

*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.*

Oil and Gas Program permitting section changes and highlights



The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Oil and Gas Program is implementing updates in response to recent legislative changes that impact regulatory processes, resource management and industry operations.

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Protecting and conserving our Utah species



Check out this video emphasizing the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources' dedication to protecting and managing Utah's wildlife, acknowledging the importance of wildlife to the state's identity.

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Utah's Every Kid Outdoors Adventure Challenge brings winter fun to Soldier Hollow

The Division of Outdoor Recreation recently hosted the second event in its Every Kid Outdoors Adventure Challenge series at Soldier Hollow Nordic Center, offering over 100 kids a chance to learn cross-country skiing. The



"Frosty Fun and Discovery Challenge" featured expert coaching and tasty snacks provided by sponsors like Kodiak Cakes, keeping young skiers energized as they explored the groomed trails. The year-long Adventure Challenge continues with 15 different challenges to inspire kids to connect with the outdoors. Learn more about upcoming events and how to join the adventure!

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Utah Lake releases 500M gallons per day to Great Salt Lake



In a coordinated effort to increase Great Salt Lake's water levels, the Central Utah Water Conservancy District, in partnership with the Utah State Engineer and the Utah Lake Water Users Association, initiated the release of about 70,000 acre-feet of runoff from Utah Lake.

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Piute High School and FFSL team up to educate on the importance of forestry and wildfire



preparedness.

Staff with Forestry, Fire and State Lands partnered with Piute High School to bring the field of natural resources to the students in a hands-on assembly. Students learned about different topics that included forest ecology, fire behavior and community

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Gearing up for spring? Take a Localscapes class.

The Utah Division of Water Resources, in conjunction with water districts and other entities in the water community, are facilitating Localscapes classes this spring. The Localscape approach is a series of landscaping patterns and practices that takes into account Utah's unique climate. It's good landscape



design, simplified. Now you can have a landscape that works for where you live.

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OED engages 200 middle school students in the science of energy



The Utah Office of Energy Development (OED) hosted and led 200 7th and 8th grade students in hands-on energy education at the Utah San Rafael Energy Lab. Students learned about nuclear energy and the prospects of nuclear and other engineering fields, the engineering process from brainstorm to design to rework to test. The cohort also learned the release of energy in chemical reactions.

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Navajo Nation and state of Utah celebrate landmark water rights agreement



On Jan. 31, 2025, Judge Torgerson of the 7th District Court signed the interlocutory decree on the Navajo Nation Subdivision of the Southeastern Colorado River Water Rights General Adjudication. This marks a final step for the Navajo Nation to fully enjoy their reserved water rights in Utah.

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DWR completes new facility at Mantua Fish Hatchery to improve egg production



The Mantua Fish Hatchery recently completed construction on a new facility that will improve efficiency and increase production of the trout egg supply for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fish hatcheries that stock fish across Utah.

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