



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.*

New boat decontamination dip tank installed at Utah Lake; other locations announced

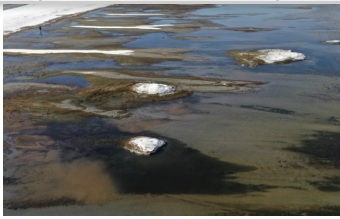


The first-of-its-kind boat decontamination dip tank was installed at Lake Powell in May 2021 to aid in the fight against invasive quagga mussels. Now, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Clean Wake LLC and Utah State Parks have installed a second dip tank at Utah Lake State Park, and locations for additional dip tanks around Utah have been announced.

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Senior Geologist with Utah Geological Survey published in premier research journal

Utah Geological Survey Senior Geologist Elliot Jagniecki co-authored a new paper with Karena Gill, Department of Geology and Geography, West Virginia



microorganisms and organic compounds in primary fluid inclusions in the Mars-analog mineral mirabilite. This discovery expands our current knowledge of biological materials trapped in salt and aids the search for life on Mars, both for sample

selection by rover and for analyses of return samples on Earth.

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Division of Water Rights responsible for regulating new green energy development



A new development in geothermal power generation passed an important milestone this week which brings it one step closer to proving technology that could allow this green energy to spread throughout the state and around the globe. As Utah's regulatory

agency for geothermal energy use, the Division of Water Rights has overseen the development from the beginning. Learn more by watching the video.

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Exciting new upgrades at Echo State Park



Utah State Parks unveiled some exciting upgrades at Echo State Park! These upgrades include a widened (14') and extended (100') boat ramp, increased parking and a more visitor-friendly entrance/exit.

We've also added a charming cottage village. The

cottages have kitchenettes, complete bathrooms, cozy bedrooms and breathtaking views! Watch the video to learn more.

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In Utah County



The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program (AMRP) staff recently oversaw the closure of 56 abandoned mine openings on private land near Eureka in the Tintic Mining District in Utah County. The project included the

Tintic Standard Mine No. 2, the mine shaft where the bodies of Brelynne "Breezy" Otteson and Riley Powell were recovered in 2018.

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Utah breaks ground on exciting new firefighting center. Here's why it matters.



In June the state's fire program broke ground on their new Wildland Fire Operations Center that will become the new home of the state wildland fire program and Lone Peak Conservation Center. This new facility will help our state firefighters fulfill our

objectives for responding and managing wildfires throughout the state of Utah.

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Utah Geological Survey receives funding for statewide carbon storage assessment



Utah Geological Survey received approximately \$900,000 from the Department of Energy to conduct necessary scientific work to assess the carbon storage potential of numerous underground geological formations within the state of Utah. Learn more about the project at the Office of Fossil Energy

and Carbon Management website.

Statewide shorebird surveys restarted after 30-year hiatus



After the last formal shorebird surveys conducted more than 30 years ago across the Intermountain West, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, along with other wildlife focused organizations, revived monitoring to gather important data about migratory shorebirds at key sites across Utah. During the spring survey, a total of 84,128 birds were counted at 69 specific sites at four different Utah waterbodies.

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Collaboration in Price: empowering Utah's rural communities



The Utah Division of Water Resources, led by Director Candice Hasenyager, is proud to announce our recent collaboration efforts in Price, Utah. In a roundtable discussion convened by Lt. Gov. Henderson, commissioners, mayors, legislators and state officials gathered to address energy, water management and rural economic development in Carbon County. Joining us were representatives from the Office of Energy Development and Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, who offered expertise and support to help rural economies in Emery and Carbon counties thrive. Under Director Candice Hasenyager's leadership, this initiative demonstrates our commitment to fostering collaboration and finding innovative solutions for water resources management in Utah. We believe that by working together with local communities, we can create a prosperous and sustainable future where robust rural economies and sustainable water practices go hand in hand. Together, let us continue to empower Utah's rural communities and build a brighter future for generations to come.

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