



Newsletter

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Calendar Items:

- National Public Lands Day September 24. Three Peaks Recreation Area.
- "Let's Move" Activities Sept 17, 24, Oct 8, 22
- Paiute Youth Day Camp scheduled on October 1.
- The IIC End of Season Gathering will be held October 17 at SUU.

IIC Welcomes New Partners!

The newest partners to join the IIC are the Bureau of Indian Affairs (Southern Paiute Agency), the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, and the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians.

Upon learning of the IIC and the success the program has in working with governmental agencies and the positive impact on youth, education, and career development, the IIC was approached by the three prospective partners, each seeking membership with the IIC. Inasmuch as an IIC objective is to: *"expand relationships with the regional Paiute Tribes to offer Paiute youth education and career development opportunities through IIC, initially focusing on the Piute Tribe of Utah (PITU) and Bands or Tribes who demonstrate a desire to become involved,"* the IIC Steering Committee has welcomed these new partners with enthusiasm.



Immediate impacts have been made with the addition of these partners through:

- Managing of a Bureau of Indian Affairs Fuels & Natural Resources Crew during summer 2011.
- Increased participation from Native American youth on the IIC Youth Conservation Corps Crew.
- Preparations are underway for a Paiute Middle School youth day-camp which will provide activities for youth to gain greater understanding of the science behind many of their traditions, as well as introduce the youth to the IIC Partners.

The IIC welcomes these new Partners and looks forward to continued successful collaborations with them.

See New Partner Bios. on pgs. 3-4

Intern Profile—Heston Smith

Heston Smith is from the Kanosh band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (PITU). Heston graduated from Millard high school in Fillmore, Utah, then attended Weber State University (WSU). While attending WSU, as an undeclared undergrad student, Heston struggled and considered quitting college. He met with Robert

Depoe, the then Education Director for the PITU, and discussed his options. Robert suggested he look into the GIS Program at Southern Utah University (SUU). Heston immediately took to GIS and excelled as a student in the program. Heston was...

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(Photo: Heston Smith, right, examines a map with NPS personnel)



Steering Committee Notes:

- MOU Renewal to occur at Fall Gathering.
- Native American Youth Camp date set for Oct 1.
- Career Internship Corps crews wrap up successful summer, seeking PLC and other funding for 2012.
- YIP Interns increase with NPS and have positive impacts.
- IIC Business Manager position is now vacant with move of Chris Fredrickson, The Committee expressed gratitude for his diligent and efficient work.
- Spring Advisory Board Meeting held at SUU Mountain Center highlighted CIC crew work deemed a great success.
- Utah BLM Director looking to expand partnership with IIC statewide.

IIC Partners

Bureau of Land Management

- Color Country District
- Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
- Arizona Strip District

Bureau of Indian Affairs

- Southern Paiute Agency

Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians

National Park Service

- Cedar Breaks National Monument
- Bryce Canyon National Park
- Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument
- Pipe Spring National Monument
- Zion National Park

Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah

United States Forest Service

- Dixie National Forest

Utah Department of Natural Resources

- State Parks Southwest Region
- Forestry Fire & State Lands

Southern Utah University



The 2011 **Career Internship Corps** crew members represented the cream-of-the-crop of a large pool of diverse applicants who would love to work in the outdoors and for the land management agencies.

The season kicked off with a very successful trails training that also included "CPR/First Aid" and "S212 Chainsaw" certifications.

The Natural Resource Crew worked on the Grand Staircase and did everything from Range Management plot set-up to tagging humming birds.

The Recreation Crew was kept very busy with major trail work at the SUU Mountain Center and at Cedar Breaks, reconstructing the campground amphitheater. The beautiful new log benches greatly enhance the area's natural beauty.

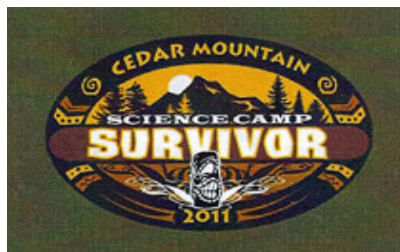
The YCC Crew built a campground perimeter fence in Pine Valley, and dusted prairie dogs (mite treatment) for the Forest Service. Thanks to the tutelage of their fearless crew leader, Rob Nelson, these high school kids learned much about personal responsibility and being a member of a team.

This year's addition to our crew family is the BIA Fuels & NR Crew. They worked on the Wala Wala fire in Arizona, where they received accolades for their great efforts. At Cedar Breaks they removed hazardous trees. At the SUU Mountain Ranch they constructed an aspen pole worm-wood fence. We look forward to having them continue this fall as well as next summer.

It was a great summer and we look forward to increasing crews next year and provide more opportunity for our students and IIC Partners.

IIC Youth Programs

The ever-popular elementary school **Cedar Mountain Science Camp** had another banner year. The theme of the camp was "Survivor" which included a field trip to geothermal hot springs, catching crawdads, plant and animal survival adaptations, and wilderness survival skills. The number of participants was 364. The IIC contributed 30 full scholarships that were used to enable underprivileged youth in the area to attend. Another IIC Partner participation included Dixie National Forest personnel teaching



about the benefits of fire as well as the dangers. The Director of Youth Science and Outdoor Education, Peggy Wittwer, said that support from the IIC continues to be integral in sustaining the Science camp.

Up next for IIC youth programs is the **Paiute Youth Day Camp** that is planned for October 1st. The objective of the camp is to reach out to middle school Tribal youth and teach the science behind the tradition, as well as introduce them to the IIC and the opportunities that await them in high school and college in relation to the IIC Partners.

IIC Campus Coordinator, Seth Ohms, said, "The idea for this camp has been in the planning stages for several years, we are excited to see it become a reality this fall." Interested youth should contact their Tribal Education Director to register for the Camp.

Intern Spotlight:

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...recommended by his GIS Professor for the Intergovernmental Internship Cooperative (IIC) Youth Internship Program (YIP) GIS Internship at Zion National Park. He successfully completed the internship with Zion National Park during the summer and fall of 2010. Part of Heston's internship was to map Zion Peregrine Falcon eyrie sites. Heston's project was so successful that it was also adapted for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area (NRA).

Heston graduated from SUU in December 2010 and in January of this year he began a Masters of GIS program at the University of Arizona, Tucson. We look forward to working again with Heston as he considers a career with the National Parks Service or one of the other IIC partners in the future as he builds on his continuum of experience.

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Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, or "PITU" as it is often called, was created on April 3, 1980 by an act of Congress. The Tribe consists of five constituent bands: Cedar, Indian Peaks, Kanosh, Koosharem, and Shivwits. These five Bands have independent identities as communities that date back hundreds of years. The Tribal Council is the governing body of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. All five constituent bands elect a Band Council and a Band Council Chairperson. Each Band Council Chairperson is a voting member of the Tribal Council, ▲ The Tribal headquarters are located in Cedar City.

Gaylord Robb, PITU Economic Development Director represents the tribe on the IIC Steering Com-

mittee.

Commenting on the new relationship with the IIC he said, *"Having the opportunity to gain higher education for Paiute tribal members is at the highest priority for the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. The IIC is a valuable asset without which some of our students would not be able to afford their education. The work experience students get from IIC makes their education more meaningful and provides a solid base for career decisions. The tribe is very pleased to be a part of the IIC program."*

The IIC Welcomes The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah!



A "SCEP" in the right direction

Along the IIC continuum of experience, placing an intern in a Student Career Employment Program or "SCEP" position is a high priority. Recently, IIC Intern Paul Child has been offered an Administrative Officer SCEP position with the National Park Service.

Paul first began as a seasonal administrative intern at Cedar Breaks National Monument. During his internship, Paul was able to quickly learn the expected roles of an administrative officer and demonstrated to the management team his desire to contribute.

Paul is looking forward to developing a long-standing relationship with Cedar Breaks and the National Park Service.

Congratulations Paul!



Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians



In 1934, the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians was established under the Indian Reorganization Act. The tribe is governed by a seven-person tribal council

The Kaibab Indian Reservation lies on the Arizona-Utah border on the Arizona Strip, about 50 miles north of the Grand Canyon. The reservation hosts five tribal villages as well as the non-Indian community of Moccasin, and Pipe Spring National Monument.

Education Director, Colette Cox, represents the Tribe on the IIC Steering Committee. Commenting on the IIC partnership, Tribal Chairman Manual Savala said, *"The Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians is thrilled to be a part of the SUU IIC program. It is our privilege to be working with such a fine organization that offers educational opportunities, career exploration, meaningful internships and service learning projects to our area students. We look forward to a long and productive working relationship with the SUU IIC program."*

Welcome Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians!

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)



The Bureau of Indian Affairs administers many programs in cooperation with Tribal governments, including natural resources management on trust lands representing 55 million surface acres and 57 million acres of subsurface minerals estates, social services, economic development, law enforcement and detention services, administration of tribal courts, implementation of land and water claim settlements, and housing and infrastructure improvement/repair. Through these programs, Tribes improve their tribal government infrastructure, community infrastructure, education, job training, and employment opportunities.

The Bands and Tribes the BIA Southern Paiute Agency works with include : *Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, Moapa Band of Paiute Indians, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, and the San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe .*

The IIC Welcomes the BIA Southern Paiute Agency !

*The Cedar City Field Office BLM will be celebration **National Public Lands Day** at Three Peaks Recreation Area in Iron County. Activities for the event are coordinated by SUU Student, Recreation Technician Intern, Jennifer Evans. Everyone is welcome to participate!*

Helping Hands for America's Lands



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Local Event Information:

When: September 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Three Peaks Recreation Area, located approximately nine miles west of Cedar City, in the large, red pavilion.

What: Come learn about the many opportunities that Three Peaks offers, its users, and upkeep maintenance.

Bring: Snacks, drinking water, long pants, closed-toed work shoes, tool to help if you have them, friends, family and smiling faces.

Information: Contact Jennifer Evans at the Cedar City Field Office, BLM at 435-865-3012 or jkevans@blm.gov

This project is in partnership with Iron County.

Get outdoors! Get dirty! Have fun!

Join volunteers of all ages on
**September 24, 2011 for
NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY!**

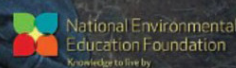
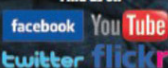
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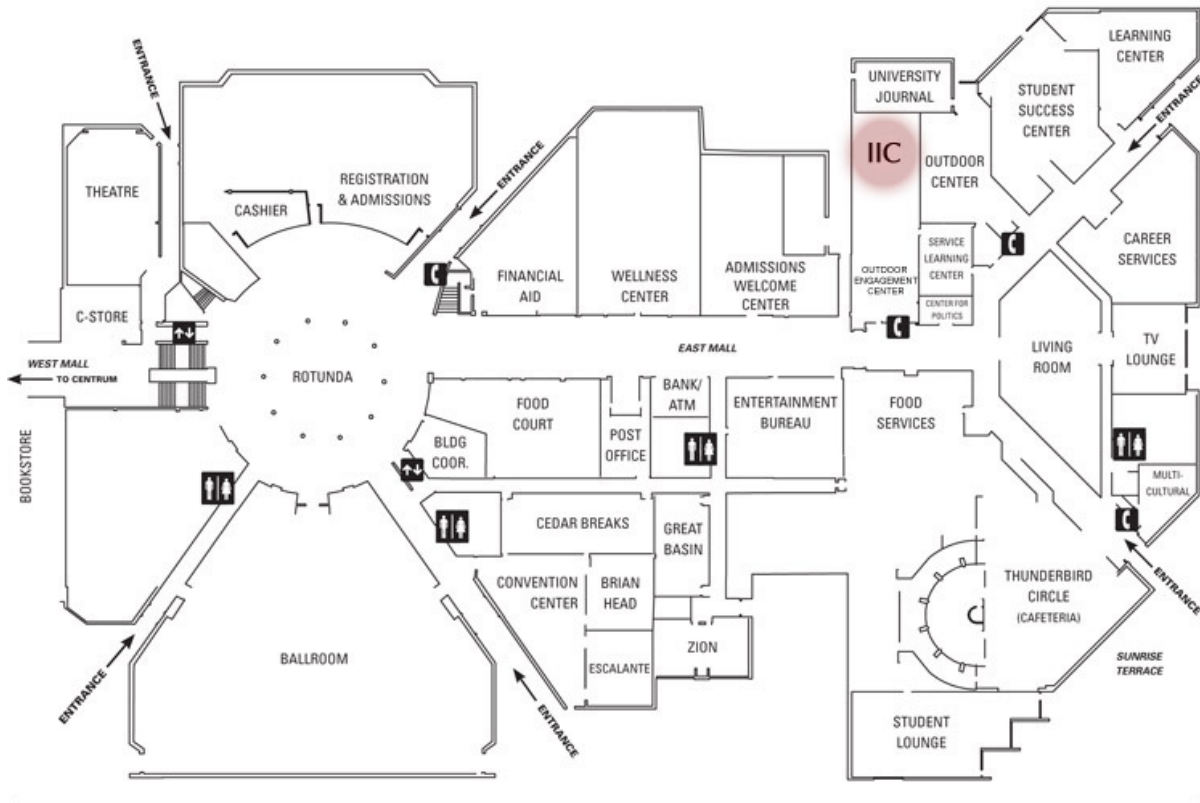
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New IIC Office Location at SUU

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The Cedar City Field Office BLM is sponsoring several "Let's Move" activities at Three Peaks Recreation Area in Iron County. Activities coordinated by Recreation Technician, Brigham Nielson (former IIC volunteer). Everyone is welcome to participate!



BLM Invites Public to Participate in "Let's Move" Activities

Cedar City- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cedar City Field Office is hosting three activities sponsored by a national initiative called Let's Move. Activities are in partnership with National Public Lands Day (NPLD) and will be held at the Three Peaks Recreation Area for families to get active in the community while learning about the environment in which we live.

Let's Move activities are designed for children ages 5-15 years old and will be held on various dates starting September 17 to October 22, all beginning at 9:00 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring drinking water and sunscreen for all activities.

September 17, 2011 - Let's Move! Activity 1- Rocky Peak Trail hike

September 24, 2011 - National Public Lands Day- Three Peaks Maintenance

October 8, 2011 - Let's Move! Activity 2- Scavenger Hunt

October 22, 2011 - Let's Move! Activity 3- Bike Race

This year's events are focused on our renewed national commitment to:

- o supporting our public lands
- o spending time outdoors
- o being more active, and
- o fighting childhood obesity.



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