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God help us, and don't send Jesus, this ain't no place for a child - Bugtussle 15 (a.)
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RUBY~HORSETHIEF FEES OR SHOCK COLLARS

BLM Planners in Grand Junction have highlighted the overcrowding in Ruby and Horsethief Canyons during a two-month, weekend period in their proposed Management Plan.

An official said, "We have several options on the table. The favored options are excessive fees and a combination of shock collars and gps monitors. Using the shock collars and gps combination we could control the location of individuals to prevent overcrowded camp sites and on the river. But we are leaning toward excessive fees. No one wants stinking poor people on the river, it's just not right."

BUREAU OF WRECKLAMATION SAYS "NO PROBLEM"

Bruce Bartlett, Acting for the area Manager of the Provo Bureau of Wreclamation took a few minutes from ogling the co-eds at BYU to issue a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on transferring 10,000-acre feet of water from the Green River for the next forty years.

The project will take water from Flaming Gorge and transport it to near Orray and then pump it forty miles so that some government welfare farmers can grow alfalfa.

The Provo Bureau of Wreclamation, solidly in the grasp of the Uinta County Commissioners quoted so many different Assessments that they cannot all be listed here. "Our job is to grow alfalfa, and to kiss the asses of local politicians and water wasters," an agency spokesman said, "We would kiss the asses of the BYU co-eds, but frankly we have better things in mind for them"

NEW UTAH BOATING INSPECTION RULES

In addition to the new Utah Department of uNatural Resources Commercial boat inspection rules, and the recent warnings placed on vehicles with trailers regarding failure to complete an idiotic form stating that one has certified their vessel mussel free, the State of Utah has added a new regulation.

Basically a new regulation is drawn from a hat each day. The regulations have been written by 5th graders from the Monticello, Utah School System. No one will know what the new regulation is until it is drawn, like a lottery, the night prior to being enforced. The idea was spawned by a ranger from the Green River State Park while on a drunken binge at Franks in Green River, Utah. Despite the fact that Franks burned down several years ago, the new regulation went into effect yesterday.

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WILDLIFE RESOURCES CRACKS DOWN ON RAFTERS BRINGING MUSSELS ON RIVER TRIPS

Snails in a can are still okay . . .

In a never-ending battle to stop mussels from being introduced in Utah waterways, the Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has targeted river users as the newest problem. All river users are now required to provide a certificate of decontamination before launching their boat.

The DWR is taking a unique approach to solve this issue. An official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said they have decided against notifying river users about the invasive mussel issue. Rather, they will just start ticketing a few people and hope the outrage spreads the word.

So far the tactic seems to be working. One commercial outfitter said he got a warning citation at Swasey’s Beach. The citation was given by a State Parks Ranger. When the outfitter asked how he was supposed to know about this program, the ranger said, “Uh, well, we had some signs out. They must have gotten stolen.”

The outfitter was curious when this program was started and called the boating division of State Parks, who immediately passed the buck to the DWR, where a representative promptly, one month later, made contact, explaining, “Uh, well we’ve been busy.” When asked what they intend to do to make river users aware that they are required to have the decontamination certificate, he said they were going to contact river companies. When asked what river companies, he said, “Uh, well some in Moab . . .”

State Parks, which administers the boating program for the State of Utah, acknowledged it’s not their problem and admitted they have done nothing to notify river users. A state parks spokesman said, “Uh, well, DWR is in charge of that program.”

An issue for livery companies is who is required to provide the decontamination certificate, the renter or the company. The decontamination form says the person launching must sign the certificate. However, the rule, according to the DWR agent, buried deep in some obscure document, says the owner of the boat is responsible. When asked how someone would know that, the agent said through the education program. When asked what education program, the agent said, “Uh, well we need to do more work on that.”

The DWR agent promised to provide liveries with a new form that addressed the issue and allowed the rental company to provide the certification. The very next day the rental company was provided with a 20-year supply of the old forms, which require the boat operator to lie through his teeth if he wants to launch his boat.



CANYONLANDS HIKES UNIFORM SALES

Canyonlands exceeded last weeks Park uniform sales. This is an amazing fact as the new figures have been corrected to include footwear.



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