



# FROM THE FIELD

*Utah residents' quality of life relies on the active management and protection of diverse natural resources. The **From the Field** newsletter by the Department of Natural Resources provides a snapshot of current department initiatives, developments and trends impacting Utah.*

## Newsweek features Great Salt Lake's 3-foot rise



Utah Division of Water Resources recently obtained aerial footage of Great Salt Lake and paired the imagery with a [message about the lake's water level](#).

Thanks to berm modifications, record precipitation and conservation efforts, there's been a three-foot rise in the south arm of Great Salt Lake, and more is expected during spring runoff. You can see the Newsweek article linked below.

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## Revisiting the 1983 Thistle landslide



Utah has received record-breaking snow totals this winter. While the water is needed, the potential for landslides and major flooding statewide is concerning. Utah has experienced several historic landslide events causing significant economic loss, most notably the Thistle landslide in 1983. Learn about that landslide in this

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## Wise About Wildfire webinar series



Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands' Assistant Wildland Urban Interface Coordinator in the Central Area, Taylor Moosman, is putting on a webinar series to help educate homeowners on the need to protect our homes, communities and environment from catastrophic wildfires. The webinar

series is called Wise About Wildfire and you can watch the Resilient Landscapes installment of the series at the link below.

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## Division of Outdoor Recreation to host 10th annual Utah Outdoor Recreation Summit



Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation is excited to announce the 10th annual Utah Outdoor Recreation Summit on Sept. 6 and 7 at Weber State University in Ogden. The Outdoor Recreation Summit is a unique opportunity to connect with the outdoor recreation

industry, including professionals, enthusiasts and advocates from around the state. This year's event — Outdoors: In Session — will feature inspirational keynote speakers, hands-on breakout sessions, educational panel discussions and networking opportunities focused on the latest trends and best practices in the outdoor recreation industry. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are now available.

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## Utah submits application for hydrogen funding



grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to advance the hydrogen economy in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. The submission is in response to the DOE's Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs (H2Hubs) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to establish infrastructure-based hydrogen economies across America. WIH2's H2Hub proposal identifies eight projects across the four states, with at least one project in each state.

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## 5 things to know when visiting the Gunlock State Park waterfalls



Planning a visit to Gunlock State Park to see the rare seasonal waterfalls? While they are stunning to watch in person, they also pose potential hazards. Watch the video linked below to learn five important tips before your visit! Also, please keep in mind that

the park will likely reach capacity on weekends and holidays. Keep an eye on the [Gunlock State Park Facebook](#) page for capacity updates and other important details.

[Watch the video >>](#)

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## 24 wildlife management areas closed to help protect wintering deer



While many wildlife management areas in northern Utah were scheduled to reopen to public access on April 8, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is extending their closure through April 30 — and also closing additional WMAs in central Utah through the

end of April — in an effort to help protect wintering deer and other big game in areas of northern and central Utah.

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## State agencies working with federal, county & local leaders to prepare for spring runoff



Record snowpack, the likes of which we have *never* seen, has state agencies working together and with federal, county and local leaders as we prepare for spring runoff. (Statewide, the snow water equivalent measured was 200% of normal as of April 1, compared with 75% of normal at this time last year.) This photo shows a glimpse of what things looked like from the Utah Department of Public Safety Aero

Bureau helicopter as professionals checked out potential flooding risks and documented the snowpack. More imagery from the recent helicopter survey will be shared to [Utah Department of Natural Resources social media accounts](#) in the next day or two!

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## Register now for the One Utah Summit



The One Utah Summit will be held May 1-2 at the Davis Conference Center. Look out for Utah Office of Energy Development Director Gregg Todd who will take the stage as part of a "Couch Conversation" on Utah's Energy Policy. Use our promo code

UOED\_50\_OFF to get \$50 off. Register now!

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## Water has another big year with State Legislature

Lawmakers began this year's legislative session with a focus on passing bills that would have positive changes on the management and distribution of water in Utah, even declaring the third week of the session as "Water Week." Several



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of the bills passed this year will have a lasting impact on water rights in the state

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