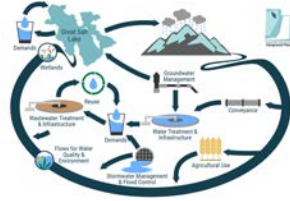




*Utah residents' quality of life relies on the active management and protection of diverse natural resources. The **From the Field** newsletter by the Department of Natural Resources provides a snapshot of current department initiatives, developments and trends impacting Utah.*

### Work Plan for the Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan now complete



The Utah Division of Water Resources and the Bureau of Reclamation are pleased to announce the finalization of the Work Plan for the Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan (GSLBIP), which charts the course for developing the GSLBIP.

After a 65-day comment period, the initial draft Work Plan was updated in response to recommendations and to include the specific actions necessary for completing the GSLBIP. The GSLBIP is funded with \$5 million by the Utah Legislature in 2022 (HB429) and \$3.1 million from Reclamation's basin study program.

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### OED launches program to expand EV access across the state



The Utah Office of Energy Development recently launched REVI, the Rural EV Infrastructure program. REVI will expand the state's EV infrastructure, supporting rural communities and visitors alike. The program is open to all nine members of the Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association (URECA) and offers two tracks: one to upgrade or expand existing EV infrastructure and another to install new infrastructure. Applications close June 1, 2024.

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## \$4.8M raised for habitat restoration, other wildlife projects through conservation permits



Dozens of projects benefiting wildlife — including wildlife research, conservation and habitat restoration projects — have been funded after a record \$4.8 million was committed to the projects by participating conservation groups during the annual conservation permit project funding meeting held last month.

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## Guess the Great Salt Lake's rise? The state of Utah will give you a prize



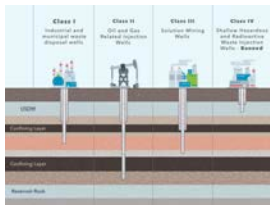
Fox 13's Ben Winslow headed out to the Great Salt Lake with DNR Executive Director Joel Ferry to discuss the status of Great Salt Lake. The lake is now up over six feet from its all time record low. We're still not in that healthy range — there's much more to do.

Additionally, to call attention to the plight of the lake, the state launched a contest for people to guess how much the lake will rise this year and when. People can visit [bit.ly/gslelevation](http://bit.ly/gslelevation) to make their guess.

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## Underground Injection Control Class VI primacy update



In 2022, the Utah Legislature passed House Bill 244, creating a framework for the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (OGM) to begin obtaining primacy, or primary enforcement responsibilities, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish an Underground Injection Control (UIC) program.

Primacy would give OGM regulatory oversight of the permitting, construction, operation, compliance and closure of class VI carbon sequestration wells on all lands except tribal, which the EPA currently regulates.

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## Record 1,779 big game animals assessed, GPS collared during winter captures



Each year, the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources captures big game animals to perform important health assessments and to place GPS collars on the animals to learn more about their migration patterns and survival rates. This winter, a record 1,779 big game animals were captured, providing important data about big game herds across the state.

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## Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Trust releases 5-year strategy



The Great Salt Lake Watershed Enhancement Trust released its five-year strategy to secure more water for the Great Salt Lake. The plan works to guide the Trust's operations and goals for the next five years.

"The Trust has just finished its first year of operation and we look forward to working collaboratively with many others to help preserve the irreplaceable wetlands and waters of Great Salt Lake through partnerships and innovative water projects that benefit people and wildlife," they announced in a joint press release.

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