



*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.*

Program aims to provide better understanding of Utah's snowpack



The Utah Division of Water Resources is partnering with Airborne Snow Observatories, Inc. (ASO) on a project to acquire snowpack measurements in the Great Salt Lake Basin. Recently, engineers manually measured snow water equivalent to provide key data points for ASO. This helps them assess the accuracy of their measurements and make necessary adjustments. The division is excited about this cutting-edge technology and its role in shaping critical water management decisions for the basin. Stay tuned for updates!

[Watch the video >>](#)

Record 1,901 big game animals assessed, GPS collared during 2024-25 winter captures



Each year, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources captures big game animals to perform important health assessments and to place GPS collars on the animals to learn more about their migration patterns and survival rates. This winter, a record 1,901 big game animals were captured, providing important data about big game herds across the state.

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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining digitally transforms mine inspection workflow



The minerals team within the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining transformed their workflow with ArcGIS Survey123, a tool for creating surveys and collecting data. By enabling offline functionality and ensuring consistency in reporting, ArcGIS Survey123 has streamlined operations, increased efficiency and

equipped staff with the resources they need to effectively share fieldwork insights.

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OED launches new energy resource page



The Utah Office of Energy Development's Public Resources page offers comprehensive information on the state's diverse energy portfolio, including traditional fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas, as well as renewable sources such as solar, wind,

and hydroelectric power. Emerging opportunities in geothermal and nuclear energy are highlighted. The page also features media resources, including press kits and discussion guides, and offers an energy glossary and dictionary to aid in understanding industry terminology.

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Forestry, Fire and State Lands sends resources to Texas for wildland firefighting support



The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands sent wildland firefighting resources to Texas and Kansas in March to assist both states with wildfire severity.

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Advance your water rights expertise: Certification course and exam



The Utah Division of Water Rights and the Rural Water Association of Utah are offering a comprehensive Water Rights Certification course and exam on Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17, 2025. This course will be held virtually.

[Learn more >>](#)

DOR to host the 2025 Utah Trails Conference in Kanab on April 23-24



The Division of Outdoor Recreation will host the 2025 Utah Trails Conference on April 23–24 in Kanab, Utah. With the theme "Trailblazers Wanted," this year's conference calls on trail professionals, advocates, and enthusiasts from across the state to join in two days of immersive learning, networking and celebration of Utah's trail community.

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Matt Christensen Honored with Partners Program Conservation Excellence Award



Matt Christensen, who serves as the Wildland-Urban Interface Coordinator in the FFSL Central Area, was honored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with their 2024 USFWS Partners Program Conservation Excellence Award for his work with the agency on the San Pitch Rx.

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Division of Water Rights begins adjudication in South Provo

The Division of Water Rights published the Proposed Determination of Water Rights for the Provo River Division, Provo City South Subdivision, Area No. 55,



Book 6, of the Utah Lake and Jordan River General Adjudication. The Proposed Determination is [available online](#).

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Utah Outdoor Recreation grant cycle closes with record-breaking demand



The Division of Outdoor Recreation's Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant program recently closed its latest grant cycle with record interest, receiving over 200 applications totaling over \$50 million in funding requests — more than double the volume of previous

years. This increase in submissions includes proposals for both the newly introduced Community Parks and Recreation Grant and the long-standing Recreation Restoration Infrastructure Grant.

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