

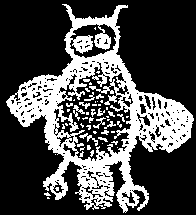


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Board Chair's Message, by Pam Miller

I am writing my last message as Chair of the Nine Mile Canyon Coalition with a sense of amazement and wonder. As I was looking up dates in a scrapbook made of early Coalition happenings, I was reminded of many great events and the sacrifice and hard work of our board members over the years. In the early days of the Coalition our main concerns were raising funds for a brochure and helping the BLM implement the Special Recreation and Use Management Plan for the Canyon, issued in 1994. We planned the Fall Gathering every year and scheduled bathroom cleaning assignments at Daddy Canyon. High points were the installation of restrooms at two locations in the Canyon and the setting of mile post markers to help visitors find their way. We were even honored with an award from the State BLM Director, William Lamb. Mark Bailey, the Price Resource Area manager presented the award at the first Fall Gathering in September 1995. Mr. Lamb stated in the award: "your efforts have decreased vandalism to the canyon, increased historical knowledge of the area and enhanced visitation to the area. More importantly, you have created a cooperative partnership between possible adversaries." Mr. Bailey went on to say: "We appreciate groups like the Nine-Mile Canyon Coalition because by entering into a partnership, we can do much more than the BLM can do alone." In 2002, BLM State Director, Sally Wisely, gave the Coalition a plaque stating BLM appreciation for Coalition partnership activities.

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How times have changed! The BLM plan for Nine Mile was never funded nor implemented. The Interpretive Plan for Nine Mile has been buried by other endeavors which, while not necessarily more important, demand critical and immediate attention. We thought we were preparing the Canyon for the onslaught of visitors brought by the National Backcountry Byway designation, and educating the public about Nine Mile's unique resources. Instead, we were caught by surprise first by the logging industry using the Nine Mile road as a conduit from the Tavaputs to the saw mills, and then by the natural gas industry. The road has taken tremendously damaging impacts from industry and all of us know the dust is obliterating the rock art in many places. Our county politicians seem to be chronically unaware of what is taking place in their jurisdictions. In our efforts to muster up awareness of the Canyon's unique resources and needs, we have been branded as radical environmental extremist outsiders trying to destroy local economies by holding industry and BLM accountable for their rushed development of natural resources. "Multiple use" has become synonymous with quick, fast development at the expense of unique one-of-a-kind cultural resources and visual resources. We went from being partners with the BLM to unwelcome participants in the public process. We have repeatedly been denied consulting party status by the BLM Price Field Office (BLM-PFO) management even though directives from the State Office encourage the use of as many consulting parties as possible. It is diffi-

cult to imagine why the people with the most knowledge and experience in the Canyon are denied the opportunity to have equitable input into the process. We know we can work with industry in a positive relationship because of the enlightening and rewarding experience of the Questar pipeline project. I thank them again for that experience.

Where are we headed now? Last fall you as membership directed the Coalition Board to become more proactive in the protection of Nine Mile Canyon. The Impact Research Committee has taken this mandate very seriously. Every BLM decision will be scrutinized and questioned. This is an enormous amount of work. Already this committee has commented on a winter drilling EA, appealed the manager's decision to the state director, and then appealed the State Director's decision. We are gathering information on past decisions and looking in detail at NEPA compliance issues. Our questions about larger issues of public lands management decisions may join us in partnership with other like organizations with similar efforts. The learning curve has been tremendous and frustrating. As members of the general public, we have been very naïve about the public process and our rights of participation as citizens. The BLM-PFO has really taken advantage of our "innocence" to mislead and misdirect us. We submitted a Freedom of Information Act request to gain access to information we need to comment intelligently and productively on upcoming decisions. Many of these documents should have been readily available to the public.

Now we need help. As your Coalition leadership, we have insisted that we are not opposed to the development of natural gas resources on the Tavaputs Plateau. We are opposed to the destruction of cultural resources in Nine Mile Canyon and the dismantling of the cultural landscape. Help us watchdog the agencies holding our public lands in trust for the citizens of the United States. Please call Steve Tanner (**phone 435-637-5986 or email tanner@emerytelcom.net**) to volunteer for an assignment. We need surfers of the internet, watchers for the environmental notification bulletin board (ENBB), and readers of documents. We need monitors for sensitive archaeological sites and drivers and hikers to check projects on the ground for compliance. If all you can do is count, then help us count industrial vehicles and tourist traffic. You don't need to be an expert; remember that most of us are learning as we go. We can combine research with every trip to the Canyon.

The Nine Mile Canyon Coalition is very different today. It is unfortunate that instead of using our time and money to educate the public about Nine Mile Canyon we are in constant crisis alert to prevent industry and the BLM from destroying the resources that make Nine Mile Canyon unique in the world. We have made progress this year: please read about the National Register Nomination in this newsletter. Thank you for your support during my term as Chair.

Pam Miller

Coalition Organizes Impact Research Committee

by Steve Hansen

Coalition members attending the Fall Gathering's annual membership meeting enthusiastically endorsed the formation of the Impact Research Committee (IRC). Recognizing a desperate need to move beyond anecdote about mounting industrial impacts on Nine Mile Canyon and the surrounding area, the Coalition has committed a \$5,000 initial budget to allow the Committee to plan, coordinate and compile the hard data. The focus will be on information necessary to evaluate the effectiveness, --or limitations thereof, --of protection and mitigation prescribed in recent Environmental Assessments (EA). Coalition board member Steve Tanner chairs the Committee.

Prior to accepting the position as Committee Chair, Steve and Coalition member, Ivan White, had already spent hundreds of hours surveying impacts to cultural sites, rock writing and the environment in Nine Mile Canyon resulting from industrial and tourist visitation activities. Ivan is a retired environmental consultant with over 30 years of experience in scientific environmental research, much of which included monitoring adherence to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations. When in the canyon, they count tourist vehicles and interview visitors to get their input regarding industry in the canyon.

The IRC has been charged by the Coalition to seek out the services of professionals in the areas of environmental

and archaeological sciences who can provide the research and data necessary to quantify and verify compliance or noncompliance to NEPA regulations, mitigation and promises made to the public in the West Tavaputs Plateau Drilling Program EA that was approved in 2004, and subsequent EAs. The IRC recently submitted a second appeal to the State BLM Office regarding the 2007-2008 Winter Drilling EA, as the BLM only responded to select issues submitted in the IRC's first appeal.

The data gleaned from research activities is being used and will continue to be used to address issues with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other public land managers regarding regulations, stipulations, and mitigation activities they are entrusted to enforce. The scientific data will also be used to verify information that will soon be released by the BLM in the West Tavaputs Environmental Impact Statement.

The Coalition Board is pleased with the membership's commitment to preserve and protect Nine Mile Canyon by endorsing the IRC and its goals. If you would like to volunteer to assist the IRC or have information that could help, please contact Steve Tanner at

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Nine Mile's Unique Resources In Need of Active Public Participation

by Steve Tanner

Nine Mile Canyon (deemed a "Very Special Place" by the BLM) is commonly referred to as "The World's Longest Rock Art Gallery." It is a State Scenic Byway and a National Backcountry Byway and has been recently nominated by the BLM to the National Register for Historic Places.

THE CANYON and its side canyons, contain rock writing and markings (thousands of images both pecked and painted), granaries, and structures left by prehistoric people; a place tied to migrations along the waters of the Green River. Nine Mile was but a day's journey via Cottonwood Canyon for the people living in Range Creek. The East-West orientation of Nine Mile Canyon was a natural for large scale farming. The Hopi Nation claims affiliation with the area. The Ute left their rock markings on the canyon walls as well. This area is one of the richest cultural landscapes in Utah.

Man and his equipment began changing this landscape in the late 1800's. Early on came the first ranchers and Fort Douglas's Sixth Infantry (African-American) in 1886, followed by freighters with their wagons. Fort Duchesne's Buffalo Soldiers, with their shovels and fresno's, repaired the road, installed the telegraph, and near the end of this era, brought the Hotchkiss Gun to Price. Nine Mile Canyon has been a host to multiple facets of history over time.

INDUSTRIAL IMPACTS imposed by the "Rush for Gas" over the last 5 years has altered Nine Mile Canyon. The BLM has allowed the canyon to be subjected to unnecessary impacts by the oil and gas industry. Small windows in the law afford industry unprecedented opportunity; once opened, the vacuum escalates the opening of more windows. The BLM's aggressive tailoring of the recent Environmental Assessments (EA) clearly exhibits resource priority similar to that of Pinedale, Wyoming. Case in Point: the viewshed and serenity have been altered well beyond what was said in the original EA. The installation of the Dry Canyon compression station in Nine Mile is 5 times larger than was prescribed in the 2004 West Tavaputs Plateau Drilling Program EA. Today the loud and constant noise from the compression station and industrial vehicles go unchecked. Modeling of the air quality has not been done and is fast becoming a large issue in question. As many as 340 industrial vehicles per day serve Bill Barrett Corporation's drilling program, all of which use the Canyon to reach the West Ta-

vaputs Plateau. Petro Canada's current Tavaputs EA estimates that well over 500 industrial vehicles per day will be using the Canyon during full field development. Openly ignoring the simplest of possible solutions, the BLM could have prevented the majority of impacts which have and are still occurring. We have spent a great deal of time researching and confirming complaint's registered by visitors of the canyon. In the last two years, 9 random traffic surveys were conducted including Carbon County's 2007, 24-hour traffic survey, which documented vehicle speed, time of day, vehicle weight, and number of axles. These surveys have clearly shown a dramatic decrease in tourist vehicles; a ratio approaching 50:1 industry vs. visitor. Photos have been and are being taken of overwhelming dust clouds reaching up to the Canyon's rim. The early morning sun confirms the tainted atmosphere from the previous 24-hour traffic. We have before and after photos of Magnesium-Chloride (dust bonding agent) applications and deterioration of the road's surface where it has been applied and the fugitive dust associated with the deterioration. Dust collection slides (8" x 8") have been placed at varying distances along the road to substantiate fugitive dust drift and its accumulation on the rock art (rock writing and markings) as well as the environment. Monitoring of vehicle speeds are being done periodically. Storm water runoff in the area of mag-chloride application has been sampled as well.

The Hopi Nation's Cultural Preservation Office has expressed their feelings for the area and their ongoing request that the BLM address impacts to the rock writing in Nine Mile Canyon and general area. The 2007-2008 Prickly Pear Winter Drilling EA states, "the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office responded that cultural resources in Nine Mile Canyon and vicinity are currently adversely affected by dust resulting from industrial traffic, and recommended no further development in the area." This along with other concerns, are quoted in the earlier EA's. The BLM further states in the 2007-2008 EA they recognize deficiencies in the dust suppression methods and that "they are working with the operators."

THE SOLUTION is alternate routes to the West Tavaputs Plateau, perhaps a by-pass road that would cross Nine Mile Canyon rather than traverse the canyon. The Hopi requested an alternate route to the West Tavaputs in a meeting with the BLM back in 2004. Utilizing the existing drill road above the north rim which runs from the top of Gate Canyon west to Trail Canyon, and recon-

structing the old road down Trail Canyon to the intersection of Nine Mile Canyon and Harmon Canyon would reduce industrial traffic using Nine Mile Canyon by 95 percent. Petro Canada's Rye Grass drilling project recently upgraded this existing drill road leaving approximately only three miles of road to reconstruct down Trail Canyon. Currently there are well over a hundred miles of Gold Book Standard roads projected to be built on the West Tavaputs Plateau, so an additional three miles of reconstructed road is a very simple solution to eliminate the majority of impact to Nine Mile Canyon. Included in the roads on the Plateau could be a connector road from Prickly Pear to Peters Point, eliminating the need to use Cottonwood Canyon which would virtually eliminate the need for any heavy industrial traffic in either Cottonwood or Nine Mile Canyons. Additionally, upgrading the road to Bruin Point above East Carbon for the proposed Wildcat Drilling traffic on the north end of the Plateau, will reduce industrial traffic even more.

Visit Nine Mile Canyon and see first hand what has and is currently happening. While in the Canyon, please watch out for the industrial traffic, as semi's are often traveling in convoys. If the road is wet or dry between Harmon, Gate and Cottonwood canyons, wash your ve-

hicle immediately as the mag-chloride which has been applied to the road is extremely difficult to remove from both the outside and undercarriage of your vehicle. During shift changes many workers are more interested in getting home than someone sightseeing and/or standing alongside the road. If you have asthma, carry your medication with you and if you have serious breathing problems be sure to include extra oxygen.

THE FUTURE of Nine Mile Canyon will depend on public comments received by the BLM regarding the Draft EIS for the West Tavaputs Plateau which will be released to the public soon. There will be a 90 day public comment period according to BLM's State Director Selma Sierra. For your printed copy of the Draft EIS, please write the BLM-Price Field Office at 125 South 600 West, Price, Utah 84501 or call 435-636-3460. Please make every effort to submit your written comments and concerns to the BLM in a timely manner regarding this "Very Special Place." Also please limit your comments to those which are prudent, productive, and based on fact. Remember, for the BLM's benefit, when reviewing the Draft EIS, that you should comment on what it does not address as well as what it contains, as this will assist the BLM in making a useable document.

Spring Event Postponed

by Steve Hansen

Those of you who attended the annual membership meeting at the Fall Gathering will remember an announcement that a fundraising event was being planned for March 15th, 2008 in Salt Lake City. Unfortunately, the event has had to be postponed. No future date has been set as of the printing of this newsletter. No binding contract with Salt Lake County Center for the Arts has yet been signed for a future date.

As Pam stated in her Chair's Message, many of our past plans have been placed on hold while we address the accelerating assault on the canyon's cultural and natural resources. The ability to prepare for a spring fundraising event, while at the same time responding to multiple public comment deadlines regarding RMPs, EISs, EAs, etc., has quite overwhelmed the event committee. In addition to being the Event Committee Chair, I have kept busy making sure that you are alerted through our email action alert list of all the issues affecting Nine Mile Canyon and providing information on how you can participate on behalf of the canyon

The Event Committee, who have come up with great plans, are currently reviewing options for a future event date. A very unfortunate consequence of a postpone-

ment is that NOW is the time that the public needs to be made aware of Nine Mile Canyon's significance to the prehistoric and historic record, and the damage the current mode of operation in the region is imposing on this special place.

In preparation for the event, the committee has produced a colorful, scenic, and compelling CD slide show that will be used to introduce Nine Mile Canyon and its issues to prospective corporate members and sponsors of the event. We will be meeting with corporations, businesses and organizations to offer them an opportunity to join us in our mission of protecting and preserving the canyon. **If you work for, or know of CEOs, business owners, organizations, churches, etc. who understand the true value of Nine Mile Canyon and might wish to support us in our efforts, please let us know** (videv@inet-1.com).

So while the spring event may end up being a fall event, or even a 2009 event, our efforts to raise the funds and support necessary to change the current public management direction in Nine Mile Canyon will be on-going and progressing.



photo by Carl Boyer

What role will this popular Nine Mile Canyon petroglyph play in shaping Utah's image?

Turn to page 10 for details

Site Condition Survey Producing Valuable Data

by Steve Hansen

The Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance (CPAA) is continuing its survey of archaeological sites in and around the mouth of Cottonwood Canyon. Under the direction of Jerry Spangler and with funding provided through a state grant, students from local colleges and universities have reviewed and are preparing current site condition reports for over 40 sites that were previously recorded, most of them in 1992 and 1993 by Dr. Ray Matheny, as well as three sites recorded in 1931 by the Clafflin-Emerson Expedition from the Peabody Museum. Numerous unrecorded sites are also being recorded for the first time.



photo by Steve Hansen

Data gathered and recorded in the current survey is helping us understand the rate of degradation to the canyon's rock writing and cultural sites over the past few decades, and how the current industrial activity could be affecting the prehistoric record contained in the canyon. Some previously-unrecorded villages have been added to state antiquities records as a result of this research and invaluable data is being gathered to encourage our public land managers to bring balance back to resource management decisions affecting Nine Mile Canyon.

National Register Nomination Update

by Steve Hansen

The Archaeological District Nomination of Nine Mile Canyon to the National Register of Historic Places has passed some milestones in the past few months. You will remember that in August, the Nomination was delivered to Selma Sierra, State Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Since then, Ms. Sierra has reviewed and delivered it to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Wilson Martin. Following a thorough review by the SHPO, the Nomination was returned to the author, Jerry Spangler, for minor modifications, who reports that they have been implemented. The State BLM has been preparing to notify property owners of the nomination. The nomination will next move on to the Federal Agency Preservation Officer for review.

Although the nomination is progressing through the process, reliable sources have informed the Coalition Board that the BLM is being pressured by local officials to oppose the National Register listing.

The Coalition urges readers to stay aware and be an active participant to make sure Nine Mile Canyon is honored by its listing on the National Register of Historic Places.



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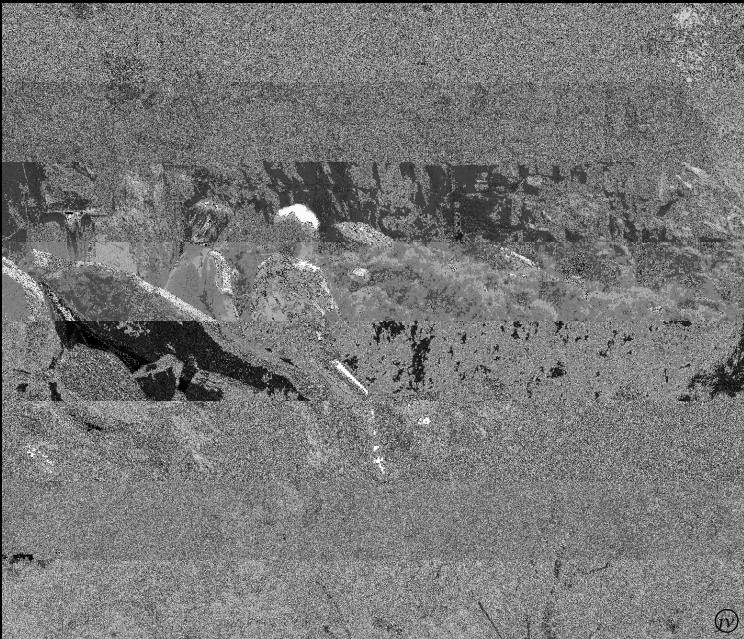




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fall GATHERING 2007

The Coalition Board appreciates all who participated in the Fall Gathering. Thank you for helping us raise the funds needed to continue our efforts of preserving and protecting Nine Mile Canyon. Also, a special thank you to the Organizing Committee (*Chanel Atwood, Diane Gorman & Fred Jenkins, Craig & Dawna Houskeeper and Margene Hackney*) who provided us an educational, entertaining, -and at times *exhausting-* opportunity.



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The following Action Alert was sent to subscribers of the Coalition's email alert list in late December

ACTION ALERT!!!

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This alert is brought to you by the Nine Mile Canyon Coalition, PO Box 402, Price, UT 84501
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The following announcement has just been received from the BLM-Vernal Field Office regarding public release of the Oil Shale/Tar Sands Draft Programmatic EIS. It is extremely important that you understand what is at stake for Nine Mile Canyon, its major tributary Argyle Canyon, and all water users downstream to San Diego.

Developing the deposits in the proposed Argyle Canyon and Sunnyside Special Tar Sand Areas (STSA) that extend into Nine Mile Canyon would be disastrous for the region and the West, in that it would employ extremely invasive extraction techniques that would leave vast areas of land sterile and ugly, use more water than is readily available in this arid region, and would pollute both ground and surface water from Argyle Canyon to Southern California. According to the Coalition's Impact Research Committee Chair, Steve Tanner, "It sterilizes the material they extract the tar from, the swell factor increases the volume of waste rock by at least one third which requires a hole one third larger than the one you are creating to get rid of the it. At best this leaves you with a negative top soil factor. Bottom line is they will be creating a sterile mountain out of a productive mole hill."

A 90-day public comment period will end on Thursday March 20, 2008. There are 1464 pages contained in three volumes to read and comment on. This is coming at the same time public comment deadlines are approaching for Resource Management Plans (RMP) for the Vernal BLM Field Office (deadline is Thursday January 3rd) and other BLM Field Offices around the state of Utah. We are also expecting the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be released for public comment at any time regarding the West Tavaputs Natural Gas Full field Development Plan. The Administration's assault on our public lands and our ability to participate is outrageous and we need to communicate that to our land managers.

Be sure to urge BLM that the public comment period be extended by at least 120 days to allow overworked Americans to respond to the barrage of voluminous RMPs, EISs and EAs being released at a break-neck pace.

We urge you to get involved by attending a public meeting in your area (<http://ostseis.anl.gov/involve/pubschedule/index.cfm>), submitting your official comments on the proposed projects, and calling or writing your Senators, Representatives, Governor and State Legislators in objection to this assault on our public lands, and for overwhelming the public with more than we can possibly respond to at one time. You might also consider writing a "Letter

to the Editor" of your local papers expressing your concerns.

Thank you for your diligence and support!

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Oil Shale/Tar Sands Draft Programmatic EIS Available

Draft Programmatic EIS Available

The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to guide future management of public lands containing oil shale and tar sands resources. Under the proposal in the Draft PEIS, the BLM would amend land use plans to allocate approximately 1.9 million acres of public lands in Utah, Colorado and Wyoming for potential commercial oil shale development.

The Draft Programmatic EIS is available at the following Web page: <http://ostseis.anl.gov/eis/guide/index.cfm>

Public Comment Period Open

The public will have 90 days to review and comment on the draft Programmatic EIS. You may submit comments in writing by the following methods:

Via electronic comment form on this Web site:
<http://ostseis.anl.gov>

By mail to:

BLM Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources Draft Programmatic EIS Comments
Argonne National Laboratory
9700 S. Cass Ave.
Argonne IL 60439

Schedule for Draft PEIS Comment Submittal

The public comment period opens December 21, 2007, and will continue until Thursday, March 20, 2008. All comments received or postmarked by Thursday, March 20, 2008, will be considered. Written and electronic (i.e., by Web) comments will be impartially considered and given equal weight by the BLM.

Public Meetings

Informal open house style public meetings on the Draft PEIS are tentatively scheduled for February 2008. Open houses

will be held in Salt Lake City, Price, and Vernal, UT; Rock Springs and Cheyenne, WY; and, Rifle, Meeker, and Denver, CO. The specific dates, times, and locations for the meetings will be posted at <http://ostseis.anl.gov/involve/pubschedule/index.cfm>

and announced both on this Web site and in local and regional media when they are available.

For More Information

For more information about oil shale and tar sands, the Programmatic EIS, and public involvement activities, visit the Oil Shale and Tar Sands Programmatic EIS Information Center Web site at (<http://ostseis.anl.gov/index.cfm>), or contact us at:

ostseiswebmaster@anl.gov

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Please forward this message to any party you feel may be

interested in the Oil Shale and Tar Sands Programmatic EIS. _____CONTACTS/SUBSCRIPTIONS_____

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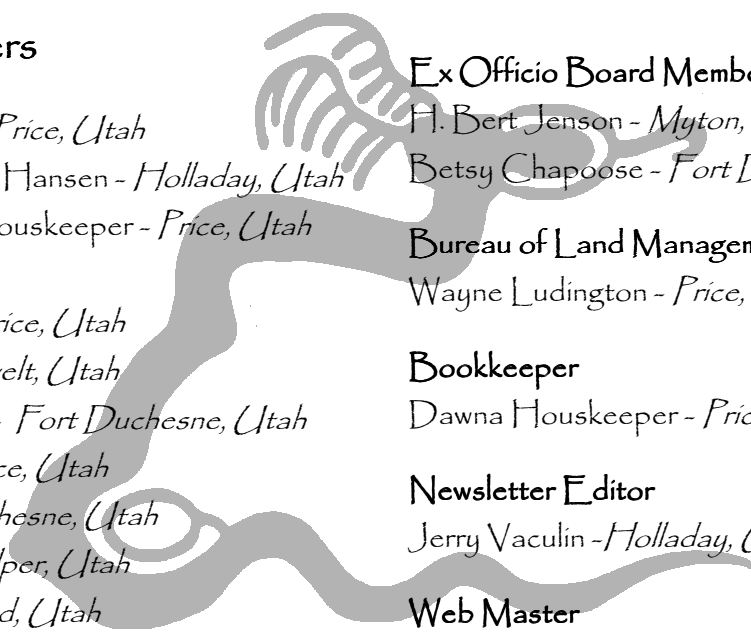
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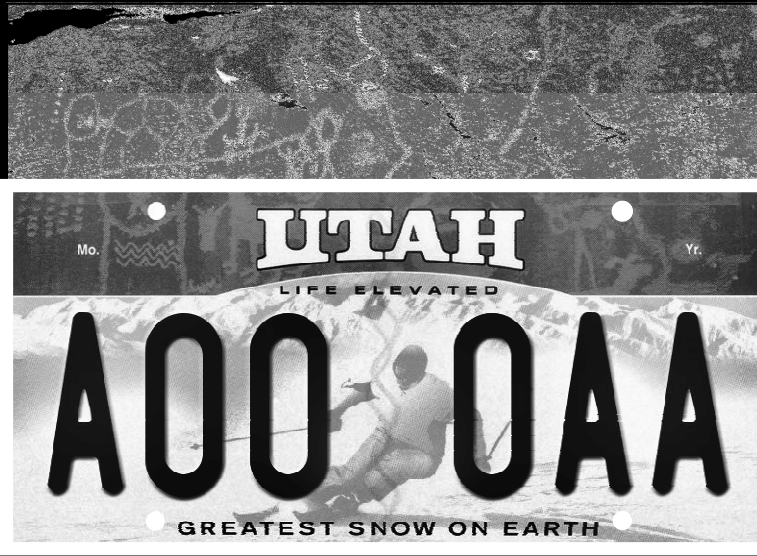
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To learn more about the Nine Mile Canyon Coalition, or to become a member, go to our website at www.ninemilecanyoncoalition.org. Please consider joining us in preserving, protecting and enjoying this spectacular and unique national treasure.
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This popular Nine Mile petroglyph panel, located along the Daddy Canyon Interpretive Trail, has been chosen to adorn Utah's newest license plate. As part of the State's new *Life Elevated* branding campaign, Utah's iconic *Ski Utah!* plate has been given a major new facelift. The update is meant to not only be a more inclusive representation of the entire state, but more importantly to represent its top two tourist draws: skiing

and redrock. The Coalition is grateful that the State of Utah has demonstrated the importance of Nine Mile Canyon by honoring it with such a distinction, and believes that it only underscores the significance of our role in preserving and protecting this valuable and irreplaceable public resource. Will this image fulfill the State's expectations, or could it possibly come to symbolize something entirely different? Please look for an article addressing the industrial impacts affecting this panel and others in the Daddy Canyon area in our next newsletter.

Mission Statement

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Edythe Marett, a member of the Nine Mile Canyon Coalition Executive Board has sent a letter of resignation in an e-mail to the Executive Board Chair, Pam Miller. Edythe expressed regret at having to leave her long time position and had thought long and hard about her decision.

Due to some health matters, she determined that it would be for the best. Without her husband George, who passed away a few years ago, she found that it was not as fun and interesting as it was with him by her side. Also, she recently lost her mother and her brother Jack with whom she was very close. The board members empathize with her and are understanding of her reasons.

Edythe, a member of the Nine Mile Canyon Coalition since its beginning, gained a seat on the Board in November of 1993. She has held the positions of Secretary, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Board. She has written stories for the newsletter and shared many stories about the Canyon with all of us. She grew up in Nine Mile, living in the Harmon rock house and attending school in Harper where her mother was the teacher.



She started her own teaching career as a Business and English teacher at Duchesne High School but moved to Altamont Elementary where she was the school librarian for many years until she retired. She took the students on many field trips to Nine Mile Canyon and loved every minute of every tour.

Not only was she heavily involved with the Coalition Board, but became a world traveler bringing back stories of her adventures from the different countries. She has been a tireless worker helping to make all the Fall Gatherings a great success. She also baked her wonderful bread to sell as a fundraiser.

Edythe will still be involved with the Coalition as a contributing member. The Board thanks her for all she has done and everyone will look forward to seeing her at the next meeting. She always has a good story to tell.



Thank you Edythe!

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lower ranch, nine mile canyon

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