

**Utah Department  
of Natural Resources**

*Conserve, protect and develop  
Utah's natural resources*

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## Arbor Day festivities

Arbor Day ceremonies were conducted statewide on April 25. The state Arbor Day ceremony was held at Red Butte Garden and Arboretum where awards were presented to winners of the annual Utah Arbor Day poster contest. Nearly 100,000 Utah school students enter the contest each year.

*-Jim Springer  
Forestry, Fire and State Lands*



*Toni Birky, 1st grade student at Jackson Elementary, shows Governor Mike Leavitt her grand prize winning poster.*

## DNR refocuses law enforcement efforts

During an April meeting with department law enforcement officers, Executive Director Ted Stewart described a system to strengthen law enforcement in the Department of Natural Resources. The announcement followed a year of discussion and study. Changes were needed to 1) minimize the department's liability, 2) reduce duplication and 3) create support for this component of the department.

"This has been an emotionally charged issue. I'm glad to have it resolved so our law enforcement officers can proceed with their jobs," stated Ted. "The changes will be viewed by some as not going far enough and by others as going too far."

Changes include:

- Reclassifying the department's law enforcement director as assistant director of the department.
- Establishing chiefs of law enforcement in divisions of Wildlife Resources and Parks and Recreation.
- Establishing a law enforcement management council comprised of department assistant director and law enforcement chiefs in Wildlife Resources and Parks and Recreation. The council will 1) develop policy, 2) develop practices and 3) combine law enforcement training for both divisions.
- Organizing a department internal affairs office to coordinate and investigate citizen complaints and charges of officers' misconduct.

The following personnel assignments were announced:

- Brant Johnson, assistant director
- Bob Elswood, Wildlife Resources chief of law enforcement
- Jay Christianson, Parks and Recreation chief of law enforcement

Applications for training coordinator and internal affairs investigator positions are being reviewed.

*- Brant Johnson, Administration*

## Earth Day Awards

The Board of Oil, Gas and Mining presented Earth Day Awards to five companies/organizations for going beyond regulation requirements in developing Utah's natural resources.

Awards were given to:

- AMAX Coal Company for outstanding final reclamation or site restoration at its Castle Gate Mine in Hardscrabble Canyon.
- Energy West Mining Company for outstanding results following applications of innovative environmental technology at its Rilda Canyon Portal facilities in Huntington Canyon.
- National Park Service and Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for environmental partnerships in closing abandoned mines in three Utah national parks and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

- Barrick Resources (USA) Inc., for outstanding results following applications of innovative environmental technology at Mercur Gold Mine.
- Kennecott Utah Copper for environmental improvement to an active mine site at Bingham Copper Mine.

*- Jim Springer, Oil, Gas and Mining*

## Wild wings over wetlands: 1997 Migratory Bird and Wetlands Day



Experience the wonders of wetlands and the beauty of birds! **Saturday, May 10**, the Division of Wildlife Resources and Utah Partners in Flight are celebrating the *4th Annual Migratory Bird and Wetlands Day*. Naturalists, spotting scopes and information

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will be available across the state, with hourly birdwalks at several locations.

Visit our Web Page at <http://www.nr.state.ut.us/dwr/migrday.htm>, or call Frank Howe, 801-538-4764, or Cecile LeBlanc, 801-538-4864.

Bring boots and binoculars, and come enjoy our wetlands and wildlife!

- Cecile LeBlanc, Wildlife Resources

## Water Resources celebrates 50 years

This year the Division and Board of Water Resources celebrate 50 years of state funding for water conservation and development. At a May 9 luncheon honoring current and former board members, board Chairwoman Dr. M. Karlynn Hinman distributed commemorative hats and displayed an album history of the board and its predecessor, the Utah Water and Power Board.

- Ron Ollis, Water Resources



## Trip reduction ideas

A trip reduction brochure is available from your division representative. The brochure includes strategies for reducing drive-alone commuting, how to deal with I-15 construction, and approval forms for compressed work weeks, flex time and telecommuting. If you think a strategy will work for you, talk to your supervisor.

Division representatives:

- Mark Forbes, Administration
- Jim Galanis, OERP
- Werner Haidenthaler, UGS
- Terri Jackson, Water Resources
- Matt Lindon, Water Rights
- Doug Lukes, Wildlife Resources
- Karen Mortenson, Parks and Recreation
- Steve Schneider, Oil, Gas and Mining
- Ed Storey, Forestry, Fire and State Lands

- Mark Forbes, Administration



### May 15 Brown Bag Noon, DNR Auditorium

You too can become a world renowned arsonist... in Gary Cornell's *Famous Arsonists brown bag lunch!* Yes! When wildland fire roars...there's big money to be made! Attend Gary's introductory workshop, and find out how to join the exciting world of wildland fire fighting!

The 1996 wildland fire season in Utah was the worst on record. Gary Cornell, fire management coordinator, and Dave Dalrymple, fire management forester, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, will discuss:

- Our worst fire season ever
- Outlook for 1997 fire season
- Fire behavior
- Individual fire fighting equipment
- DNR firefighting hand crew

## Oil, Gas and Mining loses another friend

Oil, Gas and Mining and the department suffered another loss with the passing of Ron "RJ" Firth, division associate director. RJ died of a heart attack on March 29. He will be missed by all who knew him as a dear friend and co-worker. RJ's knowledge of petroleum engineering provided a technical expertise difficult to match.

- Jim Springer, Oil, Gas and Mining

## 2002 Olympic Nordic venue bid



Public open houses were held in April to explain a proposal to develop the Soldier Hollow-Chalet area at Wasatch Mountain State Park for the 2002 Olympic Nordic venue bid.

A partnership among the Wasatch County Commission, Midway City, Heber City and Utah State Parks and Recreation developed the proposal.

- Deena Loyola, Parks and Recreation

## ...etc.

Bill Marcovecchio, Sandy, was appointed by Governor Mike Leavitt to a four-year term on the Utah Board of Water Resources. Bill represents the Salt Lake district and replaces Ruth L. Novak.

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Congratulations to Carol Nixon, new director of This Is The Place State Park. Carol moves into this position as Parks and Recreation enters into its first-ever public/private park management effort.



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