

*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.*

Weather stations measure water movement from land to air



The Utah Geological Survey — with support from the Colorado River Authority of Utah, the Utah Division of Water Rights and the Utah Division of Water Resources — is establishing the Utah Flux Network, a network of weather stations throughout the state that measure evapotranspiration, the combination of water that is evaporated from the land's surface and transpired by plants. This network is critical for improving water management across Utah. By providing real-time data, the network will help agencies, landowners and researchers make informed decisions on water use, ensuring sustainable management of Utah's water resources.

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Division of Outdoor Recreation announces 2024 statewide grant workshop tour

The Division of Outdoor Recreation announced its 2024 grant workshop tour, which will kick off on Monday, Nov. 18, with 12 stops throughout Utah. As the



central hub for the state's outdoor recreation grants, the division's grants team will provide a broad overview of all available funding sources and offer hands-on guidance for prospective applicants. The tour is an opportunity for local governments,

nonprofits and outdoor recreation advocates to learn about funding opportunities that can enhance Utah's outdoor spaces and recreation infrastructure. In addition to learning about eligibility and deadlines, participants will gain insights into best practices for submitting successful applications. The sessions also feature breakout groups, covering reimbursement strategies and budget management topics to provide deeper engagement with division staff. Registration for the workshops is required.

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Emy Lesofski appointed new director of the Utah Office of Energy Development



In October, Gov. Spencer Cox appointed Emy Faulkner Lesofski as the director of the Utah Office of Energy Development and Energy Advisor to the Governor. Lesofski joins the Office of Energy Development from the U.S. Senate Committee on

Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies. She has built her career in public service as a staff director and policy advisor in both houses of Congress. Lesofski studied Political Science at Brigham Young University.

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Utah rangers promote safe OHV recreation at UTV Takeover

This fall break, Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation and Utah Division of State Parks rangers teamed up with local law enforcement to make UTV Takeover at Sand Hollow safer than ever. With a strong presence throughout the event, rangers focused on educating attendees about Utah's zero-tolerance policy for

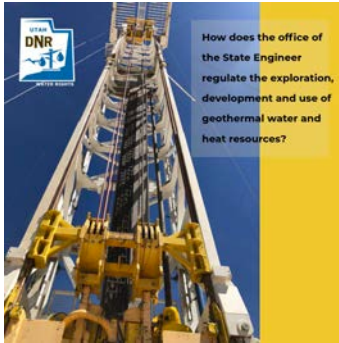


impaired driving, promoting responsible riding practices and encouraging helmet use. Thanks to everyone's cooperation, this year's event saw a significant reduction in incidents. By working together, we're helping to keep Utah's lands open and accessible for everyone to enjoy safely. Thank you to all participants and partners for supporting

safe recreation on Utah's trails!

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Regulating the exploration, development and use of geothermal water and heat resources



While many are aware that geothermal is a clean and renewable energy source, few understand the crucial role that the State Engineer and the Division of Water Rights play in harnessing this resource. The division is the primary, state-level regulatory agency over exploration, development, drilling, construction and operation of geothermal systems.

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4 years in the making: Provo River Delta opens to public recreation



The Provo River Delta Restoration Project began in March 2020, and as of Saturday, Oct. 26, the newly restored delta area and its associated amenities are officially open to the public. The nearly 260-acre project, located a half-mile north of Utah Lake State Park, restored a functioning delta between the Lower

Provo River and Utah Lake to aid in the recovery of the threatened June sucker...

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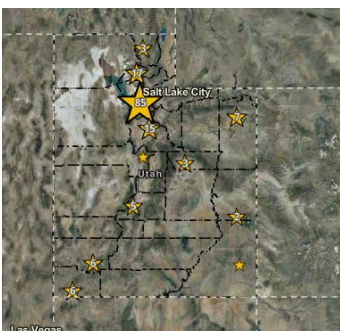
Utah Geological Survey hosts Earth Science Week



Utah Geological Survey scientists, staff and volunteers recently hosted over 400 school students from second to sixth grades for the annual Earth Science Week (ESW). Spanning two weeks, ESW provided students from Salt Lake and Tooele counties with a two-hour field trip to the Utah Core Research Center, where they engaged in...

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A new tool launched for tracking water conservation at state facilities



The Utah Division of Water Resources and the Utah Division of Facilities Construction and Management have partnered to create the State Facility Water Tracker. This new tool displays data related to water use specifically at state facilities. Visualizing this data helps us better understand water conservation efforts at these locations. Preliminary numbers show that

Utah state facilities have achieved a 20% reduction in water use since 2020.

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Gaps in Utah's water measurement data infrastructure and technology



The newest gap analysis, completed by the Utah Division of Water Rights and Utah State University, adds another piece to the Utah water management puzzle intently assembled by state water officials, experts and lawmakers. For decades, the Division of Water Rights has collected and managed detailed data related to water use in the state. These data are used extensively for decisions related to water distribution and are accessible on the division website.

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