis, Ind. – WISH (CBS)
Amarillo, Texas – KAMR (NBC)	Jackson, Fla. – WTLV (NBC) or WJXX (ABC)
Anchorage, Alaska – KTVA (CBS)	Lafayette, Ind. – WLFI (CBS)
Baton Rouge, La. – WAFB (CBS)	Las Vegas, Nev. – KLAS (CBS)
Bluefield, W.Va. – WVVA (NBC)	Louisville, Ky. – WHAS (ABC)
Cedar Rapids, Iowa – KCRG (ABC)	Medford, Ore. – KDRV (ABC)
Charleston/Huntington, W.Va. – WSAZDT (MY)	Minneapolis, Minn. – KSTP (ABC)
Charleston/Huntington, W.Va. – WSAZ (NBC)	Monterey/Salinas, CA – KION (CBS) or KCBA (FOX)

Chico/Redding, Calif. – KRCR (ABC)	Omaha, Neb. – KETV (ABC)
Cincinnati, Ohio – WKRC (CBS) or CINCW (CW)	Palm Springs, Calif. – KESQ (ABC)
Clarksburg, W.Va. – WFFX (FOX)	Portland, Maine – WMTW (ABC)
Colorado Springs, Colo. – KRDO (ABC)	Rapid City, S.D. – KEVN (FOX)
Dayton, Ohio – WHIO (CBS) or MVC (IND)	Reno, Nev. – KOLO (ABC)
Denver, Colo. – KMGH (ABC)	Roanoke, Va. – WDRL (IND)
Duluth, Minn. – KBJR (NBC) or KDLH (CBS)	Rochester, Minn. – KTTC (NBC)
Erie, Pa. – WICU (NBC)	Sacramento, Calif. – KXTV (ABC)
Eugene, Ore. – KEZI (ABC)	San Antonio, Texas – WOAI (NBC)
Eureka, Calif. – KAEF (ABC)	San Francisco, Calif. – KGO (ABC)
Fairbanks, Alaska – KTVF (NBC)	South Bend, Ind. – WBND (ABC)
Flint, Mich., – WNEM (CBS)	Tallahassee, Fla. – WTLH (FOX)
Ft. Wayne, Ind. – WFFT (FOX)	Traverse City, Mich. – WGTU (ABC)
Grand Junction, Colo. – KJCT (ABC)	Tri Cities, Tenn./Va. – WCYB (NBC)
Great Falls, Mont. – KFBB (ABC)	Tulsa, Okla. – KOKI (FOX)
Greensboro, N.C. – WGSR (IND)	Tyler, Texas – KLPN (UPN) or KFXK (FOX)
Helena, Mont. – KHBB (ABC)	West Palm Beach, Fla. – WPEC (CBS)

The first two episodes of “The Nevada Passage,” which were filmed in 2005 and 2006, are available to Internet users around the globe at www.nevadapassage.com. The 2007 episode is expected to be available online after syndication closes in February 2008.

SAWS ACTION ALERT:

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Little Snake Resource Management Plan – Northwest Colorado

Comment Deadline: May 16, 2007

Comments should be sent to:

Jeremy Casterson
Bureau of Land Management
Little Snake Field Office
455 Emerson Street
Craig CO 81625

Email: colsrmp@blm.gov

Website: <http://www.co.blm.gov/lspa/rmp/index.htm>

SAWS Members,

Most of the information in this SAWS Alert was provided by the Northwest Colorado Snowmobile Club (NOWECOS). We thank them for sending this information our way so that we are able to share it with our SAWS members across the United States and Canada. NOWECOS did a great job in putting this information together.

SAWS and NOWECOS request that you support the Travel Management portion of Alternative A (no action). In order to assure continued snowmobiling in Moffat County and NW Routt County in its present form, your written comments must state your preference for the Travel Management portion of Alternative A.

Alternative C (the Preferred Alternative) **would close 839,940 acres to Over Snow Vehicles (OSV)**; nearly all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed land in this Little Snake Resource Management Plan, and would severely restrict Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) in Moffat County and NW Routt County. Alternative D is even worse and would close 861,030 acres to OSV. Alternatives C and D are completely unacceptable!

Some suggested comments include the following:

- Make sure that you personalize your comment letter with information about you and your family and what forms of recreation you enjoy.
- If you have recreated in this area of Colorado before, be sure and provide detailed information about the areas you enjoy and why they are special to you.
- Tell the BLM that you endorse the Travel Management portion of Alternative A, as continued, unaltered use of public lands has always been and remains important to you. The Travel Management portion of Alternative A will leave most of these “public lands” open for public use.

- Remind the BLM that OSV's do not damage the land, and should not be treated the same as OHV's, which in many places are restricted to roads and trails for a reason.
- Tell the BLM that there should be no restrictions on winter access routes to/within the Bears Ears District of Routt National Forest.
- There is very little and confusing analysis stating effects of OSV's on BLM land and its resources. Therefore, closure(s) should not be as extensive as presented in Travel Management Alternatives B – D.
- There is no socio-economic analysis of OSV's.
- In the final document for winter Travel Management state that you would like to see wording that guarantees documented roads are not included in any BLM closure. Such wording would alleviate confusion for winter recreation participants.

Dave Hurwitz

Snowmobile Alliance of Western States

Protecting the right to ride for the owners of 303,604 registered snowmobiles (2005) in the western United States.

More snowmobilers die in avalanches than skiers this season

By Michael Pearlman

April 25, 2007

For the first time since record keeping began in 1950, the number of snowmobilers killed in avalanches last winter in North America exceeded the number of skier and snowboarder slide deaths.

According to statistics provided by the Westside Avalanche Network, there have been 26 avalanche fatalities recorded in the United States and Canada during the 2006-07 winter season. Thirteen of those killed were snowmobilers, 11 were skiers and the others included a climber and snowshoer. During the 2005-06 winter, 12 out of 32 total fatalities were snowmobilers and there were only nine snowmobile deaths during the 2004-05 winter.

Bridger-Teton National Forest Avalanche Center forecaster Bob Comey pointed to a number of factors that contributed to the rising percentage of snowmobiler deaths. Larger, more powerful machines are able to access more difficult terrain, Comey said. At the same time, a rise in rider numbers is generally accompanied by an increase in riders who lack avalanche survival knowledge.

"The terrain around the greater Yellowstone area is great for riding and people are going for it," Comey said. "Some are educated and prepared and some aren't."

The thin snow conditions prevalent throughout the region this winter were a recipe for an unstable snowpack. The first snowmobile avalanche death of the season in North America

occurred on Dec. 16, 2006, on Stewart Peak in the Salt River Range south of Jackson. Two snowmobilers were high marking, or driving their machines up the slope to see how high they could go, when they triggered and were buried by a hard-slab avalanche. A nearby party was able to locate and dig out one of the men, who was buried 6 feet deep, but it took an hour to locate the other. Neither rider was equipped with avalanche rescue gear.

A snowstorm in mid-February after an extended dry spell was followed by strong winds that contributed to a cluster of five snowmobile avalanche fatalities in a single day on Feb. 17. One of these occurred on Palisades Peak in the Snake River Range in Idaho, while two other riders died in an avalanche in the Big Belt Mountains of Montana. The Palisades accident involved four riders, three of whom were caught in the slide. The victim was buried under 8 feet of snow, while two others were partially buried and had to be extricated by the fourth member of the party. None of the riders involved in the Montana or Idaho incidents was equipped with an avalanche transceivers or probe pole.

Avalanche educator and forecaster Jill Fredston, who co-authored the book *Snow Sense*, cautioned that statistical spikes can be misleading and pointed out that a year after Alaska recorded 13 snowmobile avalanche deaths, none were recorded the following year. Fredston said that the majority of avalanches triggered by snowmobile riders occur when riders are high marking.

"This is a classic year the West has had, because a lack of snow breeds anxious backcountry travelers," Fredston said. "The machines getting more powerful is really the essence of the issue. I think we have a long ways to go with the snowmobiling education, and there's ways to build it into the industry, but the education is happening."

Fredston said that while she has dug the bodies of first-time riders out of avalanches, she dislikes the stereotype that snowmobilers are willfully reckless backcountry travelers.

"I ignore the distinction between different user groups," she said. "Twenty-five years ago we were training guides and climbers, and they caught up. Then it was backcountry skiers, while this is the new wave we're trying to get caught up."

Comey noted that the season for destination snowmobilers is relatively short and peaks from mid-February to mid-March. A storm system creating instability right before a busy weekend during which novice riders flood into the mountains on powerful sleds can create a recipe for disaster.

"Some riders are unbelievable and really prepared, but in our two fatalities the signs were there and they weren't prepared," Comey said.

Phone calls and visits to the avalanche center's Web site increased to 530,000 hits this season, up nearly 30,000 from last year. Half of the visitors to the avalanche center's Web site this season are accessing forecasts for the Greys River and Togwotee Areas, Comey noted. Those regions are primarily visited by snowmobilers.

Fredston has written a brochure on avalanche safety that includes a section of safety tips directed to snowmobilers who practice high marking. One of the most important rules is to have only one rider on a slope at a time. A number of incidents have occurred when a second rider ascended a slope to assist a partner stuck on a slope. A convex bowl can contribute to danger, piling all the snow from a slide into one area.

"A lot of accidents are happening because people don't know how to read the terrain - they're going right into trigger spots from the bottom of the slope," Fredston said. "I've dug snowmobilers out of 34 feet of snow and burials 15 to 20 feet deep aren't uncommon."

Riding in smaller groups, turning toward the edge of a slope when high marking and riding with helmets fully strapped on can all help increase survival odds if a rider is caught, Fredston said. Riders need to wear transceivers instead of keeping them on their machines.

"The basic message is if you travel in avalanche country you have to make decisions on the mountain's terms," Fredston said. "You have to make the evaluation based on the terrain, snowpack and what the weather is doing."

Spotted Frogs Placed in High Mountain Wetlands to keep frogs off Endangered Species list

Wildlife biologists in northern Utah started transplanting Columbia spotted frogs to wetlands in the Uinta Mountains recently.

These northern Utah transplant efforts involve "hatching" frogs from eggs in containers at the Division of Wildlife Resources' Northern Region office in Ogden. After they're hatched, biologists move the young frogs to pristine, high mountain wetlands in the Uintas.



The next frog transplant should happen in mid-May.

Keeping Frogs Off the Endangered Species List

Columbia spotted frogs are only two inches in length, but they play a big role in Utah's wildlife conservation efforts. The presence of frogs is one indicator of a healthy environment.

The decline of these small frogs and other amphibians in Utah has led the DWR and other conservation agencies to take action to restore and expand spotted frog populations.

Paul Thompson, a regional sensitive aquatic species biologist with the DWR, says the transplant which happened April 27 is the culmination of years of planning and effort. "The purpose of this project is to strengthen the population of frogs, to keep them from being listed as an endangered species," Thompson said.

Spotted Frogs in Utah

The Columbia spotted frog ranges from southeast Alaska through Alberta, Canada, and into Washington, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. They're also found in scattered areas in Nevada and Utah.

In Utah, isolated Columbia spotted frog populations are found in the West Desert and along the Wasatch Front. Unfortunately, habitat degradation and habitat loss have caused many of these populations to decline, especially the populations along the Wasatch Front.

Because of the decline, Columbia spotted frogs are now included as a conservation species on Utah's Sensitive Species list. Several government agencies have joined together to eliminate or reduce the threats to the frogs. For more information, call the DWR's Northern Region office at (801) 476-2740.

Share Your Fishing Ideas with the DWR no later than June 1

Even though Utah's 2008 fishing regulations won't be decided until this fall, Division of Wildlife Resources biologists already have some ideas they'd like to share with the public.

And the biologists are also anxious to hear ideas from anglers and others across the state.

"If you have an idea for a fishing regulation change in 2008, please share it with us," says Roger Wilson, cold water fisheries coordinator for the DWR.

"We need to hear from you no later than June 1. Summer is the time when we put our fishing recommendations together. We need your ideas by June 1 so we can consider them as we're putting the recommendations together."

All of the changes the biologists are considering for 2008 are available at www.wildlife.utah.gov/public_meetings/next.php.

“These potential changes are only proposals at this time,” Wilson says. “We’re very open to what anglers think about our ideas. We’re hoping they’ll let us know.”

How to Share Your Ideas

In addition to the DWR’s Web site, you can learn more about the biologists’ ideas, and share your ideas with them, at any of the following Regional Advisory Council meetings:

Southern Region

May 15

7 p.m.

Beaver High School

195 E. Center St.

Beaver

Southeastern Region

May 16

6:30 p.m.

John Wesley Powell Museum

885 E. Main St.

Green River

Northeastern Region

May 17

6:30 p.m.

Western Park, Rm. #2

302 E. 200 S.

Vernal



Central Region

May 22

6:30 p.m.

Springville Junior High School

165 S. 700 E.

Springville

Northern Region

May 23

6 p.m.

Brigham City Community Center

24 N. 300 W.

Brigham City

If you can’t attend one of the meetings, please send your ideas to one of the following addresses no later than June 1:

- e-mail your ideas to DWRComment@utah.gov

- mail your ideas to:

Sport Fisheries Coordinator
Division of Wildlife Resources
Box 146301
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6301

Bass Fishing

DWR biologists aren't proposing any major bass fishing changes for 2008, but they'd like to start a discussion with the public about smallmouth and largemouth bass regulations in Utah.

"Right now there are six or seven different bass regulations across the state," Wilson says. "We'd like to reduce the number of regulations. That would make it easier for anglers to know what the regulations are."

Wilson stressed that the DWR is not proposing any statewide bass regulation changes for 2008. "We just want to get a discussion going so we can learn more about how people feel about the bass regulations," he says.

Among the changes DWR biologists are considering for 2008 are the following:

- allowing anglers to keep yellow perch at Yuba Reservoir in north-central Utah. The DWR is proposing a daily bag and possession limit of 10 perch. Between Jan. 1 and April 30, anglers would be required to keep all the perch they caught, up to their 10-perch limit. They would also be allowed to use dead yellow perch for bait at Yuba.



- lowering the trout limit at Woodruff Reservoir in northern Utah to two trout, and allowing anglers to use artificial flies and lures only. "This change would create a trophy fishing

water in northern Utah and would also protect the cutthroat trout in the reservoir. We don't stock

cutthroats in the reservoir, and we want to make sure we keep plenty of cutthroats in the reservoir for anglers to catch,” Wilson says.

- increasing the bass limit at Sand Hollow Reservoir in southwestern Utah to six bass. Only one of those bass could be over 12 inches. “The bass in the reservoir are doing really well. In fact, there are so many bass in the reservoir that they’re starting to compete with each other for food,” Wilson says. “We’ve noticed that the bass aren’t growing as fast as they used to. This change would allow anglers to take more of the smaller bass home. That would help the fishery by removing some of the smaller bass. The new limit would also protect the larger bass.”

TOP TEN UTAH TEENAGERS COMPETE IN STATEWIDE AUTO REPAIR CHAMPIONSHIP

High School Teams Vie for State Title, Millions in Scholarships

WHEN: *Wednesday*, May 2, 2007
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHAT: The annual AAA/Ford Student Auto Skills Contest is a race between ten, two-person teams to correctly diagnose and repair deliberately “bugged” Ford vehicles and then race them across the finish line. This year, students are competing for more than \$6 million nationwide in scholarship dollars and prizes. This contest will decide Utah’s top automotive technology team. Winning teams from each state will earn scholarships and prizes and advance to the national finals at the Ford’s headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan.

WHO: Twenty (10 teams of two) of Utah’s best teenage automotive technology students will compete for the Utah title. The winning team and instructor will then go on to compete in the national contest on June 26.

WHERE: Larry Miller Campus of Salt Lake Community College
9750 South 300 West
Sandy, Utah

WHY: The need for automobile technicians is growing. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the auto industry will need 27 percent more new technicians every year through 2014. Engineering advancements have led to an increasing reliance on computers and electronic components that make cars operate effectively. Today’s auto technicians must be well educated and continue training to stay on the cutting edge of advances in computer and electronic technology. Starting salaries for auto technicians reflects this level of expertise. The Ford/AAA Auto Skills Contest is one way the industry encourages students to consider a career as an auto technician.

News from Red Butte Garden

Plant Sale

Spring is finally here! If you have waited all winter to start your own garden then be sure to visit Red Butte Garden's Annual Benefit Plant sale this weekend. Come shop for the latest varieties of herbs, specialty annuals, vegetables, unusual sun and shade perennials, ornamental grasses, and native and drought tolerant plants.

May 4 (Members Only) 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

May 5 (Open to the Public) 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Red Butte Garden Concert Release

This season's concert brochures have gone out and the concert series is on its way! Here is the full concert season with details on ordering for members and non members alike.

Sunday, June 10	<u>DEREK TRUCKS & SUSAN TEDESCHI</u> Soul Stew Revival - with special guest Scrapomatic
Tuesday, June 19	<u>INDIGO GIRLS</u>
Wednesday, June 20	<u>CHICK COREA & Béla FLECK</u>
Sunday, July 8	<u>RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER</u>
Friday, July 13	<u>THE NEVILLE BROTHERS</u> with special guest Sonny Landreth
Tuesday, July 17	<u>CHRIS ISAAK</u>
Sunday, July 22	<u>MAVIS STAPLES & BETTYE LAVETTE</u>
Sunday, August 5	<u>SIERRA LEONE'S REFUGEE ALL STARS</u>
Sunday, August 12	<u>KEB' MO' & ROBERT CRAY</u>
Sunday, August 19	<u>BRUCE HORNSBY</u>
Sunday, August 26	<u>SON VOLT</u> with special guest Alejandro Escovedo

For details of ordering concert tickets please [click here](#).

* Due to a recent injury Mary Chapin Carpenter has canceled her entire summer tour, including the scheduled Red Butte Garden performance on June 3. [click here](#) for more details. If you have purchased tickets you will be contacted by a Red Butte Garden staff member. Patrons can choose to receive a refund or select other concerts.

Our phones have been ringing off the hook all month so make sure to get your tickets ASAP!

Red Butte Garden's 2006 concert series started a new tradition at the Garden. Our concert goers were able to recycle their cans, bottles and plastics that were left over from the concert picnics. Because of the great success of last years recycling efforts this year we will have recycling bins at every concert for the entire concert season! For more information on our recycling efforts as well as our organic practices throughout the Garden visit our Go Green table during [Springfest 2007](#) Saturday, May 19th!

- [Spring Postcard 2007](#)
- [Spring Newsletter 2007](#)
- [Spring 2007 Calendar - Adult Classes](#)
- [Kids Camps Postcard 2007](#)
- [Spring 2007 Calendar - Kids Classes](#)
- [Bloom Map](#)

FISHING REPORT FOR SOUTHEASTERN UTAH

ABAJO MOUNTAINS Sergeant J. Shirley reports that San Juan County waters offer good fishing. Foy and Monticello lakes have been “hot” for recently planted rainbow trout. A few tiger trout are also being caught at Foy. Blanding 3 and 4 reservoirs continue to produce good fishing success with some bigger fish being caught at Blanding #4. Pike and bass fishing have been good at Recapture Reservoir. For pike, try a ¼ oz. white or pink jighead hooked to a 3-4 inch chartreuse or pumpkin-colored curlytail grub. Another good rig is a 6-inch pumpkin-colored, rubber worm rigged weedless. Boaters who want to troll should try a medium-diving Berkley Frenzy in a crawdad color. Bullheads can be caught on the bottom with a worm.

BENCHES POND The ice is off. Worms or other bait is recommended.

BOULGERS RESERVOIR The ice is mostly off. Try nightcrawlers.

CLEVELAND RESERVOIR The remaining ice floats around the reservoir, driven by the wind. Last week, Aquatics Biologist Justin Hart caught an 18-inch rainbow with a spinner. Dedicated Hunter Mike Mills said fishing was excellent over the weekend. He recommends worms or green PowerBait.

ELECTRIC LAKE The ice is off. Dedicated Hunter Mike Mills reported good fishing with worms and salmon eggs. Green or rainbow PowerBait is also effective. Cutthroat trout are staging for the spawn, but please avoid fishing in moving water. Tributaries are closed to protect spawning trout. Todd Munford recommends red wooly buggers for fly fishermen and nightcrawlers tipped with a salmon egg for baitcasters.

FAIRVIEW LAKES Ice-off is imminent. No report on fishing success.

GOOSEBERRY RESERVOIR The U.S. Forest Service gate remains locked.

HUNTINGTON CREEK Dedicated Hunter Mike Mills described fishing as excellent. Fly fishermen should try an elk hair caddis, blue wing nymph or pheasant tail. Baitcasters should bring along worms. Spincasters should pack a Panther Martin.

HUNTINGTON NORTH STATE PARK State Park Manager Dan Richards says that water levels will probably remain low even after dam construction is completed, due to low run-off. Fishing has been fair.

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

The ice continues to recede from the shoreline. Bank fishing has been good for tiger trout using salmon eggs and worms. Closed to the possession of cutthroat trout. As of June 7, using motorboats with 10 horsepower or more will be prohibited.

JOES VALLEY RESERVOIR Steve Regrutto fished last Friday. Using chub meat, he fished small coves on the west side and caught numerous small splake under the slot limit. Aquatics Biologist Justin Hart will begin to focus his recreational at on Joes Valley. In early May last year, he hooked an 11-lb. splake. He hopes to do at least as well this year. 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.

LASAL MOUNTAINS Aquatics Biologist Darek Elverud fished Kens Lake on Saturday evening and caught some small to medium-sized bass and sunfish with streamer patterns on a fly rod. Color didn't seem to matter, but a slow retrieve helped. Hidden and Dons lakes are accessible. The rest of the mountain remains inaccessible. Conservation Officer Casey McVay reports that the gates to Oowah and Warner will remain locked until the Memorial Day weekend.

LOWER FISH CREEK Try nymphs for 8-12 inch brown trout. The road from Highway 6 to lower Fish Creek is expected to be muddy and inaccessible for at least two weeks.

MILLSITE RESERVOIR Park Manager Dan Richards reports that fishing has been good at Millsite. Trolling with spoons or casting PowerBait from shore has been productive. The state park will host a fishing tournament on May 19th. Interested persons should call the park at 435-687-2491 for details.

SCOFIELD RESERVOIR

Dan Richards reports that Scofield State Park will host a fishing tournament on May 12th. Early registration will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2nd. There will be 49 slots available and the cost will be \$15 per entry. For more information on the tournament, call: 435-687-2491.

Tom Ogden fished from a tube on Sunday and had much better luck than a week earlier. He said that bank fishermen didn't seem to be as successful however. Tom caught most of his fish in 3-7 feet of water. Trout were feeding on minnows and were very susceptible to wooly buggers with a little flash on size 8 hooks. About half of Tom's fish were tiger trout that ranged from 14-17 inches.

Aquatics Biologist Justin Hart did well last week with a ¼ oz. Panther Martin. He caught three 11-15 inch rainbows and one 18-inch tiger trout.

Following a creel survey, Dedicated Hunter Mike Mills recommends chartreuse PowerBait or worms for baitcasters and white Rooster tails or silver Jakes Spin-a-Lures for spincasters. Fly fishermen should try wooly buggers or any other pattern that imitates a minnow.

Su Jones, wife of Park Ranger Jerry Jones, fished last Thursday and caught 4 fat tiger trout, ranging from 12-14 inches. She used a dead minnow at the boat ramp.

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>

Lake Powell Fish Report

By: Wayne Gustavson

Lake Elevation: 3600

May 2, 2007

Water Temperature: 62-68 F

Fishing results are very steady at Lake Powell. A typical day of fishing from the back of the canyon to the main channel results in a mixed catch of striped bass, largemouth and smallmouth bass with bonus catches of crappie, catfish, walleye, and bluegill. Water temperature is now firmly affixed in the 60's which is the ultimate temperature range for the best Spring fishing.

Striped bass are the most commonly caught fish. Many schools have congregated in the main channel and are very susceptible to anchovy bait fished from 15 to 40 feet deep. Graph the walls, chum the spot when a school is scanned and then present a third of an anchovy on a weightless hook or weighted jighead. Schools may feature the 4-pound adults or one-pound, plankton eating, young stripers. Both are very aggressive while in casting range. If the school moves they may be relocated by graphing or by trolling in the vicinity with a lipless vibrator lure.

It is just as likely to catch stripers while plugging the shoreline for bass. That is my favorite way to fish now. Use crankbaits and plastic grubs and tubes to fish the shallow edges where water is warmer. Just react to each fish species as they are encountered. A school of stripers will often



follow a hooked fish to the boat. Then all anglers can cast to the trailing fish and catch many in short order. If bass are hooked then cast to the brush or structure where the first was caught to find more. Bass travel in groups and are usually caught in bunches. Bluegill and crappie will be clustered around a brushy area. Use smaller plastic baits (safety pin spinners) to probe the branches and

recesses of thick brush to find panfish. Finally, walleye are hungry and getting more active during the day with increasing water temperatures. They hit crankbaits and plastic. The chance of catching walleye is greater if a piece of live worm is attached to the plastic offering. Again fish specifically for walleye when one is hooked.

Trolling is a very effective tool used to locate fish. Troll a Wallydiver, rattletail, jerk bait or other shallow running bait in 10-20 feet of water next to brush or shore. Hook a fish then concentrate on that spot until fish quit hitting. When the action is over, troll again to find another hotspot.

Boat activity is increasing with warmer weather. Boat wakes hitting the shoreline make a mudline in normally clear water. Boat use peaks midmorning and mid afternoon. Look for floating mud at the busiest boating times. Predator fish line up under the shade of floating mud where low light conditions are conducive to feeding opportunities. Troll or cast to the small mudlines to find active fish.

May is the best time of year to catch a wide variety of fish. Use your favorite lure or technique. You will catch fish and have a great time.

DE-FUNK THE SKUNK!

NuHemp Organic Botanicals Launches Omega Zapp Skunk Odor Pet Shampoo

Guelph, Ontario (May 1, 2007) – Pets and their human companions know that summer is the stinkiest time of year. Hot weather unleashes and enhances a wide array of stench that are a joy for pets to roll, swim, dine and tromp in. Unfortunately, what is perfume to them is nauseating for their human friends and potentially harmful to their health. NuHemp™ Organic Botanicals has launched Omega Zapp™ Skunk Odor Conditioning Shampoo at the right time for the pet stinky season. Now, pet enthusiasts combating odor problems no longer need to rely on harsh cleaning chemicals that may hurt their skin and coat, or homemade experiments that simply don't work.

Healthy Organic Ingredients Clean Deep to Remove Odors – and are Gentle on the Skin & Coat

People aren't the only creatures benefiting from the hot natural and organic trend that is sweeping the continent. Omega Zapp is the latest addition to the NuHemp Organic Botanicals line of ***all-natural, 100% biodegradable, hypo-allergenic*** shampoos and conditioners that was launched in 2006. Like the other products in this innovative line of premium grooming products, Omega Zapp treats pets like members of the family by featuring human-grade certified ***organic*** ingredients, therapeutic essential oils and ***nutritious hemp seed oil***. Organic Alfalfa, Chamomile, Echinacea, Nettle, Red Clover, Apple Cider Vinegar and Coconut Oil are examples of the healthy ingredients in Omega Zapp, which is offered in a 355 ml ready-to-use bottle for \$9.99, and in a 4 Liter concentrate (1:3) for professionals for \$59.99.

Designed by pet grooming experts to quickly and safely remove all kinds of tough odors including skunk, Omega Zapp is enriched with essential botanical ingredients that do more than merely cover up smells. In just one application, the revolutionary deep cleansing formulation removes the odor source and leaves the coat fresh and clean, yet it is gentle and actually feeds the skin and provides the coat with nutrients.

What is *not* in Omega Zapp is just as important as its healthy ingredient list. It is free of sulfates, polypropylene glycol, diethanolamine (DEA), and synthetic fragrances, dyes and detergents found in many pet washes that may remove natural oils, dry out a pet's skin and coat, and cause irritation and toxicity. "My clients love how their pets feel after visiting the salon and I am

thrilled that NuHemp Organic Botanicals allows me to give my clients an all-natural choice when bathing their dogs,” says Donna Doucette-Biddiscombe of the Pet Salon Grooming Center at the Guelph Animal Hospital.

To meet the needs of health-minded pet enthusiasts, NuHemp has carefully designed a comprehensive line of natural grooming products that promotes optimal skin health and lush, manageable coats. In addition to Omega Zapp, the NuHemp Organic Botanicals family of premium grooming products includes: Omega Sudz “3 in 1” Shampoo w/Oatmeal; Omega Therapy Tree-Tar Shampoo w/Oatmeal; Omega Eazz “2 in 1” Conditioning Shampoo w/Oatmeal; Omega Gleam Conditioner w/Oatmeal; and Omega Shine™ Conditioner, Detangler & Revitalizing Spray. Made in small batches to ensure freshness and maintain nutrient integrity, each product is formulated with botanical ingredients to manage different types of skin and coat conditions. All of these products are offered in ready to use bottles as well as 4 Liter (1 gallon) 1:16 *economy-size concentrates designed for professional groomers.*

NuHemp – A Holistic Brand of Natural Pet Nutrition & Wellness Products

NuHemp products are designed to nourish pets inside and out. The NuHemp Organic Botanicals “beauty care” line is a part of the holistic NuHemp brand of natural pet nutrition and wellness products created by *KicX Nutrition Inc.* The innovative product development company is committed to providing the best nutritional supplements, treats and grooming products to optimize the health and well being of pets. In addition to the Organic Botanicals, the NuHemp portfolio of natural pet products offers cutting-edge nutraceuticals that provide dogs the nutrients they need to support health, vitality and longevity, including gourmet Omega Sauces, 2-Chomp Munchies, PrOmega Powder, PAWZitive Therapy Conditioning & Protection Stick and an MSM Soothing Topical Gel. To learn more visit www.nuhemp.com.

The common foundation for all of the NuHemp products is the synergistic formulation of hemp (either oil or meal), all-natural holistic ingredients and nutraceuticals (MSM, FOS and Glucosamine). “NuHemp's therapeutic gourmet functional foods, supplements and grooming products help provide dogs with the essentials for a long, happy and healthy life,” says Doug Daymond, President of KicX Nutrition, Inc.

Why Hemp Seed Oil? – A Hot New Personal Care Ingredient for People and Pets

A popular ingredient in personal care products for people, hemp seed oil is one of the world's richest sources of essential fatty acids (omega-3 and omega-6), which makes it an excellent natural emollient and moisturizer. Products containing hemp seed oil are known to reduce skin discomfort by soothing & restoring dry and damaged skin and increasing moisture retention capacity, which imparts gloss and manageability to hair.

KicX Nutrition Inc. is an established, innovative and vibrant product development company that has injected new energy into both the retail and commercial sectors by introducing natural, environmentally-responsible product solutions that perform. KicX is both a provider and marketer of lifestyle, value-added pet and human products. To learn more about KicX Nutrition Inc. and its exciting new line of NuHemp products, call (519) 836-8443, or visit www.nuhemp.com.

UTAH GAS HITS RECORD HIGH

Average Price at \$3 per Gallon, AAA Utah Reports

SALT LAKE CITY, May 1, 2005 – The cost of filling up has reached an all-time high in Utah. Drivers are now paying a record-breaking price for gasoline, according to AAA Utah, which tracks gasoline prices as a service to consumers.

The statewide average price for a gallon of regular, self-serve is now \$3, an increase of 41 cents from a month ago. The average price of premium grade gas is now \$3.05. The average price in the Salt Lake City – Ogden metro area is \$2.95. The Provo-Orem metro area's average price is \$2.97. The national average price is \$2.97.

Utah joins 12 other states with average prices over the \$3 mark. Motorists in California are paying the highest average price, \$3.41. The lowest average state price is recorded at \$2.78 in New Jersey.

“Gasoline prices are being propelled higher partly as a result of high crude oil prices,” said Rolayne Fairclough, AAA Utah spokesperson. “Another factor may be the low inventories of gasoline as we approach the summer driving season with its high demand.”

There are several ways drivers can increase their fuel efficiency. These include:

- **Stick to regular unleaded.** Don't “treat” your car to higher priced premium fuel unless your car specifically requires it.
- **Check your tires.** Improperly inflated tires are a safety hazard and can cut fuel economy.
- **De-junk the trunk.** Carrying around infrequently used materials like sports equipment adds extra weight to your car and decreases fuel efficiency.
- **Adjust your driving behavior.** Maintain a steady speed, minimize braking by anticipating traffic conditions and travel at moderate speeds.
- **Take care of your car.** Dirty air filters increase fuel consumption. Defective radiator thermostats or a stuck brake caliper are also common maintenance issues that can contribute to wasted fuel.

Another way consumers can reduce the amount they spend on fuel is to shop aggressively for the lowest price. AAA Utah has a tool that can help. Located online at www.aaa.com/gasprices, the AAA Fuel Finder has real time information on gas prices at more than 85,000 gas stations throughout the United States.

AAA Utah offers a wide array of automotive, travel, insurance and financial services to more than 165,000 members. AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers since it was founded more than 100 years ago.