

*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.*

## DWR, UDOT and other partners complete 5 projects to help wildlife and fish migrate



The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Utah Department of Transportation, as well as other partners, are working hard to reduce wildlife/vehicle collisions around the state and to also make it easier for wildlife and fish to make their important annual migrations. In 2024, the agencies and other partners installed several different structures and completed a few studies to help wildlife and fish migrate safely in various areas throughout Utah.

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## Smoke mitigation work completed at Kenilworth Coal Mine



A coal seam fire at the reclaimed Kenilworth Mine in Carbon County prompted emergency action in August 2024 due to increased smoke affecting residents in the town of Kenilworth. Contractors sealed surface openings with foam to reduce airflow, slow the fire, and minimize smoke. While the fire continues to burn underground, visible smoke has stopped. Staff are evaluating long-term options for extinguishing the fire, which may take years. The cause is unknown, but similar fires have been reported at the mine since 1906.

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## Update on Utah's earthquake early warning efforts



Utah ranks 4th in the U.S. for having severe seismic risk. About 85% of Utah's residents, infrastructure and economy are concentrated within 15 miles of the state's most active fault, the Wasatch fault, making the Wasatch Front the highest risk area in the state. A recent publication reported that Utah has more than a 50% chance of a large magnitude 6.5 or greater earthquake occurring along the Wasatch Front within the next 50 years.

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## FFSL engages forest products industry with annual meetings



The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands held its annual Utah Forest Products Industry meetings in January. These meetings bring together government officials and industry stakeholders to discuss the challenges facing the industry in Utah.

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## Utah Division of Water Resources 2025 Legislative update



Check out the Utah Division of Water Resources 2025 legislative video! The video highlights key water initiatives, funding programs and legislative efforts aimed at improving Utah's water resilience. These initiatives support sustainable water management and long-term planning for Utah's future.

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## DWR to receive up to \$37.2M for habitat improvement projects throughout Utah



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The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has been awarded up to roughly \$37.2 million in federal grants that would help benefit fish and wildlife in southeastern Utah through several habitat

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## Hundreds of families help kick off Utah's Every Kid Outdoors Adventure Challenge



The Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation officially launched the Every Kid Outdoors (EKO) Adventure Challenge with successful kickoff event at Millcreek Common! Hundreds of families enjoyed free ice skating, a scavenger hunt, hot cocoa and hands-on activities from over 20 outdoor organizations, including the Division of Wildlife Resources, U.S. Forest Service, Ski Utah and Wasatch Adaptive Sports. This year-long initiative encourages kids and families to explore Utah's great outdoors through monthly outdoor adventure challenges, earning stickers for their reusable water bottles and a chance to win prizes.

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## Adaptive Ski Day with Wasatch Adaptive Sports showcases inclusive outdoor recreation



The Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation teamed up with Wasatch Adaptive Sports for an unforgettable day on the slopes at Snowbird, helping Utahns of all abilities experience the joy of skiing. As a Utah Children's Outdoor Recreation and Education grant recipient, Wasatch Adaptive Sports provides life-changing outdoor opportunities, ensuring that everyone can enjoy Utah's incredible winter landscapes. This event was a great reminder that outdoor recreation should be accessible to all. Interested in supporting or finding a grant for your own outdoor initiatives? Explore funding opportunities at [recreation.utah.gov/grants](http://recreation.utah.gov/grants).

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