

*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.*

Upgrades wrapping up at Yuba Reservoir

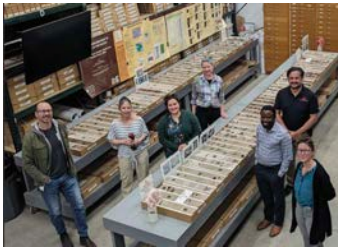


The Utah Division of Water Resources supports the Board of Water Resources in administering funds for critical infrastructure upgrades. One such project, upgrades of the Sevier Bridge Dam at Yuba Reservoir, is nearing completion. Originally constructed in 1906 and enlarged in 1916, the dam underwent some upgrades in 2004. The current project includes seismic upgrades, removal and replacement of the spillway structure and gates, construction of an auxiliary spillway, improvement of downstream foundation materials, addition of a stability berm and installation of toe drains. These improvements are essential to ensuring the dam's safety and reliability for years to come.

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Beneath Utah's surface: harnessing geologic carbon storage

In early 2024, the Utah Geological Survey (UGS) was awarded a \$1.1 million cooperative agreement from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of



Fossil Energy and Carbon Management to study geologic carbon storage in Utah. So, what is carbon storage and what does it mean for Utah and its residents? Geologic carbon storage, a crucial component of Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage, offers a promising solution to the challenge of reducing CO2 emissions worldwide.

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Proposed Parowan Valley groundwater management plan



The Office of the State Engineer has been working on a groundwater management plan for Parowan Valley. In August, the proposed plan was completed and updates posted to the Utah Division of Water Rights website. In addition to the proposed plan, the website shares details about the region's hydrology, existing water rights, public meetings and public comments.

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Utah Cutthroat Slam raises over \$100K for cutthroat trout restoration



The Utah Cutthroat Slam recently reached a milestone of raising over \$100,000 in funding, which goes toward projects and other efforts to restore native cutthroat trout throughout Utah. The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and Utah Trout Unlimited launched the slam in 2016 as a fishing challenge for anglers to catch the...

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DOR hosts 11th annual Utah Outdoor Recreation Summit in Bryce Canyon



The Division of Outdoor Recreation successfully hosted its 11th annual Utah Outdoor Recreation Summit, held on August 27-28 at Bryce Canyon's Ruby's Inn. With more than 300 in attendance, this year's event, themed "From Sunrise to Sunset," encapsulated the journey of outdoor recreation in Utah, celebrating its rich history while looking toward a sustainable future. Over two days, participants engaged in outdoor activities, panel discussions, keynote speeches, and workshops, covering essential themes like conflict management, grant funding, how to start an outdoor business, accessibility, visitation and more. Attendees included outdoor enthusiasts, industry leaders, policymakers, stakeholders and outdoor recreation brands.

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Utah's Strategic Energy Policy garnering national interest

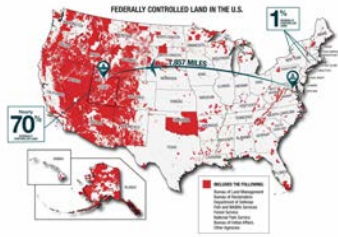


Acting Director Dusty Monks presented Utah's Strategic State Energy Policy to the State Policy Network. Numerous energy leaders and policymakers from at least 20 other states were in attendance. Utah's unique approach generated a lot of interest, including from other states' leadership and one of the country's largest, non-partisan think tanks.

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A lawsuit nearly 50 years in the making

The federal government controls nearly 70% of the land in Utah. In comparison, the federal government controls less than 1% of the land in Connecticut, New York, and Rhode Island, and less than 3% of the land in Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania. While half of this public land has been



designated as national parks, national forests, national conservation areas, or the like, the other half is 'unappropriated' land, meaning that the United States simply holds the land without any designated purpose. Utah has filed a landmark public lands lawsuit asking the U.S. Supreme

Court to address whether the federal government can simply hold unappropriated lands within a state indefinitely. The 'unappropriated' land in question is approximately 18.5 million acres, or 34% of land in Utah, controlled by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) under the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA). This question and concern has been on the minds of Utah politicians since the passing of FLPMA in 1976. With recent road closures and Executive Branch policy changes, the time was past due to ask this question and Stand For Our Land.

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FFSL and Compass Minerals finalize agreement for Great Salt Lake conservation



The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands finalized a voluntary agreement with Compass Minerals that will directly impact Great Salt Lake. Compass agreed to donate 200,000 acre-feet of water annually and release 65,000 acres of land

around the lake. "This agreement is an example of the good we can accomplish when public and private come together to be a part of the solution," Utah Gov. Spencer J. Cox said.

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DOR opens 2024 UCORE grant cycle for youth programs

The Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation (DOR) recently announced the opening of its Utah Children's Outdoor Recreation and Education (UCORE) grant cycle. Different from the usual DOR infrastructure and restoration



initiatives, this specific grant underscores DOR's commitment to supporting service providers who focus on outdoor programs for youth. Grant applications will be accepted now through Friday, Oct. 18. The UCORE grant supports programs that provide outdoor-based learning for youth ages 6-18, and complements the state's Every Kid Outdoors (EKO) Initiative. The primary goal is to make outdoor recreation an integral part of children's vibrant and healthful lives.

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