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The Endangered Species Act Revisited

There will be a glut of bills introduced this session in Washington, D.C. aimed at demolishing the Endangered Species Act. Section 8 of the "Contract with America" encourages this as well. The opponents of endangered species feel that the Act is threatening to individual property owner rights.

I would like to point out a few things about the Act, but first start by suggesting Harvard Professor E.O. Wilson's book on the subject entitled *The Biodiversity of Life*.

In the past five years, 34,600 development projects were evaluated by the US Fish & Wildlife for their impact on endangered species. Only 23 were halted because of species in jeopardy. Ninety-nine percent of all proposed projects are permitted. In Region 6 of the US Fish & Wildlife Service, which includes Utah, only three of 144 federal actions reviewed from 1987 to 1991 were cancelled due to conflict.

In the last 200 years, 480 U.S. plant and animal species have left this earth permanently. And that's just the U.S. By the year 2050, scientists estimate that worldwide we will be losing up to four species every hour! By passing the Act in 1973 Congress declared this "irreplaceable loss to esthetics, science, ecology and national heritage" must be reversed.

I am incredibly impressed with the numbers of recovering plants and animals the *Endangered Species Act* has enabled. I just finished thumbing through a

booklet listing all of the critters and plants now able to hang on or even thrive due to this Act. Each state lists three, four, six, whatever. Examples: The Aleutian Canada goose has increased from 790 birds in 1975 to 6,000 today; the gray whale population has doubled since its listing and is proposed to be delisted; the Apache trout is increasing, and the peregrine falcon in Utah has gone from six pair to 150. In California the metalmark butterfly has increased from 20 to 1,200. Snail kites once numbering fewer than 50 now surpass 600. The Minnesota trout lily is improving. And on and on.

I think this world would be much poorer if the desert tortoise were exterminated. I think the world would be much poorer if any of the vines, butterflies, whales, flycatchers or alligators were eliminated. "No man is an island," it is written. One could also say humanity is not an island, but part of the river of life. That we have a

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Calendar

Thursday, April 13. BAS Annual Banquet, 6:30 pm.
The Old Rock Church, 10 S. Main, Providence. Dr.
Jack Schmidt will speak on "The Rivers and Canyons of
the Colorado Plateau."

Wednesday, April 19. BAS Planning Meeting, 7 pm.
Chair and board people join to discuss projects and
funding. Members' input is always welcome. Al Stokes
will host this month at 1722 Saddle Hill Drive in Logan.

Thursday, May 11. Monthly Meeting, 7:30 pm.
Logan City Building. This will be our last meeting of
the season. Roger Sunada, who was recently hired to
manage solid waste disposal in Cache Valley, will speak
about the innovations he is bringing to his job and the
valley. Come find out about plans for community-wide
recycling efforts, how hazardous materials are handled .
... and more.

Saturday, May 13. Spring Bird Count. We're
organizing a Spring Bird Count as part of the
International Migratory Bird Day activities being
conducted throughout the western hemisphere on that
day. Spring will be in full swing, and our plans are to
replicate the Christmas Bird Count but with gobs more
birds. We'll need hikers, drivers, feeder watchers,
paddlers, and if anyone wants to go skydiving to count
the soaring hawks, we'll take the data! Only experience
required is that you must be able to discriminate
between a bird and an airplane. Like the CBC, we'll
meet midday to exchange hot sitings and in the evening
to compile the bazillions of birds we're likely to see. Be
there! Details will be published in the *May Stilt*. For
more information call Bryan Dixon, 752-6830.

Field Trips

Friday, April 7. Grouse Courtship Camping Trip.
Leave Friday afternoon after lunch or later. Drive 80
miles west to Snowville and camp at the Curlew
Campground on the shore of Stone Reservoir. Picnic
tables, fire ring, super privies and fresh water available.
Bird around the reservoir in the afternoon. Talk that
evening by Ken Godfrey, wildlife biologist, about grouse.
Get up before dawn to drive to observe the dance
displays of both sage and sharp-tailed grouse. After a
leisurely breakfast and breaking camp drive to nearby
Sweeten Ponds and around Stone Reservoir to observe
water and land birds. Head for home after lunch. TRIP
BY RESERVATIONS ONLY. Room for eight cars. Call
Al Stokes at 752-2702 for reservations and further
information.

Saturday, April 22. Marsh and Water Birds.

The marshes west of Logan will be filled with hundreds
of waterfowl, cranes, herons, grebes, gulls and
shorebirds. Leave at 8 am from the west side of Fred
Meyer's parking lot and return by noon. No
reservations needed.

May Field Trips

Saturday/Sunday, May 6/7. Two canoe trips down the
Bear River. Leave at 8 am from Fred Meyer's parking
lot and return by 3 pm. This will be a 15-mile downriver
trip in gentle water from Trenton down to Amalga. We
usually see about 60 species of birds and often deer,
muskrat, and an occasional beaver, fox or moose. Trips
limited to 12 canoes each day. Call Bryan Dixon at
752-6830 for reservations and further information. Al
Stokes (752-2702) has two canoes to lend. Otherwise,
participants must provide their own canoes. A few
single persons can fit into canoes.

Saturday, May 13. Antelope Camping Trip. Leave at
9 am from Fred Meyer's parking lot and drive as party
across Causeway to the island. Camp at the
enchanted old homestead on the east side of the
island, which we will have all to ourselves. Tables, fire
ring, and privy available, but no drinking water. Birding
right at the campground is fantastic. Bison, pronghorn
and fascinating beach life. This is probably the most
popular trip for families. Call Al Stokes at 752-2702 for
reservations and further information.

4/6 reserved

BAS Annual Banquet Reminder

Be sure to buy your tickets to the annual Audubon
Banquet early this year. The banquet is scheduled for
Thursday, April 13, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Rock
Church, 10 South Main in Providence. Dr. Jack
Schmidt will be the guest speaker this year and the title
of his talk is "The Rivers and Canyons of the Colorado
Plateau: the Water Management Dilemma." In keeping
with the western theme of Dr. Schmidt's talk, the fare of
the evening will be "Catered Grazing," a hour or so of
socializing and filling up on finger foods and yummys.
Plan to make it a meal. Need volunteers to bring some
boxed wine, and you're welcome to BYOB. Non-
alcoholic beverages also available. Dr. Schmidt's talk
will be preceded by our Conservation and Education
Awards. Cost is \$13 per AUM (Audubon Unit Mouth),
tickets available at A Bookstore, 130 North 100 East,
and the Straw Ibis, 52 Federal Avenue, in Logan. For
more information or to volunteer some help with
decorations, call Dawn Holzer at 258-5205 or Bryan
Dixon at 752-6830.

Endangered Species Act

responsibility to the others that share this earth to allow them their lives, to populate their small universes without major interference from us, and to become extinct, if they will, by the natural forces of nature.

I think the Endangered Species Act is an example of what is top quality in human beings: that we are aware, that we are concerned, that we care. I think the gutting of the Act would be a giant step backwards, immediately and eventually destructive to the earth's ecosystems. I think that if this Act were dismembered, we as a people would be poorer in spirit for it.

End of editorial. If anyone wants to write letters to our Delegation on this, the addresses are: Congresswoman Enid Waldholz, 515 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; Congressman Bill Orton, 440 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515; Senator Robert Bennett, 241 Dirksen Building, Washington, DC 20510; Senator Orrin Hatch, 135 Russell Building, Washington, DC 20510.

Pat Briggs
Great Salt Lake Audubon

Membership Rates

Following is a reprint of membership rates for your reference. There has been no change in the rates.

Introductory rate	\$20
Renewal upgrades	\$20 second year
	\$25 third year
	\$30 fourth year
	\$35 fifth year
	\$38 sixth year
Basic rate	\$35

Trees and Trails Day

The second annual Trees and Trails Day at Denzil Stewart Nature Park will be held on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22. The event will run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Activities include planting 100 Squawbush seedlings and weeding and watering last years plants. We will also be working on the trail and installing benches.

Please bring gardening tools, shovels and wheelbarrows, and wear work clothes. See you there!

For more information call Sandra at 755-0779.

Migratory Bird Day

Utah Partners in Flight is pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Utah Migratory Bird Day (MBD). This year we are holding MBD in conjunction with Utah Wetlands Day. Events will be held at several locations across the state to illustrate the beauty and value of neotropical migratory birds and wetland habitats. Most events will take place on May 6. Check with your local Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Office or call Frank Howe (Utah Partners in Flight Coordinator) at 538-4764 or Cecile LaBlanc (Utah Wetlands Specialist) at 538-4864 for more details. At present, bird walks and wetland tours are planned (for May 6 unless noted) at:

Cutler Reservoir (near Logan)
Ogden Bay Waterfowl Management Area
Farmington Bay Waterfowl Management Area
Jordanelle State Park (near Heber City)
Utah County (exact location TBA)
Matheson Preserve (near Moab)
Virgin River Parkway (near St. George)
Ouray National Wildlife Refuge (May 13)

Meet Your Officers

President-elect For BAS – Brigit Burt

Brigit is the president-elect for BAS. She is a graduate student in Fisheries and Wildlife, specializing in wildlife policy and conflict management. She was active in several outdoor and environmental activist clubs in college and is looking forward to getting more involved in the community here. Her intern experience is in environmental education, including a stint as an interpretive ranger for NPS in Gunnison, Colorado, and one as a K-12 educator at an Audubon nature center in Easton, Maryland. She hopes to bring enthusiasm to the chapter and to increase participation in BAS events and projects.

Vice President-elect – Robert Schmidt

Robert has lived in Cache Valley since 1991. Raised on the glacial moraines of southwestern Ohio, he studied and worked in the grasslands of Nebraska and the oak woodlands of California before moving to Utah with Caroline Shugart and their two children, Katelin and Wesley. Robert's experience with Audubon includes two years as president of the Davis Audubon Society (Yolo County, California) and one year as president of the Peregrine Audubon Society (Mendocino and Lake Counties, California). Currently, Robert is on the faculty in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at USU. His specialties include wildlife policy and philosophy, wildlife damage management, and environmental education.

News From The Legislature

No Audubon member will be surprised to learn that the news from the 1995 Utah legislative session is mixed. My interpretation is that good legislation was passed in limited amounts, but larger Audubon concerns were mostly ignored. However, I am not at all convinced that the legislature intended to make a particularly anti-environment statement. Its collective mind was on other topics: guns, morality (its and other peoples), tax breaks. Needless to say I listened to many interesting or even astonishing debates but most often entirely off topic as far as I was concerned. The following is a description of the main events.

Winners

Conservation easements are becoming a popular concept which bodes well for the future. House Bill 143 will make conservation easements more financially enticing since the allocation of agricultural land to a conservation easement will not necessitate paying the back tax differential. Furthermore Senate Bill 55 establishes a task force for next year to study various topics relating to the preservation of open land.

The Department of Wildlife Resources will benefit from some restructuring and financial relief although as you well know it is still under fire from many directions. A major change is that wildlife concerns will be managed by a single board. The seven members will represent fields of expertise and not special interests. Hopefully a balance will be created that will lead to a broader perspective on wildlife management. And of significance to us is the nonconsumptive seat on the nominating committee for this board. Perhaps of lesser importance to Audubon members, wildlife license fees will be restructured (mostly a little higher, a few lower) and the purchasing process will be more in keeping with past practices. As you are aware recent procedures have created much ill will toward the department. Hopefully user friendly purchasing will outweigh objections to fee increases. In any event for Audubon the important reform is the annual five dollar habitat fee required of anyone buying one or more licenses. Both the license and habitat monies are crucial to the DWR budget. This year's budget was a contentious issue for the Natural Resources and Energy Appropriations Subcommittee. In the end the general fund contribution to the DWR budget was increased. Audubon has traditionally supported this method of funding. Note that this action was taken in the budget process not with a specific bill, an example of how the legislative process can confuse the observer. I think it is fair to say that the committee has put the DWR on notice that it must continue to improve dramatically in management and public relations during the next year if it wants to continue to receive general fund monies. Audubon might want to try to monitor how DWR is doing over the next year.

Losers

We seem to be more successful when speaking for a bill than in trying to stop one. There may be two reasons for this. The first is that in a body so dominated by one party, the legislators are almost invariably inclined to vote for each other's bills. The second is that many of our causes were not priority items this year so it was difficult to get lawmakers to look critically at the bill we opposed, or perhaps to look at them at all. Think of the crush of business the last three days of the session. However, this next item contradicts my theory. In support of our trout friends, Audubon spoke for funds for rebuilding the Kamas Fish Hatchery. Even though it was relatively expensive we were surprised that the project did not survive the appropriation process. I think Audubon can take the long range view that this failure provides us more time to ensure that the redesign will include physical barriers to exclude predatory birds in preference to the current practice of shooting them. That will be a positive outcome in the long run and the passage of the next two bills we opposed does support my hypothesis. A small but unfortunate amount of our tax dollars will be spent on workshops expounding upon the Savory Method of range management. You may or may not know or approve of this high density grazing theory but it is unnecessary to use public funds to promote the program. The legislators classified it as a nice non controversial idea from their rural brothers. More serious loss for us is the state tax monies that were allotted to RS 2477 Defense. One hundred fifty thousand dollars may be spent to organize counties and pay lawyers to fight for federal recognition of marginal roads. The intent is to obstruct future wilderness designations. Some legislators knew what this measure meant, but I suspect most had no idea what it was about.

Unfortunately the legislature also passed several disturbing but timely joint resolutions on such topics as federal mandates, limited wilderness area size, etc. It is probably a waste of time to worry about them; but nonetheless, these activities were disturbing to observe.

Ambiguous Outcomes

Two bills I followed evolved into something less objectionable. Construction costs for the Hurricane Bypass Road intended to enable coal trucks from the Andalex Mine on the Kaparowitz Plateau to by-pass a dangerous intersection in the town became funding for a study of the problem. This outcome is still objectionable because UDOT already has monies for a similar study. The anti-impact fees bill (SB 95) became less of an outright barrier to the fees and parks were added to the list of permissible expenditures; however, the language on trails and canyon access is difficult to interpret. The cities and towns of the Wasatch Front are not elated, many environmentalists are suspicious, and it is rumored that the governor may veto the bill.

Festering Issues

There was more legislation concerning the School Trust Lands. It was not pleasing from a public lands point of view, and anthropologists were especially dismayed. This will be an on-going field of conflict. Money for school children means that legislators feel compelled to vote "yes" no matter what. Aquaculture enabling legislation which threatens native fishes with whirling disease and is restrictive of public access was temporarily buried but should not be considered dead. A similar bill will no doubt appear next year. Money for water projects is another legislative sacred cow. Bills on this topic are complicated by the fact that clean drinking water, sewage treatment, and various dams are lumped together making a "no" vote difficult for even an environmentally sensitive politician. And finally Davis (Bonneville) Lake is still an idea awaiting its time. Its perpetrators hope that the underpinnings for the proposed Western Transportation Corridor will be the eastern and southern dikes of this fresh water lake within southeastern Great Salt Lake. A bill concerning Davis Lake was only partially written by the end of the session but the Republican Caucus heard a lengthy presentation.

Some Detail on Strategy

I hope that your calls in support of the Division of Wildlife Resources in the areas of general funds and license restructuring were effective, but I have no real evidence to that effect. I do know that we helped turn around a crucial legislator for the conservation easement vote. But before we succumb to self-congratulations, I must confess that our effort to defeat the legislation for Appropriations for RS 2477 Defense (an official letter to each senator) was an almost total failure. I do not think it is surprising that indirect approaches were more successful this session, although I should end on the note that the sponsors of two of the bills we supported publicly acknowledged Audubon support and were visibly pleased so our efforts were appreciated. Thank you for your moral support and your communications to key legislators.

I have tried to say too much in an article which is too long anyway, and there is more to be described. Please call me about a topic mentioned too briefly or not at all. I will write a more in depth analysis of any subject that you request.

Ann O'Connell
277-9046

CPLC Files Suit Against County Council

Citizens for the Protection of Logan Canyon on Thursday, March 30, filed a lawsuit against Cache County and its County Council for not complying with the laws of the State of Utah and the ordinances of Cache County when they issued a special permit to the Westons permitting their sign in Wellsville Canyon.

In what seems a never ending battle to protect Logan Canyon the Governing Board of CPLC decided to take the County Council to court. CPLC believes a precedent was set by the County Council when the Westons were allowed to erect a sign with complete disregard for the already existing ordinances which prohibit that type of sign in a Forest/Recreation zone. This precedent will make it very difficult to keep similar signs out of Logan Canyon.

The lawyers for CPLC, Nathan Halt and Craig Smith, feel there is a strong case in that the County Council did not have the authority to grant such a permit. The permit should have been granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission which unanimously voted to disallow the sign. Also, the lawyers feel that the County Council's actions were in violation of their own Land Use Ordinance.

We are asking for your moral and financial support in an effort to raise \$10,000 to cover the legal costs of pursuing a lawsuit. To help please send contributions to CPLC, PO Box 3451, Logan, UT 84323-3451. Every little bit counts.

Thanks for your support.

National Audubon Society Strategic Planning Progress

BAS members may receive telephone calls as part of the strategic planning being undertaken for the NAS. This project is unprecedented in NAS history and is funded by a grant by a private foundation and *pro bono* time from McKinsey and Associates, a respected New York consulting firm. Input from members is being sought via written surveys sent to each chapter, in-depth telephone surveys of over 2,500 individual members selected randomly across the country, and focus group meetings held in each of the nine NAS regions. On March 3, two BAS members traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to attend one of these regional planning meetings. In all, it was very well organized and the McKinsey staff did an excellent job of eliciting well articulated and constructive recommendations. The final plan is due in June, 1995.



Herbaceous Sedge, St. Johns wort, Salt-meadow, Grass

The group outlined the biggest strengths of NAS as:

1. Large, knowledgeable membership, which is geographically widespread.
2. Chapters can and do work independently of national and regional offices.
3. NAS is perceived by the public as being more moderate and credible than other environmental organizations.
4. Local Audubon chapters are perceived by the public as representing their local constituency, enhancing credibility in local debates.
5. Audubon organizations have traditionally been very good at providing environmental education for many different groups.
6. Birds – Audubon is the first group one thinks of.
7. Concerned and passionate public outreach – Audubon members are committed to noble goals.

... and the biggest weaknesses of NAS as:

1. Loss of focus in recent years by NAS; many people are not sure what NAS is best at, and effectiveness diluted as a result; too much crisis management, need long term planning and priorities.
2. Low membership participation in chapter activities, and even low awareness of chapters' existence.
3. Failure to utilize and provide outlets for diverse member interests; there are many talented individuals out there who would be willing to become involved if they were approached correctly.

All felt that individual chapters should continue to be as independent as possible, with the freedom to work on any issue their local members felt was important, but that the national organization needed more focus.

There are more environmental groups than ever before, and they are active on many, many issues. Many are broad-based in the issues they address, and are national and international in membership and scope – the competition for people's energies, funds and support is grater now than ever before. If NAS is going to be effective, it must focus. So, after much debate, we decided that the vision for National Audubon should be:

TO DIRECT ITS ENERGIES TO ENSURE LONG TERM BIO-DIVERSITY, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON BIRDS.

This **doesn't** mean:

- NAS can't work on environmental issues which are not directly connected to birds, after all, everything is ultimately connected to everything else.
- Local chapters are limited in what issues or projects they can work on.

This **does** mean:

- NAS should focus on the long term more than the short term. In the end, we must educate the public to recognize the value of a healthy and diverse ecosystem, so they will elect responsible leaders, make responsible purchases of goods and services, and act responsibly. This takes more effort over a

longer period than do, say litigation or injunctive actions, but in the end, an educated public is the only viable solution.

- NAS should focus on habitat – wild populations need suitable (in type and quantity) places to earn a living.

Activities which help to achieve this vision include:

- Providing more resources to chapters and regional and state offices, to address our weaknesses and build on our strengths, establish state offices in more populated states.
- Changing *Audubon* magazine.
- Perhaps returning *American Birds* magazine.
- Developing other educational programs like Audubon Adventures, but for other age groups.
- Possibly developing Audubon youth clubs.
- More and better TV programs, especially aimed at youth.
- Programs to involve other ethnic groups and all age groups
- National office turning down projects—even when they come with funding—which fall outside our focus.
- Finding (hiring if necessary) authors to write articles for local newspapers and radio stations which local chapters could access and use for local issues.
- Continuing to publish guides and other materials directed at education and fun – make birding, and wildlife appreciation enjoyable and people will want to protect it.
- Emphasis on educational enjoyable trips in local chapters.
- Networking with other organizations and agencies (educational programs and local issues).
- Emphasize economic benefits of wildlife and biodiversity.
- Offer mini-grants to schools for conservation projects.
- International cooperative efforts on migratory birds.
- Planning and organizing on a "bio-regions basis."
- More habitat restoration.

You'll notice that BAS is doing a lot of things right. We encourage environmental education, and particularly among the youth. We seem to have better attendance at our monthly meetings and field trips than most chapters, and we try to make things fun. We do have birding trips, but we also appreciate other forms of wildlife, and we're active on those local issues which we deem most important.

If you'd like more information on NAS' planning efforts or would like to become involved in planning for the organization, you can begin by contacting Bryan Dixon (752-6830) or Jack Greene (563-6816), or any member of the steering committee. You're also very welcome at every monthly planning meeting. Our best ideas come from our members.

LOCAL NEWS

Natural Resources Symposium 1995

NATURAL RESOURCES ISSUES AND EDUCATION: *UNDERSTANDING THE CONNECTIONS*

April 19-21, 1995

Eccles Conference Center
Utah State University, Logan, Utah

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Animal Damage Control, U.S.D.A. Animal, Plant, and Health Inspection Service
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Intermountain Region (IV), U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Land Renewable Resources, U.S.D.I. Bureau of Land Management
National Biological Service, U.S. Department of the Interior
North American Association for Environmental Education
Office of the Deputy Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security, U.S. Department of Defense
Office of the Director, U.S.D.I. National Park Service
State of Utah Military Department
Upper Colorado Region, U.S.D.I. Bureau of Land Management
Utah Department of Natural Resources
Utah Office, U.S.D.A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Program

This Natural Resources Week Symposium will address how educational institutions (K-16), natural resource management agencies, and other information providers can collaborate to help citizens gain a broader, clearer understanding of ecological concepts and make intelligent, responsible decisions about natural resources issues.

Sessions will feature leaders in natural resources management and education to frame the issues, followed by audience participation in panel discussions and concurrent breakout sessions. In addition, the symposium will foster partnerships among natural resource management agencies, educators, and the media.

Speaker Information

Invited Speakers include the following:

Lee Austin, Program Director for Utah Public Radio/KUSUFM
Dale Bosworth, Director, Region 4, USDA Forest Service
Chet Bowers, Prof., School of Edu., Portland State Univ.; author of "Education, Cultural Myths, and the Ecological Crisis"
Fee Busby, Winrock International
Larry Butler, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
Joseph Chapman, Dean, College of Natural Resources, Utah State University
Lilly Eskelsen, President, Utah Education Association
Florence Krall, Prof. Emeritus and former Chair, Department of Education, U of U; author of "Ecotone: Wayfaring on the Margins"
Lyle Laverty, Director Recreation, Cultural Resources and Wilderness Management, USDA Forest Service
Mat Millenbach, State Director for Bureau of Land Management
Paul Nowak, Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan
Sharry Pickett, Public Affairs Officer and Coordinator of Take Pride in Utah, Utah Department of Natural Resources
Barbara Roberts, Natural Resources Policy Consultant and Natural Resources staff member for former US Rep. Karen Shepherd
James Shaver, Dean, School of Graduate Studies; Professor Secondary Education Department
Nancy Shea, Director of Education, Teton Science School
Terry Smith, Executive Director, National Geographic Society

REGIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL AUDUBON REGIONAL CONFERENCE - BOISE, IDAHO SPRING MIGRATORY BIRDS - MAY 19 TO 23

Put Friday, May 19 through Tuesday, May 23 on your calendar for the National Audubon Regional Conference. Hosted by the *Golden Eagle Audubon Society* in Boise, Idaho, the conference theme is Audubon's Migratory Bird Program. Key players from the Audubon staff and from federal and state agencies will participate in the conference.

Boise is the headquarters for the BLM's migratory bird program and their international raptor work, and is also the location of the Peregrine Fund's *World Center for Birds of Prey*. Field trips will be conducted to the *Snake*

River Canyon Birds of Prey Natural Area and to Al Larson's popular bluebird trails. We are fortunate to have access to the lodging and meal services at Boise State University, so that individual meals and/or multi-day packages will be available. Please indicate on the registration form your anticipated meal requirements, so that we may give an estimate to the caterer. Lodging is on a first come, first serve basis so we encourage you to send in your request early. There are several motels adjacent to the campus should you prefer this option, and there is also a campsite not far from the University. Hope to see you there!

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE MAY 19-23 REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN BOISE, IDAHO

- Registration: \$15 per person (no registration fee for children)
- Lodging (Approximately \$16 per person per night)

☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday

Names of those remaining accommodation:

1. _____

2. _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

- I (we) expect to purchase meals at the university cafeteria: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- I am interested in more information on the children's program: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Please sign me up for the following field trips (prices to be determined to meet costs)
 - Bluebird Trail ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday
 - Snake River Float ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday
 - World Center Birds of Prey ☐ Sunday afternoon

- I would like to attend the Saturday evening banquet (approximately \$16) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please return this form with your registration fee (check made payable to National Audubon Society) to National Audubon Society, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 4150 Darley Avenue #5, Boulder, CO 80303. Tel: 303-499-0219.

Celebrate Wetlands

Come to the Audubon Council Retreat on April 22 & 23

The Spring 1995 Audubon Council of Utah Retreat is being hosted
by the Great Salt Lake Audubon Chapter.

Saturday, April 22, 1995 – Room S 2019 – Salt Lake County Government Center – 2001 S. State Street, SLC

(For security purposes you must enter at the main door for the north building and then take a walkway to the south building. an Audubon member will greet you at the north door.)

9:00 am Introductions

9:15 am Presentation on Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the Army Corps of Engineers

10:30 am Projects by the Bureau of Reclamation in Utah

11:15 am Update on Other Wetlands Issues/Projects by Wayne Martinson

NOON: FIELD TRIP AND LUNCH

Bring your own lunch. Weather permitting we will have lunch at the Harrison Duck Club and then tour the Salt Lake Airport Mitigation site. We took this tour two years ago at the Spring Council Retreat, when the Airport mitigation site was under construction. The Kennecott Copper proposed tailings expansion and mitigation sites will also be viewed.

5:30 pm **6407 Emigration Canyon Road, SLC**

Potluck and Council Meeting – Beginning around 5:30 you are invited to the house of Pat Briggs and Bill Yates

6:30 Potluck Dinner (bring a potluck dish of your choice that can serve eight to ten people.)

7:30-9:30 Audubon of Utah Council Meeting

Sunday, April 23, 1995 – Southwest Corner of the Salt Lake County Government Center Parking Lot, 2001 S. State Street, SLC

9:30 am - 12:30 pm Leave for field trip to visit various riparian/wetland sites on the Jordan River. The Great Salt Lake Audubon Chapter is considering making an application for a migratory bird project on the Jordan River as a part of the Sharon Steel Mitigation.

COMMENTS/DIRECTIONS:

Carol Withrow, 363-0352, has kindly agreed to help locate overnight lodging for those who are coming from out of town.

To get to the Salt Lake County Government Center take the 2100 South exit from I-15 and go east on 2100 South.

To get to Pat Briggs house for Saturday evening, drive East on Sunnyside Ave. past Hogle Zoo. Sunnyside Ave. is 850 South and starts at about 1500 South. Sunnyside turns into Emigration Canyon Road. **Stay on Emigration Canyon Road, even though the main road, a long way up the canyon, bends to the right and goes over to Parley's Canyon.**

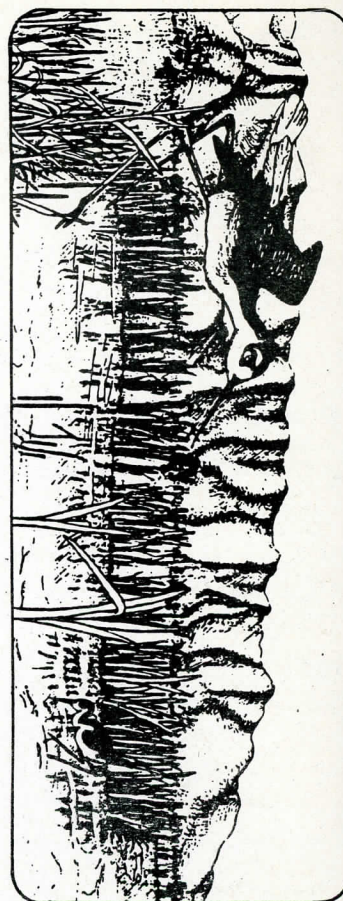
If you have any further questions about the schedule please call Wayne Martinson at 355-8110. If you have any items you would like to suggest for the Council meeting please call Pat Briggs at 582-4431.

Hope You Can Come!

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