



*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.*

Natural Resource Day at Highland Park Elementary a huge success



DNR hosted our first-ever Natural Resource Day at Highland Park Elementary in Salt Lake City, and it was a day to remember! We had the opportunity to engage with three 4th-grade classes (about 70 students) through a series of interactive, 30-minute stations that brought science and nature to life. Students rotated through presentations covering GIS, geology, water, state parks, sovereign lands, recreation fire and forestry. We celebrate every opportunity to educate our future conservationists.

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Endangered Species Day: 3 Utah conservation success stories



Endangered Species Day is a great opportunity to learn about and celebrate three Utah species listed under the Endangered Species Act that have made great strides in recovery in the last five years.

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Utahraptor State Park grand opening



Utahraptor State Park is now open to the public, offering everyone a glimpse into Utah's ancient history and remarkable recreational opportunities, all while honoring the cultural significance of the land.

Officials hosted a ribbon-cutting at the state park on May 23. Attendees included Governor Spencer Cox, legislators and local officials.

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Energy heats up in Utah



The Utah Office of Energy Development (OED) has signed several memorandums of understanding (MOUs) that will advance energy projects through research and collaboration. In May, OED signed an

MOU with Idaho National Laboratory (INL) to conduct research on energy technologies and pursue federal funding for projects of mutual interest. An MOU with an industry leader in the nuclear space, HiTech, was also signed in May and will see OED and HiTech collaborate to achieve the goals of Operation Gigawatt. Most recently, OED signed MOUs with Valar Atomics and NuCube to conduct research on nuclear technologies at the Utah San Rafael Energy Lab.

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Utah task forces helping battle wildfires in southern Arizona



As a part of the Great Plains Interstate Fire Compact that the state recently joined due to SB 30, Utah has sent a task force to Arizona to assist with an increased level of fire danger in the state. The task force has been instrumental in helping to protect

homes and communities. State officials have expressed their appreciation for Utah's assistance.

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Dr. Adel Abdallah Honored with EWRI Outstanding Achievement Award



Dr. Adel Abdallah, who works for the Division of Water Rights as an environment data program manager, has received a national award for his work to improve access to water data in the west. The Environmental and Water Resources Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers honored Abdallah recently.

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Nearly 11K boats inspected for aquatic invasive species during Memorial Day weekend



Memorial Day weekend often kicks off the summer boating season, and over the weekend, Utah Department of Natural Resources officers, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources technicians and other agency staff were hard at work inspecting and decontaminating watercraft. The main goal of this effort was to prevent quagga mussels and other aquatic invasive species — including Eurasian watermilfoil — from Lake Powell and from infested reservoirs outside the state from spreading to other waterbodies in Utah.

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Utah Receives \$3M for Forest Legacy Project in Washington County

Utah received \$3 million to purchase a conservation easement on two properties through the Forest Legacy Program. The Zion Connectivity Project is on the northeastern border and will preserve 766 acres of forestland.



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Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation funds a record-breaking 142 projects



The Division of Outdoor Recreation has awarded a record amount of funding this year to support outdoor recreation projects statewide, with 142 grants approved across all of Utah's 29 counties. This year marks the most projects funded and the most money

awarded in the history of these programs. Through the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant, Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grant, and Recreational Trails Program, the division will distribute more than \$23.2 million to support recreation infrastructure, access and safety statewide.

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Utah's geothermal energy resources



Utah holds vast, untapped geothermal potential, and we're proud to support its safe, responsible development! From monitoring the work and reviewing permits, to researching policies and providing geologic information, Utah's geothermal future is grounded in strong data, sound science and smart, effective regulation. Watch the video for a deep dive.

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