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Bonneville Cooperative Weed Management Area Receives Grant

The Bonneville Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) received a grant through the Grazing Improvement Program (GIP) for \$9500.00 for two projects in the Salt Lake area. The Great Salt Lake RC&D will be acting as the fiscal agent on these projects.

The printing and distribution of booklets about bio-control and illustrated noxious weed bookmarks will increase awareness in the community.

The second project targets spotted knapweed in Butterfield Canyon and the Jordan River corridor in southern Salt Lake County. Chemical herbicide treatments for spotted

APHIS, BLM, Toole County, Salt Lake Soil Conservation, UDOT, Camp Williams, and private landowners.

The Jordan River corridor is a focus for weed control. Photograph courtesy of Bruce Talbot.

The first project will be done on 109 acres of Kennecott Utah Copper land. Kennecott, UDOT, Salt Lake County, APHIS, BLM, Tooele County, Salt Lake Soil Conservation, and private land owners will team up to control Dyers woad, knapweed, scotch thistle, and other noxious weeds along railroad lines and in other areas. Dalmation toadflax will be used as a bio-control and will be collected and redistributed during a CWMA workday. In addition,

knapweed will be done and bio-control plants will be purchased and planted. A booklet for educating small landowners will focus on noxious weeds and ways to combat them. This project is a joint effort between Salt Lake County, DWR,



Calendar of Events:

Bonneville CWMA meeting: September 10th, 10am at Murray NRCS Office

South Shore CWMA meeting: July 19th, 1pm at Legacy Parkway and Preserve Office

Great Salt Lake RC&D meetings: July 20, 2007 at Murray NRCS; September 21, 2007 at Whitmore Library

The People's Market: Every Sunday Jordan Park, 1060 South 900 West from 10am to 3pm.

Salt Lake County Watershed Symposium: October 3rd & 4th at South Towne Expo

Welcome to the Council's Newest Member



Judy Henline recently became the newest member of the Great Salt Lake RC&D Council. She recently retired from the NRCS after many years of service as an assistant in the Soils Department. She is married to Steve and has three children and three grandchildren. She has been in Toastmasters since 2002 and just completed a year term as Area Governor. She enjoys fishing and spending time at their Loafer Mountain cabin with family and friends. She is excited to be serving on the council.

We would like to thank departing member Sharon Ggrich for all of her service on the council.

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The People's Market Set for 2007 Summer Season

The People's Market, a community initiated farmer's market, is back after a successful 2006 season and better than ever. The goals of the People's Market, which serves the west side of Salt Lake City, are to provide a source of affordable fresh produce, encourage economic growth in the community through

opportunities to sell produce and handmade wares, and to foster a feeling of neighborliness and goodwill.

There are opportunities for everyone to participate in the market. Vendors can apply for a booth to sell fresh produce, processed food, and craft items, and all items to be sold must be made or grown by the vendor. There are booths available for non-profit organizations which will allow them to talk to people in attendance at the market and rally community support for their cause.

There will be performances by local entertainers and anyone interested in performing is welcome to apply. In addition, a Barter Board will be available for people to advertise specialized services or skills that they possess.

The People's Market will be held every Sunday from June 10, 2007 to October 21, 2007 between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. It will be held at Jordan Park, 1060 South 900 West. Any questions regarding The People's Market can be directed to Kyle LaMalfa, 801-359-8559, slcpeoples-market@gmail.com.



The People's Market at Jordan Park. Photograph courtesy of James Beck.

CTGR Receives Grant

The Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation (CTGR) have been working with the Great Salt Lake RC&D (GSL RC&D) to prepare an Integrated Resource Management Planning (IRMP) Development Project Grant. The grant was recently awarded for the project and will be used to hire a strategic team leader to "coordinate and facilitate the strategic planning process."



This strategic plan will focus on economic development, natural resource management, and cultural heritage continuity.

The Goshute Reservation is found on the border of Utah and Nevada, 75 miles south of Wendover and 100 miles north of Ely, with their headquarters in Ibapah. The CTGR are facing depressed economic conditions, with per capita income and the unemployment rate both much worse than the national and Utah averages. Challenges to economic activity include

lack of transportation and telecommunication infrastructure, lack of community facilities, and education levels. Low economic activity is also presumed responsible for three-quarters of the CTGR not living on the reservation. Besides positively impacting the people in the community, it is hoped that success with the strategic plan will result in higher numbers of tribe members returning to the reservation.

The planning process began on July 27, 2006 at tribal headquarters in Ibapah with the CTGR, GSL RC&D, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Rural Development (RD) organizations present. A framework was laid and the respective organizations took these ideas to their own groups for approval. Subsequent meetings have resulted in a list of issues that tribe members feel need to be addressed and these issues have been divided into three categories; economic development, community issues and natural resources. These three categories became subcommittees with volunteer committee mem-

bers and a tribe member to chair.

Projects and issues that have been discussed include a gas station, convenience store, and/or a motel on the reservation, a western village tourist attraction, make battle uniforms for the military, a fire station with full emergency equipment, a recreation facility, native language classes for young people, a greenhouse for producing native plants for sale, a wetland reserve, and revitalizing the tribal ranches. A meeting was held to discuss elk management of the herds on tribal land. Based on estimated herd size, more elk should be harvested per year to keep herd quality high and to prevent a shortage of food. The possibility of a guiding and outfitting business was also explored.

Any questions about this project should be directed to Jeff Williams, jeff.williams@ut.usda.gov.



CSA shares waiting to be picked up at Murray NRCS Office.

A Spotlight on our Volunteers

Dan Cornelius is interested in mountain biking and hiking trails. He has been involved with the PRATT Trail and in trying to get a dirt trail established that would branch off of the Jordan River Parkway in West Jordan. He is also writing grant proposals to do a wetlands restoration and build a trail at Parrish Creek in Centerville.



Kristy Crane is an Arizona native who graduated from BYU with a master's degree in Agronomy/Soil Science. She is currently a stay-at-home mother of one and has been volunteering as a writer and editor of the Great Salt Lake RC&D quarterly newsletter since February 2007.

Katie Wagner moved to Utah from Lexington, Kentucky. She attended the University of Kentucky and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Topical Studies: Environmental Science and Policy and went on to complete a Masters in Soil Science. Katie first learned to rock climb at the Red River Gorge in Kentucky and has been climbing since for 11 years. She moved to Utah in July of 2006 and has been a volunteer with the GSLRC&D since December 2006.



Volunteers for Outdoor Utah receives grant from REI

The Volunteers for Outdoor Utah (VOU) recently received a grant from REI to implement two Trail Skills Training workshops in the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. The training will take place on the Skyline Trail, a popular 2.5 mile loop trail on the western edge of Red Butte Canyon Research Natural Area and just east of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

The grant, headed by Jeff Porucznik, brings together VOU, the Salt Lake Ranger District, the Great Salt Lake RC&D, REI and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism at the University of Utah. The purpose of the program is to train volunteers from the community in proper trail maintenance and give skills necessary to act as project managers in future conservation events. They will learn techniques for con-

structing water bars, check dams, drainage dips, tread maintenance and trail rehabilitation.

The Skyline Trail is a well-used trail, due to its proximity to Salt Lake City, but is in desperate need of rehabilitation. The trail does not have drainage systems and erosion has become a severe problem. In addition, hikers have forged social trails (informal, unplanned trails) causing damage to vegetation and exacerbating erosion.

VOU was founded in 2004 as a charitable organization to "to foster responsibility among Utah residents by promoting active stewardship on their public lands." To this end they have begun two programs, Steward-

ship Projects and Trail Skills Training. These programs focus on trail maintenance and repair, wetlands and habitat restoration, and greater recreational awareness. VOU has successfully sponsored two Trail Skills Training sessions in other areas of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest contributing over 750 volunteer hours to trail restoration.

The first Trail Skills Training is scheduled for September 2007 and for information, contact Jeff Porucznik at jporucznik@hotmail.com.



A portion of Skyline Trail showing serious erosion problems. Photograph courtesy of Jeff Porucznik.

Myrtle Spurge Exchange a Success

The "purge your spurge" event happened on April 14 and 21, 2007, at REI on 3300 South with amazing results. Approximately 6,580 pounds

of Myrtle Spurge were exchanged for about 1,400 plants native to Utah. The spurge was donated by an estimated 280 people with over 100 additional people getting information and brochures about Myrtle Spurge. The exchange participants donated 655 hours in collecting the Spurge, travel to the event, and planting the new native shrubs.



The event was held in cooperation with REI, UNPS, INPGA, Salt Lake SCD, Salt Lake County, and BCWMA. Seven-

teen volunteers staffed the two day event for a combined 92 volunteer hours.



Photographs courtesy of Larry Meyer

Jordan Watershed Symposium Scheduled

For the last two years, Salt Lake County has gathered data to address watershed and water quality issues in the "countywide watershed." This new term includes the Jordan River corridor and seventeen drainage areas within county boundaries, from the high-altitude headwaters in the Oquirrh, Wasatch and Traverse ranges down to the Great Salt Lake. In 2006, the County announced an update to the existing 1978 Water Quality Management Plan.

This Water Quality Stewardship Plan

(WaQSP) will explore issues ranging from wastewater treatment to habitat preservation along stream corridors. The first annual *Salt Lake Countywide Watershed Symposium* is a conversation about the results of the analysis.

On October 3 and 4, 2007 at the South Towne Expo, the Mayor will address the environment and 25 professionals, educators and leaders will discuss elements of water stewardship. To find out more please visit:

<http://www.waterresources.slco.org/>

or call Sarah Adamson at 801-468-2796 or sadamson@slco.org and register today.



WATER QUALITY STEWARDSHIP PLAN

the Salt Lake Countywide Watershed Symposium



October 3rd & 4th. Free. 20\$ covers two lunches (one each day). South Towne Expo

To Register: Contact Sarah sadamson@slco.org / 468-2796