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Milestones on the Path to Cleaner Energy

by Mark Clemens

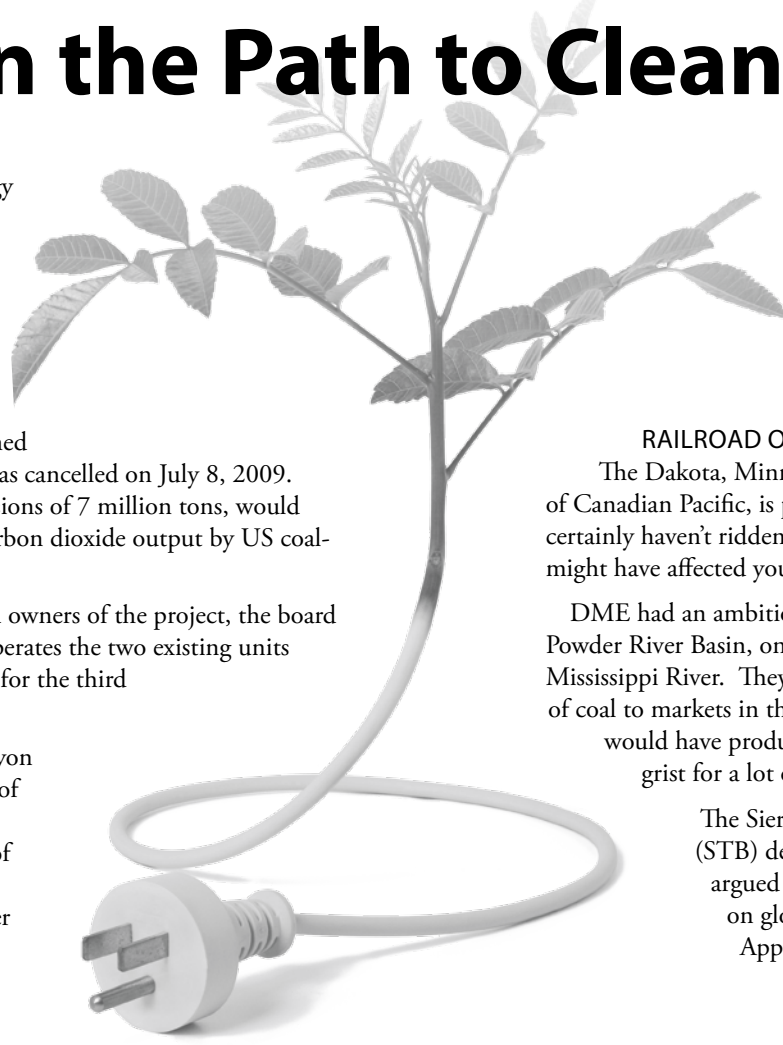
The Sierra Club continues to fight for a clean energy economy with green jobs as the centerpiece. We passed several important milestones on the path to cleaner energy during the last two months or so. As we gird our loins to continue the fight, we should celebrate the important victories too.

IPP RIP

The third coal-fired electricity generating unit planned for the Intermountain Power Project site near Delta was cancelled on July 8, 2009. This unit, with estimated annual carbon dioxide emissions of 7 million tons, would have boosted IPP to second place in the ranking of carbon dioxide output by US coal-fired power plants.

After a long struggle involving major customers and owners of the project, the board of the Intermountain Power Authority (IPA) which operates the two existing units announced its decision to allow the air quality permit for the third unit to expire.

The Sierra Club, Utah Chapter and the Grand Canyon Trust appealed the original permit issued by the State of Utah's Division of Air Quality, but that appeal is now moot. Sierra Club and the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, one of IPA's largest customers, would like to see the plant site developed for renewable power sources, but that decision has not yet been taken.



Two major coal-fired power projects remain on the drawing board in Utah, the proposed 270 megawatt NEVCO plant in Sevier County and the proposed 110 megawatt expansion of the existing Bonanza Plant near Vernal. But the third unit at IPP, rated at over 900 megawatts, would have dwarfed the other proposed Utah plants combined.

RAILROAD OF REGRETS

The Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern (DME) Railroad, a subsidiary of Canadian Pacific, is probably not a railroad of which you've heard. You certainly haven't ridden on it because it carries only freight. But the railroad might have affected you—even if only indirectly.

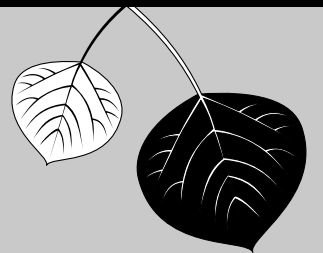
DME had an ambitious \$6 billion plan to run a new line from Wyoming's Powder River Basin, one of the largest coal reserves in the world, to the Mississippi River. They projected to transport an additional 100 million tons of coal to markets in the Midwest and East. One hundred million tons of coal would have produced approximately 200 million tons of CO₂. That's grist for a lot of global warming.

The Sierra Club appealed a US Surface Transportation Board (STB) decision to greenlight the project in 2002. The club argued the STB failed to analyze the project's potential impact on global warming and won before the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals.

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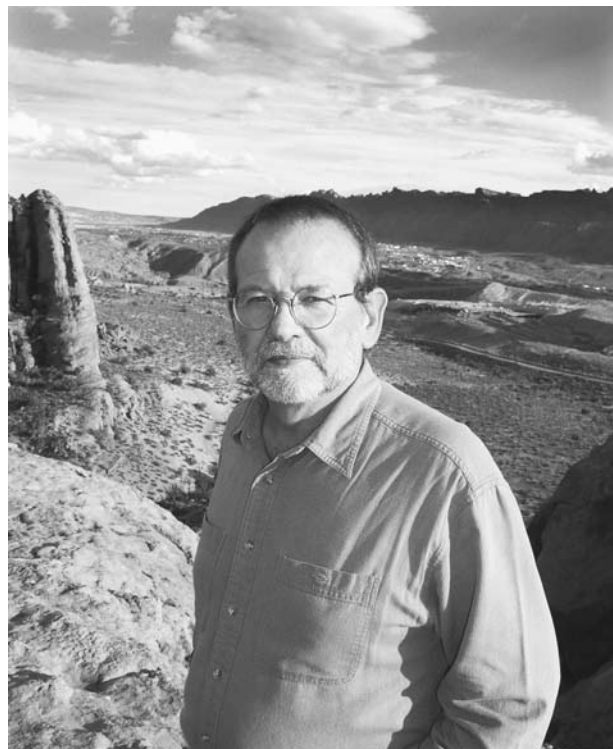
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Wayne's World

Fire Fables Fan the Flames of Ignorance

by Wayne Hoskinson



The Mill Flat fire in the Pine Valley Mountains near New Harmony and St. George brought to light many misconceptions about wildfire, wilderness and grazing that seem prevalent among a large segment of the public.

Wildfire does provoke strong feelings. Losing a home, property, a pet, or a human life to fire is horrendous. We can only sympathize with those whose lives have been changed by fire and those whose homes have been threatened by fire.

Our sympathy should not keep us from learning about fire and how we are going to manage fire in the future. For practical reasons we must understand fire. In this case even Utah Governor Gary Herbert seemed to be misinformed about many fire-related issues.

Herbert asserted that before wilderness designation livestock grazing controlled vegetation overgrowth that causes fire to burn more intensely. Livestock grazing is permitted in designated wilderness. The Mill Flat Fire started in an active cattle grazing allotment with 731 head permitted this summer.

Cattle grazing removes the fine fuels on the floor of the forest that allows low-intensity ground fires to trim fuels from the forest. Grazing does nothing to remove the fuels that feed large and high intensity fires. As traditionally practiced, livestock grazing often promotes increased growth of shrubs and trees that can result in more intense fires.

The Dixie National Forest managed the fire and the fire risk in the area responsibly and appropriately. The US Forest Service created a firebreak along the forest boundary west of New Harmony twice since 2002. It also managed the original fire as a "wildland use fire." Allowing fires to burn when distant from towns is now well substantiated

by science as the most responsible course of action in most cases. This fire resulted from circumstances beyond the control of the Forest Service. It grew because of continued drought, a period of very hot and dry days, wind, and decades of fire absence.

Fires like the Mill Flat fire are long overdue. Many places in our forests remain in the same situation. All it takes is that one day when low live-fuel moisture (living trees), low humidity, hot weather, and wind create the perfect opportunity for a huge fire. Thinning forests is not a good option in many kinds of forests. Thinning dries forests out and permits higher wind speeds in the forest, thus fanning the flames instead of preventing them.

Contrary to the misinformed beliefs of some, federal agencies can and do fight fires within designated wilderness when needed. The Wilderness Act states, "In addition, such measures may be taken as may be necessary in the control of fire, insects, and diseases, subject to such conditions as the Secretary deems desirable." In this case Forest Service had authorized fighting the fire in the wilderness if it had been necessary.

Fires like the Mill Flat fire are long overdue.

Many scenarios of climate change predict such fires will become much more common in the future, particularly in Utah. If Governor Herbert wants to create a plan for dealing with the future of forests in Utah he should convene a colloquium to decide how we are going to deal with the reality of a more fire-prone future. The conservation community wants a dialogue with Herbert and other leaders about the management of fire and many other aspects of land management that affect us all. Political posturing and platitudes should be confiscated at the door.

This article was co-authored by Veronica Egan, executive director of Great Old Broads for Wilderness.

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OnEnergy

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“In 2006 we were back before the court, after STB did only a marginally better job, but this time the court gave the agency broad latitude and ruled against us,” said Bruce Nilles, director of Sierra Club’s Move Beyond Coal Campaign. “Throughout this litigation we worked with a broad coalition, including the Mayo Clinic in Rochester which did not want coal trains running through its back yard.”

“Last year—and never daunted by losing a case or two..., we again appealed. This time DME was struggling to finance the project and so proposed to merge with Canadian Pacific. We challenged the merger, arguing that this required further environmental analysis about the proposed rail line. That case is still pending here in DC court of appeals,” said Nilles.

Ultimately, it was a combination of the consistent pressure from legal appeals and community opposition along with declining demand for coal that did in the project. DME dropped its law suits to condemn property necessary for the right of way on August 26, 2009. Compare the emissions that would have resulted from the Powder River Basin coal shipped on the DME, 200 million tons, with the 7 million tons IPP unit 3 would have produced, and one can understand the importance of stopping coal at the wholesale rather than the retail level.

Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope posted a commentary on the DME decision on his blog, <http://sierraclub.typepad.com/carlpope/2009/09/yes-we-can-and-we-are.html>.

MOUNTAINTOP MAYHEM

In much of Appalachia, coal is mined by blowing off the tops of mountains to get at coal seams buried underneath, sometimes at considerable depth. The debris is then scraped away and dumped in an adjacent valley usually burying streams in the process. The club’s national website has photos and factsheets, <http://www.sierraclub.org/coal/mtr/default.aspx>.



Kayford Mountain in West Virginia. Arch Coal Inc., Horizon Natural Resources and Massey Energy have flattened the mountains into a 12,000 acre “pancake.” Photo courtesy Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition.

Thousands of square miles have been transformed into sterile moonscapes in the process. This obscenity that future generations will consider terricide is today called mountaintop removal mining or MTR.

Many environmental and community groups including the Sierra Club have fought MTR for years. And the fight will continue, but foes of MTR have won a skirmish. On September 11, 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a decision that all 79 MTR applications submitted to them by the US Army Corps of Engineers for review would violate the Clean Water Act’s prohibition against filling wetlands.

The Corps of Engineers has 60 days to respond to the EPA decision and address the legal issues raised. If you’d like to thank EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson for this

decision, log on to the club’s take action site, http://action.sierraclub.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Coal_Mining_Tracker&autologin=true, or send an old-fashioned letter to:

*Environmental Protection Agency
ATTN: Administrator Lisa P Jackson
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460*

CLAIR JONES

Clair Jones joined the fight for green jobs and clean energy on September 1st, and we’re hoping we’ll look back on that date as a milestone too. No pressure Clair! Check out the article on page 7.

Dirty Doings in the Fight Against Clean Jobs

by Mark Clemens

A strange tale of forgery and improper attempts to influence the clean energy jobs debate in Washington, DC, has emerged over the last month. A recent database search of coverage of the issue in the *Salt Lake Tribune* or *Deseret News* turned up no record of the story having been covered locally.

An industry-sponsored group, the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity (ACCCE), the most virulent opponent of legislation to prevent dangerous climate change from greenhouse gasses, retained a public relations firm called Bonner & Associates to try to drum up grassroots opposition to the legislation. The firm decided to work on the dark side.

Bonner & Associates forged letters from a range of non-profit charities including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Legion and an Hispanic advocacy group called Creciendo Juntos, purporting to oppose the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (ACES). The firm created letterhead mimicking the logos of the targeted organizations but used fictitious names rather than those of actual employees.

The forged letters were then sent to the offices of at least three Democratic members of the US House of Representatives, including Rep Tom Perriello (D-VA). On September 10, 2009, Rep Edward Markey (D-MA), one of the house sponsors of ACES, confirmed the total number of forged letters discovered by his committee had risen to fourteen.

As soon as the forgeries became public ACCCE severed its relationship with Bonner & Associates and

denounced their tactics. However, the reputation of Bonner & Associates was allegedly somewhat tainted already. A posting to the Think Progress blog suggests the firm defrauded the US government in 1986 (<http://thinkprogress.org/2009/07/31/bonner-forgery/>). ACCCE can’t be accused of having been too picky about its henchmen or tactics.

Below is a statement of Carl Pope, Sierra Club Executive Director, on the subject.

“Despite the coal industry’s ACCCE and Bonner & Associates denouncing these actions and firmly placing blame elsewhere, this newly surfaced letter again reminds us of how dirty politics can get when aimed at defeating clean energy legislation that would benefit all Americans.

“Big Oil and Coal continue to spend millions of dollars opposing any legislation that would bring the U.S. into a clean energy future, create jobs and fight global warming. From lobbyists forging letters to the US Chamber of Commerce calling for a mock trial of science--this lowest of discourse, the misrepresentation of facts, of communities, and of America’s heroes must end.

“In fact, veterans stood up today on Capitol Hill, at the White House and on the airwaves speaking in favor of clean energy as a way to make America more secure.

“Last week the AAUW, National Wildlife Federation, NAACP, Center for American Progress Action Fund and Sierra Club joined forces to help average citizens blow the whistle on deceptive,

fraudulent, or illegal tactics being perpetrated by big polluters and their lobbyists to strike down clean energy innovation. The tip line (866-363-4648) launched last Thursday.

“Yesterday, just a week after the nation’s third largest utility, Duke Energy announced it was of the terminating its membership in the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity, French giant Alstom power today followed suit. The company, which makes pollution control technologies for coal plants, cited “questions that have been raised about ACCCE’s support for climate legislation” as the reason for leaving.

“And today the Sierra Club will be delivering over a petition of over 30,000 signatures to the board of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, asking those companies to denounce the Chamber’s attacks on the clean energy jobs bill and the science of global warming, or resign from the group.

“We cannot let our clean energy economy be sacrificed to extreme coal interests that have only their bottom line, not the best interests of the American people, at heart. We need a clean energy jobs bill that benefits everyone, not just coal. We hope that other companies who consider the public interest part of their mission will resign from or at least condemn groups like ACCCE and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for their efforts to kill clean energy jobs.”

OurLand

Groups Blast Snowbird Owner Over Alaska Coal Mine Proposal

A huge coal strip-mining operation proposed on Alaska's Chuitna River by the owner of the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort in Utah has drawn the ire of groups concerned about the mine's contribution to global warming.

Richard Bass, who owns the prominent Utah resort, has partnered with William H. Hunt to form PacRim Coal LLC, which has submitted permit applications to build a coal mine directly on top of 11 miles of prime salmon fisheries feeding the Cook Inlet. Nearly all the coal excavated from the mine, located about 45 miles from Anchorage, would be exported to coal markets in China and other Pacific Rim countries. The Chuitna mine would produce more than 12 million tons of coal annually, which when burned, would emit more than 27 million tons of carbon dioxide.

"It's sadly ironic that the owner of a business that is solely dependent upon heavy snowfall and consistent winters is pushing a project that is a direct threat to the ski industry and completely contrary to the ideals of outdoor recreation," said Ryan Demmy Bidwell with the Ski Area Citizen's Coalition. "Coal is the single largest source of global warming pollution on the planet. We're already seeing impacts on climate and weather patterns in the West. And this man wants to sell millions of tons of coal to China so it can be burned? Utah skiers and backcountry enthusiasts should be outraged."

Bass' mine proposal is even more hypocritical, conservation groups say, since Snowbird has been an active participant in the National Ski Area Associations Sustainable Slopes program, whose environmental initiatives include reducing greenhouse gas emissions from resorts in order to protect the climate.

"Snowbird has been one of the leading ski areas in terms of addressing global warming," said Mark Clemens with the Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club. "In fact, they were the top award recipient from the NSAA in 2007. That's what makes this proposed coal mine by Mr. Bass so troubling."

Over 50 national organizations and businesses made recommendations that were incorporated in the Sustainable Slopes charter, a program designed to make ski resorts more environmentally friendly. Clemens doubts any of the participating organizations would be too thrilled to know that Bass was planning to develop a large coal mine.

"I can't help but believe that some might consider this a real slap in the face" he said.

In addition to its contributions to global warming, the mine would destroy one of Alaska's most productive salmon fisheries. According to three scientific analyses of the mine's impacts being released today, it is highly unlikely that the river's fishery



Snowbird owner Dick Bass thinks a coal mine belongs in the middle of this picture, the pristine Chuitna River in Alaska.

would ever recover from damage done by the mining. This year, the Chuitna River was one of the few rivers in the Cook Inlet region where fisherman enjoyed a healthy king salmon run. But if the mine is built, the studies determined, damage done directly to the streams and approximately 30 square miles of surrounding riparian habitat within the watershed would be irreversible.

"We want to keep Utah cool and Alaska wild," said Dan Ritzman, the Western Director of the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign. "We aim to show that sparing the climate hundreds of millions of tons of CO2 pollution and protecting this fragile fishery are better long-term investments for local economies in Utah and Alaska.

In today's transition to a greener economy, investments in coal are simply wasted dollars."

Sierra Magazine recently published an extensive article on the Chuitna coal mine, which can be found online at <http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200907/coal.aspx>

Executive summaries and full text of the scientific studies listed below can be downloaded at: <http://www.inletkeeper.org/energy/Chuitna90813.htm>

This article was issued as a press release on Monday, 17 August 2009. Thanks to the following groups that helped to draft or distribute it including Cook Inlet Keeper, Resource Media, Sierra Club and the Ski Area Citizen's Coalition.



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ChapterNews

What Won't Be Blowin' in the Wind

by Mike Stringham

On a blustery and overcast day in April the Glen Canyon Group did our first highway clean up. Our assigned area to clean up is the first three miles south of the Grand – San Juan County line along US Highway 191. Twenty six people helped clean up and several of those were non Sierra Club members. We met at eight a.m. and handed out day-glo vests and 50-gallon garbage bags the highway department supplied. We provided extra plastic bags to anyone who wanted to separate recyclables from the rest of the trash.

We all split off to begin picking up trash along assigned areas. The wind was blowing so hard that keeping a hold of the trash bags was a chore. The bags acted like sails and everyone was continually buffeted by the wind. The 30-m.p.h. wind was so noisy that any conversation had to be shouted. We filled 50 trash and 20 recycling bags in the three or so hours we worked.

The stuff we picked up ran the gamut: wood, old tires, garden hoses, steel cable, iron pipe, American flag, money, as well as paper, cans and plastic bags. Three miles turns out to be a lot of territory to cover in three windy hours. In fact we only picked up trash along about one third of our area. Our next clean-up effort will be in September and then one in the winter. By that time we should have the area looking pretty nice. Once the area is finally relatively clear of trash keeping it clean will take less time and effort. This was fun and pretty easy to do. It is nice to do something for the community that will have a positive effect. We all like keeping Moab looking respectable.

Mike is the chair of the Glen Canyon Group.



No, Your Couch Doesn't Go With That Tree

by Rane Johnson



Volunteers enjoy a post-cleanup lunch in garden of the Oaks Restaurant.

For three consecutive years, the Sierra Club's Ogden Group has been co-sponsoring an Ogden River clean up. The Ogden Canyon Club, Utah Rivers, Ogden City, and Weber County have assisted in the past. It is held the Saturday before Earth Day each year, and the river is cleaned from the outlet at Pineview Dam to the confluence with the Weber River, west of Ogden.

Each year, the group meets at two different locations and divides up into groups with area assignments. We start at 9:00 am and finish by noon, then are treated to lunch by Keith Runkles, owner of The Oaks in Ogden

Canyon. Door prizes are awarded during lunch, and it is an enjoyable day for all who participate. Each year the number of participants has grown and this past spring over 80 volunteers turned out for a morning of hard work.

Each event has presented unique challenges with rainy weather and unpredictable river levels. The second year, the road in the canyon was closed to all traffic, with only one day notice, so that critical repairs could be made. With the closure, we were unable to get the lunch that was prepared to the volunteers and the canyon section had to be cleaned two weeks later.

In addition to the usual water bottles, plastic bags, cans, and other assorted trash, we have also collected grocery carts, mattresses, carpeting, scrap metal, building materials, tires and rims. Ogden City and Weber County provide trash removal after the clean up and have supported us with trash bags and even some door prizes in the past.

Ranee is the chair of the Ogden Group.

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Welcome Clair Jones



A native of Kentucky, Clair will work as the new Move Beyond Coal organizer.

Clair Jones was hired as a Move Beyond Coal organizer for the Sierra Club and began work on September 1, 2009. She will work out of the joint chapter/national club office in Sugarhouse.

Clair Jones grew up in Kentucky, wandering the vast wilderness of the Appalachians. She got her start as an environmentalist at an early age, picking up the trash on her grade school playground. She began truly to understand the preciousness of the natural environment around her when she witnessed, first-hand, the crippling effects of mountaintop removal coal mining on her community and state.

Determined to stop mountaintop removal, she began to participate in environmental lobbying groups like

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and Alliance for Appalachia, while earning a degree in journalism from Morehead State University.

After graduating, Clair spent time in Utah as a reporter, covering the Spanish Fork wind farm. She then travelled to Washington, D.C., where she worked as a public relations fellow at an environmental public relations firm, placing clients in such influential media outlets as CNN, The Wall Street Journal, Press of Atlantic City and Living on Earth.

Clair returned to Utah after her time in Washington, glad to be reunited with the mountains. She spends much of her time hiking, camping and swimming.

NEWSLETTER REDESIGN AND DISTRIBUTION PROBLEM

You might have noticed the Summer 2009 issue of the Utah Sierran was late arriving and had an address label above the fold. Our editorial team got the newsletter to our printer, Transcript Bulletin Press, in good time. The printer got the completed newsletter to our mail house in just a couple of days. And Salt Lake Mailing and Printing addressed and sorted the newsletter and delivered it to the bulk mail department of the US Post Office in time for them to have been delivered early.

For reasons unknown to us, the bulk mail department chose that moment to enforce new regulations that had only been discussed

in a general and amorphous way. They rejected our mailing despite its being in conformity with the rules that governed bulk mail for nearly twenty years.

Salt Lake Mailing had to retrieve the mailing, cross out the original addresses, and print and apply new address labels before returning it to the bulk mail department. That explains why virtually all the newsletters carried two different addresses. We apologize for the confusion and loss of privacy this process entailed. We redesigned the newsletter to conform to the new bulk mail rules.

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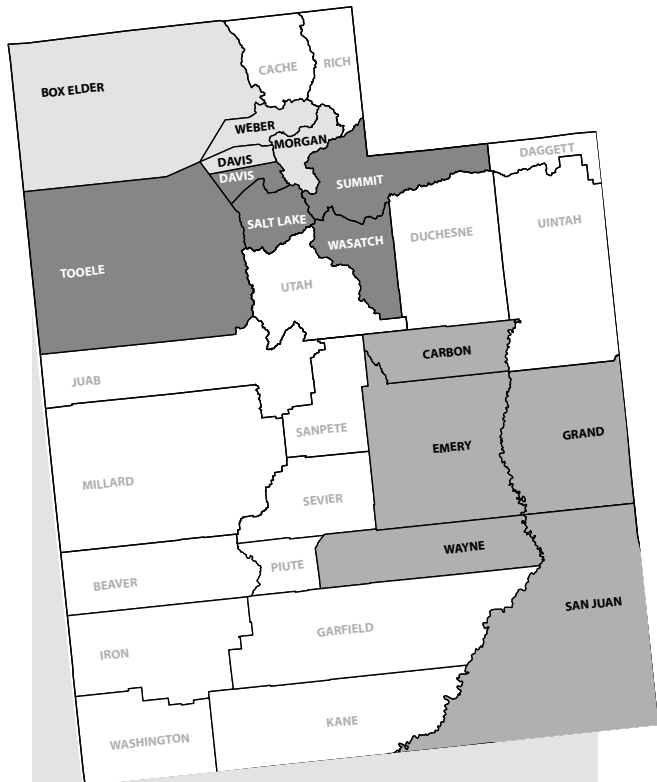
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This year's ballot includes candidates for the chapter executive committee as well as for the Ogden and Salt Lake groups. The Glen Canyon Group will mail its own ballot.

All members—even those who don't live in one of these areas with groups—are welcome to vote for candidates for the chapter executive committee—the volunteers who decide Sierra Club policy at the state level. If you live in an area affiliated with the Sierra Club group, you're also requested to vote for the members of your group executive committee—the volunteers who apply Sierra Club policy at the local level. Consult the map, below, or the list of ZIP codes preceding each group's candidate statements to see if you're affiliated with one of the groups.

Please read the candidate statements, vote, and return your anonymous ballot in the envelope provided. All ballots must be postmarked no later than **November 21, 2009.**

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BOB BECKER

I'm 62 years old, originally from Brooklyn, NY. Been backpacking and day hiking in mountains and desert country all my life, whenever I got the chance. I retired to Ogden three and a half years ago from Baton Rouge, LA, finally realizing a life-long dream of living in the mountain west, and within walking distance of a trailhead. I work part time, teaching American History at WSU, and have been active of late on the Ogden Group's political committee [drafting candidate questionnaires, interviewing Ogden city council candidates, etc.] My part-time status means I have time available to devote to ExCom work for the Ogden Group. Sierra Club priorities: [a] wilderness and natural resource protection, and marshalling public support for same [b] improving the urban environment of Ogden [c] encourage WSU student involvement in the Group and [d] attempt to involve more young people in the Group's outings program.



ROBIN BUSHMAN

I joined the Sierra Club in 2004. My love of hiking and good company keeps me coming back. Recently, I was asked to serve as the Membership Chair for the Ogden Group. On occasion I lead hikes and support other activities such as cleaning up the garbage in the Ogden River and digging up dyer's woad. I have a teenager daughter who also enjoys hiking and volunteering time to the community. I've lived in Ogden most of my life and enjoy the natural wonders of Utah. I look forward to serving the Ogden Sierra Group.



LARRY WOOLSEY

Graduated from Weber State University in 1970 with a degree in history and political science. He retired in 2001 after teaching in the Weber School District for thirty-one years. He also served for thirty years in the United States Coast Guard Reserve. Larry enjoys marathon running, hiking and fishing with his wife Chris.

Larry has been a member of the Sierra Club since 1994 and believes strongly in its goals and mission. He currently serves on the ExCom as political action chair and is frequently one of the Ogden Group's trip leaders. He feels that the citizens of our nation need to be educated about our environment, that our resources need to be better managed, and that there should be more protection and further designation of wilderness areas. We must always be aware of the kind of environment we are going to pass on to future generations.

SaltLakeGroup

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ANN WECHSLER

I have enjoyed serving on the Executive Committee of the Salt Lake Group for many years. There are many environmental issues that the group has undertaken; we are especially concerned with protection of the local canyons from relentless urbanization, year round resort expansion, and from threats to the highest quality water for Salt Lake valley residents.

There are a host of other concerns in the valley that demand the attention of enthusiastic conservationists who seek to preserve or restore parks and open spaces, to enhance the undeveloped stretches of the Jordan River for recreational use and riparian habitat, and to work with our environmental allies on natural resource issues. I will consider it an honor to serve the Salt Lake Group in expanding our membership, promoting leadership in the chapter, and drawing attention to the club's conservation priorities.

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WAYNE HOSKISSON

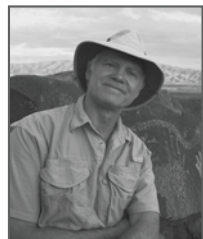


For many years I have been committed to volunteering with the Sierra Club. Currently I am the Chair of the Utah Chapter Executive Committee. Two years ago, I completed a national Sierra Club training session that qualifies me to supervise our chapter

employee. As a Chapter volunteer I work on issues related to wilderness, National Forest management, and National Park management. I wrote Sierra Club comments on Wild and Scenic River designation on National Forests in Utah as well as comments for the recently revised land management plans for some of the BLM offices in southern Utah.

For many years I have been involved in RS 2477 right of way issues including keeping the Utah Chapter a key partner in the campaign against county and state claims for so-called highways that would ruin our wild places.

JAMES WESTWATER



James Westwater has a unique career. He is a photochoreographer. For over 30 years he has created, marketed and performed giant-screen, panoramic, multi-image photographic essays, set to great works of classical music. His pieces attempt to inspire people to care

for the earth. He has performed his photochoreography as a guest artist appearing with the principal orchestras of Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Saint Louis, Minneapolis, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Detroit, Seattle, Dallas, Saint Paul, Salt lake City, Houston, Denver, Milwaukee and Washington DC.

Twice a National Endowment for the Arts Resident Artist, Westwater photographed in Antarctica as the National Science Foundation's Artist-in-the-Antarctic. Mr. Westwater is a past fellow of The Explorers Club and a recipient of the Antarctic Medal. He has performed before

audiences of the national Sierra Club, the National Academy of Science and the World Congress of Local Government.

Westwater earned a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University.

A 20-year plus member of the Sierra Club in Ohio, in November of 2006, Westwater helped re-establish a Sierra Club ally in Utah Valley, being elected the founding Chair of the Utah Valley Sierra Form (UVSF) (<http://uvsf.us>). Since it's inception the UVSF has become active in advancing environmental education in the Valley and is gradually helping to move this conservative valley in better, smarter, healthier and sustainable directions. One of our most significant accomplishments is building green bridges to BYU and UVU.

DETATCH AND MAIL



UTAH CHAPTER SIERRA CLUB 2009

Executive Committee Election Ballot

Your ballot must received by November 21, 2009. Mail your completed ballot in the enclosed envelope. The second set of boxes below are for the second member of a joint membership only. Blank lines are for write-in candidates.

OgdenGroup	SaltLakeGroup	UtahChapter
BOB BECKER	ANN WECHSLER	WAYNE HOSKISSON
ROBIN BUSHMAN		JAMES WESTWATER
LARRY WOOLSEY		
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VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 3 INCLUDING WRITE-INS

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ThankYou!

Utah Chapter Outings

EXPLORE WITH US! OCTOBER 2009–MARCH 2010

Abbreviations in capital letters signify the group planning the outing. [E] = educational content, [C] = conservation focus, [S] = service activities. All members and nonmembers are welcome on any of the chapter or group activities listed. Radios, firearms and dogs are not welcome on Sierra Club outings. Interested participants are strongly encouraged to contact the outing leader in advance and inquire as to updates, degree of difficulty, and other outing details. Participants should be prepared for various seasonal weather conditions, temperature changes that occur due to rapid increases/decreases in altitude, and bring enough food, water, and appropriate clothing for the given outing. Outing leaders reserve the right to turn away anyone who appears unprepared for scheduled outings. For the most current and updated outings listings, please visit the website utah.sierraclub.org and look at the outings under the Salt Lake, Ogden and Glen Canyon Groups.

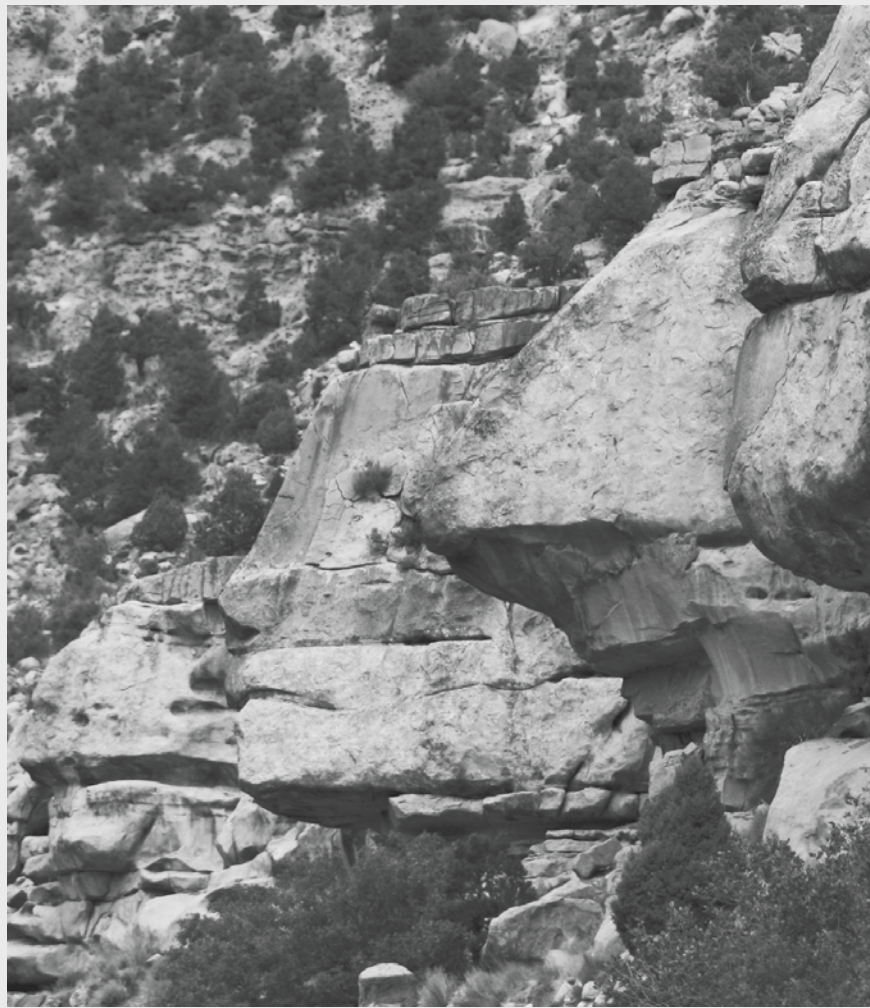


DON'T MISS IT



First Quarter, 2010! Plan on joining us for **outings leader training**, consisting of first responder first aid and general training for leading Sierra Club hikes. The workshop will cover subjects & materials needed for participants to meet basic certification requirements for outings leaders by the Sierra Club. Dates have not been confirmed, but we're planning for either late January or early February. Details will be announced in the next issue of the Utah Sierran newsletter. Don't miss an opportunity for members interested in leading future club outings. Contact Ken (801-484-3112) for any questions about the workshop.

Through A Reader's Eyes



This formation is in Spring Canyon, which is west of Helper where I grew up. I have taken photos of this mountain over 10 years as am so fascinated by all the various faces in the mountain side. This area used to be a very viable mining community but now only the rock foundations remain. - Catherine Paiz

October

GCG, Sat, 10/3 Ida Gulch. Walk down Ida Gulch among the monoliths over the divide from Castle Valley. Views all around. Perhaps four miles, a few hundred feet of elevation gain. Meet at the Moab Information Center, Center and Main, at 9 a.m. Leader: Tom Messenger, 435-259-1756.

OG, Sat, 10/10, Sentry Peak Trail on Antelope Island. It's 6.5 miles round-trip with approx. 700 feet of elevation gain. The trailhead is located near the Garr Ranch, passes Mushroom Springs and tops out at Daddy Stump Ridge. This trail offers beautiful views of the west side of the island and interesting rock formations. No dogs are allowed on this trail. Call Larry at 801-731-3701.

SLG, Sun, 10/18, Circling the Wolverine Dayhike. An epic and beautiful hike! We start from Silver Lake, go up the Twin Lakes trail and pass, up Wolverine Ridge (circle the cirque), over Wolverine and then Tuscarora peaks, through Katherine's Pass and down the Brighton Lakes trail, past Lakes Katherine, Martha and Mary and back to Brighton. Plan on a relaxed pace to appreciate the stunning scenery. There is about 2,500 feet elevation gain, and most hikers will want to take 5 to 6 hours to complete this trip. Meeting time is 9:30 a.m. at the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride Lot. Call Pete or Rebecca at 801-487-4160 for more information.

OG, Sat, 10/24, Deep Canyon to Stewart Pass, Wellsville Mountains. The Wellsville Mountains rise above the Cache Valley west of Logan. They are said to be the steepest range in the country. Strenuous 4.5 mi. one way with 3,075 ft. elevation gain. Stewart Pass is at 8,120 feet; the Wellsville Cone will be an option upon attaining the ridge. There are lots of maples and aspens in this area so

fall colors are a possibility. Migrating raptors are frequently spotted in the vicinity. Call Dan for info at 801-479-1108.

SLG, Sat, 10/24, Notch Peak Hike. Notch Peak is one of the premier hiking destinations in Utah. Located in the middle of the West Desert, the peak offers spectacular vistas of the vast Tule valley floor, Sevier Lake Bed, and heart stopping views from rocky cliffs near the peak. Massive limestone walls pushed thousands of feet above the desert floor, crafted by time, decorated in hues of purple and gray, it's like being inside nature's cathedral. Notch Peak is also an important unit of the wilderness proposed to protect the House Range. A seasoned hiking leader is planning a hike to Notch Peak on Saturday, October 24. Options include driving very early Saturday morning, driving back in the evening, or multi-day car camping Friday night and/or Saturday night, driving back Sunday, or whatever. Logistical arrangements will be made based on interest in the outing. Plan on bringing lots of water, food, and appropriate attire for a relatively rugged 10 mile round trip hike. Call Ken at 801-484-3112 for all the details about meeting time, place etc.

GCG, Tues, 10/27 Murphy Trail, Islands in the Sky. Great views into Soda Springs Basin & Stillwater Canyon. The trail cleverly drops 1000 ft. through the Wingate & Chinle Formations to the Moss Back bench and Murphy Hogback before gradually losing another 400 ft. on its way to meeting the White Rim. After lunch overlooking Turk's Head and the Green River, you can return the same way along Murphy Hogback or turn it into a loop hike via Murphy Wash. It's 8.5 miles out and back, or 10 miles as a loop. Meet at the Moab Information Center, Center and Main, at 8 a.m. Leader is Marc Thomas, 435-259-2208.

November

GCG, Sat 11/7 Sand Flats Exploratory. Up to 6 miles round trip, depending on where we go. Meet at the Moab Information Center, Center and Main, at 9 a.m. Bring a lunch and appropriate clothing for the weather. Leader is Bonnie Crysdale, 435-259-0246.

OG, Sat, 11/7, Mueller Park Trail in Bountiful. This is a moderate round-trip hike that takes about 4 hours and is 6-7 miles. It is located in the North Canyon area. We will cross several small streams (unless dried up) before we arrive at a clear-cut area where the Kern Creek Pipeline crosses the canyon and creates a scar on the landscape. Turkey buzzards and deer can sometimes be seen. Call Larry at 801-731-3701 for more information.

OG, Sun, 11/8, Dayhike to the Jardine Juniper. Join the Ogden Group for a fall hike to view the oldest juniper in Utah. Well over a thousand years old, this is a striking and humbling experience to be had. Jardine Juniper Trail is about 9 miles round trip. It is located in Logan Canyon in Cache National Forest in Utah. The scenery is fantastic. The unique wildlife along the trail is wonderful. Call Joanie at 801-399-0034. [E]

GCG, Sat 11/14, Tukuhnikivista Arch. About 13 miles S of town on US-191, turn onto dirt road. Go about 1½ miles N on the Behind the Rocks 4WD road. Walk from there on a spur road along the SW rim of the valley past Moab Rim Arch and then scramble up the slickrock, about 1½ miles in all to cute little Tukuhnikivista Arch which frames Mount Tukuhnikivitz across the valley. Either return as we came or continue NW along the rim a short distance before finding our way SW and S to the Behind the Rocks road a mile or so W of where we parked. Simple out and back, about 3 miles, 500' elevation. The circuit perhaps 4½ miles. Meet at the Moab Information Center, Center and Main, at 10 a.m. Leader is Tom Messenger, 435-259-1756.

GCG, Sat 12/5, Willow Springs. About a 3.5 mile easy loop hike on Willow Springs Rd., in the drainage for Willow Springs, and then Courthouse Wash. High clearance vehicles recommended for Willow Springs Road (sandy wash crossing). Meet at the Moab Information Center, Center and Main, at 10 a.m. Leader is Geoff Freethey, 435-259-0253.

December

OG, Wed, 12/9, X-Country Ski and Snowshoe Clinic. To be held at WSU Union Building room # 316. For more information, call John H at 801-621-0196

OG, Sat, 12/12, X-Country Ski and Snowshoe Clinic Practicum. Two hour instruction on technique in the field for beginner and intermediate skiers. Must come equipped. Suggested donation: \$10. Meet North Fork Park at 10 a.m. For more information, call Jock 801-394-0457.

GCG, Sat 12/19 Hidden Canyon at Bartlett. Drive 16 miles north of Moab on US-191 & turn left onto the dirt Blue Hills Road. After 2.4 miles, turn left (south), keep right at the next intersection, and right

again on the Hidden Canyon road. Find a parking area on your right and head down the road until it climbs up the slickrock about 1/2 mile later. On this broad slickrock playground with breathtaking views into Hidden Canyon, you can rimwalk the canyon out and back or devise a loop hike that loosely follows a closed mountain bike trail. Meet at the Moab Information Center, Center and Main, at 9 a.m. Leader is Marc Thomas, 435-259-2208.

OG, Sat, 12/19, Snow Basin area Snowshoe. This is a moderate round-trip trek that takes 3-4 hours and is 6 miles. We will snowshoe to the Ogden overlook that has great views of Snow Basin, valleys, and Ogden. Call Larry at 801-731-3701 for more information.

January

GCG, Sat, 1/2, Abyss Branch, Negro Bill Canyon. Easy hike to a side canyon to Negro Bill one before the one Morning Glory Arch. Has a waterfall which may well be picturesquely frozen. Can continue to canyon head(s) above the fall to other pour-offs. About four miles roundtrip with perhaps 200' elevation gain. Meet at the Moab Information Center, Center and Main, at 10 a.m. Leader is Tom Messenger, 435-259-1756.

OG, Sat, 1/9, Snowshoe in Wheatgrass Canyon (nr Camp Kiesel). A moderate round-trip trek that takes 3-4 hours and is 5-6 miles, this is one of the most beautiful canyons in northern Utah. Great views of cliffs and steep canyon walls. We might see moose and eagles. Call Larry at 801-731-3701 for more information.

OG, Sun, 1/17, Ice Box Canyon Snowshoe. It's my birthday; please join me in a snowshoe romp at the Ice Box Canyon. Meet at Art Noord Trailhead at 10 a.m. For more info call Joanie at 801-399-0034. Mmmmmm, dark chocolate!

February

OG, Sat, 2/13, 3rd Annual Mardi Gras Ski/Snowshoe party. Come one, come all for a good time in the snow! Dress up in a favorite costume to win fabulous prizes. We will meet at the Art Noord trail Head 10 a.m. for a trek up to the forest service yurt where we will have refreshments and drinks. The trek is about 6 miles roundtrip with some elevation gain. Call Joanie 801-399-0034.

OG, Sat, 2/20, Mill Creek Canyon Snowshoe (Salt Lake County). This is a moderate round-trip trek that takes 3-4 hours and is 5 miles. We will go up Bowman Fork to White Fir Pass. Call Larry at 801-731-3701 for more information.

March

OG, Sat-Sun, 3/20-3/21, Moab Area Dayhikes. We will hike on both Saturday and Sunday. Call Larry early at 801-731-3701 for more information about the hikes and lodging. This is the weekend of the Canyonlands Half Marathon so lodging reservations need to be made early.



RON YOUNGER

win a backcountry guide

JUNE 13, 2004: Sunday trek on Boulder Creek Trail (Uintas) from North Fork Provo River trail-head. Group at first beaver pond (8000'). Be the first (October July 15, 2009) to correctly list the first name of six of these trekkers and receive a Guide Book for the High Uintas. Send your list to Ron Younger at 920 East 1500 South, Bountiful, UT 84010-2138.

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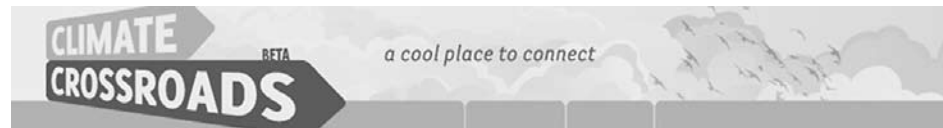
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Out&About

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Did you know that you can keep up with the Sierra Club online? In addition to having a presence on social networking sites like twitter and facebook, the national club has launched three online sub-communities aimed at keeping you connected and informed about issues, places, and opportunities to engage in advocacy.



CLIMATE CROSSROADS | climatecrossroads.sierraclub.org

Climate-change solutions are the focus of this sub-community, with tips, actions, events, and recipes to help stop global warming.



SIERRA CLUB TRAILS | trails.sierraclub.org

The trails sub-community features a wiki-powered collection of trails, and is dedicated to those who enjoy hiking, boating, biking, skiing, and other outdoor activities.



SIERRA STUDENT COALITION (SSC) | ssc.sierraclub.org

This sub-community is SSC's virtual home, a place where youth can connect, engage and organize around the most pressing environmental and climate issues of our time.

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TREASURER NEEDED

Can you count, and do you want to help save the environment? If so, then please join our team of volunteer leaders at the Utah Chapter as our Chapter Treasurer. Our Treasurer works with other volunteers and staff to monitor and report on the chapter's financial position. The Treasurer leads the budgeting process and helps the chapter fit its conservation priorities into available funds. Come join a great group, and help us save the Earth. Training is available, but it is preferable to have accounting or computer experience. Please reply to utah.chapter@sierraclub.org.

START A COMMUNITY SHARES/UTAH CAMPAIGN AT YOUR WORKPLACE

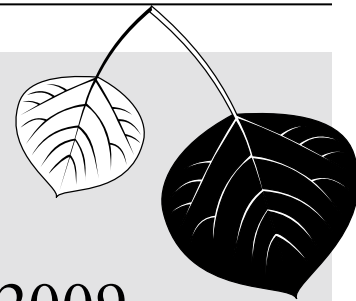
 by Mark Clemens

On the front page of each issue of the Utah Sierran, you'll find the logo of Community Shares/Utah (CS/U), and you might have wondered what it is. CS/U is a workplace-giving federation that allows employees to donate any specified amount through payroll deduction to a range of agencies and charities that work to benefit the environment, deliver critical human services, improve the community, protect human rights and promote animal welfare.

The Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club helped to found CS/U in 1989. Check out the full roster of agencies at <http://www.communitysharesutah.org/>. CS/U helps raise money for the chapter and the other member agencies in most public-sector and several private sector workplaces too.

Fall is usually the season to harvest pledges for workplace giving, and thank you to all of those who already give. If you don't have the chance to contribute to Community Shares at work and would like to, call me at (801) 467-9297 or send me an e-mail at mark.clemens@sierraclub.org or Lynne Brandley, the executive director of Community Shares at 801-486-9224 or lbrandley@xmission.com.

Community Calendar Fall 2009



October 14

Jeff Niermeyer Addresses Climate Change & Your Water Supply

Find out how the director of Salt Lake City's Water Department plans to cope with climate change. The League of Women Voters invites Sierra Club members and the general public to join us and hear a dynamic speaker address these critical problems. Niermeyer will address projected local water supply issues as well as adaptations already put in place. The presentation runs from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Salt Lake Arts Center, 20 S West Temple in Salt Lake City.

October 20

Conservation Planning for Utah

Join the Utah Chapter's Conservation Committee at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20th at the chapter office, 2159 South 700 East, Ste 210, in Salt Lake City. We'll be drafting the chapter's conservation plan for the next two years over pizza and liquid refreshments. Learn how chapter members and friends voted in the conservation survey and help us chart the conservation future of the state.

October 31

Wasatch Mountain Club Halloween Party

Sierra Club members and friends are invited to the Wasatch Mountain Club's annual Halloween Party at its haunted lodge at Brighton, in Big Cottonwood Canyon, on Saturday evening, October 31, 2009.

Potluck/BYOB dinner will begin at 6 p.m. A DJ-hosted dance will run from 7:30 p.m. and continue as long as feet are moving. Best costumes in the categories of greenest, scariest, sexiest and funniest. A \$7 per person cover charge will be collected at the door; children are free. Overnight accommodations at the lodge are \$3.00 per person; children are free. For additional questions contact Craig Anderson at canders11238@yahoo.com.

Directions to the lodge: Exit I-15 north or southbound, at 7200 South, then east towards the Wasatch Mountains. Or exit I-215 when you see the "Ski Areas" sign or at 6200 South, then drive toward the mountains along Wasatch Boulevard. Turn left or east at light at the intersection of 7000 South and Wasatch Blvd. for the Big Cottonwood Canyon Road (Utah Highway 190); follow the road to its end at Brighton Ski Resort; park in the resort's large parking lot to the far right opposite a motel; then follow the lighted Jack-O-Lanterns up through the woods to the nearby lodge in the pine trees.

November 19-21

20th Annual Utah Society for Environmental Education Conference

USEE invites formal educators (K-12), curriculum developers, conservation educators, non-formal educators, university students, staff and faculty, and all other interested citizens to attend. The conference will be held at the Wasatch Retreat & Conference Center in downtown Salt Lake City. For more information, check out http://www.usee.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=23&Itemid=79

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