



# 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.*

## Earth Science Week at Utah Geological Survey



Earlier this month, approximately 560 students from Wasatch Front elementary schools participated in the Utah Geological Survey's Earth Science Week at the Utah Core Research Center. Students explored geology and paleontology through fun, hands-on

activities like gold panning for colorful minerals, getting up close and personal with dinosaur bones and learning about how earthquakes happen.

[Watch the video >>](#)

## Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation Opens 2023 UCORE Grant Cycle for Youth Programs



The Division of Outdoor Recreation is excited to bring back the Utah Children's Outdoor Recreation and Education (UCORE) grant to provide high-quality, outdoor-focused learning experiences to youth ages 6-18 in Utah. This funding aims to teach youth the physical skills that can make outdoor recreation part of a healthy and active

applications will be accepted now through Dec. 4.

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## DWR proposes research, changes to weapon technology use and mandatory harvest reporting



The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has been listening to hunters' concerns and suggestions, and is proposing a variety of changes to big game hunting that would go into effect in 2024. Some of the recommended changes would affect the weapon technology allowed for various hunts, while others would provide alternative hunting strategies for five units in southern Utah as part of a new research study. Mandatory harvest reporting and a few other changes are also being proposed, and the DWR is asking for the public's feedback.

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## Advanced Vehicle and Fuels Month kickoff



The Utah Office of Energy Development (OED) and Utah Clean Cities (UCC) kicked off Advanced Vehicle and Fuels Awareness Month at the Utah State Capitol on Nov. 1, 2023. The event featured a range of vehicles from buses to trucks to cars to transport vans, underscoring the technological advancements in vehicles and alternative fuels. Now in its 15th year, Advanced Vehicle and Fuels Awareness Month is an opportunity for the state to raise public and private awareness of the progress the state is making in providing cleaner air and raising public and private interest in alternative vehicles and fuels. Greg Todd, Energy Advisor to the Governor and OED Director, had the honor of reading Gov. Spencer Cox's official declaration and was joined by other leaders in the field.

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## Quail Creek State Park opens new campground



Quail Creek State Park in Washington County recently celebrated the grand opening of their new campground. The campground adds 25 new campsites that are outfitted with water and power. Each campsite is larger than those in the park's original campground in order to better accommodate visitors with larger motor homes and trailers.

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## Division of Outdoor Recreation kicks off 2023 statewide grant workshop tour



The Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation (DOR) is kicking off its 2023 grant workshop tour on Monday, Nov. 6, with 12 stops throughout Utah. The DOR's expanded grants and planning team, now serving as the central hub for all outdoor recreation grants, will provide information into the full spectrum of programs available under its umbrella. Additionally, they will offer extensive assistance with the grant application process. The sessions will guide attendees through the application process, provide detailed instructions on how to write compelling applications, braid various funding streams and introduce new outdoor recreation grants from the division. A dedicated Q and A discussion segment is scheduled at the end of each workshop to help make sure applications are as competitive as possible.

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## strategies report



The Board of Water Resources is pleased to announce pivotal milestones in water management with the release of the draft Statewide Marketing Strategies Report, water marketing website and dynamic resources for water users. With demand for water increasing, water marketing is one method of achieving multiple state-wide water priorities and policies.

Interested parties are invited to attend a public open house to learn about the findings, results and resources. A virtual option is available on the Division of Water Resources' YouTube channel. The draft report will be made available for public comment after the Nov. 7 event with a final report sent to the Board of Water Resources by early December.

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