

Q2 2021 BOARD MEETING



May 20, 2021

MEETING LOCATION:

**DNR Regional Complex - Richfield
2031 Industrial Park Rd.
Richfield, UT 84701**

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UTAH DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RECREATION

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AGENDA

HOST: Division of Parks and Recreation,
Department of Natural Resources
Regional Complex
2031 Industrial Park Road
Richfield, Utah 84701

ATTENDEES: ***Department of Natural Resources***
Jeff Rasmussen, Dave Harris, Scott Strong,
Chris Haller, Rachel Toker, Susan Zarekarizi, Amber Stubbings,
Darin Bird, Shane Stroud

Board Members:

Bob Murri (Chair), Claudia Jarrett, Natalie Randall,
Brent Boswell, Lesha Coltharp,
Kevin Christensen, Corey Cram, Russ Steadman,
Doug Thompson - Excused

9:30 a.m.

ACTION

1. WELCOME

Bob Murri, Chair

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Attendance and Introductions

1.3. Approval of Agenda

**1.4. Approval of February 18, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

9:45 a.m.

INFORMATION

2. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Bob Murri, Brent Boswell,
Corey Cram, Claudia Jarrett,
Kevin Christensen, Lesha
Coltharp, Natalie Randall,
Russ Steadman

10:15 a.m.

INFORMATION

3. DIVISION REPORT

3.1 Business Report

Scott Strong, Deputy Director

3.2. Operations Report

Dave Harris, Deputy Director

3.3. Director's Report

Jeff Rasmussen, Director

11:15 a.m.

ACTION

4. OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PROGRAM

**4.1. OHV FISCAL INCENTIVE GRANT
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Rachel Toker, Grant
Administrator

**4.2. OHV ACCESS & EDUCATION
GRANT**

Rachel Toker, Grant
Administrator

**4.3. OHV ADVISORY COUNCIL
VACANCIES**

Chris Haller, OHV Program
Manager

11:45 a.m.

ACTION

5. LWCF GRANT APPLICATION

Susan Zarekarizi, LCWF
Coordinator

12:00 p.m.

6. LUNCH BREAK

12:30 p.m.

ACTION

7. REGIONAL COMPLEX TOUR

Darin Bird, Deputy Director

1:00 p.m.

ACTION

8. ADJOURN

Bob Murri, Chair



BOARD OF THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Minutes Of The Meeting Held on February 18, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Remote Meeting via Google Meet

Streamed Live on YouTube

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present:

Bob Murri (Chair)
Corey Cram
Kevin Christensen
Lesha Coltharp
Doug Thompson*
Natalie Randall
Claudia Jarrett
Russ Steadman

Excused:

Brent Boswell

**Joined at 10:15 a.m.*

Host:

The Department of
Natural Resources

Visitors:

Shane Stroud

Department of Natural Resources:

Jeff Rasmussen
Dave Harris
Scott Strong
Amber Stubbings
Laurie Backus
Chris Haller
Rachel Toker
Devan Chavez
Darin Bird

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TIME AGENDA ITEM AND SUMMARY

:00

1. WELCOME

1.1. Call to Order

Board Chair Bob Murri called the virtual meeting to order and presided. Amber Stubbings recorded the minutes. A quorum of Board members being present, the meeting proceeded with business.

1.2. Attendance and Introductions

Chair Murri took attendance of the board members present. He acknowledged the members of the Division of Parks and Recreation present, both as participants in the meeting and as members of the audience.

1.3. Approval of Agenda

Chair Murri reviewed the agenda, and asked that it be approved. The agenda stands approved as presented.

**COREY CRAM MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS
DISTRIBUTED. LESHA COLTHARP SECONDED THE MOTION AND
IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

1.4. Approval of November 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chair Murri presented the minutes of the November 12, 2020 board meeting and asked that they be approved. The minutes stand approved as presented.

CLAUDIA JARRETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 12, 2020. KEVIN CHRISTENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3:45

2. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chari Murri opened the floor to reports from the members of the Board.

Claudia Jarrett thanked Ms. Amber Stubbings for clarification of some verbiage in the November minutes, and commented on the structure of the meeting materials, thanking Justina Parsons-Bernstein for providing “virtual park tours” through robust video links for various parks programs. Ms. Jarrett stated that the Dark-Skies are a jewel in the crown that is state parks.

Lesha Coltharp reported that she hasn’t been able to visit many state parks due to inclement weather combined with COVID. There was a great fishing tournament at Steinaker State Park. Ms. Coltharp stated Steinaker and Red Fleet have received a new park manager - Amanda White, who comes to Utah State Parks from the Alabama park system. Ms. Coltharp commented that Ms. White’s energy and leadership will make for an excellent addition to our park system. The Field House Museum finally got heat, which is an exciting change! Ms. Coltharp also commented that, while she wasn’t able to stop, she did drive past Fred Hayes State Park at Starvation, and commented on her fond memories of dearly departed Mr. Fred Hayes.

Corey Cram has been focusing on visiting his local state parks, reporting that changes are constant, and visitation continues to soar. Mr. Cram posited that we’ve had a significant influx of out-of-state visitors, and the price increase for those user groups has been positive for the parks. Mr. Cram commented that park manager Candace at Quail Creek is really growing in her leadership abilities. Governor Cox visited Snow Canyon for his inauguration, which was met with great media coverage. Jonathan Hunt at Sand Hollow is doing a great job with park improvements and infrastructure - SR-7 is being expanded on the south side of Sand Hollow to connect to the new airport and expand south of the reservoir - this will work well to expand OHV access and other recreational opportunities. Jon Allred is doing great things at Gunlock, working towards some maintenance control opportunities for some additional properties adjacent to the park, helping with overflow. Wayne Monroe has been very helpful with facilitating county collaboration, helping to address recreation management. Mr. Cram stated that we love our staff, and we love our parks managers - they are all excellent problem solvers!

Natalie Randall reported that she was able to meet with Megan Blackwelder to see how the Southeast Region is doing. They are tracking the new resource bill that just came out. Workforce and affordable housing continue to be a topic of conversation for the region. Ms. Randall commented that overall the Southeast Region is doing great and things are going well!

Kevin Christensen reported on a recent visit to Snow Canyon State Park. He stated the park was perfect, commending park manager Kristen Comella for her continued efforts towards creating an excellent environment in the park. Mr. Christensen encouraged the state parks to continue seeking International Dark-Sky Association designations, stating these designations really add to our state parks. Mr. Christensen stated he worked with

the OHV division last fall, commenting that Mr. Mike Thomas was able to arrange trail cat work on a trail in his region, and they are looking forward to this collaboration again in the summer. Sanpete County also commissioned some interpretive signage and some trail signage, which are in production and should be able to be installed soon.

Russ Steadman reported that he attempted to visit Snow Canyon recently, but due to capacity, they were not able to visit. He opined that it was great to see how many visitors are out enjoying our parks! Mr. Steadman also stated his family provided one of the Utah State Parks Bucket Journals for Christmas, and it has been an excellent addition to his outdoor recreation resources.

Doug Thompson was unable to provide an official report due to technical issues.

Chair Murri reported he had been diagnosed with COVID during the holidays and it limited his ability to participate in parks activities. Chair Murri acknowledged the work of the staff of State Parks for continuing to do excellent work in rapidly changing conditions. He discussed the KSL article on rescue work from Park Ranger Ben Meraz, who performed two snowmobile rescues recently. Chair Murri also recognized an unfortunate accident leading to a fatality at Antelope Island state park, where a woman was hiking and fell with head injuries. The Board sends their condolences to the family of the woman, and expresses thanks for the life-saving work of our first responders.

17:38 3. DIVISION REPORT

The director and deputy directors of the Division of Parks and Recreation gave a brief report regarding the Division's recent activities.

3.1. Business Report

Chair Murri welcomed Mr. Scott Strong, deputy director to the Division of State Parks over business, and asked him to report on business operations for State Parks. Mr. Strong offered sincere thanks to park staff for continuing to represent parks well. He indicated he had been to several state parks in the past few months, and is always impressed with how well our staff hosts the public.

Mr. Strong reviewed the park pass application pilot program. The Southwest Region was recently able to work with Southern Utah University and Dixie State University to create a mobile and web application with several beneficial functionalities; the app will allow guests to prepay entry, reserve rental equipment, buy merchandise, and even interact with mapping functions. In creating the app, the schools were able to bring wifi into Snow Canyon and there is connectivity all the way into the canyon! This can be a great selling point for park visitation. Other functionalities include being able to view park capacity ahead of a visit, learn more about conditions, and share experiences with staff. Liability forms and quagga certifications will also be available. All of these functions help us on the administrative end to track valuable data points. The app will be available on both Apple and Android app stores.

Mr. Strong compared the current fiscal year to the same period last year, stating the North Region has experienced an 85% increase in overall revenue, the Southeast Region has experienced an 89% increase, and the Southwest Region has experienced 190% in increased revenue. As an agency, we are up 101% in revenue year over year. The numbers are only part of the story; yes, they tell us our numbers are up, but they don't tell the people's side of the story. Our parks are extremely busy and we have to look for ways to provide recreation opportunities to more people. These statistics are a huge

testament to how hard park and program staff are working day in and day out.

This year, State Parks has requested the following funds from our restricted accounts:

• Bear Lake State Park East-side campground expansion	\$3 million
• Goblin Valley State Park power lines	\$3 million
• Great Salt Lake State Park water main improvement	\$2.5 million
• Motorized rental opportunities	\$750,000
• Palisade State Park campground expansion	\$400,000
• Quail Creek State Park Campground	\$3 million
• Yuba State Park campground expansion	\$1.5 million

The funds in question are generated based on park revenue, and we seek legislative permission to access these funds. Currently, the House Natural Resources standing committee has passed the requests with favorable recommendations, and the next step will be approval through the Executive Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Strong stated that Governor Cox has been an excellent champion for state parks, commenting on his choice to spend time in state parks for his inauguration tour. Mr. Strong remarked that Governor Cox was so enthusiastic in his engagement with park staff and guests alike, spending time speaking with students on their web application project. We are lucky to have an invested governor.

Chair Murri commented on the benefit of the development of these tools and resources, and investments into the park experience for our visitors. Chair Murri is looking forward to visiting Goblin Valley and Coral Pink Sand Dunes this summer, and hopefully getting to use the app!

3.2. Operations Report

Chair Murri introduced Mr. Dave Harris, deputy director of the Division of State Parks and Recreation, over operations. Mr. Harris stated that staff is rising to every challenge across the state. Mr. Harris extended thanks to our park managers, region managers, and program managers, stating we've got a great group that are able to work together to come up with solutions to challenges as they arise.

Mr. Harris state profits are up and parks continue to be busy! To demonstrate, he explained the parking situation at the trailheads in Antelope Island State Park, stating people line up every weekend to get into the park, and parking overflows into the campsites. At most parks, the entrance might not even be open, whereas Antelope Island has three people hosting the gate during peak visitation. Echo Reservoir has so many people recreating on the ice, it looks like ants with thousands of people ice fishing. Willard Bay overshot their visitation record for Christmas light displays this year, hosting over 60,000 attendees with over \$245,000 in revenue over six weeks.

With the addition of four new parks with International Dark-Sky Association designations, dark sky stories continue to be a big media coverage item. The legislature even has a bill proposing a new dark sky license plate! Huntington State Park water conservatorship is being transferred from the Bureau of Reclamation to the Emery County water district; this is the first time in history this has happened. We don't anticipate any hiccups with park water use, but we are watching the situation.

Mr. Harris welcomed the following new staff to the State Parks family - Amanda White recently came to Steinaker/Red Fleet state parks. Dillon Gill was promoted to park

manager at Fred Hayes, while Cameron Savage was promoted to fulfill the assistant park manager vacancy. Mercer Owen recently departed Willard Bay to accept the assistant park manager position at Yuba State Park. Branden Jensen transferred to be the Law Enforcement Ranger in the Southwest Region. Eugene Swalberg retired, and Devan Chavez is the new PIO. We are excited for his innovation. Art Martinez is the new shop supervisor in our shop, leaving a vacancy at Utah Lake. We still have a dozen or so positions pending filling, hopefully we will be fully staffed soon!

Law Enforcement Program

The law enforcement program has five new rangers in POST, graduating in April to take positions at Willard Bay, Yuba, Palisade, and Huntington. The five December POST graduates took positions at Rockport, Sand Hollow, Jordanelle, and Goblin Valley. They've now experienced several winter checkpoints, responding to critical incidents and issuing their first violations. They are doing great, and we are proud of them!

Off-Highway Vehicle Program

The OHV program is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, kicking off in January with a big social media push. The legislature is sponsoring a joint resolution honoring the event, and the OHV program will be sponsoring media events and OHV trail events through the year.

Boating Program

The Boating program is providing boating operations training for newer rangers, including towing, electronics, close quarters, and open water rescues. They held an ice rescue training at Fred Hayes State Park, practicing their first under-ice simulation with the ROV. That experience went well, and reports are that it was cold! For the first time in at least thirty years, there was no Utah Boat Show, likely due to COVID. It's been an annual event the Boating program has looked forward to for some time.

Employee Development School is scheduled for March 23, and will be a virtual event. We are learning some new best practices, and will make the best of it. We have some excellent help from the DNR Audio Visual Team. The Board will be invited as well - look for information from Megan Blackwelder.

Due to COVID we are only approving public events that are established and important to the local communities, and that the health departments can get on board with. We've turned down several events that were new and not within the realm of our safety protocols..

3.3. Director's Report

Chair Murri welcomed Director Rasmussen to the meeting, who had to join the meeting late. Director Rasmussen provided some information on the happenings of the Division of State Parks. Director Rasmussen commented on the appointment of Shane Stroud, and stated it's excellent to have a great attorney on board.

Director Rasmussen provided an update on legislative happenings. He stated the Division is tracking 79 bills, and the list continues to grow as the session continues. Director Rasmussen thanked the legislative team for continuing to review and respond to legislation as changes are made. The work is complicated and time consuming, and special thanks to Scott Strong who responds to fiscal note requests.

Director Rasmussen commented on the following legislative bills:

- **House Bill 257 Utahraptor State Park - Representative Eliason**
The bill was reviewed at the NR appropriations committee just this morning. There was a substitute adopted. The bill proposed the protection of the Dalton Wells site just outside of Moab, and now includes the Lost Creek site in Morgan County. These are exciting proposals; the Dalton Wells area where Utahraptor State Park is in the heart of all things recreation, and filled with opportunities for recreation expansion. Both proposals reach a hefty price tag, Utahraptor is expected to require \$28.5 million, and Lost Creek will likely require \$15 million, both funded from general fund monies. We are watching this bill closely.
- **House Bill 346 Natural Resources Entities Amendments - Representative Snider**
This bill would bifurcate the Division of Parks and Recreation into the Division of Parks and the Division of Recreation. This bill, if it's passed, will have substantial impacts on our agency, moving our OHV and Boating programs into a new division. It also appears the new division would likely oversee most of the state recreation grant dollars, including our OHV grants. Substantial monies could come to that agency for outdoor recreation investment. This could have a lot of positive impacts to all things recreation across the state, and we'll be watching this closely. Regardless of the outcome, we will make it work.
- **House Concurrent Resolution 13 Bridal Veil Falls - Representative Stratton**
This resolution directs stakeholders at the state, city and county levels to evaluate all options for the future of the Bridal Veil Falls site. It appropriates \$50,000 for DPR to perform a study and make some recommendations. It asks our division to report back to the interim committee with proposals, along with pros and cons for each potential outcome..
- **Senate Joint Resolution 11 Anniversary of OHV Program - Senator Hinkins**
This resolution gives us the opportunity to make the public more aware of education and safety programs in the OHV program, along with impacts to the state economy.
- **House Bill 111 OHV Amendments - Representative Albrecht**
This bill has already passed the House and the Senate, and pends signature from the Governor. The bill removes the age requirement for OHV riders, riding size-appropriate vehicles. It requires the youth demonstrate safety knowledge, pass a rider safety course, be wearing the appropriate safety gear, and be supervised by an adult.
- Representative Albrecht also has a bill file open for the Butch Cassidy boyhood home to be designated as a state monument, we've run into some study glitches so that may get pushed off to the interim session.

Light discussion ensued, reviewing some other bills and how they might affect parks.

Ms. Jarrett inquired as to whether the park planner job would be filled; Director Rasmussen replied that vacancies are a great time to review efficiencies. Mr. Strong is researching as to whether fulfilling the position or contracting out as needed would be more beneficial. Ms. Jarrett asked if it would be appropriate to write a letter of support in the event HB 346 is approved, to keep the positions filled by the existing park program experts, should the division be bifurcated. Director Rasmussen opined that the director recognizes the benefits of having experienced staff, and is aware of all our team's accomplishments.

49:24 **4. Introduction of Division Assistant Attorney General**

Chair Murri welcomed Mr. Shane Stroud to the meeting, who was recently appointed as

the Assistant Attorney General for the Division of State Parks. Mr. Stroud provided a history of his interest in law, and discussing some of the projects he has started on thus far. Mr. Stroud started with Parks at the end of 2020, and is available for legal analysis for Board work.

52:35

5. OHV FISCAL INCENTIVE GRANT (FIG) RECOMMENDATIONS

OHV Program Coordinator Chris Haller and Grant Program Manager Rachel Toker presented an overview of the Off-Highway Vehicle grant program, and changes to the program since the last meeting of the Board. Ms. Toker reviewed the origin of the grant, where funding comes from, and the Board's involvement with funding approvals. Funding applications are rated on a scale of one to five, and if the OHV Council scoring has a consensus of 3.5 or higher those funds are typically awarded.

Recently the program was amended to remove a cap from funding requests, and the grants do not require matching. The RTP grant does still require a grant match. The reasoning is that we want entities to be able to apply even if they don't have funding available, since the funding is available. The program applications are also open for 45 days instead of 30.

Ms. Toker reviewed what types of applications can be funded, including trail work, advertising, operating costs, search and rescue, education, and access protection.

Ms. Toker then presented 38 of 47 OHV Fiscal Incentive Grant applications recommended for funding for January 2021. For ease of description, the grant applications were broken into three categories: *promotional and advertisement*, *360 Trails Project (scored as a group)*, and *other*.

Ms. Jarrett asked about limitations on certain types of caps. There is a significant portion of funding going to the 360 Trail Program, and the OHV Council can amend the percentage limits of funding allowed. Mr. Haller stated the overall percentage limitation is based on the fiscal year, and doesn't limit the annual amount. Mr. Steadman stated he had been on the OHV Advisory Council and they work tirelessly to vet and approve these recommendations.

Ms. Jarrett inquired if there are deadlines for completion, especially in consideration of the advertisement grants. The applicant identifies a completion date and then staff reviews the application to create an assistance agreement to reassess the deadline to ensure the projects aren't painted into a corner. Mr. Christensen expressed concern because of all the Trail 360 approvals because of the backlog with the Google server. Most of the trails are still not posted publicly. He questioned how to resolve these issues and address concerns. Ms. Toker stated the timeline currently stands at 1.5 years, and extensions can be granted in assistance agreements after the fact, if limitations at the provider are discovered after the approval. In light of COVID the Council is able to be somewhat flexible with these types of projects.

Mr. Thompson inquired about the Garfield County request, whether Garfield County would be able to handle the ongoing salary for the staff person. Ms. Toker stated the request timeline was for six months and they may request an additional increase but it would be permissible. Ms. Jarrett posited that many smaller towns are involved and it's a great opportunity to bolster the work of our small towns.

Mr. Christensen noted he does provide some funding for the grant match for Ephraim,

Utah applications. Mr. Thompson reviewed the Utah statute that stated as long as the conflict has been noted, Mr. Christensen is not required to abstain from the formal vote.

CLAUDIA JARRETT MOVED TO APPROVE THE 10 PROMOTIONAL AND ADVERTISEMENT RELATED RECOMMENDED QUARTERLY FISCAL INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR JANUARY 2021 AS PRESENTED. DOUG THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COREY CRAM MOVED TO APPROVE THE 11 360 TRAILS PROJECT RELATED RECOMMENDED QUARTERLY FISCAL INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR JANUARY 2021 AS PRESENTED. DOUG THOMPSON SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

KEVIN CHRISTENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE 17 OTHER RECOMMENDED QUARTERLY FISCAL INCENTIVE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR JANUARY 2021 AS PRESENTED. RUSS STEADMAN SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1:49:11 6. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Murri opened the floor for other business.

No other business was discussed.

1:49:27 7. ADJOURNMENT

The Board having no further business, Chair Murri sought a motion to adjourn.

KEVIN CHRISTENSEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COREY CRAM SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

**DIVISION
REPORT
Q2 2021**

DIVISION REPORT | STATEWIDE SERVICES

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

Public Affairs Coordinator: Devan Chavez

Public Affairs Program

The program has a new face. Lindsay Higbee was recently hired on as the Division's new Communication Specialist, filling the open spot left by Devan Chavez after his promotion. Lindsay comes from a very diverse background including art, theatre, and professional marketing/communications.



Marketing

We are continuing to promote our parks, programs, and employees more organically. Telling the Division's story through new and unique ways and using those stories as the basis for our promotion and marketing.

- Promoting parks, programs, and employee highlights (new rangers, dark sky designations, ribbon cuttings, etc.)
 - Check out [this recent story](#) from the Salt Lake Tribune following our announcement of Fremont Indian and Goosenecks dark sky designations.
 - Four new law enforcement rangers joined the State Parks family. Learn more about them [here](#).
- We have started filming this season's park improvement projects. We have begun shooting of the construction of Antelope Island's new campground, as well as plans to complete Echo State Park's video. Awaiting construction start dates to begin filming the projects at Wasatch, Quail Creek, Gunlock, and Snow Canyon.
 - If you missed it last time, here are the [Bear Lake](#) and [Coral Pink](#) park improvement videos for your viewing pleasure.
- We have begun utilizing video on social media to better address hot topics or issues our parks encounter, much like the Division of Wildlife. Recently, our team has addressed issues from the community and local leaders regarding [primitive camping at Sand Hollow](#), as well as the [upcoming closure at Echo](#). These videos, along with the accompanying articles helped get the correct information out there, and were well-received.

- Campaigns with Utah.com. These include our continued purchasing of the “book now” buttons on each of their individual state parks pages; an email article on the Division’s improvement projects; and an insert in Outside Magazine subscriptions in 10 surrounding states highlighting the OHV Program’s 50-year anniversary.

Media Relations

We plan to continue building and maintaining our positive relationships with local media outlets. While we are looking to step away from paid promotions like road tours and media buys for general park awareness, we are also looking to increase our proactive pitching and check-ins. Here are some recent highlights:

- Our biggest media event was a site visit and tour of the Utahraptor State Park site in the Dalton Wells and Willow Springs area. The visit was attended by local leaders, state legislators, and representatives from print and television media. Check out Ben [Winslow’s coverage here](#).
- Continuing on with Utahraptor coverage, the Governor hosted a ceremonial signing of both the Utahraptor/Lost Creek bill and the Bridal Veil Falls resolution. The event was hosted here at DNR at the Utahraptor Megablock. The event was well attended by stakeholders [and media](#).
- We recently partnered with Discover Utah and Discover Utah Kids on their water safety issue surrounding keeping family and children safe when recreating in reservoirs and rivers. Life jackets, planning, and what to do if someone falls overboard were all covered. The article was published in the magazine’s Spring issue and will also later be published online.
- We have had a number of fatalities involving our Division this season and have been charged with [releasing the names and information](#) about the incidents. We continue striving to do so in a professional and thoughtful, while giving the need-to-know information to the media. Continued coordination with the park, public affairs team, Department, and law enforcement leadership.
- The Division will be hosting ribbon cuttings and kickoff events for project completions and/or groundbreakings. Our first one for this season is currently being planned for the final week in May and will highlight the new Pond at Willard Bay State Park.

Publications

- Finalizing agreement with Geico for sponsorship of Utah State Parks Field Guide. The guides are in the printing process and are expected to be delivered this month.
- Honor Passes had a large jump in popularity. We are ordering more to keep up with this demand.

DIVISION REPORT | STATEWIDE SERVICES

HERITAGE PROGRAM

Heritage, Interpretation, & ADA Resources Manager: Justina Parsons-Bernstein

Dark Sky Report

- The Utah Division of Parks and Recreation now has 10 designated International Dark Sky Parks! That is more than any other State Park System in the World. Fremont Indian State Park and Goosenecks State Park received their designations in March 2021.
- Utah as a whole now has 23 designated Dark Sky Places. When you consider that there are currently 100 International Dark Sky places in the entire world, Utah's number of designations are quite impressive.
- As a reminder, Jordanelle State Park, Kodachrome State Park and Rockport State Park received their designations in January 2021. East Canyon State Park received its

designation in August of 2020. Previous designations include: Steinaker State Park in 2018, Antelope Island State Park in 2017, and Dead Horse Point and Goblin Valley State Parks in 2016.



*Milky Way of Fremont Indian State Park
Photo by Ryan Andreasen*

*Milky Way over Goosenecks State Park
Photo by Matt Muirhead*



- Our wonderful dark sky seasonal, Shelby Stock, is back on the job this year helping 10 parks continue with their dark sky monitoring, programming, social media posting, and annual report writing. Three of the ten parks she is helping are just beginning or renewing the International Dark Sky Park application process. Snow Canyon State Park and Bear Lake State Park are in the beginning stages and Gunlock State Park has reinitiated their application.
- In more dark sky news, Fremont Indian State Park, Goblin Valley State Park and Dead Horse Point State Park are part of a Dark Sky Economic Impact Study being conducted this year by Utah State University's Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.
- And in even more dark sky news, Justina has been working with Girl Scouts of Utah on and off since 2017 to develop a Dark Sky Patch. She pitched the idea to the organization and has helped develop the requirements and activities needed to earn the patch. The patch will become a reality this July! Other states are already interested in the dark sky patch such as Michigan and Oregon. We hope the patch will be picked up nationally soon after the July launch.



Interpretation Report

- Justina funded many interpretive projects again this year from her modest budget. These projects included:
 - Interpretive Waysides for Edge of the Cedars State Park
 - Tactile Wingspan Wayside on the Wheelchair Accessible Trail at Willard Bay State Park
 - Tactile and other Interpretive Wayside Signs for the Wheelchair Accessible Trail behind the Visitor Center at Fremont Indian State Park
 - Check-Outable Adventure Backpacks with Interpretive Materials for Wasatch Mountain State Park
 - "Historic" Portrait Photo Booth for Territorial Statehouse State Park
 - Tactile Spider Wayside for Great Salt Lake State Park
 - Rock Cliff Nature Trail Waysides at Jordanelle State Park
 - Jr. Ranger Booklet reprints for Rockport, Dead Horse and Hyrum State Parks
 - Protection Shed for Earthen Oven Demonstration Area at Camp Floyd State Park
 - OHV Safety and Area History Kiosk for the OHV Program
 - Tiger Beetle Brochure for Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park.
- Below see some of the great interpretive products our Graphic Designer and Interpretation Specialist Monica Stamm created for these and other projects (I have

highlighted tactile elements that enhance the sign for people who are blind, low vision and tactile learners):



Spider Panel with Tactile Elements for Great Salt Lake State Park



Wingspan Comparison Panel with Tactile Elements on Wheelchair Accessible Trail At Willard Bay State Park

Rock Imagery Panel w/ Tactile Elements for Fremont Indian State Park





Interpretive Wayside Panel for Rock Cliff Nature Trail at Jordanelle State Park

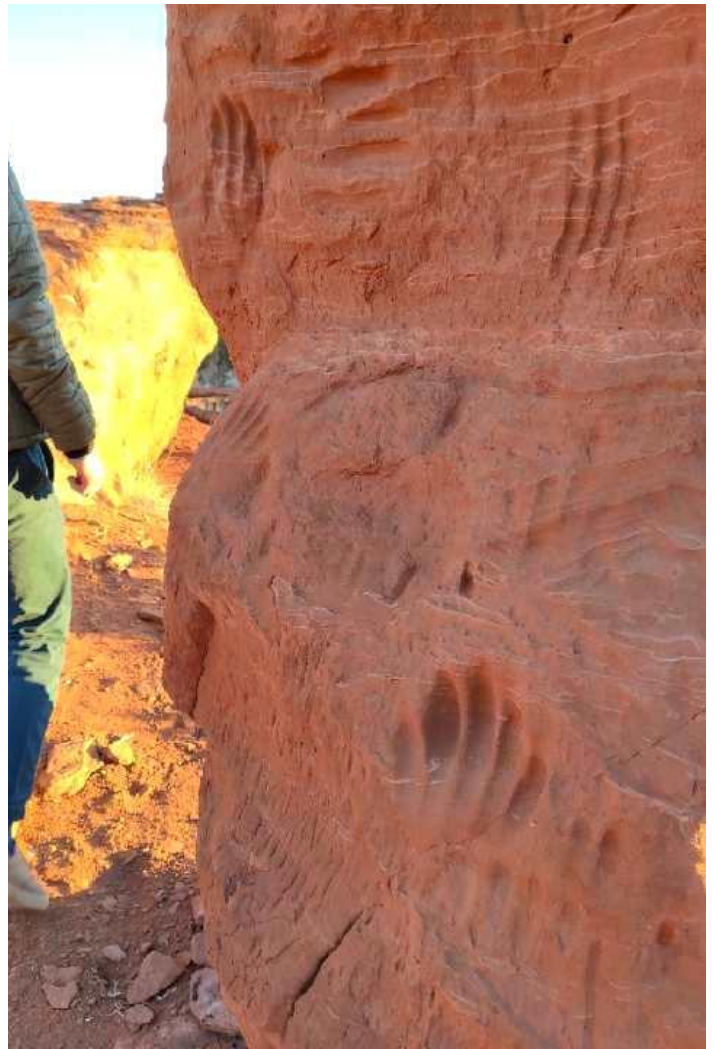
Heritage Report

- Connected to the newly recorded archaeological site, “Sacred Hands Cave,” at Kodachrome Basin State Park that was included in the November 2020 Board Report--there is exciting news! Friends of Justina’s who went to Kodachrome to see the amazing deep hand impressions on the cave for themselves in February found MORE hand impressions on a spire off a trail about a mile from the cave! Archaeological research surrounding hand impressions of this type suggest these hand impressions were made over 100s or 1000s of years by people returning to the site to perform religious ceremonies and placing their hands in the same places over and over again.
- Staff at Kodachrome did not know about the hand impressions on the spire. The search will now continue for more hand impression sites around the park. All will be photographed and recorded for preservation purposes.
- In other Heritage news, Justina will once again fund State Parks memberships in the Utah Museum Association and Utah Cultural Alliance organizations. These memberships benefit staff at our State Parks Museums and Heritage sites.
- Our State Parks Museums are also part of a State Museums Partners project looking at the possibility of unifying museum collections database programs and creating a portal for the public to be able to access all state-held museum collections.

- And finally, Justina reviewed all proposals and, in the end, the successful concessionaire contract for the stewardship of and tours at Danger Cave State Monument has been renewed for five years with Metcalf Archaeological Consultants. Former Assistant State Archaeologist Ron Rood is the lead for the concession. Ron's tours of the cave are fantastic and his stewardship efforts include onsite and remote security camera monitoring and stabilization and vandalism repair work in cooperation with the Northern Region Crew.

Photos of the archaeological discoveries at Kodachrome State Park:





ADA Report

- Lots of ADA inquiries have been coming into Justina. The more visitation we get, the more frequent these inquiries and requests for accommodation will become. One of the requests for accommodation has led to the purchase of a beach wheelchair that will be shared by our St. George area parks. Sand Hollow, Quail Creek, Snow Canyon, and Gunlock split part of the cost, with Justina's budget covering the rest.
- If you have never visited Utah State Park's Accessibility Page, you will want to take a look at the list of our accessible amenities. We will update this list again once all of this year's new construction projects are completed.



<https://stateparks.utah.gov/resources/accessibility/>

- In other ADA news, a very rare opportunity to get ADA Training specifically geared to STATE PARKS and also recreation programs was offered virtually and for FREE by the New England ADA Center and the Institute for Human Centered Design. Justina sent the information out to all State Parks staff and has heard that at least a few employees signed up. The training was held May 11th.
- It is worthy of note here that our new Park's attorney, Shane Stroud, has been wonderfully responsive in doing research surrounding ADA requests and issues.

DIVISION REPORT | STATEWIDE SERVICES

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PROGRAM

Off-Highway Vehicle Program Manager: Chris Haller

Summer Program:

- Conducted two separate Great Trails Workshops, along with a chainsaw certification course, with the National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council to educate land managers and enthusiasts on how to build and maintain sustainable OHV trails. This was held at Fremont Indian State Park
- Coordinated one OHV Advisory Council meeting focused upon Fiscal Incentive Grant (FIG) recommendations.
- Attended and presented at the Utah Association of Counties Annual Conference.
- Launched the 2020 OHV Program campaign called “Why We Ride”.
- Presented to the Tooele County Trails Committee on FIG and RTP application processes.
- Attended and answered OHV related questions at a Beaver County Commissioner meeting.
- Received a University of Utah, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department Award for 2020 Outreach Community Partner of the Year.
- Attended a University of Utah Parks, Recreation and Tourism Advisory meeting.
- Hired two seasonals for the OHV Program Trail Crew and they have been working since the first part of April on trail projects with partners.
- Participated in two bi-monthly Office of Outdoor Recreation grant coordination meetings, regarding FIG and RTP.
- Provided Street legal ATV and UTV laws and rules to the State of South Carolina.
- Supplied our OHV Program tactical OHV training materials to the State of Ohio for their Law Enforcement staff.
- Presented to Kane County and an Arizona Community College regarding FIG grant writing.

Winter Program:

- Coordinated one OHV Program 50th anniversary event at Monte Cristo with our partner the Utah Snowmobile Association.
- The Utah Snowmobile Association taught two separate snowmobile operating courses to twelve of our Division Law Enforcement Rangers.

- Completed another successful snowmobile grooming season despite low snow conditions. Most snowmobile grooming complexes started in mid-January and finished before the end of February.
- Attended a Logan Canyon Snowmobile Grooming Complex postseason grooming meeting with multiple partners which included; U.S. Congressional Staff, small business owners, Rich County Commissioners, USFS-Logan Canyon Ranger District, Bear Lake Regional Commission and Garden City Mayor and Council Members.

Education:

- Staff taught two separate hands-on UTV education courses, one for Box Elder County Weed Department and the second with Forestry, Fire and State Lands.
- Coordinated and participated in one OHV Program 50th Anniversary outreach event at Coral Pink State Park. This included Kane County Tourism as a partner.
- Conducted two radio interviews focused upon sand dune riding and early season OHV use.
- Participated in two video shoots. One for the OHV Program's 50th anniversary video series; Explore Utah Off Road Edition and the second with the Utah Office of Tourism for their new campaign, "Ride Mighty, Forever Mighty".

Recreational Trails Program (RTP):

- Completed three grant site inspections.
- Closed the 2021 RTP grant application period on May 1, 2021 and we received 32 total applications.
- Completed six environmental clearance s for RTP awarded projects.
- Answered several dozen questions regarding RTP applications from potential applicants and agency's.
- Presented one RTP grant outreach event discussing Utah's program to the State of Oregon.

DIVISION REPORT | STATEWIDE SERVICES

BOATING PROGRAM - LAKE POWELL

Boating Program Manager: Ty Hunter

- New updates:
 - New Cabin Patrol Boat (Silvership)
 - Career Mobility Sgt. position (to be filled by the end of May)
- Construction Projects
 - Renovation of the State Parks house in Page – early stages (quote/bids process)
- Continued Highlights/successes:
 - Fishing enforcement patrols conducted during the spring fishing season on Lake Powell
 - Continued follow up and education from annual boat registration survey – houseboats/cabin cruisers. Assistance with new registration questions, HIN inspections.
 - Assistance provided to State Parks – Goblin Valley, Millsite (Ice fishing tournament)
 - Easter Weekend OHV Enforcement Patrol – Factory Butte/Swing Arm City/San Rafael Swell Area. Coordinated with the East Region.
 - Continued partnerships with other agencies, including the National Park Service, BLM, DWR, Kane County Sheriff's Office, Garfield County Sheriff's Office and Wayne County Sheriff's Office.
 - Assisted the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area with state OHV law training, regarding the implementation of their new OHV plan.

DIVISION REPORT | REGION REPORT

NORTH REGION

Region Manager: Laurie Backus

The North Region finished up the Winter season early with the lack of snow and warmer temperatures and have dove headfirst into Spring. As temperatures have allowed, the staff have awakened facilities from their winter slumber and have opened up the campgrounds and other amenities. Many parks have already seen full campgrounds on weekends. Park management have been hiring more seasonals and continuing to prepare for full summer operations.

North Region Law Enforcement Report:

The North Region Law Enforcement group was able to perform its annual 40 hour training for its officers. These officers were able to respond to 26 critical incidents (OHV deaths, fires, people in the water and many accidents on snow and dirt). These officers were actively involved in two checkpoints that netted 96 citations for OHV Registration, Safety Violations, Alcohol and Drug use. These officers also were involved in an organized West Desert OHV Patrol that included Box Elder, Tooele and Utah Counties). The highlight for the month was the arrest of three suspects that had been stealing thousands of dollars from our iron rangers over the past year. Two of the three suspects were also arrested a second time once they bailed out of jail.



Sticky Bandit



OHV fire



West Patrols

ANTELOPE ISLAND STATE PARK - Jeremy Shaw

The park has been very busy through the winter and spring. We will see record numbers again this year.

The new campground is nearing completion. We are looking at a mid-June to early July opening date.

New things going on include: Backcountry camping coming late June, opening of the Mulberry picnic area (opened in May), and the south island road open all the way to the South Causeway (opened in May).

All the employees are doing well and working hard to host the public. Biggest challenges are our roads - we desperately need new asphalt.



BEAR LAKE STATE PARK - Richard Drolesbeke

- Winter snowmobile trail grooming was mostly successful considering the poor snowpack.
- Marina entrance project started February 15th and is going along well. It should be done before Memorial Day Weekend.
- Trying to finish up the Restroom project at Rendezvous Beach with CXT to fix their problems.
- A contractor was selected for the asphalt work at Rendezvous Beach. They should be starting this week and done by June 30th.

- Phase 2 of the North Eden project has started. We hope to have the day use area open in mid-summer. Phase 3 has also been started as we plan for power, water, and sewer to be developed for the facility.
- The Rainbow Cove project will be going out for a design bid.



CAMP FLOYD STATE PARK MUSEUM - Clay Shelley

The Northern region crew installed a lean-to for Camp Floyd's outdoor kitchen for Chuck's feeding the Army program. Friends of Camp Floyd planted five trees in the park. Camp Floyd provided 5 school programs to 567 students from various local schools.



DEER CREEK STATE PARK - Bruce Strom

It was somewhat of a quiet end to the winter with the ice coming and going; we didn't get a lot of ice fishermen here. We did finish the seeding of our Wallsburg area and with the new irrigation system, we will attempt to grow some grass in between our campers. Our campgrounds are booked solid into September and campers love the new sites in Chokecherry. We are planning our new campground for the main area with the funding we received at the last legislative session. Ranger Studie was busy being on the Employee Development School planning committee and Sierra attended Defense Tactics Instructor training. See attached photo:



EAST CANYON & LOST CREEK STATE PARKS - Chris Haramoto

Spring is wonderful time to visit the park. With the warm temperatures and green vegetation, the park complex is beautiful.

Lost Creek State Park will be rejoining the State Park Family. East Canyon State Park is proud to manage Lost Creek and we look forward to planning a beautiful park for our community. An assistant park manager has been selected for Lost Creek, Ben Meraz.

We have had several fun events this spring. Our youth fishing tournament saw over 150 children sign up and participate in this fun annual event.

Women on the Water fishing tournament focuses on women and girls of all ages to participate. It is becoming an annual event where mothers and daughters or groups of friends get together and have a fun afternoon on the lake.



We invite all Board Members to visit Lost Creek State Park as development begins. I believe it will be fun to see the area transformed into a beautiful park.

Check out this story on KSL Outdoors.

[KSL Outdoors Youth Fishing Tournamen](#)

ECHO STATE PARK - Eric Bradshaw

Ice fishing season slowed down a bit in February as more lakes froze and fishing started to slow down. The overall ice fishing season was great; lots of visitors catching fish.

Dry Hollow Campground is getting some more use in April and May. Almost every weekend the campground is completely booked. The lake will only increase a little more before the level starts to draw down. We are currently at 45%. Spring runoff on the Weber River is nonexistent as the river levels have not increased. This is good timing because we are going to be doing phase 2 construction. The project will add a new day use area, extend the boat ramp, and add a new entrance.



FLIGHT PARK STATE RECREATION AREA

Flight Park State Park just spent \$15,000 up at the site to move fill material, block off roads that weren't needed, and grade the entire park. Thirty camp sites were added with more to come. From October to May, the park has generated over \$14,000 in camp fees, which is a first for the park.



GREAT SALT LAKE STATE PARK AND MARINA - Dave Shearer

We are starting to see sporadic tour buses again. These are few and far between the normal volume of tour buses pre-COVID19, but we could see more soon with the reopening of Yellowstone and Grand Teton to tour buses this Summer. Local tourism has dramatically picked up now with warmer Spring weather.

We have been working with FEMA to try and secure grant money for road repairs. Sections of the 1.75 mile long road continue to settle from the earthquake damage in March 2020. Much of this road will need to be torn up and repaired. Another challenge facing us is the horribly low snowpack for the Great Salt Lake drainage area. This has affected levels in the Great Salt Lake causing us to have most of the boats pulled in the next month or two.

We have a new concessionaire that will begin boat tours by the end of May. His boat has a shallow enough draft that he should be able to operate all Summer.



HISTORIC UNION PACIFIC RAIL TRAIL

Nothing new to report.

HYRUM STATE PARK - Chris Bradshaw



Hyrum State Park is enjoying good visitation as the weather warms up. The reservoir is completely full, which is an accomplishment given the snowpack this year. Staff are working on preparing the park for the summer season. The North Region Crew came and installed the new courtesy docks at the boat ramp. The new park entrance sign and a VenTek machine should be installed shortly. Seasonal staff had been hired and have nearly completed training in preparation for a busy summer.

JORDANELLE STATE PARK - Jason Whittaker

Jordanelle has been busy for one of our slower times of the year. Not necessarily with visitation, but with projects. Our maintenance team has been busy relocating our Park Model RV and getting it ready for summer use. They are just finishing up with the decking



and the skirting boards. We have been working diligently with the Wasatch Mountain Institute to get the Rock Cliff Nature Center Back online. We recently wrapped up an \$80K solar project with Rocky Mountain Power's Blue Sky program. The Nature Center is now equipped with the largest set of solar panels in the state park system that will result in net neutral power consumption.

Jordanelle also worked with Wasatch County, MIDA, and the SkyRidge developers to apply for a Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant to build a new trailhead at Crandall Point and complete the perimeter trail to Hailstone. We were awarded \$80K last week, along with the \$40K matching funds and \$130K in-kind labor which will make the project a major success in creating access in line with the resource management plan.

Our rangers have been extremely busy with two of them locating the "sticky bandits" this past month. For over a year the "sticky bandits" have been stealing from the iron rangers at multiple state parks, from the forest service and BLM. Three of them were arrested and booked on multiple felonies after admitting to their crime. A few days later one of our rangers was completing follow-up and discovered they had also stolen over \$1,000 from our local Walmart which resulted in two of them being arrested again by another ranger. The case has been turned over to the State Bureau of Investigation for further investigation.

ROCKPORT STATE PARK - Eric Bradshaw

Grooming operations ended early due to lack of snow. Probably one of the shortest grooming seasons we have had on record.

This spring we have had lots of campers and in May we have been booked every weekend.

Water levels are currently at 65% and we were informed by the water managers we will not increase anymore. In fact we have already started to decline in water levels. This will make for a very short boating season at Rockport. Spring runoff has been nonexistent as the river has not increased flow at all. Grim news as this drought will be hard to attract day users to the park.



Rockport Rangers aided Jordanelle Ranger in the arrest of our sticky bandits ([read about it here](#)) who have been stealing from iron rangers for a few years now. They have been stealing from at least 7 State Parks and possibly more.

UTAH LAKE STATE PARK - Joshua Holt

Since the last Board Report, we have hired more booth workers since the revenue collected far exceeds the expense. Despite a poor outlook on water levels, we have rented out nearly all our slips to both returning and new customers.



We've been turning on winterized systems for the first time this season. Doing so has exposed some old infrastructure in need of replacement or repair. Our focus has been the campground. We have put in some new fire pits, but by far the most time consuming repair was to the main waterline that feeds all the sprinklers in the campground. Due to reduced

maintenance staff, the three Rangers rotated days working on the water lines and digging out holes to lay cement for new barbeque stands.

We also had upgrades done to the showers at the campground and have already heard compliments from campers about the grass being greener than in previous years.

WASATCH MOUNTAIN STATE PARK - Tracy See

Successes

- Restroom renovations over the past year have included new paint in and out, new tile floor and shower stalls in all four of our 1967 restrooms, replacement of all stall dividers, internal flush valves, water heaters, electric wall heaters and damaged sinks, toilets and mirrors. We changed all lighting to LED inside and out and addressed several drainage issues. We are in the home stretch! Thus, A JOB WELL DONE with hats off to Tom Halladay!
- Non-motorized Trail Signage - Kathy is also in the last steps of completing a 3 year project of getting all non-motorized trail signage updated with location maps at all major intersections with the "you are here".
- Grants – 2 UORG - Partnering with Wasatch Trails Foundation and Mountain Trails Foundation, we were awarded \$60,000 for a trail connection between Boulder Basin and the Park City side at the top of Guardsman Pass. Partnering with the Wasatch Community Foundation we have received a grant for \$3,000 to complete bike repair stands at all of our non-motorized Trail Heads!

Construction Projects

- Expansion of Camp Host Sites: Currently we are expanding and dressing our camp host sites to accommodate larger rigs and support the vital job of cleaning our campground restrooms and camp sites! Our hosts are an integral part of our operational success!
- New campground - Although we are not in construction yet, the process for the new campground at Soldier Hollow has moved along at a nice speed with good communication back and forth.
- Cascade Springs Road Paving Project is complete with just minor work to be wrapped up. As it opens back up next week so will our Little Deer Creek Campground after two years of being offline.

Business Hiccups

- Hiring/Finding Seasonal Employees – our seasonal employees this year would average somewhere in the age of 55. They sought us out because they want to be busy and love being at Wasatch. None of them were looking for money; it was about having a job/purpose being part of the state parks and making it look better.
- Contract deliberations with the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation - have been trying at times. The new contract should be solidified soon.
- Friends Group: COVID hit hard with our Friends Group and we are trying to rebuild by vying for a new president and vice president along with an Event Planner. Membership is down 35% as this was a very social club and for safety measures all activities came to a halt.



WILLARD BAY STATE PARK - James Morgan

We have had campgrounds full every weekend since Easter and day use is increasing steadily with the rising temperatures. We had a contest where people were able to submit name nominations through our Facebook page for the new day use area at the north marina. Approximately 100 names were submitted. Through a judging selection process the names were narrowed down and ultimately "The Pond at Willard Bay" was selected as the name. The winner was awarded a prize basket. We plan to use some of the runner up names for the four group pavilions in the area. Construction on "The Pond" is going well and despite a few hiccups we are hopeful to have it open for Memorial weekend. We have had a lot of inquiries from the public about it.



DIVISION REPORT | REGION REPORT

SOUTHEAST REGION

Region Manager: Megan Blackwelder

ANASAZI MUSEUM - Jamie Skidmore

ASP has had an incredibly busy spring and our numbers have not been this high since 2004. We aren't breaking records but we feel we are doing pretty good considering we had already had over 5000 visitors at the end of April and last year we had less than 15,000 total for the calendar year.

We have a lot going on this year upcoming projects include; a partial parking area resurfacing and expansion, a remodel to our gift shop and front entry, and an update to our seasonal housing area where this year we will be adding a park model house for rent. We have had contractor meetings for the remodel and the contractor meeting for the parking area is coming up next week. We are hoping that both go through without any issues. The housing upgrades to the infrastructure are park and region funded and may take a little longer to complete.

We were able to renew our contract with Magnolia's for another 5 years. This has been a mutually beneficial relationship as the visitors they bring in for meals usually come in to check out the museum and vice versa.

On May 4th we were notified ASP will most likely be losing our federal partnership with the BLM. We have had a federal partnership in this building for almost 30 years. The original partnership was between ASP and the forest service but was later taken over by the BLM. This means we will most likely lose the BLM employee who sits at our office for the distribution of public information. The agreement also has a 2,500.00



monetary reimbursement for the desk space as well. Jamie will continue to try to save the agreement by working with Garfield County Tourism board, County Commissioners and BLM managers over the next 30 days, which is the time frame that the BLM gave to be cleaned out of the desk space.

We have been working on a park beautification project for the front flower beds. We have completed the new privacy fence for the shop area and planted several trees, shrubs and perennials. We still have to weed, fix the drip irrigation system and add mulch. Here is a photo of our progress.

DEAD HORSE POINT - Aaron Farmer

Visitation picked up beginning in late February and by mid-March the park was packed with spring breakers and seasonal tourists. The crowds have been large, but manageable, and we have not had to limit entry due to a lack of parking spaces.

With the increase in visitation we have also seen an increase in our emergency call outs. In just the last few weeks, the park staff have responded to one search and rescue for a lost biker, and three medical calls for injured bikers. Thanks goes out to our National Park partners who have assisted us on several of these calls.

We had a management change in April as Dillon Hoyt accepted a position with the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office. He was replaced by Aaron Farmer, who came to us from Green River State Park.



Our mountain bike rental concessionaire, Big Horn Bike Rentals, began operations on April 1. They have been very busy and have rented out their entire inventory on several occasions.

The region crew has been doing renovations to one of the park residences, and are nearing completion on the project. On May 5 we had a pre-bid meeting for a project to pave the road and parking area for the Moenkopi Yurts. This project should be completed in late June.

EDGE OF THE CEDARS / GOOSENECKS - Chris Hanson

Edge of the Cedars:

We have had a great Spring at the museum as our visitation has increased significantly. It is great to see our parking lot full of visitors from across the state, country, and from around the world.

Jonathan Till, our wonderful curator of collections, received the Utah State Parks Employee of the Year Award. He is an invaluable part of our team and we were all thrilled he was recognized for the invaluable work he does for UT State Parks.

Last month we were privileged to host Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland at the museum as she visited Utah to review Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante National Monuments. She held a joint press conference with Governor Cox and Senator Romney, met with several special interest groups, and took a tour of the park during her visit. The night before we hosted the Utah delegation who ate dinner and planned for their meeting with Secretary Halaand the following day. Among those attending was: Senator Romney, Representative Curtis, Governor Cox, Lt. Governor Henderson, and DNR Director Brian Steed. The following day Lt. Governor Henderson returned and received a special "behind the scenes tour" of our collection storage. It was an honor to host the event and a great opportunity to showcase our amazing facility to the many who were present and through the media coverage the event received.

Goosenecks State Park:

Things have been hopping at Goosenecks! We have seen a nice uptick in overnight camping and day use has been strong over the past month.



We are very proud to be one of Utah State Park's newest International Dark Sky Parks! The designation is the culmination of several years of hard work by Education Specialist Justina Bernstein (and her staff) and staff at the park. A special thanks to our Programs and Outreach Specialist Kathleen Martin. Our Dark Sky programming has proved to be quite popular and the fantastic night sky is just one more great reason to visit the park.

ESCALANTE PETRIFIED FOREST - Bevan Monroe

We completed the visitor center project. We are working on upgrading sites with new site poles.

Escalante is getting busy with visitors and we are in full swing. Water levels are lower than last year and the farmers are starting to water crops so we are seeing the water drop. We will start our rental program in the coming weeks.



FRED HAYES STATE PARK AT STARVATION - Dillon Gill

We are fortunate to say that our reservoir is at 100% water volume and spilling, many of our counterparts can't say the same. However; we do expect it to be really low by late summer going into fall. Fishing has been relatively good for rainbow trout all spring long. This has led to some consistent fishing and boating on most weekends, we believe that the walleye and bass fishing should pick up any day now.

Park Rangers have already spent a significant amount of time responding to OHV accidents in nearby areas. We are about a month ahead from last year for OHV accidents, so it should be a busy summer season.

This spring we put in a second swim dock at our beach day-use area, got a new restroom on the east end of Juniper Point Campground, and put in playground wood chips at our slack-line course. We are looking into the possible addition of a fifth cabin in Mountainview Campground sometime later this year.



We are excited to have our new Ranger Zachary Kierstead, who graduated POST late April. We believe that his experience and education will be a valuable asset to the park.

GOBLIN VALLEY - Jim Wells

The biggest news of the year continues to be the record shattering visitation. If the fiscal year ended in April, it still would have been the busiest year in all of history. We project 80-100% increases in visitation, revenue, and profits over pre-pandemic Fiscal Year 2019. While this has caused quite a strain on park resources, we will hopefully find relief soon with the construction of our new triplex housing unit (and the hiring of employees to fill it).

In an exciting development for the future, Goblin Valley State Park has also been awarded \$5 million for camping and day use improvements. This will allow for 20-40 new campsites north of the current campground, as well as 20-30 new day use parking spots to the north of the current observation point. In conjunction with a \$3 million project to bring in electricity (along with full-hookup campsites), the park may look very different a year from now! Meanwhile, "Behind the Butte" Campground, on the future park expansion, has been

postponed until the land is actually in state hands. This will cut down substantially on construction costs and will allow all fees to come directly to the state park.

We made some improvements in signage and access to the Curtis Bench Cutoff Trail, which is an alternate route between the campground and Valley of Goblins. While not a new trail, this route had been abandoned and left off park maps since the early 2000s. The work was completed with the help of Scout Troops 410 and 8410 out of Millcreek.



GREEN RIVER STATE PARK AND GOLF COURSE - Nathan Martinez

Spring officially began on March 1 as visitors returned to the park after their winter hiatus. We started all of our seasonals and volunteers around the first of the month, and prepared for the Spring Break onslaught. By the middle of the month, the campground was operating at capacity most nights. This trend should continue through at least mid-June.



Park staff have been kept busy concentrating on daily tasks such as cleaning restrooms and campsites. Our volunteers have gotten several projects done including burning wood piles, trimming trees, and installing and repairing irrigation lines. The park received \$2 million for a campground expansion. We should break ground on the project by late summer - early fall.

The golf course has also been very busy. We were one of the earliest courses to open this spring, so business has been very good since mid-February. The staff was able to catalog and dispose of a large amount of surplus equipment in March and April, which really cleaned up our shop yard. Emery County cut and burned several large stands of Russian olive trees, which should help to mitigate some of our mosquito problems. We did not schedule any spring tournaments due to Covid concerns and restrictions.

We had a change in Park Managers in late April. Aaron Farmer accepted the manager's position at Dead Horse Point State Park, and will be replaced by Nathan Martinez, who will be moving over from Kodachrome Basin.

HUNTINGTON / MILLSITE / SCOFIELD - Brian Kurta

Huntington:

Huntington finished off the winter season slowly, but since March has picked up with camping visitation. The same concessionaire at Scofield will have operations here at

Huntington. Big Mountain Lodge will have a food truck and jet ski rentals available. This will be a new experience for the park and we look forward to working with the company.

Millsite:

The Millsite Dam is still under construction. We are going on four (4) years of construction which is affecting water levels at the reservoir. The construction company says they will be done at the end of August 2021. Water level is low and launching vessels has become impossible. We continue to work with SITLA and the BLM on the land transfer. This is the holdup on starting our new campground project. We welcome Chris Nelson to the triplex employee family. Chris graduated POST on April 23rd and is currently working on his initial training. Chris worked for Utah State Parks and Recreation as a seasonal at Goblin Valley and Stienaker/Red Fleet. He is from Pennsylvania and has a Master's Degree in Sports Science. We are excited to have him.

Scofield:

The park was closed most of the winter, but we saw an increase in ice fishermen out on the reservoir. WaveTronix bought the old Boy Scout camp next to the Scofield State Park and is now in the process of using this camp as a company retreat. This summer we will have Big Mountain Lodge as a concessionaire in the park. They will have a food trailer at Madsen Bay, along with jet skis and OHV rentals. This is a great benefit to the community as there are little to no services available in the town of Scofield. The gate house at Madsen Bay was remodeled over the winter thanks to our Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Hunter Winch.

STEINAKER / RED FLEET - Amanda White

At Steinaker, we had a new vault toilet put in near the boat ramp. We are still waiting to do the final walk through for the new restroom/shower building. One thousand trout were released in the reservoir. The 3D archery range at Steinaker is open for the season. Staff have been working at cleaning up the beach. With the dam construction now finished we expect the water to come up. Construction for the new entrance signs has begun. Both Steinaker and Red Fleet are open for the season and all staff are hired.



Amanda, the park manager, is expanding the retail operation with new stickers and magnet souvenirs.

Red Fleet hosted the Uintah Basin Visual Arts' Plein Air Show, and is scheduled to have major renovations this fall so we have been working with BOR as needed.

UTAH FIELD HOUSE STATE PARK AND MUSEUM - Steve Sroka

Visitation is on the rebound from the Covid year. In April we had 5702 visitors compared to 895 in 2020 and 5327 in 2019.

We increased the awareness of the Museum. The Facebook page likes grew 18.7% in the past year and 68.4% since the end of 2019; new press and scientific papers on fossil finds (wood, bug, book, etc.). We reviewed five lesson plans for the Central Utah Water Conservancy.

We have new public exhibits on Ute beadwork, Flint Knapping, Sauropods, and what is new/from collections. There is fossil preparation work in the public viewing lab with new specimens from Utah Field House and from Dinosaur National Monument. A new custom steel support to hold the Mammoth tusks was built and will be placed on display shortly.



We held a successful garden cleanup with the Friends of the Museum. The Museum Friends Group was awarded a grant for \$96,773 for collections, small equipment, etc. which will result in online photos and educational video production.

The museum was awarded \$3500 in grant funds to retrieve a Jurassic fossil log (Manwell Log) featuring a knot and branch-base-fossil that is 8 tons, 12 ft long, and probably was originally ~125 ft tall as a living conifer. This is likely a new species and will become a new display in late June.

In the gift shop staff made “Grab Bags” using merchandise that is selling slowly or have only a few left of any item. This has been extremely popular with visitors making purchases.

Education Curator Mary Beth Bennis and volunteer Dale Gray took the Utahraptor puppet to Salt Lake City for the bill signing designating Utahraptor State Park.



SOUTHEAST Region

The SE Region Crew has been busy helping parks open for the season, installing docks, finishing CXT projects, doing housing renovations and fixing what's not working in our parks! Duane Swasey, the Region Crew Chief is on a career mobility assignment as a project manager under the construction section. Russell Spadafora is on a career mobility assignment as the Region Crew Chief.

We are excited to be working on new camping development and day use improvement projects at Escalante, Goblin Valley, Green River and Utahraptor State Parks! Megan has been working on the Utahraptor development and we hope to have an engineering / architecture firm on board at the end of May. We are recruiting for a new Park Manager at Utahraptor and hope to have someone in the position in June!

Lt. Brody Young and Sgt. Jeff Arbon have been helping with law enforcement training and doing FTO work with Brooke Wetherell, the new park ranger at Goblin Valley. They will also be working with the new assistant park manager Christopher Nelson (Millsite), and new park ranger Zachary Kierstead (Fred Hayes SP at Starvation) who graduated from POST in April.

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SOUTHWEST REGION

Region Manager: Wayne Monroe

CORAL PINK SAND DUNES - Josh Hansen

Spring has proven to be an extremely busy time of year. Spring break lasted a total of four weeks at our park. This translated into very busy visitation and revenue for the park. Camping continues to be busy with campgrounds at 95%-99% of capacity every night of the week. With day-use visitors staying a little longer and trends moving towards larger RV's/trailers our new parking lot has been a gigantic relief for parking. The parking lot is large enough to allow for almost any sized vehicle to park. This has made the extremely busy days we experience seem much less hectic. Our ATV Tour concession is enjoying their new-found space in the parking area as well.

Our sand sport rental shed was slightly delayed due to COVID but the Southwest Region Crew is working feverishly to complete the build-out and we hope to have it delivered to the park by June. The sand sport rentals have continued to be very popular. We continue to see a need to replace boards and sleds as they wear out. The boards more than pay for themselves by the time they wear out, but keeping up with replacement has been difficult.

The new rappelling concession is up and running, they have not seen the amount of interest they thought they would see but they are being optimistic for when school gets out. They are more than willing to give any board member a chance to rappel down the rocks if there is interest. The location gives a great view of the dunes. We continue to work out some bugs with our RC truck rentals. Once the bugs are figured out we will start renting them to the public.

We have added a new feature to the park. We affectionately call it our "Sandsquatch". Visitors can hike out to find the "Sandsquatch" and take pictures to post on their social media. Once they show staff they have posted on social media they receive a discount on shirts specifically designed for the "Sandsquatch."



Coral Pink hosted the OHV Programs spring celebration. It was a collaboration with the OHV program and Kane County to say thank you to the local residents and allow them to get out to the park for free. It was very well received and the locals greatly appreciated the event. We have been contacted by multiple local merchants who want to make sure the event happens again next spring.



The park is on track to double its revenue for fiscal year 2021 compared to fiscal year 2020. We have hired additional staff to help with the influx of visitation and to relieve the stress on staff who have been working hard all winter.

FRONTIER HOMESTEAD - Giani Julander

We held our annual sheep to shawl event in March. In spite of COVID restrictions, we had a pretty good turnout, about one third of the attendance we would normally expect, but about the number of people we were expecting this year. We also had a very successful archaeology day event May 1. Again, attendance was about one third of normal but actually better than we had anticipated. We offer this event each year in cooperation with Southern Utah University's archaeology department; they cancelled the event last year because their campus was closed and we worried this would negatively affect attendance this year. We are happy we were able to make some accommodations that allowed us to still offer the event while following health and safety guidelines set by our agency and the school's leadership.

In April and May we've been able to provide field trip activities for many schools who had to cancel over the last year. In fact, we've been so busy with field trips, the last six weeks have

absolutely flown by. At last count, we've provided activities for 550 students since April 1. We have seven more school groups scheduled for this school year and some have already scheduled with us for next school year. We truly value our school programs and we feel that the schools we serve truly appreciate what we have to offer.

We have a new community arts program kicking off this summer. Our Art in the Park program will begin with heritage arts weekends all summer long. We are working to bring in craftspeople specializing in heritage arts who can demonstrate their crafts for our visitors. We hope to have three to five demonstrators each weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day. In the fall, we'll expand the Art in the Park program to include community education activities like paint nights, pottery nights, and creative writing workshops. We're working with our Friends Group to get the program started and we're really excited to set things in motion.

FREMONT INDIAN STATE PARK - Kevin Taylor

Fremont has had a busy spring! We have been fortunate to have our campgrounds full most weekends, and decent visitation numbers in the museum.

In terms of capital improvements, we are working on electrical bids for the day-use area, and getting cost estimates for improvements to the Castle Rock Campground. We are also working on installation of better internet and phone services on site.

We are working with the US Forest Service and other stakeholders for State Parks to receive ownership of the Castle Rock Campground.

Finally, we'd like to welcome Elizabeth Stevens to our ranks. She goes by Liz, and she is the new curator, replacing Amy Ramsland-Larson who recently moved out of state. Liz specializes in biological archaeology and is looking forward to immersing herself in museum preparation and curation.

OTTER CREEK - Lance Eliason

The ice finally left the reservoir in February. As soon as it was gone, there was much excitement from people wanting to get back out on the water. Normally, ice-off can be a really good time to fish here. However, we heard from many of our guests that it was

slower than normal. Most years we have fly-fishermen standing almost shoulder to shoulder because the fishing is so good. That didn't happen this year.

We were able to get out and do a bunch of grooming runs on Beaver Mountain and Monroe mountain. This had given us hope that there was a lot of snow that would turn to runoff and fill our reservoirs. Things aren't looking so good now. Otter Creek Reservoir barely reached into the low 70s as far as percentage filled, and is now about to drop out of the 60s. It has currently dropped to the same level it was after summer last year. The lower and warmer the water gets, the faster the algae develops. This is likely to impact visitation more this year than in years past.

Our Tentrr folks finally got their operation up and running. They have 4 tents here in the park and they have started to get more and more reservations popping up as time goes on. This should be a nice little revenue source from which we have little to no input such as time or money.

As a side-note, we were awarded a \$45,000 Boater Access grant to put in a new fish cleaning station here in the park. It will be a great project because it will move the station across the street to a previously unused part of park property. This will alleviate a buildup of traffic that we see at the top of our boat ramp as people load their boats and line up to clean their fish. In addition, it will eliminate the need for a lift station that we currently have. This will ultimately save us some money because we are repairing it every single year. The park continues to do well this year. At this point, we have already passed the amount of revenue that we had all of last year. We will continue to hope that poor water levels don't impact us too much.

PIUTE STATE PARK - Lance Eliason

Piute Reservoir is even worse off than Otter Creek. With little to no runoff, the reservoir didn't even fill back up to the halfway point. Now, with the irrigation season starting downstream, it's dropping anywhere from 2-3 feet per week and is only 30% full. Our water level is only a few feet away from the point where we normally have to remove the dock from the water due to reaching the end of our boat ramp. It seems as if our boating season here is going to be over before it begins. It's only time before the algae explodes here as well.

We have been seeing a few people staying in the park the last few months. Most of them have been individuals pulling off Highway 89 for the night. But now, the waters edge is getting so far from our campsites, that camping is beginning to slow down some.

Like at Otter Creek, the Tentrr sites are finally up and going here. They have started to see a few reservations here and there. We are hoping that they gain in popularity and provide some much-needed revenue for this little park that always seems to be at the mercy of bad water levels.

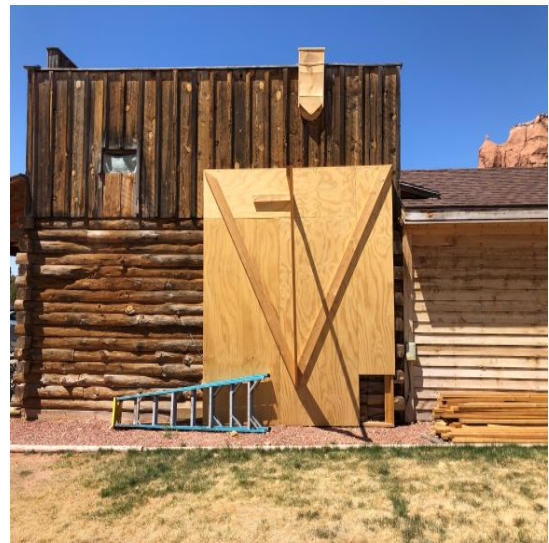
KODACHROME - Nathan Martinez

We added seven new partial hook-up sites to the Arch campground. We opened them up to reservations on April 26, and they booked up pretty much completely within the first couple of days.

We also added ten new Tentrr sites in the park at dispersed locations. The tents went up fairly quickly but it took us a while to get the roads/driveways built for the sites. Tentrr seemed a bit anxious to open them up before we had the driveways finished, but everything is in good shape now. They are struggling to find enough seasonal help to keep up the sites every day- since those sites are also in high demand.

We received our Dark Sky designation on January 14th. We are excited to be numbered among the dark sky parks in Utah. Our remote location makes us a fantastic location to see the Milky Way and this designation will help to bring more attention to the park and to night skies.

We've been working on adding a three-mile extension to the Panorama trail. The tentative name for the new loop is the Shepherd's Loop trail. We are planning on adding three backcountry campsites along this loop that people



will have to hike into to stay the night. We are also adding a rappel section that drops into a cool cave, though this section will be an optional part of the trail. There are numerous incredible viewpoints along this trail that would be great for some interpretive signage.

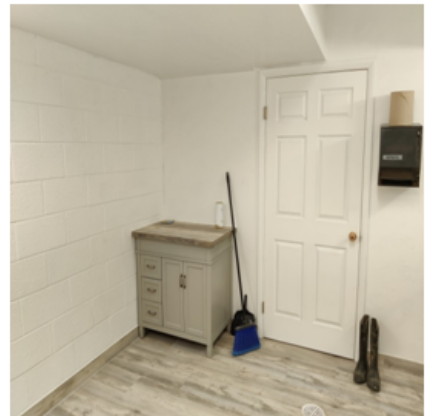
We've also been working on adding more baskets to our current disc golf course. We've placed nine new baskets out which will give us an 18-hole course. We still need to place the Tee boxes and develop a map for the back 9 as well as set up the hole info signs.

We are also building a bouldering wall on the side of the Laundromat. It will be a small wall, about eight feet high and twelve feet wide, but it will lay back at a 50° angle to provide a bit of a challenge for people; we will also have a kids section on it.

We have a site in the park labeled 'Indian Cave' but the site has never really been researched. It is a small cave where multiple handprints have been carved/worn into the sandstone. Recently Justina Parsons-Bernstein and Jonathan Till came out to look at the site and are helping us to come to a better understanding of its significance. We hope to develop some more interpretive signage to explain the site to our visitors.

PALISADE STATE PARK AND GOLF COURSE - Shon Tripp

We have been busy with facility improvements! We have remodeled the office restroom - we installed new flooring, cabinets, sinks, urinal, and toilet, along with a fresh coat of paint.



We are pleased to announce we have hired a new ranger, Wyatt Manis. He will be starting at the park in June, and going to POST in the fall.



We had our 8th Annual Palisade State Park Fishing Tournament. We had around 150 participants and we measured and weighed 91 fish. The winner caught a Rainbow trout that was 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long, weighed 3 pounds 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz and had a 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ inch girth.

Started the process of developing a campground below the dam on property that we are leasing from the Irrigation Company. This will provide additional camping spots to accommodate more visitors.

We remodeled both restrooms at the golf course; we ended up completely stripping it down to the sheetrock.

We are proud to present the newly created golf course logo reflecting the lone tree on the north edge of our signature hole. We have been updating the golf course with this logo.



Winter Golf Trip with Men's Association - Casablanca Golf Resort - Copper Rock - Sand Hollow Golf Resort.

Hosted a 3 Man Scramble on March 20th, had 100 Participants and the Men's Association Ice Breaker had 70 Participants.

Also had the Junior Golf Etiquette Courses April 14th, 21st and April 28th. We had almost 200 junior golfers. For \$20 they learned golf course etiquette and got a season pass.

SNOW CANYON - Kristen Comella

Park visitation and revenue collection continue at a record setting pace. Through March 2021, visitation was up a whopping 64% over the same period last year. Revenue is up 52% on the year compared to July through March of 2020. Our full-time staff, seasonals, and

volunteers have been remarkable at handling the crowds and the challenges so many visitors bring.

Work on our tortoise trail is ongoing. The Friends of Snow Canyon received a \$35,000 grant from the John C. Kish foundation to help fund the sculptural piece. The sculptor has ordered the granite block for the piece and we have signed off on the design (the piece will be 5' x 2'). Between the large donation we received earlier in the year, and funds that the Friends group is raising, the park is on track to receive nearly \$190,000 in outside funds for the fiscal year.



We hosted the Shamrock 10K in March and the Ironman 70.3 in early May. The March event was hampered by snowy conditions, otherwise, both events went off without a hitch. Our partners and the public appreciate the opportunity to safely conduct these events. Our Trail Steward program is starting to ramp back up: Orientation and training for new stewards have resumed, and existing stewards are working on trail maintenance projects and attending monthly education hikes.

SAND HOLLOW - Jonathan Hunt

- The past few months have gone really well at Sand Hollow State Park.
- Our water levels luckily started out really well and should get us through the majority of the summer with plenty of water for recreation.
- Our visitation levels remain much higher than previous years. Our largest increase early on was for access to the OHV riding area. A few group rides were hosted at the park. UTV Utah hosted a ride over Presidents Day weekend on the mountain that saw great

participation. Trail Hero hosted an Easter weekend with a small vendor show that was also well attended.

- Our concession, BASH, switched their ATV rental process to a “guided ride” only. This switch has been very profitable as their inventory is not leaving the mountain busted and unavailable for the next rental. Our second concession The Dive Shack purchased a soft serve ice cream machine and is making more money selling ice cream than they are renting scuba gear.



- We hosted the Ironman 70.3 North American Championship St. George on May 1st. This was the largest triathlon in North America since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. An estimated 3,600 participants signed up for the event and the day was perfect. This event is an opportunity for Sand Hollow staff to ask for help from other parks and from the community. A small army of people came out to volunteer and assured the event went well. Unfortunately we did have a participant suffer a heart attack during the swim and he passed away.

GUNLOCK - Jonathan Allred

We are right on the cusp of massive growth at Gunlock State Park and we are very excited for the opportunities that visitors are going to get when they come to Gunlock. We have been working with the engineers and other groups to get our campground off of the ground and we are about to go out to bid. It always seems like it is right around the corner and we are getting close. It's like the truck on your way back from a long hike. You can see the end but it takes forever to get there.

Low water levels are the story of this spring. Very little runoff and the reservoir is only at 65% starting the Summer. Visitation is still good but we will be losing our boat ramp this summer, we will be pushing the opportunities for kayakers on social media to help compensate for the lack of boating.

We have a bunch of great seasonals that are coming from SUU and are looking at outdoor recreation careers. As well as a few returning folks that do an amazing job.

We are also working with the Bureau of Land Management on getting right-of-ways to gain access to the park property on the other side of the reservoir. This access will provide day use OHV and primitive camping opportunities at the park. We are also working on an agreement that will streamline fee collection below the falls and make it easier on our guests.

QUAIL CREEK - Candace Smith

From February to May 2021, Quail Creek State Park has been busy all around with day users and campers, events, and big projects. The campground remains full every day and staff can't get into the campsites quick enough to get it cleaned before the next camper is coming in. Even with the water temperature in the high 50s to low 60s, we are seeing tons of people swimming and boating. When comparing 2020 revenue reports to 2021, each month the park has made over a couple thousand more in comparison to the previous year.

The past couple months, park staff have been working hard on a couple big projects throughout the park. A second sliding glass door was installed at the entrance booth to encourage two lanes of traffic flow for those entering into the park. This has drastically increased how fast park employees can get vehicles into the park without causing road blocking on the highway. We have also installed 10 sun shade sails to the day-use beach and cleared debris and weeds from underneath for each user's pleasure. During winter, a shade pavilion was installed for park equipment near the shop. Since then, we have added electrical and lights to the shade pavilion.

The past couple months, Quail Creek State Park has hosted multiple events. We have had a couple bass groups come in for tournaments and a Largemouth Bass was caught that weighed in at 7.1 pounds. The World Wakeboard Association had an event in April at Quail Creek that brought lots of professional riders and viewers to the park. The association

plans to come back in summer of 2022 to put on another large wakeboarding event. In May, a church group of approximately 125 people came out to the park and volunteered four hours of their time by pulling weeds, moving rocks, and trimming trees. State park staff showed their appreciation by providing lunch to all the volunteers.

TERRITORIAL STATEHOUSE - Carl Camp

Our youth camps are almost full for the summer. At this point we have about 800 youth signed up for our two night camps. They will be starting the first part of June and end the first week in August. We have a series of pioneer activities, a dance and lectures that take up three days and two nights.

Our renovated POD (multi purpose building) is being rented more frequently. The POD has hosted weddings, wedding receptions, baby and bridal showers, birthday parties and family reunions.

YUBA STATE PARK - Cheston Slater

Yuba State Park would like to welcome Mercer Owen as the new Assistant Manager and Matt Harris as the new Ranger! We'd also like to welcome our new Oasis hosts Liz and Scot Moldenhaur.

The park has been busy for two months with campgrounds filling every weekend! Our visitors should be happy to see new vault



toilets on the North and West Beaches. We are also scheduled to have our old vault toilets replaced in Eagle View, and the Painted Rocks campgrounds.

Our seasonal staff of employees started last week and we were able to receive our annual zipline training and certification! Seasonal orientation is next week. Our new primitive day use and group camping areas Oasis Vista will be open this season.

The water will be a tough one this year with no filling of the lake in sight. We are already down to 34% capacity. I imagine we will lose our Painted Rocks Launch ramp within a month and hopefully get through the summer at Oasis.

SOUTHWEST REGION - Wayne Monroe

The Southwest Region Crew has had a busy spring, helping the Southeast Region Crew with a new septic system at the Ranger House. They also set up and poured new concrete and the Lava Flow parking lot at Snow Canyon, cut out a wall and put in new windows at Frontier Homestead for Corals office, put in new hydrants at the Palisade campground, and built a new day-use parking lot. They also ran new power and put in pedestals for the rental sheds. Created four new camp host sites by the shop with water, power and sewer hook-ups at Coral Pink.

We are sad to say goodbye to our administrative assistant, Emily Strong, who has moved back to Salt Lake to work in the nonprofit sector. Welcome to her replacement, Nichole Topham!

OHV PROGRAM

APRIL 2021 FISCAL INCENTIVE GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

Key	
Recommended	Not Recommended

- **47** Quarterly Fiscal Incentive Grants recommended for April 2021 by the OHV Advisory Council.
- Out of 47 applications received, **30** were recommended by the Council.

#	FY21 Q4 -April	Sponsor	Total Project Value	Requested FIG Funding
1	PURCHASE OF MINI-SKID FOR TRAIL WORK: To assist with the constant repairs required on Moab's FO 3,900 miles of motorized trails, they are requesting funding to purchase a mini skid-steer.	Bureau of Land Management - Moab Field Office	\$49,250.00	\$38,000.00
2	PAIUTE TRAIL MAINTENANCE 2022: This grant would assist with the maintenance and management of the entire Paiute, Great Western, Gooseberry, and associated trail system. Projects include trail signage (directional, informational, interpretive, and regulatory) and maintenance of existing signs. They also intend to maintain these trails by logging out brush, removing rocks, repairing tread, and diverting water. Funding will also be spent on the installation of cattle guards, barriers, and bridges. Trail data will also be collected on the entire system with the installation of over 60 trail counters and eight cameras to monitor use patterns.	Fishlake National Forest	\$243,000.00	\$116,000.00
3	WEST PAIUTE TRAIL PICNIC TABLES: The purpose of this project is to enhance and improve the OHV experience in the Fishlake National Forest. The project sponsor intends to purchase 11 aluminum picnic tables. The tables will be placed along the Paiute ATV Trail on the west side of the Fishlake National Forest.	Paiute Trail Committee	\$14,304.00	\$9,240.00
4	BEAVER MAIN STREET TRAILHEAD: Funding will be used to purchase a vacant lot at the corner of Main St. and 600 North and will	Tushar Mountain ATV Club	\$90,000.00	\$76,500.00

	allow OHV access to the Beaver Trailhead. The purchase of the lot offers an opportunity to have a trailhead on Main Street with direct access to the Paiute Trail.			
5	IRON OFF-ROAD RALLY (Original request for \$58,816.00): This grant would assist in the creation of an annual two-day rally in Iron County to showcase OHV opportunities on 12 trails. The sponsor intends to purchase rally items and an enclosed trailer for the event and future use.	Cedar City Area Chamber of Commerce	\$106,061.00	\$28,590.00
6	OHV PROGRAM STATEWIDE TRAIL CAT PURCHASE: Funding will assist with the purchase of a new trail cat (preferably a Sutter 500). The sponsor currently has one loaner trail cat that can be used by volunteers, State/Federal land managing agencies, or Division staff for OHV trail maintenance and construction. The sponsor's goal is to have a second trail cat in order to meet the loaner requests and to assist with the OHV Program's trail crew as the need arises.	Utah Division of Parks & Recreation OHV Program	\$86,920.00	\$40,000.00
7	THREE KIOSKS FISCAL INCENTIVE GRANT: Funding will be used to purchase and install three kiosks in Kanosh's town center, at Marysville's new trailhead, and at the Butch Cassidy Childhood Home.	Paiute Trail Committee	\$13,169.00	\$10,797.00
8	AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION NEAR THE CITY OF BLANDING: The sponsor's request is to seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Blanding. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Blanding to maximize exposure.	City of Blanding	\$52,220.00	\$38,100.00
9	BLANDING CITY "TRAIL 360 PROJECT"	City of Blanding	\$12,150.00	\$10,500.00

	<p>MAPPING: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Blanding in San Juan County. These maps will then be uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recapture Rim - Arch Canyon - Hotel Rock 			
10	<p>AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION NEAR THE CITY OF RICHFIELD: The sponsor's request is to seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Richfield. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Richfield to maximize exposure.</p>	Richfield	\$52,220.00	\$38,100.00
11	<p>CITY OF RICHFIELD "TRAIL 360 PROJECT" MAPPING: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Richfield City in Sevier County. These maps will then be uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Devil's Armchair 	Richfield	\$12,775.00	\$10,500.00

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dairy Canyon - Glenwood to Koosharem 			
12	ARAPEEN OHV TRAIL MAINTENANCE: Funding will be used to rent a mini-excavator for four months in 2021-2022 (two months each year). The sponsor is also asking for funding to help pay a portion of the salary of a GS-3 and one GS-5 for a month each year. In addition, the funding will help with associated fuel costs for the mini-excavator.	Manti-La Sal National Forest	\$69,200.00	\$30,000.00
13	COLOR COUNTY OHV TRAIL MAINTENANCE VEHICLE & SUPPLIES: The sponsor intends to use funds to purchase a 1-ton rated truck to pull their skid-steer and trailer to remote locations. The truck would be purchased through a state contract and fitted with a flatbed to carry the necessary skid-steer accessories. In addition, the sponsor will use the funding to purchase trail markers, decals, maps, and pedestal map displays. Picnic tables and cattle guards will also be installed as needed. Requested funding for trail signage would total \$1,500.	Iron County	\$62,924.00	\$53,000.00
14	AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION NEAR THE CITY OF EUREKA: The sponsor's request is to seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Eureka. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Eureka to maximize exposure.	City of Eureka	\$52,220.00	\$38,100.00
15	EUREKA CITY "TRAIL 360 PROJECT" MAPPING: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Eureka in Juab County. These maps will then be uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides	City of Eureka	\$12,150.00	\$10,500.00

	<p>a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pigeon Creek - Maple Creek - Spring City Burnout Fork 			
16	<p>TOWN OF HANKSVILLE "TRAIL 360 PROJECT" MAPPING: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Hanksville in Wayne County. These maps will then be uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Henrie Mountain Crescent Creek/ Bull Mountain Loop - Roost Rim Loop - Factory Butte 	Hanksville	\$12,775.00	\$10,500.00
17	<p>AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION NEAR THE CITY OF HANKSVILLE: The sponsor's request is to seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Hanksville. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Hanksville to maximize exposure.</p>	Hanksville	\$52,220.00	\$38,100.00
18	<p>AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION NEAR THE</p>	Friends of Ticaboo	\$52,220.00	\$38,100.00

	<p>CITY OF TICABOO: The sponsor's request is to seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Ticaboo. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Ticaboo to maximize exposure.</p>			
19	<p>ORDERVILLE "TRAIL 360 PROJECT" MAPPING: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Orderville in Kane County. These maps will then be uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Mile Canyon to Kanab Creek - Barracks, Elephant Cove, Harris Mountain, Clay Flats - Poverty Flats 	City of Orderville	\$12,775.00	\$10,500.00
20	<p>AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION NEAR ORDERVILLE, UT: The sponsor's request is to seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Orderville. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Orderville to maximize exposure.</p>	City of Orderville	\$14,465.00	\$12,500.00
21	<p>AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION NEAR THE</p>	Delta City	\$52,220.00	\$38,100.00

	<p>CITY OF DELTA: The sponsor's request is to seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Delta. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Delta to maximize exposure.</p>			
22	<p>AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION NEAR GREEN RIVER: The sponsor's request is to seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Green River. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Green River to maximize exposure.</p>	Green River	\$52,220.00	\$38,100.00
23	<p>2022 UINTAH-WASATCH-CACHE MOTORIZED PROGRAM GRANT: Funding will be used to maintain priority-level motorized trails across UWC. This includes single-track and OHV routes on the five zones of the forest. Each zone will complete a mix of general and heavy trail maintenance on 434 miles of trail. The sponsor also intends to complete a trail reroute on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District, continued improvements of trailhead and trail junction signage, and travel management during designated seasons, with in-person interactions.</p>	Uintah-Wasatch-Cache National Forest	\$312,700.00	\$224,000.00
24	<p>GREEN RIVER "TRAIL 360 PROJECT" MAPPING: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Green River in Emery County. These maps will then be</p>	Green River	\$12,775.00	\$10,500.00

	<p>uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tusher Rim - Crystal Geyser - Lost Springs 			
25	<p>EMERY COUNTY PUBLIC LANDS AND TRAILS- MOTORCYCLE: This grant would allow for the purchase of a motorcycle to replace the county's personal and borrowed motorcycle. The machine will be used to do inventory and maintenance on single-track and other trails. Maintenance includes general trail work, placing educational signage in kiosks, and placing trail markers.</p>	Emery County	\$15,200.00	\$9,000.00
26	<p>TRAILS CREW: Funding would pay a few members of their trail committee for the hundreds of hours of work a year they have put into OHV trails alongside the BLM and Forest Service trails. The advisory council requested proof of insurance, employee-related risk, and workers comp to be covered by the sponsor.</p>	Emery County Travel Bureau	\$14,450.00	\$7,800.00
27	<p>MONROE CITY RECREATION RESTROOM FACILITY: Funding will assist in building an additional restroom facility in conjunction with the city's cemetery expansion project. The restroom would be placed on the north end of their natural hot springs.</p>	Monroe City	\$30,000.00	\$12,500.00
28	<p>UINTAH COUNTY TRAILS WEBPAGE: This grant would provide funding to create a central location for locals and visitors to get detailed maps and descriptions of places to visit. The county intends to create a centralized web page where off-road enthusiasts can get the trail maps, photos, and descriptions of all that Uintah County has</p>	Uintah County	\$13,570.00	\$8,570.00

	to offer.			
29	UINTAH COUNTY TRAILS BLADE: This grant would allow for the purchase of a six-way blade to attach to the county's skid steer. This accessory would assist with maintaining current trails and cutting new ones.	Uintah County	\$4,286.00	\$2,143.00
30	UINTAH COUNTY MOTOCROSS SPRINKLER SYSTEM: The sponsor would like to purchase a watering system to maintain 5,700 feet of soil during the races at Uintah County's Buckskin Hills sports complex. The system would replace the currently shared water truck.	Uintah County	\$234,200.00	\$149,200.00
31	TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLANNING ENGAGEMENT: The sponsor is requesting financial assistance to challenge SUWA's appeal of the BLM's decision on the San Rafael Desert travel area. Funding will be used to reimburse legal costs and staff time.	Rural Opportunity Ventures	\$75,000.00	\$55,000.00
32	<p>ENTERPRISE "TRAIL 360 PROJECT" MAPPING: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Enterprise in Washington County. These maps will then be uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pilot Peak / Black Canyon - Enterprise Reservoir/Slaughter Creek Loop - Bull Valley / North Hills 	Enterprise	\$12,775.00	\$10,500.00
33	AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION NEAR ENTERPRISE: The sponsor's request is to seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Enterprise. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on	Enterprise	\$52,200.00	\$38,100.00

	TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Enterprise to maximize exposure.			
34	ADOPT A RIGHT OF WAY: Funding will go towards applying for an easement on the northern trail within T29.0S R15.0E section 36. As an owner of the right of way, the sponsor intends to use their status as landowners to protect public access and keep this easement open to public use.	The Adventure Fund	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
35	TRAIL SIGNAGE: The sponsor has developed an ATV trail system that interconnects with the existing Paiute ATV trail. Funding would go towards the purchase of equipment to install signs and do future trail maintenance. This includes a mini-excavator with an active thumb, a post hole auger, a jackhammer attachment, and a tandem axle trailer. Also, funding is requested to hire a two-person crew working approximately 40 hours per week for 12 weeks, to install the signage.	Beaver County	\$90,000.00	\$65,000.00
36	SAFETY AND ETHICS PROMOTION TO AIR ON AYL (50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION): The sponsor intends to build upon a series of safety and ethics messages that are currently being promoted by the Utah ATV Association. These features will be aired on television and on social media with the help of At Your Leisure. Three professional broadcast segments (two to three minutes each) will air on KTVX Channel 4 in Salt Lake as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the OHV Program. Additionally, 26 30-second public service announcements (two per week) will air on KTVX and be available on the AYL website, the sponsor's website, and State Parks' website.	Utah 4-Wheel Drive Association	\$24,300.00	\$17,800.00
37	AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION NEAR FERRON CITY: The sponsor's request is to	Ferron City	\$52,220.00	\$38,100.00

	<p>seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Ferron. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Ferron to maximize exposure.</p>			
38	<p>FERRON CITY "TRAIL 360 PROJECT" MAPPING: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Ferron City in Emery County. These maps will then be uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slipper Arch, Eagle Canyon, Eva Connover Loop - Copper Globe - Wrigley Res, Ferron Res, Duck Fork Loop 	Ferron City	\$12,150.00	\$10,500.00
39	<p>WAYNE COUNTY "TRAIL 360 PROJECT" MAPPING: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Western Wayne County. These maps will then be uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tidwell Slopes - Sam's Mesa 	Wayne County	\$12,775.00	\$10,500.00

	- Loa to Escalante			
40	<p>AREA TRAIL RIDING PROMOTION WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY: The sponsor's request is to seek funds to help promote the availability of their trails with the intent to disperse use and promote tourism around Wayne County. Three feature episodes shot on location will air on TV. Fifty-two 30-second ads will also air on KTVX and other selected stations during the same time period. At Your Leisure TV will promote the episodes before and after the "on-air" showing. The episodes will be made available to Utah State Parks and Wayne County to maximize exposure.</p>	Wayne County	\$52,220.00	\$38,100.00
41	<p>PROMOTE UTAH OHV TOURISM TO CHINESE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES: The sponsor intends to create a website in Mandarin that will display OHV related knowledge, safety issues, driving skills, etiquette, etc. The project will bring Chinese travelers to Utah and teach them the ethics surrounding the sport. The Sponsor will also work to educate current Chinese American citizens who are interested in learning more about OHV recreation.</p>	Utah Chinese Association	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00
42	<p>THE CITY OF DELTA "TRAIL 360 PROJECT" MAPPING: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Delta City in Millard County. These maps will then be uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Segment of Cricket Mountain - Segment of Conger Mountain - TBD 	Delta City	\$12,775.00	\$10,500.00
43	OHV JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM INCENTIVE	Utah Division of	\$16,800.00	\$11,000.00

	<p>ITEMS: The sponsor is asking for assistance in purchasing incentive items for Junior Rangers upon completion of the program. Funding will also help develop the OHV Junior Ranger program, encourage younger generations to become more involved in OHV recreation, and potentially create a future generation with fewer OHV related injuries.</p>	Parks & Recreation OHV Program		
44	<p>JUSTENSEN FLATS TRAILHEAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: With OHV visitation skyrocketing in the Swell, the sponsor intends to expand and harden the parking area at Justensen Flats Trailhead. They also intend to make improvements to the trailhead's two main trails and replace the old post and rail fence with large boulders or other appropriate barriers.</p>	Bureau of Land Management - Price Field Office	\$55,000.00	\$35,000.00
45	<p>SAN RAFAEL SWELL OHV CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENT: Due to increased OHV visitation, the sponsor intends to purchase 85 large, pre-cast, premium picnic tables and eight benches. Seventy-two of the 85 picnic tables would be in the Buckhorn Draw and Temple Mountain areas that primarily serve OHV users. Thirteen tables would be placed in the New Joes Campground. Eight benches will be for the Jurassic National Monument. The advisory council requested staff to reach out to the sponsor to see if they would add a logo to each table.</p>	Bureau of Land Management - Price Field Office	\$80,000.00	\$50,000.00
46	<p>360 TRAILS PROJECT VIDEO FOR THREE TRAILS: The sponsor's request is to engage and complete geosynchronous video trail mapping of three trails near Ticaboo in Garfield County. These maps will then be uploaded for users to view. Geosynchronous video trail mapping provides a way for the public to take a virtual tour of OHV trails with detailed images. This allows people to decide in advance whether a given trail is within their abilities and whether they will find the terrain, scenery, views, parking, etc. to their liking.</p> <p>Three Trails:</p>	Friends of Ticaboo	\$11,100.00	\$10,500.00

	- Bull Creek Pass Scenic Byway - Red Canyon - Angel's Point Loop			
47	TWISTED THERAPY MOTORSPORTS: Funding will be used to pay for the business's shop rent, wages, and specialty tools required for services. This funding is for three months.	Therapy Motorsports	\$20,000.00	\$17,000.00
			Project Value	Requested Funding
Total of all 47 applications:			\$ 2,446,974.00	\$1,632,336.00

			Project Value	Recommended Funding
Total of the 30 recommended applications (after reduction):			\$ 1,730,815.00	\$1,090,570.00

The reason the Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council did not recommend 17 applications:

8, 10, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 33, 37 & 40: The 11 applications were submitted by different sponsors and intended to complete the same project, specific to their location. The advisory council discussed the idea that these 11 different sponsors were using the same vendor to complete their projects. All grant criteria and requirements were met by the applicants. **Staff recommends that these grants be funded.**

13: The applicant requested funding to purchase a vehicle to haul the sponsor's skid-steer and trailer. The council did not feel comfortable using OHV registration dollars to purchase a vehicle and had not funded trucks in the past. **Staff believes funding should still be given to the County for trail signage (\$1,500).**

27: Repeat application with no changes from last quarter & no budget information provided.

28: No feedback was provided. **Staff believes that funding ⅔ of the amount would be appropriate due to their involvement with OHV use in the County.**

34: The advisory council felt that the application should be coming from the County, not a non-profit.

41: The advisory council was confused what the funding would be used for, and would like to see an application with more information. **OHV Staff intends to work with the applicant on possible resubmission.**

47: The applicant did not qualify for the Fiscal Incentive Grant.

Reduction of requested funding:

5: The advisory council reduced the application's requested amount by \$30,590.00. The advisory council did not feel comfortable funding jamboree gift bag items and a used SxS for the event.

OHV PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR 2021 - OHV ACCESS & EDUCATION GRANT

- 1 out of 1 FY21 OHV Access & Education Grant recommended by OHV Program Staff.

#	FY21	Sponsor	OHV Program Funding
1	OUTDOOR TRAIL AND SEARCH & RESCUE PODCAST PROJECT: The applications project intends to produce 8 podcast episodes. Approximately one podcast episode per month beginning in June or July, with a few extra months planned to work with potential podcast guests and related factors. Their first episode will focus on situations encountered by those on dirt bikes, followed by individual episodes focusing on situations encountered on side by side, full-sized vehicles, those engaged in overlapping, and snowmobiling, leaving two episodes open for opportunities that may arise for episodes focusing on situations encountered by recreationalists using other OHV approaches as the project gains momentum.	Blue Ribbon Coalition INC	\$17,500.00
		Total	\$17,500.00
	Grand total of the 1 applications:		\$17,500.00

Utah Division of Parks and Recreation
Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council Member
Off Highway Vehicle Safety Representative

BACKGROUND:

The Utah Off-highway Vehicle Advisory Council (OHVAC) was formed in 1972 as part of the Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Act of 1971. The OHVAC consists of twelve members representing the following interests: all-terrain vehicle usage, motorcycling, four wheel drive usage, snowmobiling, OHV safety, OHV dealers, youth member, two at-large members, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service and Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. All are volunteers (except the BLM, Forest Service and SITLA members). The Council meets as needed and the council typically meets from four to six times per year.

The Council's responsibility is to communicate with their constituents, on a regular basis, determine the needs of the users and advise the Division staff and Board on OHV related issues. They also review applications and make recommendations regarding the awarding of State OHV Fiscal Incentive Grants (FIG) and Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants.

Members are appointed to a four-year term. They may be reappointed for an additional four-year term and the total time served cannot exceed eight years.

CURRENT SITUATION:

The previous off highway vehicle safety representative completed the maximum eight years to serve on the Advisory Council thus creating a vacancy on the OHVAC.

RECOMMEDATION:

It is recommended that the Board appoint Mr. Fred Christensen, of Annabella, Utah, to serve as the Off-Highway Vehicle Safety Representative on the OHVAC.

Fred believes in safe and responsible riding practices, along with instructing the younger generation to operate an ATV safely, as he feels like this could save someone's life, which makes it all worthwhile. He started riding motorcycles in 1963 and in 1980 he turned in his dirt bike for a 1980 Honda Big Red. In 2015 he purchased his first Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV), however he prefers riding his ATV, as it gives him a greater sense of freedom. He is an American Safety Institute (ASI) ATV safety instructor and is a certified private OHV education course provider for the State OHV Program. He belongs to several OHV clubs across the State and his primary objective in serving on the Council is "Being a part of educating youth and adults to ride responsible, safe and to take care of our trails." He is a retired Coca Cola employee, currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Friends of Utah State Parks and is the Treasurer for the Paiute Trail Committee.

Utah Division of Parks and Recreation
Off-Highway Vehicle Advisory Council Member
At-Large Representative

BACKGROUND:

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CURRENT SITUATION:

One of the previous At-Large representatives completed the maximum eight years to serve on the Advisory Council thus creating a vacancy on the OHVAC.

RECOMMEDATION:

It is recommended that the Board appoint Mr. Jason Blankenagel, of Vernal, Utah, to serve as one of the two At-Large Representative on the OHVAC.

Jason has been involved with OHV trail planning and projects for the last three years, specifically within Uintah County, Daggett County and Duchesne County. He has been riding motorcycles, snowmobiles, ATVs and Jeeps in Utah for over 30 years. He strongly believes that persons with disabilities, the elderly and families with small children should have access to the beauty that our Utah public lands have to offer through responsible OHV use. His primary objective to serve on the Council would be to provide technical and planning support for creating, designing and improving OHV trails in Utah. He currently sits on three separate trails committees that have been working to create and designate OHV trails on BLM, USFS and SITLA areas within the Uintah Basin. Jason was born and raised at the base of the La Sal Mountains where he had OHV riding opportunities from slickrock/desert to high alpine areas.

GRANT APPROVAL: PROVO REGIONAL SPORTS PARK LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

BACKGROUND:

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants program was enacted by Congress to assist in the acquisition and development of high priority public outdoor recreation facilities. The program, administered by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation (Division) in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS), provides matching grants to state and local governments creating a broad range of recreation facilities throughout Utah. Many of the local parks that you are familiar with were funded through this program. Since 1965, when this program began, more than 497 projects have been completed in the state totaling approximately \$100 million.

In accordance with the LWCF Act, Open Project Selection Process, the Division has agreed with the NPS to establish a recurring funding cycle; to notify potential applicants of the availability of funding and application procedures; to select projects using approved criteria; and to obtain a recommendation for approval of selected projects from an advisory board. Since 1993 the Board of Utah Division of Parks and Recreation (Board) has acted as the advisory board for the LWCF.

PROPOSED GRANT:

The city of Provo is requesting funding for the design, engineering, and construction of a new regional sports park and associated utilities on a new 52-acre site. The preliminary site plans include 15 athletic fields, restrooms, walkways, playgrounds, access roads, parking areas, and associated support facilities/amenities.

The Division staff reviewed the project and followed the criteria set by the NPS in determining the eligibility of the applicant and their project. The following is a summary of the proposed project for 2021.

APPLICANT: Provo City

PROJECT NAME: Provo Regional Sports Park.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Design, engineering, and construction of a new regional sports park.

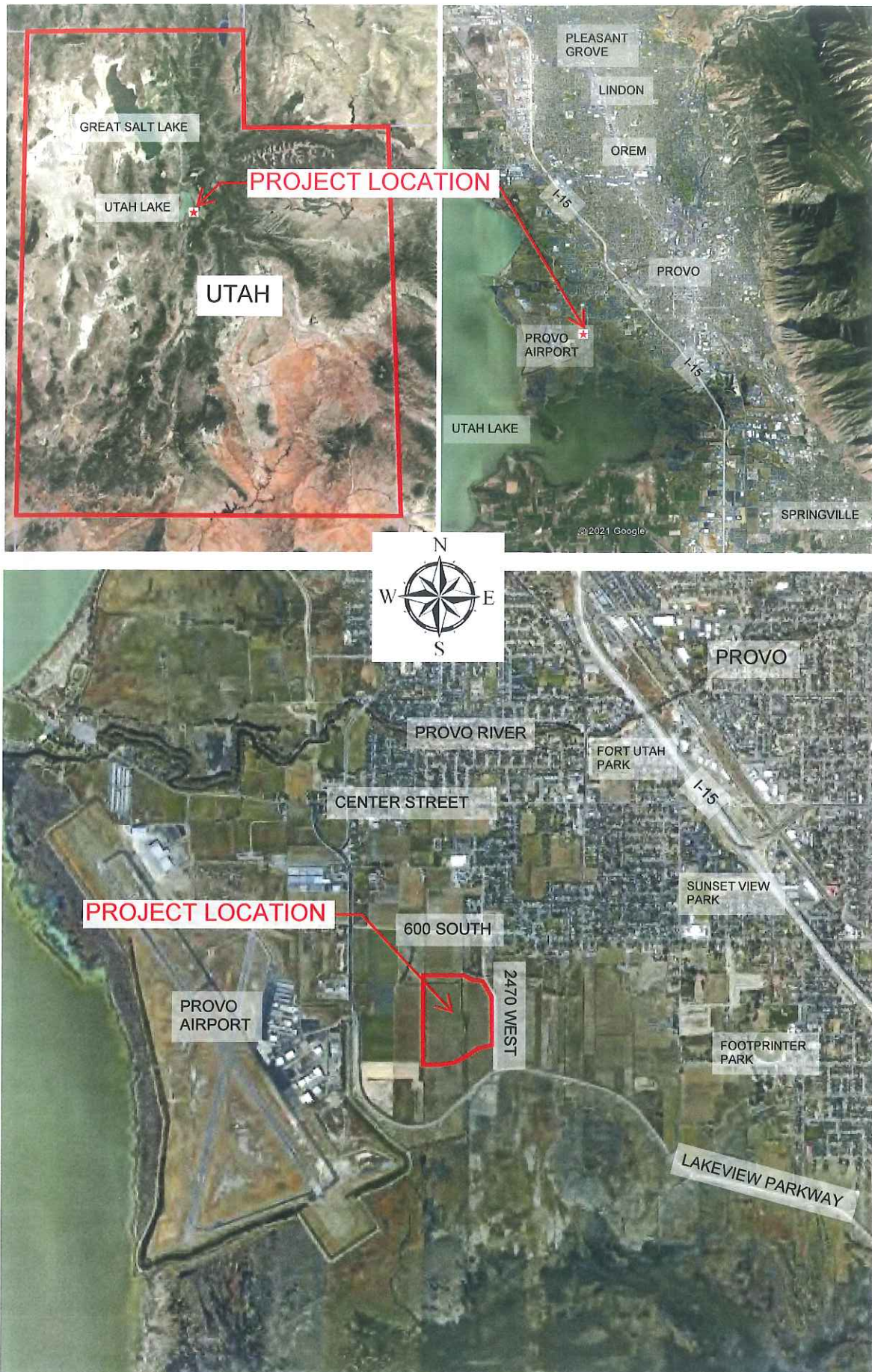
ESTIMATED SPONSOR MATCH: \$11,178,426.00

ESTIMATED LWCF REQUEST: \$3,000,000.00

ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$14,178,426.00

RECOMMENDATION:

The Division recommends the Board approves the Provo Regional Sports Park grant proposal for submission to the NPS for final approval.



8A - Project Location Map



PROVO REGIONAL SPORTS PARK MASTER PLAN