



*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.*

Optional digital wallet credential for OHV course



The Division of Outdoor Recreation announced a new, convenient option for off-highway vehicle (OHV) users who have completed the state's required adult OHV education course. This optional, innovative feature allows certificate holders to download and store their certificates directly on their smartphones to their Apple or Google wallets, providing a convenient and efficient way to access their credentials anytime, anywhere, on any adventure. This new digital credential is optional and not required but offers a more convenient way to carry the certificate while on the go. Law enforcement officers will continue to accept the printed version of the emailed PDF certificate if the digital version is not available.

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Great Salt Lake Dust Forum identifies research and management priorities



The Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner has released a list of priorities to address the urgent issue of dust pollution stemming from the Great Salt Lake. The announced priorities follow a dust forum held on May 16 where more than 50 university and agency experts convened to discuss the lake.

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Completed study addresses water measurement needs within Great Salt Lake Basin



The Utah Division of Water Rights and Utah State University recently completed a year-long analysis of the Great Salt Lake basin to understand how water is moving throughout the watershed, and to determine what stream and diversion flow gaging investments need to be made to better understand and manage water in the area.

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Utah Geological Survey launches groundwater data hub



The Utah Geological Survey (UGS) has launched its Utah Groundwater Data Hub. This web application provides public access to previously unreleased groundwater data from numerous UGS studies. Features include interactive maps, customizable data downloads and visualization tools to help users find, download and use groundwater data from around the state.

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7 projects to improve boating access in Utah in 2024



Several projects aimed at improving boater access in Utah were recently approved for funding and should begin construction in 2024. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources administers the Boating Access Grant Program for Utah, which funds projects like boat ramps, marina parking areas, marina restrooms, docks and other improvements at boating areas.

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Children's Outdoor Recreation and Education grant cycle opens Sept. 3



The Division of Outdoor Recreation is excited to announce the Utah Children's Outdoor Recreation and Education (UCORE) grant will open on Sept. 3! The UCORE grant is designed to provide high-quality, outdoor-focused learning experiences to youth ages 6-18 throughout the state. This funding aims to teach youth the physical skills that can make outdoor recreation part of a healthy and active lifestyle. UCORE complements the state's Every Kid Outdoors (EKO) Initiative and hopes to provide more opportunities so no child is left inside.

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OED presents energy policy to inter-state policy group



Utah Office of Energy Development (OED) Acting Director Dusty Monks presented Utah's Strategic Energy Policy framework to legislators and energy committee leaders from 10 other states. Utah uses a principle-based policy that centers on energy consumers' health and well-being. Energy is the foundation on which our modern society is built and is essential for unleashing human potential and continued societal advancement. Using a principle-based policy framework ensures that the state creates and implements policies that preserve Utahns' access to reliable, affordable and accessible energy to build a better and brighter future.

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Tooele City revamps city hall to save water



Tooele City recently replaced their thirsty, non-functional (aka unused) grass in front of their city hall with water-wise plants. The city applied for funds through the Landscape Incentive Program available on utahwatersavers.com. The Utah Division of Water Resources worked closely with the city to complete the project. The division works with a variety of property owner types (residential, commercial, municipal and institutional) on lawn conversions that result in beautiful landscapes that save water, create wildlife habitats, help reduce urban heat and assist in managing storm water run off.

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Abandoned mine reclamation project completed near Milford



Staff from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program recently oversaw the closure of approximately 50 mines in the Star Mining District near Milford.

Old mines often contain deep shafts, dangerous gasses, unstable structures and explosives. This program aims to protect the public from these hazards by sealing off access to openings and cleaning up waste.

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DWR conservation officer helps with successful search and rescue of lost woman with dementia



In June, the Emery County Sheriff's Office received a report of a missing woman who had dementia. She'd gone out to walk the family dog on the mountainside and hadn't returned for over a day. One of our officers (and his K-9, Kip) sprang into action to join others in helping to search for her.

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