



*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.*

Water Rights' staff assist farmers to 'tune-up' their water rights



Water Rights' staff from across the state assisted farmers with tuning up their water rights during the recent Utah Farm Bureau Convention. Both land and water are important assets and ensuring water rights are accurate and current is a high priority.

Convention attendees had one-on-one meetings with Water Rights staff to check on titles, water right descriptions, and ask questions about their water use. At the Division of Water Rights, we understand the value of accurately defining water rights. We appreciate the Utah Farm Bureau for having us at the convention as well as the attendees who stopped by.

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Holiday happenings at Utah State Parks

Feel that familiar wintry chill in the air? Get ready for some festive fun at your favorite Utah state parks! Whether you're in the mood for a calm and quiet winter hike or a magical drive through a twinkling wonderland of lights, we've



got the perfect holiday lineup so you can select experiences you and your family won't forget.

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2024 Calendar of Utah Geology



View the state's spectacular and diverse landscapes through the eyes of Utah Geological Survey employees in the 2024 Calendar of Utah Geology. The calendar is available now at the Natural Resources Map and Bookstore! This beautiful wall calendar features a collection of stunning images captured by Utah Geological Survey staff who are

often on assignment in some of the state's most unique and picturesque locales. With interesting geologic information, the calendar is the perfect gift for all who appreciate and want to know more about Utah's world-renowned natural landscapes.

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Team Rubicon receives award for outstanding wildfire mitigation work in Moab



Team Rubicon — a veteran-led disaster response organization — was honored with the 2023 WUI Mitigation Award for their work in wildfire mitigation efforts in the wildland-urban interface within the Moab area. The award recognizes their dedication and

innovative approach to safeguarding communities against the devastating impact of wildfires.

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Grant-funded initiatives help reshape the Jordan River landscape

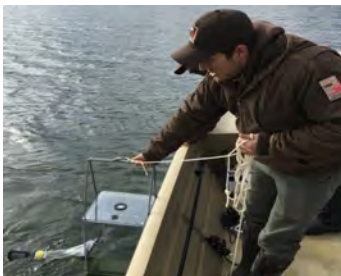


Last fiscal year, the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands awarded \$645,000 in grant funding to municipalities and non-profit organizations with a vested interest in the Jordan River. This funding was used to complete projects to improve and preserve the river's health and accessibility. Funding for these

grants is a part of ongoing legislative funding, with part of it coming from the Jordan River Recreation Zone and the Cooperative Weed Management Area funding.

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Utah's Aquatic Animal Health and Research Center



Located in Logan, the Aquatic Animal Health and Research Center plays a unique, critical role in protecting and expanding Utah's aquatic animal populations. Formerly known as the Fisheries Experiment Station, the center is part of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. Its teams conduct

innovative research and provide a variety of aquatic animal health-related services — coordinating with their DWR colleagues and various agency partners — related to fish health, fish production and fisheries management throughout Utah and the western United States.

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Outdoor recreation in Utah contributes \$8.1 billion to the economy

The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) has released economic data for 2022 exhibiting outdoor recreation's powerful and positive economic impact on the U.S. economy. The outdoor recreation



economy in Utah grew an impressive 32.8% from 2021 to 2022, according to the BEA Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account. This year's report shows that outdoor recreation creates \$8.1 billion in value-added for Utah, accounts for 3.2% of Utah's GDP and includes 71,677 jobs. This is the largest recorded measure for Utah since the BEA started calculating the size of the outdoor recreation

economy in 2012.

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Free energy and mineral resources for educators



Our teachers are tasked with educating the future workforce. From engineers to linemen to nuclear physicists, we rely on teachers to give the workers of tomorrow their foundational education. To aid our Utah educators in this critical work, the Utah Office of

Energy Development and the Utah Science Teaching Association have teamed up to provide our educators with free lesson plans and handouts — all of which meet state educational standards. New lesson plans for high school include lithium, hydrogen, making a battery, the energy grid and more.

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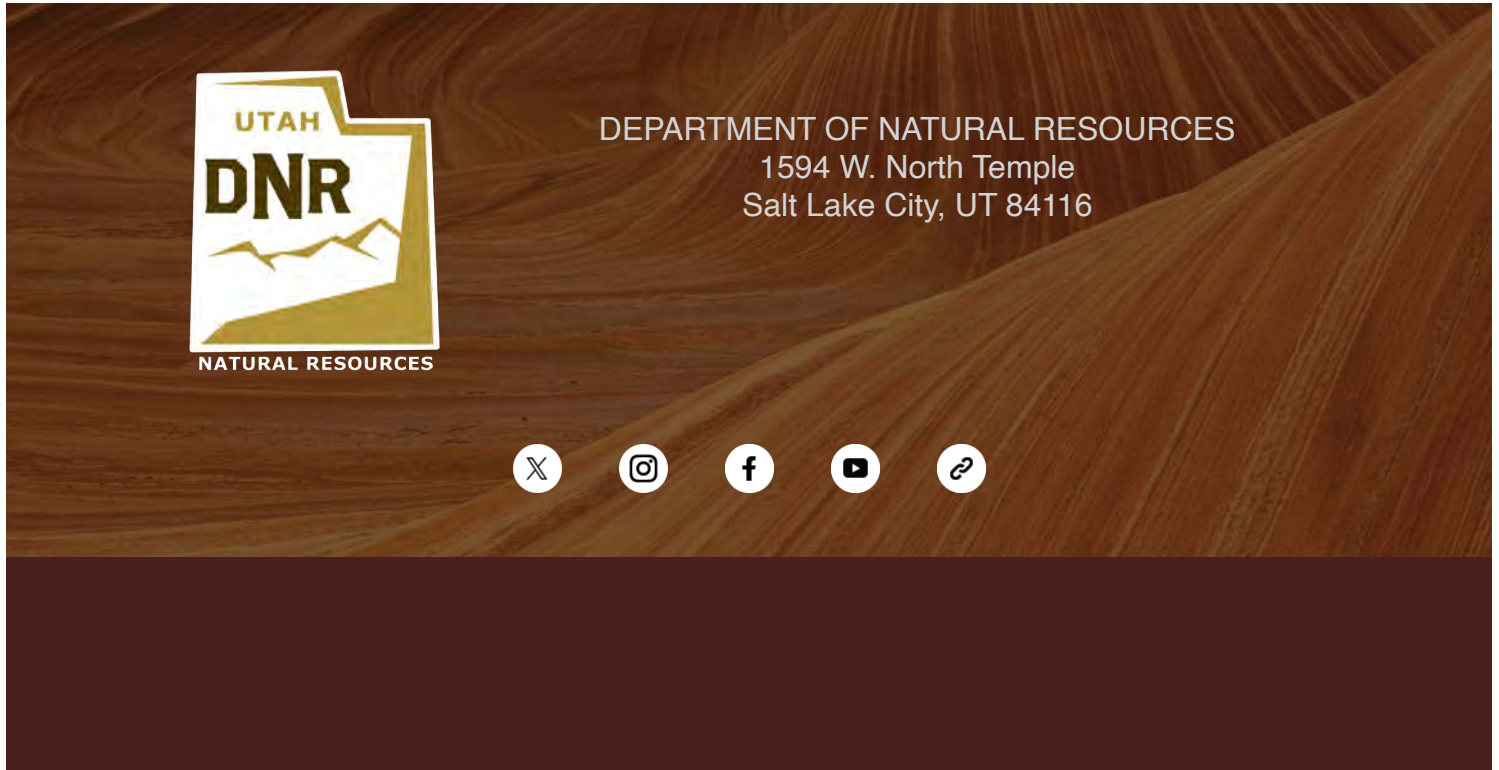
Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan open house



The Utah Division of Water Resources, in collaboration with the Bureau of Reclamation, recently held an informational open house to discuss the Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan. The ultimate goal of the plan is to ensure a resilient water supply for the Great Salt Lake and all water uses, including people and the environment, throughout the watershed. Learn more about the plan — and see a

recor recent open house — at the link below.

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