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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



Duty or opportunity?

Voting is your surest way of improving the environment, but are you registered? Find out how on page 3.



Quiz—what happens when that iconic southern Utah redrock soil gets carried east on the prevailing wind. Read all about it on page 4.

VOTE

It's also time for executive committee elections for the chapter and the group. Get to know this year's crop of candidates on page 6.

Clean Air in the Spotlight

by Dan Mayhew



DENISE DOLAN

Activist Cara Dolan describes how volunteers promote clean air.

The Clean Air Happy Hour took place, Thursday, July 26 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at The Front Climbing Gym. The event was a rousing success, and we could not have been more pleased with the result. Approximately sixty attendees enjoyed excellent appetizers, free beer and great conversation. The event was planned and managed by Cara Dolan and Rachael Fischer with volunteers Joe and Sue Hunsaker, Dan Mayhew and Mark Clemens assisting.

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The chapter's executive committee voted to produce only two print issues of the Utah Sierran in 2013. This change will reduce our ecological footprint and keep our budget in the black. Please help us stay in touch by submitting your e-mail address to us on our chapter website, <http://www.utah.sierraclub.org/>. This change will start with the Winter 2013 issue of the newsletter. We don't want to lose touch with a single chapter member!

Many life-long bibliophiles have now tried e-books. Formerly cyber-phobic grandparents keep tabs on their family using social networks. The chapter is keeping up with the times by expanding our outreach using the web, Facebook (Friend us at <http://www.facebook.com/utahsierran>) and Convio (our e-mail delivery system). Our Communications Chair Jeff Clay just launched our new Flickr site, <http://www.flickr.com/groups/utahsierran/>. Check it out and submit your own favorite shots.

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UTAH'S SPECTACULAR WILD PLACES, THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR READERS



Wolverine Cirque Loop by Akiko Kamimura.

Hey, Mr. Green,

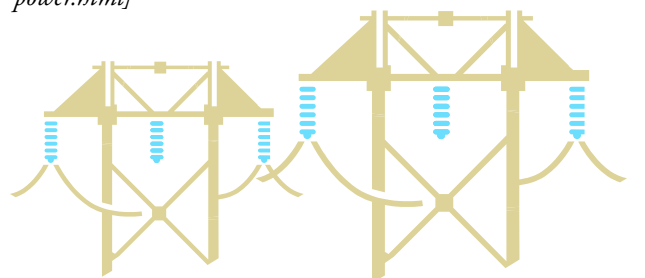
You've pointed out that electric vehicles (and plug-in hybrids) are only as clean as the fuel that generates their electricity. But since power sources vary from region to region, how do you check your utility's power sources and emissions levels before deciding on an EV or a plug-in? --Stan in Carson City, Nevada

This is a smart, important question (typical of Sierra's astute, informed audience). Coal, a dirty fuel often gouged out and processed in ways that play hell with nature, generates 42 percent of U.S. electricity, according to the U.S. Energy Information Agency. And you're right about big regional variations. My local utility in California, for example, relies on coal for just 7.6% of its electricity generation. To find out how much coal your utility burns, check the EPA's Power Profiler.

Even utilities that use a lot of fossil fuels or nuclear energy might offer juice from renewable sources, though, so ask your provider about its clean-energy options. If EV fans' zeal for clean power ever starts to match their religious

devotion to their cars, they might quickly push utilities and politicians toward saner energy sources.

[For more from Mr. Green, visit <http://sierraclub.typepad.com/greenlife/2012/02/hey-mr-green-dont-electric-cars-guzzle-coal-power.html>]



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Bear in mind the consequences.

The Yellowstone grizzly bear is an irreplaceable part of America's natural heritage, a symbol of the independence that defines the American character and an icon of all that is wild and free. The Bush administration set forth a proposal that would remove federal protection for the Yellowstone grizzly bear. Since it was first listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act in 1975, the grizzly bear has made a strong recover, but there is still more work to be done. Help Sierra Club protect our forest friends; they prefer the woods than being on display.

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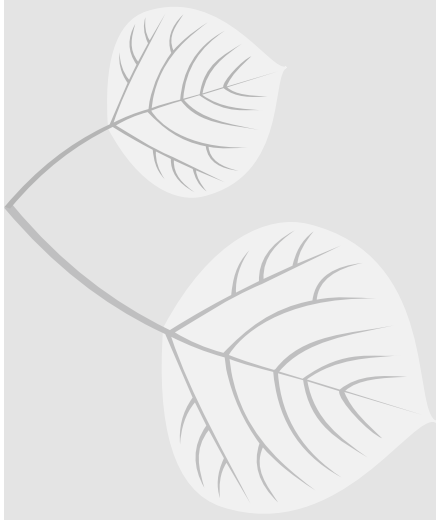
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OurMission

The Utah Chapter of the Sierra Club is a grassroots volunteer organization dedicated to:

Protect and promote Utah's outdoors and natural landscapes;

Educate and advocate for the responsible preservation of clean air, water and habitats; &

Support the development of sustainable renewable energy;

For the benefit of present and future generations.

The Great Popularity Contest

by Mark Clemens



Lake Blanche in Big Cottonwood Canyon.

If you want “Clean Air for Our Kids’ Health” to be the most popular issue this year, you need to be registered and vote.

Every two years a popularity contest is held at the national, state and local level. Issues like “Drill, Baby, Drill,” or “Protect Air Quality for Our Families, for Our Future,” strut across the stage in front of a vast audience. Lots of people show up for the popularity contest, but many of them are there because their employers pay them to shout and clap for “Drill, Baby, Drill” or “Clean Coal Powers America.”

By now of course you’ve realized that what I’m talking about is the election cycle. But it is right to think of it as the national and state popularity contest. The things we truly value are protected and survive from one generation to the next. The outcome determines whether natural lands like the Wasatch Range or Greater Canyonlands are protected or sacrificed for industry profits.

Because this year’s election will determine who controls the agenda in state legislatures and the US Congress as well as the presidency, it’s an especially important election.

Even the future composition of the Supreme Court and other federal courts is determined by who shows up.

We need all Sierra Club members to show up for the popularity contest, but you would be surprised how many members are not even registered. If you want “Clean Air for Our Kids’ Health” to be the most popular issue this year, you need to be registered and vote.

On-line registration is permitted for all eligible Utah voters on the lieutenant governor’s website, <http://vote.utah.gov/register-to-vote/online/>, through *22 October 2012*. **By the time you receive this newsletter, that deadline will only be a few days in the future.** You can find out which district you live in and who represents you in the state legislature and congress at <http://le.utah.gov/GIS/findDistrict.jsp>. And be sure to vote on or before November 6th!

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Clean Air in the Spotlight

We want to thank the event sponsors including The Front Climbing Club for providing the venue, brewers Epic Brewery and Uinta Brewery for providing free beer and Kathmandu, O’Falafel and Thai Aroy-D for the excellent appetizers provided to our guests at no charge.

Cara made an excellent presentation relating her Beyond Coal Campaign experience in Washington state fighting to clean up or close the TransAlta plant, and special guest, Brian Moench, spoke eloquently about the science and effects of air pollution on human health.

Dan Mayhew is the Conservation Chair.

More Members Equals More Clout

If you value the Chapter’s work, why not get involved and be a part of the action? Our success would not be possible without a strong core of volunteers who are passionate about our great state and its wild places.

Membership Committee Volunteers help expand membership and recruit new volunteers. Some of the old techniques still work well. Writing postcards and making phone calls to welcome new members are classics. We can also recruit new volunteers at events like the Farmers’ Market.

The chapter holds socials like the recent and very successful Clean Air Happy Hour to bring in new members and volunteers, and we can always use help organizing them. We also need to make use of social media, and web-savvy volunteers would be very helpful to expand our presence online.

Some volunteers enjoy office work, and they can help by entering names and information into our database, completing thank-you cards for contributors, etc.

Interested? Please contact the office at mark.clemens@sierraclub.org or Rachael Fisher at rachbelle@gmail.com.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
VOLUNTEER TODAY!



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THE RESILIENT HABITAT CAMPAIGN

is quickly developing into a significant conservation effort in Utah's Red Rock Country.

Watch for ways you can help build the resiliency to climate change and connectivity our plants and animals need to survive.



The winter snowpack served as the water savings account in the West for centuries. Now it's seriously threatened.

JEFF CLAY | CLAYHAUS.NET

Dust on Snow Impacts Millions in the Desert Southwest

by Marion Klaus

Climate change is the largest threat our natural heritage has ever faced. The effects of climate disruption are already being felt on even our most pristine landscapes. Setting aside areas where development is restricted is no longer enough—we must now actively work to create resilient habitats where plants, animals, and people are able to survive and thrive on a warmer planet. The Resilient Habitat Campaign works to insure that ecosystems retain their basic function and structure while absorbing the stresses associated with climate change. This includes protecting very large areas of habitat known as core areas, connecting them with corridors through which living things can move from one habitat patch to another, and reducing non-climate stressors that work in synergy with climate change to threaten species with extinction.

The Colorado River system flows through the magnificent landscape known as Greater Canyonlands, the area that surrounds Canyonlands National Park in southern Utah. Greater Canyonlands is a treasure trove of archeological sites, geologic splendor and unparalleled beauty. It deserves special protection for these reasons, but there is another vital factor to consider. Damage to the desert soils in Greater Canyonlands contributes to red dust that coats mountain snow and decreases the flow of valuable water crucial to life in the American Southwest.

The Colorado River system is the water source for 27 million people in seven western states and Mexico. It is used to irrigate 3.5 million agricultural acres in the desert Southwest and provides water for large private industries, military bases, cities and wildlife.

The list of communities that depend on the sacred Colorado River is long. In the Upper Colorado River Basin, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico rely upon water from the Colorado River. In Colorado, the cities of Denver, Colorado Springs and more than 40 surrounding communities tap the river. The headwaters of the Green River, a major tributary of the Colorado River, are in Wyoming and support 30% of the Wyoming's income and 13% of its people including those living in Rock Springs and Cheyenne. In Utah, two-thirds of the people are or will be served by water from the Colorado River as the Central Utah Project brings resources to supplement Salt Lake City and communities in 12 counties. In Utah, five national parks have rivers that are part of the Colorado River System. In New Mexico, the San Juan River, a tributary of the Colorado River supports the towns of Farmington, Bloomfield and smaller communities and rural areas.

In the Lower Colorado River Basin, Arizona, Nevada, California, and Mexico rely upon water from the

Colorado River. The Colorado River supplies half of what Arizona uses in the Central Arizona Water Project, which carries water into its most populous counties, providing one-third of the water supply of Phoenix and half of the water for Tucson. In Nevada, Las Vegas Valley relies on the Colorado River to meet its needs. In California alone, water from the Colorado River supplies the daily needs of more than 15 million people. The Colorado River Aqueduct brings indispensable water to the multi-billion dollar economies of Los Angeles, San Diego, Long Beach, and Riverside plus about 135 other cities and towns. On top of this, agricultural and wildlife needs are also met by this water.

In the American Southwest, the cities, agriculture, industry, thousands of golf courses and swimming pools, and hotel fountains have already sucked the Colorado River dry. In Mexico, the Colorado River no longer reaches the Sea of Cortez and the Colorado River Delta that Aldo Leopold described as North America's greatest oasis no longer exists. Without the water flowing in the Colorado River and its tributaries, life as we know it in the desert Southwest cannot exist.

The 1922 *Colorado River Compact* governs the allocation of rights to the water and is an interstate agreement among the seven US states in the Colorado River basin.

It doesn't have to be this way. We don't have to lose this precious water to dust.

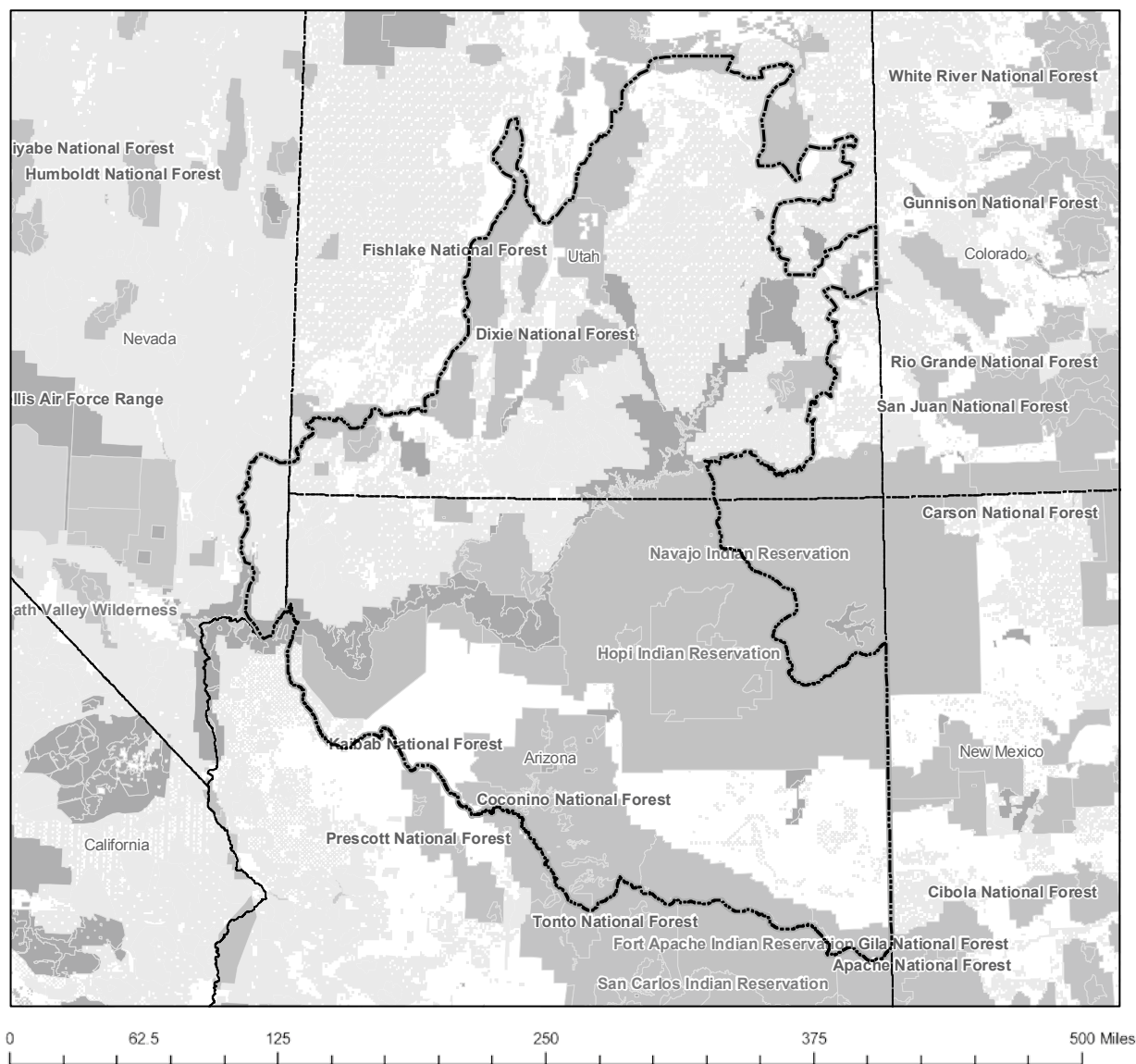
GREATER GRAND CANYON-COLORADO PLATEAU ECOREGION

SIERRA CLUB WORKING MAP
Draft August 2010



Legend

- Grand Canyon Ecoregion (draft)
- US States
- Federal Lands (Areas)**
- Federal Managing Group**
- Forest Service
- Department of Defense
- Bureau of Land Management
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Other Agencies (NASA, DOE, DOT, DOP, TVA...)



Unfortunately, these allotments were based on estimates of river flow that came during a time of abnormally high runoff, and resulted in a misunderstanding of what “normal conditions” are for the Colorado River. Climate change predictions for the desert Southwest will see the area become hotter and drier, decreasing the availability of already scarce water that is essential to life in the desert, even as demand for that water grows.

The Colorado River does not exist in isolation from the mountains and lands that surround it. Rather, the river depends upon the landscape and how we choose to use and manage those lands from which the river originates and through which it flows. Winter snowfall and the gradual melting of that snow in springtime is the source of the water flowing in the Colorado River system.

In Utah, desert soils are held in place by both physical and biological crusts that prevent the single inch of top soil from blowing away. Sometimes, it takes years for these crusts to develop, but when they do, they are very effective in preventing erosion and dust storms, even in high winds. Unfortunately, when the crust is broken by tires from off-road vehicles or other motorized vehicles, excessive livestock grazing, energy exploration and development, or even footsteps, the soil blows with the desert winds into dust storms that can travel for many miles. In fact, this dust is known to blow onto the snow fields of the Rocky Mountains, coating the snow with red or brown patches of dust.

Snow coated with dust absorbs more heat from the sun than white snow and consequently melts faster with peak melt about a month sooner than clean snow. Earlier

snowmelt means plants can be active for a longer time and more water will convert to water vapor and move into the atmosphere by evapotranspiration rather than remain as liquid water that flows into the river.

How does this affect water availability in the Colorado River? When the peak snowmelt occurs earlier, there is about a 5% reduction in water availability, which is more than 250 billion gallons. This is enough to supply Los Angeles for a year and a half; it is half of what Arizona takes down through its Central Arizona Project; and twice what the city of Denver uses annually for its water supply. Five percent is a huge amount of water lost to the Colorado River and those that depend upon it for life in the desert!

It doesn't have to be this way. We don't have to lose this precious water to dust. Better land management can recover and prevent this water loss. The best way to reduce windborne dust from soil erosion is to prevent land use that disturbs the soil surface. When we stop soil disturbance and activities that damage the soil crusts, soil surfaces stabilize. It can take days or years to reform the crusts depending upon the type of crust that forms in a given area.

Land Management agencies can prevent ORV abuse within their Travel Management Plans. We can better manage when, where, and how energy exploration and development takes place. We can reduce the number of livestock trampling the area. We can raise awareness of people using these delicate landscapes. We can ask for special protections of special places, such as the area around Canyonlands National Park Greater Canyonlands.

Permanent Protection for Greater Canyonlands though would not only preserve the beautiful canyons and unique wildlife, it would be a step toward mitigating the deposition of dust-on-snow that has reduced flows in the Colorado River. It is a means of mitigating the water sources for millions of Americans and communities throughout the Southwest.

Dr. Marion Klaus is the Utah Chapter chair.

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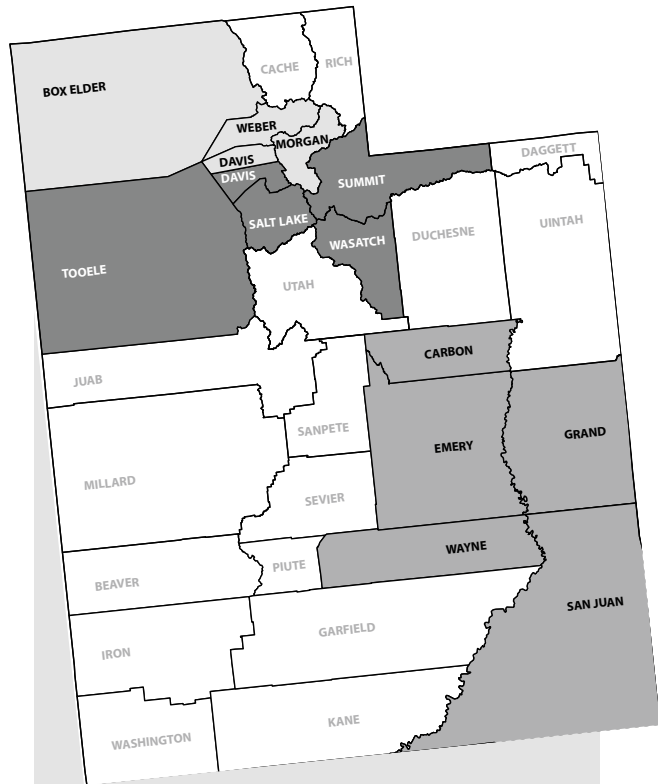
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UtahChapter ExComElections

2012



- NO GROUP AFFILIATION
- GLEN CANYON GROUP
- OGDEN GROUP
- SALT LAKE GROUP

This year's ballot includes candidates for the chapter executive committee as well as for the Ogden Group.

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 22, 2012.**

UtahChapter

JEFF CLAY



As my term on the Executive Committee of the Utah Chapter Sierra Club approaches the two-year mark, I can reflect on a number of things. First, despite the love of the land that most people espouse, the challenges and threats to the environment continue. For this reason, the role the Sierra Club plays remains critical. Fortunately the breadth and depth of conservation and political knowledge that the Executive Committee possesses is phenomenal. This expertise has helped my work on the committee, as I bring to the ExCom primarily organizational and marketing skills coupled with a wiliness and conviction to get things done in the hopes of making changes.

Most of my time on the ExCom has been in the Communications Chair position. This has been a good fit for me and we have made a great start on implementing a number of new communications tools. These include most importantly Convio (our email mass messaging system) and our multiple Facebook presences. We've also begun a major transition to a much improved website platform that will completely change not only the way the site looks, but also how the club membership and the public interact with the Utah Chapter. We have also inaugurated a Green Movie program that brings selected environmental films to the public. We are also actively involved in various efforts to celebrate the upcoming (2014) 50th anniversary of The Wilderness Act. In other words, we've really only just begun! In order to continue the efforts we have started, I would be happy to remain on the Executive Committee as well as continue to act as the Communications Chair.

MARION KLAUS



I am a life member of the Sierra Club and active in a variety of ways. I have served as Chair of the UT Chapter for 2 years. As Chair, I worked, supported, expedited, and encouraged the work of many others to enhance our presence within Utah. When I became Chair, our membership had been steadily decreasing. We have stemmed that loss and seen an increase in 2011, which hopefully continues into this year. I feel that being active and seen as active in our communities is crucial for the Utah Chapter. Since I have been Chair, I planned and conducted an ExCom retreat where we clearly delineated a committee structure within the Chapter and established conservation campaigns, we joined the Utah Votes initiative and I initially served on the committee to start that process; volunteer members of the ExCom

completed six months of Leadership Training; we have had two focal events to increase membership, one in Salt Lake City and one in Ogden; we instigated the first Green Movie Night in Moab in May with another planned in Kanab; I worked on two major donor events in Park City that will be essential to funding the existing activities of the Chapter and hopefully expand them; we invested in the Convio web platform to reach out to our membership with Action Alerts and messages; I lobbied Congress several times to fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund, gathered support for the Wasatch Wilderness and Watershed Act, America's Red Rock Wilderness Act, and others; and I worked on Air Quality issues and liaison between the environmental community and Patrice Arent in helping to pass HB70 that formed a 2-yr Legislative Task Force to study the Air Quality issue around the state.

I also serve on two national Sierra Club committees; the Resilient Habitat Leadership Team and the Chapter/National Relationships Planning Task Force. As part of the Resilient Habitat campaign I planned a coordinated a retreat for our Local Delivery Team, have been a volunteer leader on the Greater Canyonlands Monument Campaign and Sage Grouse conservation efforts in UT. I worked on the Scientific Blueprint for this ecoregion and will present our work at The Wildlife Society Meeting in Portland, OR in October.

DAN MAYHEW



The past two years following my election to the Sierra Club Utah Chapter Executive Committee have been challenging, often frustrating but always rewarding. During this time I've served as Chapter Vice-Chair working closely with Chair, Marion Klaus and the Ex Com to take on as many of the challenges facing our organization as we possibly can, extending our resources to the limit.

My work within the chapter during this time includes:

- Serving as Chair of the Conservation Committee working to develop and manage our conservation priorities such as our Clean Air campaign.
- Working with the Sierra Club environmental legal team and the Glen Canyon Group to authorize formally signing on to litigation intended to reverse Green River water rights transfers and halt the Blue Castle nuclear power plant.
- Other conservation priorities (to name just a few) include: Designation of a Greater Canyonlands National Monument, SkiLink, Alton Coal strip mine, Utah public lands takeover, RS 2477 roads issues, Kennecott/Rio Tinto expansion and oil shale and tar sands development.
- Serving as Acting Chair of the Political Committee. This includes working to build Utah Votes and representing the chapter as the only environmental organization member. As a diverse and enthusiastic coalition of progressive organizations, Utah Votes is dedicated to the proposition that balance in Utah politics must be restored.
- Working with our Communications Committee to assist with the design and content creation necessary to develop and post an entirely new chapter web site.

- Member of the National Wildlands and Wilderness Team BLM Roadless Areas activist team.

As the short list of our work illustrates, the threats and challenges facing public lands and the environment in Utah have never been greater. The fossil fuel extraction industry and the Utah legislature seem dedicated to destroying every acre of public land they can get their hands on regardless of the negative effects to our robust outdoor and tourism industries and wildlife habitats.

Truly there has never been a more critical time for Sierra Club members and all environmental advocates to work together to protect the lands we love, the air we breathe and the water we need for survival. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as a member of our Executive Committee and to continue the work of the Utah Chapter.

STEVE THIESE

Born in Albuquerque, I came to admire and respect the environment at an early age. My parents were avid outdoors-persons, so we spent many wonderful hours in the magnificent Sandia and Jemez Mountains in northern New Mexico. My formative years were spent in El Paso, where I gained an appreciation for the beauty and wonders



of the desert and red rock territory around Hueco Tanks and Hueco Mountains.

Visiting family in Salt Lake City every summer, I loved recreating in the Wasatch Mountains and traveling to southern Utah to hike and bike. Later, as I raised my family in Salt Lake, we enjoyed

Utah's great outdoors, and I was always careful to teach my children to appreciate, and care for, the environment.

As my career progressed, I was able to support Sierra Club and other environmental groups financially, but not able to give much of my time.

My first term on the executive committee was gratifying but also eye-opening because I can see there's so much more that needs to be accomplished. As fundraising chair, we've enlisted Convio to reach out to friends and members. We've upgraded our donor tracking procedures and co-ordination with national fundraising efforts. During a second term I could focus on major gifts and special events and making the Sierra Club name more visible statewide.

OgdenGroup

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RANEE JOHNSON



I am a retired Mental Health Counselor who was born and raised in Weber County. I have been a member of the Sierra Club off and on for twenty years, and steadily for over ten.

I have been a member of the Ogden Group Executive Committee for eight years and have served as the Ogden Group Chair and treasurer. I served on the Utah Chapter Executive Committee for four years and was chapter delegate to the National Council of Club leaders. I look forward to contributing, in any way I can, to preserve and protect the natural beauty we enjoy in Utah and would enjoy serving another term on the Ogden Groups Executive Committee.

DAN SCHROEDER



I've been a Sierra Club member for 23 years and an active member of the Ogden Group for 19 years. During this time I've served as Ogden Group Chair, Outings Chair, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Outings Guide Editor, and delegate to the Utah Chapter ExCom, where I was secretary and treasurer for two

years. I also served for three years on the club's national Recreation Issues Committee. As the current Ogden Group Conservation Chair, I've been focusing my efforts on promoting better public transit, preserving Ogden's publicly owned open space, and protecting our mountains from inappropriate off-road vehicle use. If re-elected I will continue to work on local issues where the club can make a difference, developing alliances with other groups and individuals to achieve our important goals.

CATHERINE SHARPSTEEN



Having just retired from the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, I've lived in Utah twenty-nine years, and love the outdoor opportunities in this region. I joined the Sierra Club in the early 1980s, and was active for about eight years in the then-functioning Cache Group as membership, secretary, and outings

chair. I served as a training coordinator for the Utah Chapter, and volunteered for the national organization as an elections inspector when Moore Business Forms in Logan had the contract for the ballots.

I fully support the environmental objectives of the Sierra Club, and I must admit that the camaraderie of the outings keeps me coming back. I would be honored to serve another term on the Ogden Group Executive Committee.

SaltLakeGroup

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PRESTON MOTES

I have been a member of the Salt Lake Group for the past 25 years. I have served in several positions within the group. (group chair, group conservation chair, outings chair) For the past several years I have been the treasurer. I would be

privileged to continue in this position for another term. I keep informed on environmental topics and write letters in support of many issues. I thank you for your support.

DETATCH AND MAIL

UTAH CHAPTER SIERRA CLUB 2012

Election Ballot

Your ballot must received by November 22, 2012. 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.

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MARION KLAUS	S	J
STEVE THIESE	S	J
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RANEE JOHNSON	S	J
DAN SCHROEDER	S	J
CATHERINE SHARPSTEEN	S	J
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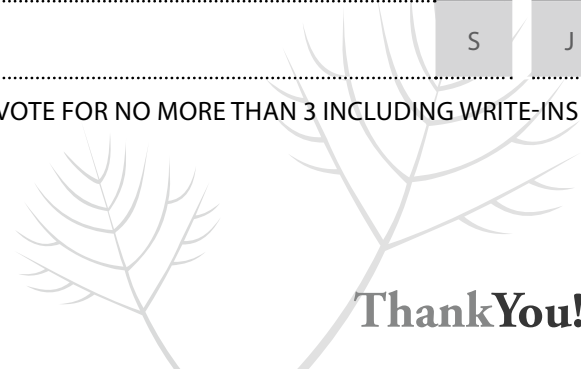
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Goats Nix Noxious Weeds on Swaner Preserve

By Nell Larson



Goats turn an ecological problem into lunch on the Swaner Preserve.

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The Swaner Preserve protects more than 1,200 acres of breathtaking open space including an historic farm, 800 acres of valuable wetlands, miles of streams, and diverse wildlife habitat which draws over 100 species of birds. The preserve also includes nearly ten miles of trails that are open to the public for hiking, biking, and snowshoeing.

The preserve is actively managed for wildlife, water quality, and recreation, while considering the needs of both the land and the people in the community.

Unfortunately, noxious weeds are an aggressive and ongoing challenge to the native ecosystem. These plants are not native and therefore have no natural predators to keep them in check. For this reason, they can rapidly take over valuable native habitat if left unmanaged. The management of these invasive plants is a top priority for the Swaner Preserve not only because the preservation of a functioning wetland ecosystem is key to the organization's mission, but also of course because landowners are responsible for getting rid of noxious weeds under both Utah and Summit County law.

The largest infestation of noxious weeds on the preserve lies on its southern boundary, where a large weed with yellow flowers called Dyer's Woad has become established. Since 2005, Swaner Preserve has used a combination of hand pulling and careful herbicide application to manage these noxious weeds. It is challenging, however, to manage large areas through hand-pulling alone and there is potential for negative impacts to the Preserve through the use of herbicides. Taking all of this into consideration, Swaner Preserve, USU Extension, and Utah Open Lands (who holds the conservation easement on the property) decided to employ goats in weed eradication efforts on the preserve during the summer of 2012.

When used strategically, goat grazing can control noxious weeds while minimizing the use of herbicides. An important concept of goat grazing is that goats generally prefer to eat plants that are forbs, like Dyer's Woad, before they eat grasses. In this case, a group of goats, leased from a rancher in Coalville, UT, was quickly rotated through small pastures and moved once the Dyer's Woad had been eaten, but before the grasses had been damaged. The feeding preferences of goats vary, so Swaner was very excited to see that this particular herd of fifty Bohr goats seemed

to love the taste of Dyer's Woad, tending to target it while grazing. Repeated grazing weakened the Dyer's Woad plants and prevented them from distributing seed. Since Dyer's Woad is a biennial or short-lived perennial, the majority of the effects will be evident after two to three years.

In addition to controlling noxious weeds, another very important aspect of this project is gathering data and carefully monitoring the impacts of the goats on the Dyer's Woad population, as well as the rest of the plant community. This will allow sound decision-making and will help Swaner to fine-tune the goat grazing technique being used. This information will then be shared with other landowners and relevant organizations.

Swaner Preserve is currently hoping to use goats for a second year, during the summer of 2013. Initial results look very good, but check back in 2013 for the final report! *The Swaner Preserve and EcoCenter is located in Park City, UT. More information is available on line at <http://www.swanerecocenter.org/>. Nell Larson is the director of conservation.*

Representative Bishop's Lawless Borders

by Scott Nicol



Three views of the border wall between the US and Mexico.

The Pew Hispanic Center recently reported that net migration from Mexico into the United States has dropped to zero, with roughly the same number of Mexican citizens heading south across the border as north.

That hasn't kept Representative Rob Bishop from pushing his misnamed National Security and Federal Lands Protection Act (HR 1505). Aimed at stopping the nonexistent flood of immigrants, his extreme bill waives sixteen laws on all federal lands within 100 miles of both the Mexican border and the Canadian border for any activity the Border Patrol can dream up.

Under Bishop's scheme bases could be built, roads could be cut, and new border walls could tear through national parks from Glacier to Olympic along the northern border and Joshua Tree to Big Bend in the south, as well as national forests, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas, with no concern for the environment.

Representative Bishop seems to believe that the Border Patrol is incapable of enforcing immigration laws without violating every other law, from the Endangered Species Act and Safe Drinking Water Act to the Wilderness Act.

"I want this resolved so border security has the precedence down there," Bishop has said. "If it means you lose a couple of acres of wilderness, I don't think God will blame us at the judgment bar for doing that."

But this bill goes beyond eliminating environmental protections "down there" on the U.S. - Mexico border - it threatens lands and lakes within 100 miles of the northern border as well. Canoeing the Boundary Waters Wilderness and hiking in the White Mountain National Forest could be a thing of the past in order to halt imaginary Canadian invaders.

The Border Patrol has not asked for this extreme power, and they have told Congressional researchers that "land management laws have had no effect on Border Patrol's overall measure of border security." Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano recently called HR 1505 "unnecessary" and "bad policy."

That did not stop the U.S. House of Representatives from passing HR 1505, rolled into a larger package of anti-environmental bills, by a mostly party line vote. The Senate has yet to take it up.

Waiving laws will not make our nation any safer, and despite its name Bishop's bill isn't really about national security. Targeting environmental laws simply fits the current Republican mindset. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor has attacked environmental laws and the Environmental Protection Agency as "obstacles to economic growth" that must be "removed," and Mitt Romney says the Clean Air Act should be rewritten to exclude the regulation of greenhouse gasses.

Bishop's bill simply continues their assault on the environment, this time using border security, instead of the economy, as a convenient Trojan horse.

Environmental laws exist for a reason. They protect the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the very land that is the United States. If these are destroyed, what is left for the Border Patrol to defend?

If ours is a nation of laws we must uphold all of our laws, not cherry-pick a few and waive the rest.

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Rep. Rob Bishop wants to waive environmental laws within 100 miles of both borders.

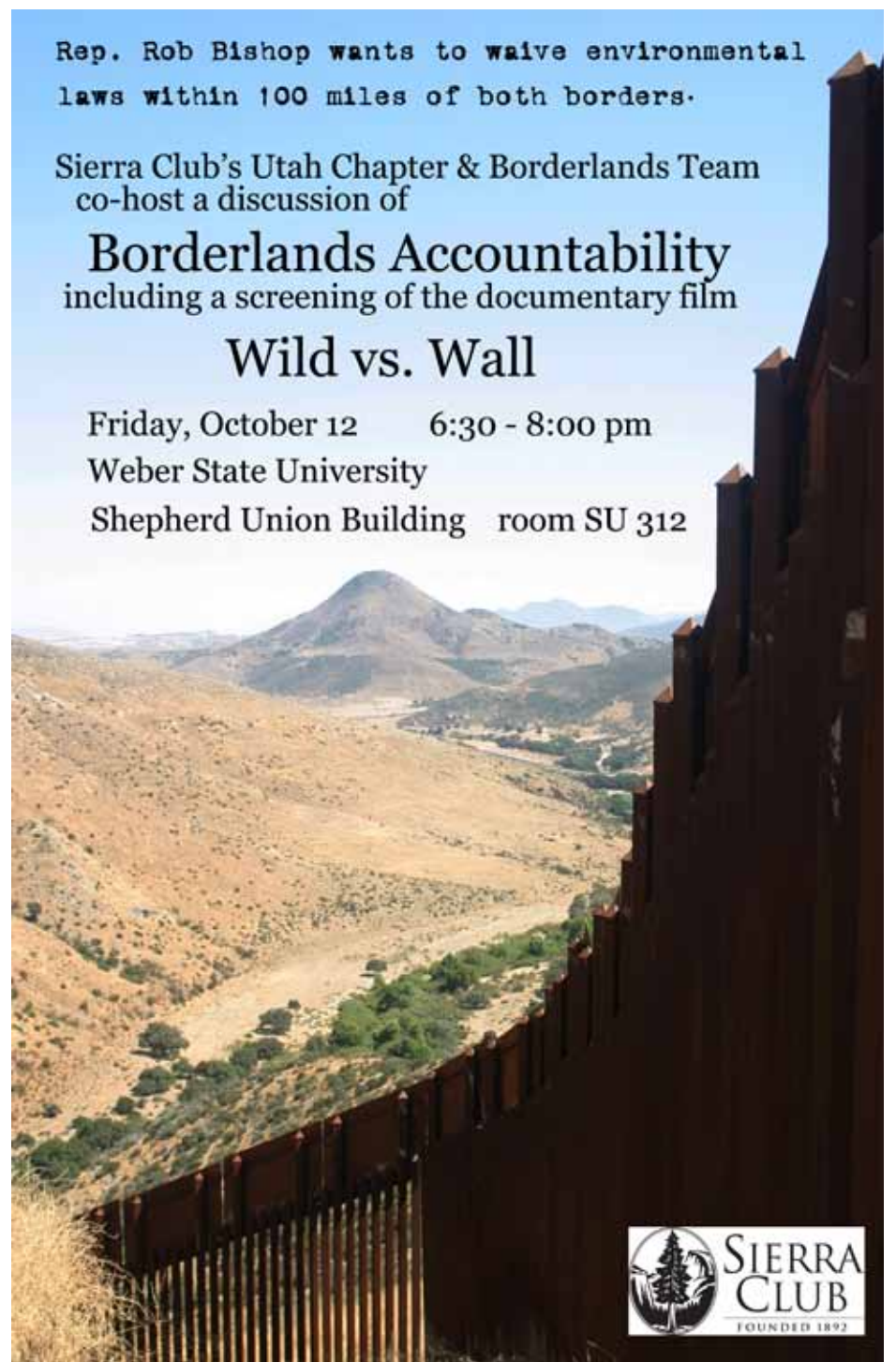
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Wild vs. Wall

Friday, October 12 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Weber State University

Shepherd Union Building room SU 312



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NEW OUTINGS TOOL! All the outings, book club meetings and socials for the chapter and all three groups are now found in one place, www.utah.sierraclub.org/activities.asp. You can sort by event type or use a built-in mapping function.

September

SLG, Sun, 9/23 Wolverine Cirque Loop

Dayhike. This hike starts at Silver Lake in Big Cottonwood Canyon, ascends past Twin Lakes, then up to Twin Lakes Pass. We will touch the sky as we circle the ridgeline above Wolverine Cirque, over Mt. Wolverine, Mt. Tuscarora and Mt. Millicent. The descent will take us through Catherine's Pass, and we descend past the turquoise jewels of Lake Catherine, Lakes Mary and Martha for our descent. We will ascend a little over 2,000 feet in elevation, length of the hike is about 7 or 8 miles, expect about a five hour hike. This hike is best suited to experienced and conditioned hikers, although the pace will be relaxed. Bring at least 2 liters of water, lunch, boots with good tread, hat and trekking poles for traction. Meet at 9:00 am. Call or email Rebecca at rebeccawallace38@msn.com 801/557-5261 or Pete at pmimmack@gmail.com to register for this memorable and spectacular hike.

SLG, Sun, 9/30 Lake Blanche. Lake Blanche is the first of three beautiful lakes at the base of Sundial Peak, one of the most scenic mountain views along the Wasatch Range. Although the Lake Blanche trail is one of the most traveled in the Wasatch, the area still remains a prime sample of the wilderness experience with colorful glacier-sculpted rock blending with alpine foliage offering an invigorating experience for the body and mind. The distance is 8 miles round trip, expect moderate physical exertion and the camaraderie of fellow hikers. Call Ken or Sandy (801-414-6067/801-574-4150) for meeting time, place and other details.

October

GCG Sat 10/6 Rattlesnake Canyon near

Colorado NM. Visit a neat area near Colorado NM that contains 9 arches that are within a very short walk. Beautiful scenery all around. The hike as an out and back is about 5.4 miles. We can make a loop that is 3.7 miles but will need to use a rope for people to hang on to as they hike up a short slick rock section under the last arch. Full day to experience this place. It is 101 Miles to Fruita from Moab. Then about 11 miles through Colorado National Monument and then 15 miles on a high clearance road to

the trailhead. Bring water and food. Chance to do the Colorado NM loop when done. Hike classification, easy for out and back, moderate for loop. Meet at: MIC, Main and Center Sts. at 7:30 AM. Leader: Michael Stringham 435-259-8579 mikechrista@earthlink.net.

SLG, Sat, 10/6 Ghost Falls and Beyond. Experience a foothill hike that makes for a pleasant off-season trek. The shaded trail is adorned with orange lichen covered trees. Meet at 9:00 am at the UTA Park and Ride lot at 221 West 2100 South for those interested in car pooling, or join us at 9:30 at the Coyote Hollow trailhead, at 14200 South 1830 East. Contact Aaron Jones at 801/467-3532 or ajonesmvp@msn.com for more information.

OG Sun 10/7 Skyline Trail. Start at the North Ogden Divide Trailhead: approx 9 miles. This trail has steep switchbacks, both on its north and south ends. But these are worth your trouble because the trail's main length follows the relatively easy ridgeline or skyline running from North Ogden Divide to Ogden Canyon. This trail is popular with hikers, bikers, and equestrians. Bring lunch and water. Call joanie 801-399-0034.

SLG, Sun, 10/7 Bell Canyon Dayhike, Awesome cannot begin to describe this hike into Bell Canyon. Fall-tinged red and golden oak and maple fill the glaciated valley at the base of the canyon. The trail then leads us through soaring granite cliffs, up past a series of waterfalls, into the meadow and beyond, into the Lone Peak Wilderness. The fall foliage only adds to the colorful splendor of this area. It is 5.6 miles (and 2,361 feet) to the upper waterfall, 8.4 miles (and 4,149 feet) to Upper Bell Canyon Reservoir. Choice of these destinations will be determined by participants interest and energy level, but expect a moderately strenuous hike of 5 to 8 hours. This hike is appropriate for well conditioned, experienced hikers. Contact Paul for more details at 801/450-1128 or email RTG.Stratton@gmail.com for meeting time and place.

SLG, Sun, 10/14 Lofty Lakes Loop, Uinta Mountains. Experience the grandeur of the High Uintas with a day hike to Lofty Lakes. This trail takes us through pristine

forest trails in the Uintas Mountains, which are the highest in Utah. In them, we find sparkling blue lakes nestled in glaciated cirques, surrounded by forested granite cliffs and peaks. Meet at 9:00 am at the Parley's Way (former K-Mart) parking lot, 2705 Parleys Way, across from the Bombay House restaurant. If there is an early snow, an equally delightful lower elevation Uintas hike will be chosen. Please contact Richard Passoth, at 801/364-3387 or repassoth@gmail.com for more details

OG Sat 10/13 Indian Trail. This hike is 4.5 miles one-way, approximately 3 hours, has 1500 feet of elevation gain, and has a moderate to strenuous intensity. The Indian Trail goes through lush evergreen forest and past interesting geological formations. It climbs steeply to "Nevada Viewpoint" on the ridge between Warm Water Canyon and Cold Water Canyon where there is a scenic view to the west. Call Larry @ 801-690-4335 for meeting place and time.

GCG Sat 10/20 Behind the Rocks: Mastodon Ledge to Hidden Valley. From the Kane Creek road, we penetrate into Behind the Rock fins and hike through to the NW end of Hidden Valley. Follow the Hidden Valley trail down to the trailhead near Highway 191 (car shuttle). Approx. 6-7 miles, 4 hours. Moderate, with one short difficult section near beginning of hike. Meet at: MIC, Main and Center Sts, Moab. at 9:00 AM. Leader: Albey M Reiner 435-260-8708.

GCG Wed 10/24,-11:55 AM Highway Cleanup. It's time for our eighth highway clean-up of miles 118-120 of US-191 south of town. Meet at the Old Spanish Trail Arena at 9 AM to receive instructions, trash bags, and vests. Bring sturdy work gloves. Should be done by noon when those inclined can adjourn to Paradox Pizza for a dutch-treat lunch. Meet at: Old Spanish Trail Arena at 9:00 AM. Leader: Michael Stringham 435-259-8579 mikechrista@earthlink.net. [S]

SLG, Sat 10/27, Big Mountain Moonlight hike. The Great Western Trail stretches from the Canadian to Mexican border, and this hike will cover a small yet surely one of the more scenic portions of the trail. The hike will begin at the Big Mountain Summit trail head and pass through quaking aspen,

conifers, and oak stands as well as broad green meadows and overlooks offering splendid views of the Oquirrh, Wasatch, and Uinta mountain ranges. Assuming clear skies and dry conditions, a bright gibbous moon will illuminate the trail and guide hikers through a mystical fall hiking experience. Call Sandy or Ken (801-574-4150/801-414-6067) for meeting time, place, and information about the hike.

November

GCG Sat 11/3 Right wall, Bartlett Wash (Jedi bike area). From the mouth of Bartlett canyon explore the right wall (looking down canyon) Entrada Slick Rock below the Moab Member cap towards the Bartlett-Tusher divide. Change between levels as necessary. Meet at: MIC, Main and Center Sts, Moab at 9:00 AM. Leader: Thomas J Messenger 435-259-1756 messengertj@citlink.net.

SLG, Sun, 11/4 Jacks Mountain. This foothills hike offers a great 2 to 3 hour morning workout up five successive hills to a splendid overlook of the valley from the summit of Jacks Mountain. Expect about 1200 feet elevation gain and 3 miles round trip. Meet at 10:00 am at the Parley's Way (former K-Mart) parking lot, near the Bombay House Restaurant, 2705 Parleys Way. From Parleys Way, turn north into the parking lot. Call or email Rebecca at rebeccawallace38@msn.com 801 557-5261 or Pete at pmimmack@gmail.com for more details.

OG Sat 11/10 Tour de Ogden urban walk. This walk is 8 miles one-way, 0 feet of elevation (except for a few little hills), about 3.5 hours, and low intensity. We will start at Rainbow Gardens and go west till we get to the confluence of the Ogden-Weber Rivers. Then we will continue to the south going pass the kayak park and Fort Buenaventura and ending at the trailhead on Parker Drive in Riverdale. Call Larry @ 801-690-4335 for meeting place and time.

SLG, Sun, 11/11 Burch Hollow/Pipeline Trail in Millcreek Canyon. Join Fred and others for this pleasant morning hike along the south facing slope of Millcreek Canyon. The trail quickly offers outstanding views of the valley below. Expect about a 3 hour roundtrip hike time. Meet at 10:00

at Skyline High School parking lot, 3251 E. Upland Drive (3760 S) in SLC. Call Fred at 801/588-0361 or email at fbswan32@msn.com for more details.

GCG Sat 11/17 West Branch Willow Springs Wash. From the Willow Springs Road explore the west branch of Willow Springs Wash to visit fun slickrock and hoodoos. Meet at: MIC, Main and Center Sts, Moab. at 9:00 AM. Leader: Geoff Freethy 435-259-0253 sngmoab@preciscom.net.

SLG, Sun, 11/18 Frary Peak. Frary Peak on Antelope Island is an ideal winter hiking destination because along with cooler temperatures, snow is unlikely and the views are astounding in all directions. In addition, the hike offers the possibility of seeing bighorn sheep and other wildlife. It is 6.6 miles round trip and 2050 feet in elevation gain, with a hike duration of about 5 hours. Meet at 9:30 am at the Utah Travel Council Parking Lot (south and across the street from the State Capitol Building) at 120 E. 300 N. in SLC. Contact Jim Paull at 801/580-9079 for additional information and if weather is threatening.

OG Sat 11/24 Turkey Burn Hike. Frary Peak is the highest point on Antelope Island—a thoroughly original state park that sits in the Great Salt Lake (second saltiest body of water in the world) It is about 7 miles round trip and over 2000 feet of elevation gain. The trail rises quickly and is challenging in some areas. We will burn calories. The hike runs through sparse grass and sage on this desert island as well as fascinating rock that dates back 2.7 billion years. Call joanie for details 801-399-0034

December

GCG Sat 12/8 Cameo Cliffs Loop. Loop begins and ends approx. 2 miles south of Wilson Arch and 1 mile east of Highway 191. Hike through lovely area, mostly on jeep/ATV tracks, past an arch that you probably haven't seen. High clearance desired for the one mile from highway. Approx 7-8 miles, 4-5 hours. Easy. Meet at: MIC, Main and Center Sts, Moab at 9:00 AM. Leader: Albey M Reiner 435-260-8708.

SLG, Sun, 12/9 Spruces (BCC) X-C ski/snowshoe (or hike if no snow) and Christmas Potluck Party! Join Rebecca and other outdoor friends at Spruces campground in Big Cottonwood Canyon. The campground itself is a wonderful winter area for shoe-shoe or cross country skiing with numerous opportunities for wildlife viewing. If there is interest, we may also hike or snowshoe up Days Fork or Greens Basin. The plan is to snowshoe/ski 2 to 3 hours, then relax by a bonfire and enjoy a Christmas potluck lunch about 1:00 pm. Depending on snow conditions, bring your snowshoe or XC ski gear, a camp chair and a dish to share. Meet at the 6200 S Park and Ride Lot at 6450 S. Wasatch Blvd (NOT the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot) at 10:00 am to carpool. Call Rebecca at 801/557-5261 or email at rebeccawallace38@msn.com to RSVP for food quantities.

SLG, Sat 12/15 Mill D North Fork (Big Cottonwood Canyon) snowshoe or hike (depending on snow conditions). Mill D is lovely drainage on north side of Big Cottonwood Canyon with consistently great views of the surrounding mountains amid snow flocked conifers and aspen. Meet at the 6200 S Park and Ride Lot at 6450 S. Wasatch Blvd (NOT the Big Cottonwood Canyon Park and Ride lot) at 10:00 am to carpool. Call Fred at 801/588-0361 or email at fbswan32@msn.com for more details.

GCG Sat 12/29 Portal Trail. Work off some of those holiday calories. Climb the Portal trail to overlook the Moab Valley. Will go farther if the bike trail is free of ice and snow. Meet at: MIC, Main and Center Sts, Moab at 9:00 AM. Leader: Thomas J Messenger 435-259-1756 messengertj@citlink.net.

OG Sat 12/29 Snowshoeing to Ogden Overview in Snow Basin area. This is 6 miles round-trip, about 3.5 hours, and moderate intensity. This route is a favorite of the local snow enthusiasts. We will have great views of Sardine Peak, Ogden City, The Great Salt Lake, and Cold Water Canyon. Call Larry @ 801-690-4335 for more information.

January

OG Sun 1/13/2013 Ski-Snowshoe North Fork Park. North Fork Park is the premier cross country skiing destination in northern Utah. There are 20 km of trails, groomed five times per week for skating and classic skiing by a dedicated team of Ogden Nordic volunteers. Contact D Harrison at 801-479-1108- for meeting time and place

OG Sat 1/19/ 2013 Wheatgrass Canyon Snowshoe. Wheatgrass Canyon in the South Fork of Weber Canyon is 6 miles round-trip, about 3.5 hours, and moderate intensity. This is one of the most beautiful areas in Northern Utah. It is a narrow canyon with interesting rock formations, high canyon walls, forested slopes, and lots of snow. Moose, deer, elk and eagles have been spotted in the area. For more information, call Larry at 801-690-4335.

OG Sat 1/26 Full Moon X-country ski / snow shoe. We shall meet at the Mt Ogden Golf Course for some full moon frolicking. (weather permitting)call joanie for details 801-399-0034

February

OG Sat 2/9 YAY for Mardi Gras. Costumes costumes costumes!!!Get ready for this everyone, prizes awarded for the best COAT / Covering!! Get creative with the winter wear, add sparkle, feathers, even old Christmas decorations!We will snow shoe / X ski through beautiful North Fork Park to the environmental center and back to the bowery for some unhealthy snacks (chocolate, chips, and more!) Call joanie 801-399-0034 for details.

OG Sat 2/16 Yellow Pine Snowshoe. This Uinta Mountains snowshoe is approximately 6 miles round-trip, about 3.5 hours, and moderate to strenuous intensity. The trail head is six miles east of Kamas. The trail meanders through an open area before turning into a forested canyon. It is often

used for cross-country skiing and snow shoeing. Call Larry @ 801-690-4335 for more info.

March

OG Sat 3/23 Rock Corral on Antelope Island. This hike is 10 miles round-trip, about 4-5 hours, and moderate intensity. It is on the west side of the island and is one of the most scenic spots in northern Utah. There are great views of the lake and western shore line. We'll take a break at the historic Rock Corral. Call Larry @ 801-690-4335 for meeting place and time.

April

OG Sat 4/13 Mueller Park Trail. This Davis County hike is 6 miles round-trip and approximately 3-4 hours. We will hike across a clear area where the Kern Creek pipeline crosses the canyon causing a scar on the landscape, and then to a rock called "Elephant Head" where we will turn around. Call Larry Woolsey @ 801-690-4335 for meeting place and time.

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Out&About

2013 Sierra Club Calendars



Support local conservation and get a head-start on the new year!

2013 Calendars are now available for purchase in the chapter office during business hours. Do drop by, as we are unable to ship. Wall calendars are \$10, engagement calendars are \$11.



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AKIKO KAMIMURA

win a backcountry guide

SEPT. 23, 2012: Wolverine Cirque Loop outing. Be the first (before October 15, 2012) to correctly list the first name of three of these five 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.

GREAT OUTDOORS LOBBY

ExCom members Kim Crumbo and Marion Klaus and Resilient Habitat Regional Organizer, Tim Wagner, traveled to Washington, D.C., for Great Outdoors America week. They lobbied on behalf of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. They also attended a morning coffee with Senator Tom Udall of New Mexico. His father, Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, was a key player in establishing Canyonlands National Park. Senator Udall said, "Canyonlands National Park was always my Dad's favorite!" The current boundaries of Canyonlands National Park are much smaller than originally proposed. We hope 1.7 million acres of spectacular wilderness and wildlife habitat that surround the park will be protected someday because it still retains the natural values present in the existing park.



(l to r) Kim Crumbo, Marion Klaus, Sen. Tom Udall (New Mexico) and Tim Wagner

COMMUNITY SHARES/ UTAH CAMPAIGN

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 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.

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.

Join Us!

SIERRA CLUB BOOK CLUB

Keep current on environmental issues and meet new friends with the Sierra Club book club. Check out the forthcoming roster below. The location is the Barnes & Noble in Sugarhouse (1104 East 2100 South Salt Lake City, UT 84106) in the Starbucks on the first floor. Everyone is welcome.

2012

October 4 (Thu), 6:30

The Maine Woods
by Henry David Thoreau
Discussion leader: Aaron

2013

January (date TBA), 6:30

Green Intelligence: Creating Environments That Protect Human Health
by John Wargo
Discussion leader: Akiko

February (date TBA), 6:30

The Global Forest: Forty Ways Trees Can Save Us
by Diana Beresford-Kroeger
Discussion leader: Chris P

March (date TBA), 6:30

The Third Man Factor: Surviving the Impossible
by John Geiger
Discussion leader: Aaron

For the most current information about the book club and other activities, check out the chapter's activity tool, <http://www.utah.sierraclub.org/activities.asp>.



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