



*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.*

Divisions, partners building towers to measure evapotranspiration in Great Salt Lake wetlands



It's important for those who work on models — including staff at the Utah Division of Water Resources and other collaborators of the Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan — to understand the amount of water moving into and out of Great Salt Lake. One of the biggest unknowns of those

pathways is evapotranspiration, so our divisions and partners are excited to have installed an eddy covariance tower.

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Good4Utah Road Tour makes final stop at one of the most unique parks in Utah



The Good4Utah Road Tour made its final stop recently in Emery County — at perhaps the most unique park in the Beehive State. Goblin Valley State Park is an outdoor playground for all ages.

For decades, Goblin Valley State Park has allowed folks to get in sync with the sandstone and drop in on a little adventure.

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Kit Carson's Cross receives recognition on National Register of Historic Places



Kit Carson's Cross, an iconic symbol that rests at the highest point of Fremont Island on the Great Salt Lake, has been added to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by the National Park Service

"The National Register of Historic Places is a powerful tool that allows our division, as the landowner, to..."

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New Great Salt Lake Sentinel Landscape announced



The Great Salt Lake Sentinel Landscape has been formally designated as a critical initiative under the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership. Spanning over 2.7 million acres in northern Utah, this landscape includes key military installations and the largest saline lake in the Western Hemisphere.

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Division of Outdoor Recreation's trail crew launches for the 2024 season

The Division of Outdoor Recreation's Statewide Trail Crew Program recently wrapped up two weeks of hands-on training and welcomed over 20 seasonal



trail crew members into its ranks. During training, recruits from four regions throughout the state learned CPR, chainsaw operation, radio communication, trailering and more in preparation for working with land management agencies and partners.

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New boat decontamination dip tanks installed to aid in fight against invasive species



The first-of-its-kind boat decontamination dip tank was installed at Lake Powell in 2021 to aid in the fight against invasive quagga mussels. Since then, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Clean Wake LLC and Utah State Parks have installed four additional dip tanks around Utah, including the recent installation of new dip tanks at Willard Bay State Park and the Lake Powell Bullfrog Marina.

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Great Salt Lake Dust Forum unites researchers



The Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner just hosted a dust forum uniting experts from universities, federal offices, state agencies and other researchers. They discussed issues and potential solutions for dust mitigation, keeping public health at the top of consideration. The working group gathered ideas with plans to further collaborate.

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Habitat Council allocates \$3.4M from hunting, fishing license sales to habitat restoration



Roughly \$3.4 million was allocated to selected habitat restoration projects at the recent annual Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Habitat Council funding meeting on April 30.

The DWR Habitat Council was created in 1995 by the Utah Legislature as a way to provide funds for fish and wildlife conservation that are...

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Utah receives over \$5.5M in Community Wildfire Defense Grant Funding



The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced its second round of funding of the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program. Utah will receive over \$5.5 million that will be spent on protecting homes, businesses and infrastructure from catastrophic

wildfire.

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Forest Legacy to fund Summit County's Wasatch Back Forest Conservation Project



The United States Forest Service (USFS) announced that they will provide \$40 million of Inflation Reduction Act funding through the Forest Legacy Program that will go to Summit County's Wasatch Back Forest Conservation Project to preserve a large

landscape project in Summit County.

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Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation funds 130 projects to enhance recreation statewide



The Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation announced funding for 130 projects aimed at enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the state. The division will award more than \$15 million in Utah

Outdoor Recreation Grant funds to 100 infrastructure projects and nearly \$3.2 million in Off-Highway Vehicle (OHVR) grants to 30 projects. This year, every county in Utah will receive and benefit from these grant funds. The bi-annual OHVR Grant recently reopened for the summer cycle and will close July 31.

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Forestry, Fire and State Lands expands Wildfire Aviation Program



The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is expanding its wildfire aviation program to include a helitack program to better assess and address active wildfires within the state. The new crew will be called the Diamond Fork Helitack and stationed at the Spanish Fork Airport.

The helitack crew will be available during the summer and made up of eight wildland firefighters who will assist with initial attack – the first course of action taken by the first firefighters to aggressively extinguish the fire.

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Office of Energy Development is Community Partner of the Year for air quality efforts

The Utah Office of Energy Development (OED) was recently awarded the 2024 UCAIR Community Partner of the Year Award. The award, presented on May



30, recognizes OED's comprehensive efforts to improve Utah's air quality through programs like the Uinta Basin Aerial Leak and Repair Detection and Rural EV Infrastructure programs, as well as various tax incentives. OED is honored by the recognition its work has on Utah communities across the state.

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Merit Medical invites Division of Water Resources on a garden tour



Recently, Merit Medical invited staff from the Utah Division of Water Resources to tour their campus, which includes a waterwise employee garden and water-efficient landscaping. Staff at the division were delighted to see this beneficial use of our state's precious water resources. It's encouraging to see businesses like Merit Medical within our community who use water intentionally and mindfully.

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