

Drought Lessons Learned

June 7, 2022
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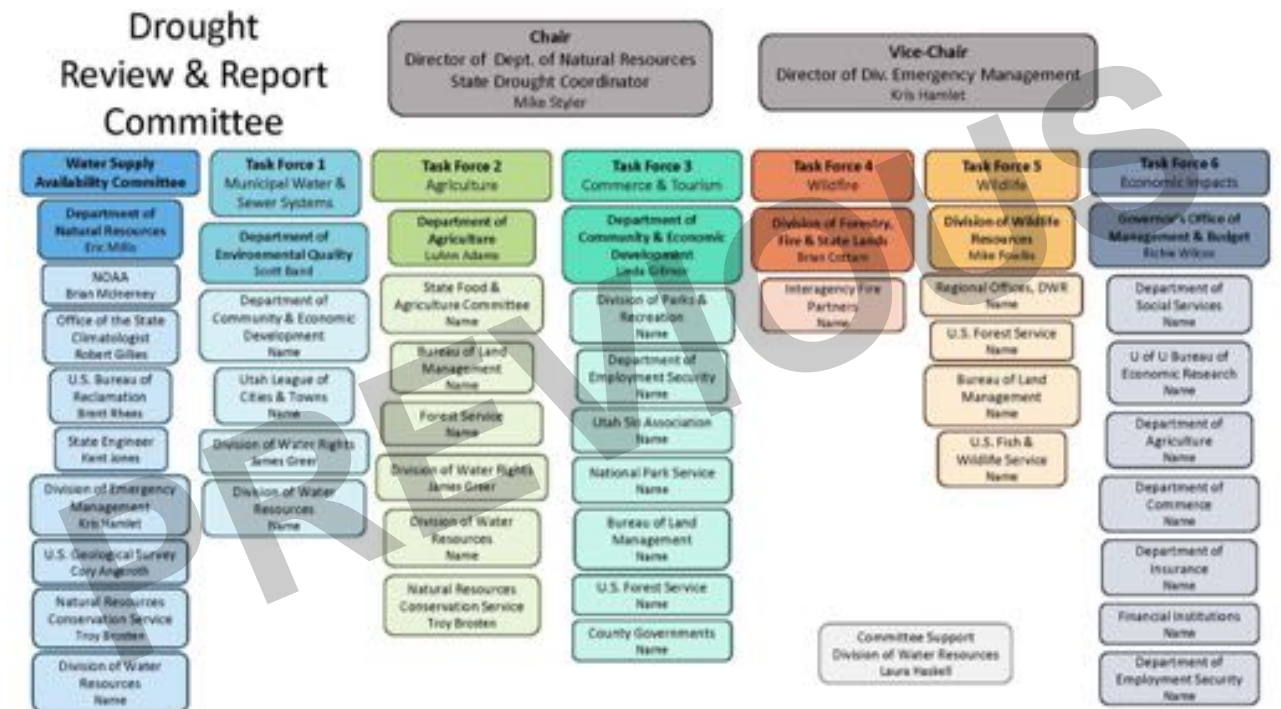
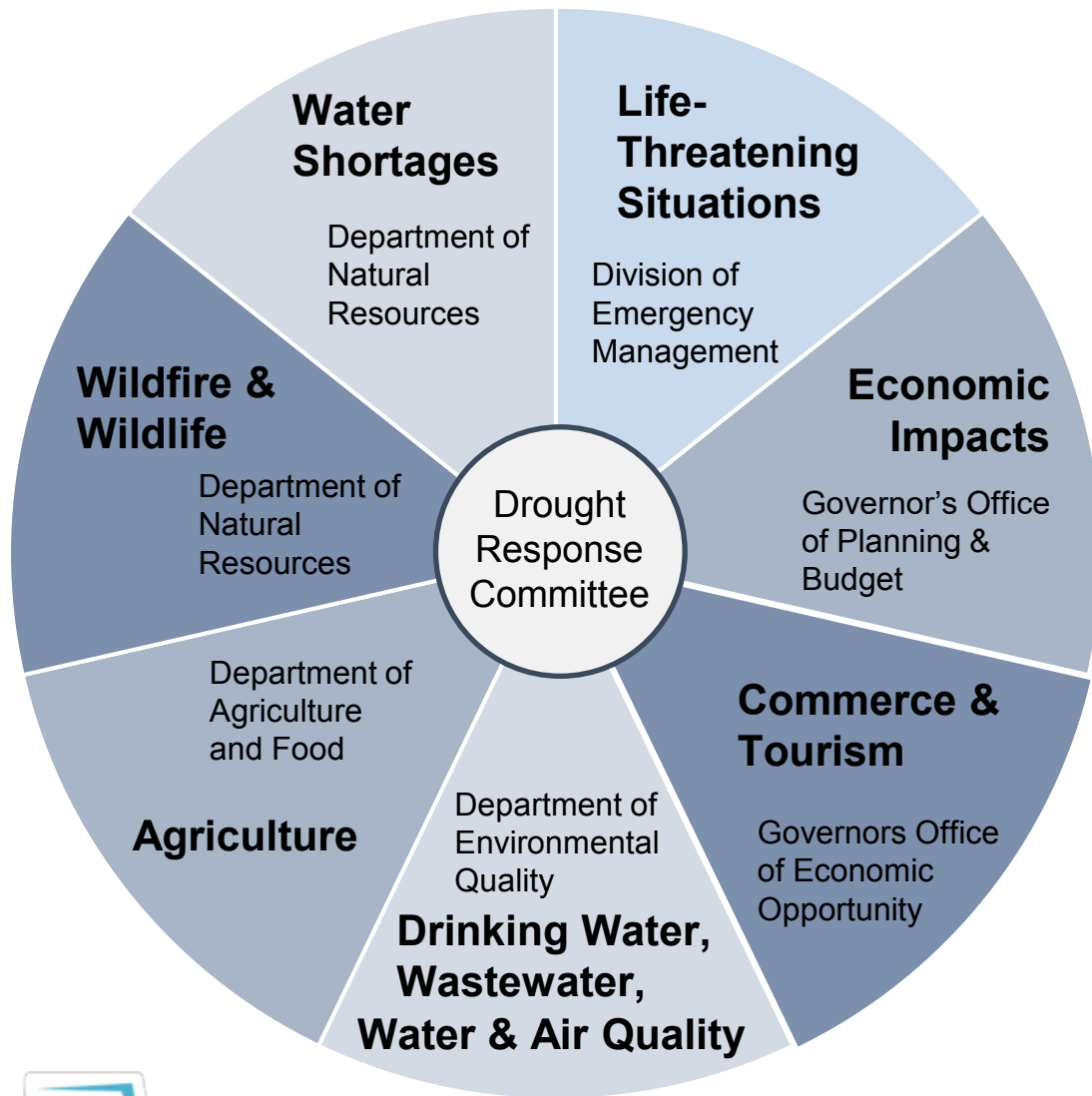


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Utah's Water Resources

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Drought Reporting Committee



Messaging

- Never too early to plan
- Timely
- Combined and Coordinated
- Work with Media
- Pick a focus
- Seek opportunities



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Drought Update for the Week of Sept. 6

SALT LAKE CITY (Sept. 9, 2021) – Shorter days and cooler nights have reduced evaporative demand, which means we aren't losing as much water to the air. As a result, outdoor watering can be reduced. About 88% of the state is still in "extreme" or "exceptional" drought, as categorized by the [U.S. Drought Monitor](#). However, 4% was downgraded from "exceptional" to "extreme."

"Late-season rains have helped vegetation green-up, but long-term effects are still very visible in reservoir storage and the environment," said Utah Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Brian Steed. "We appreciate those who have used less water this season. Being mindful of water use is essential to stretch the limited supply."

The following [drought](#) impacts from the week of Sept. 6 are compiled by the Utah Divisions of [Water Resources](#), [Water Rights](#), [State Parks](#), the [Department of Environmental Quality](#) and the [Department of Agriculture & Food](#).

At-a-glance changes for the week:

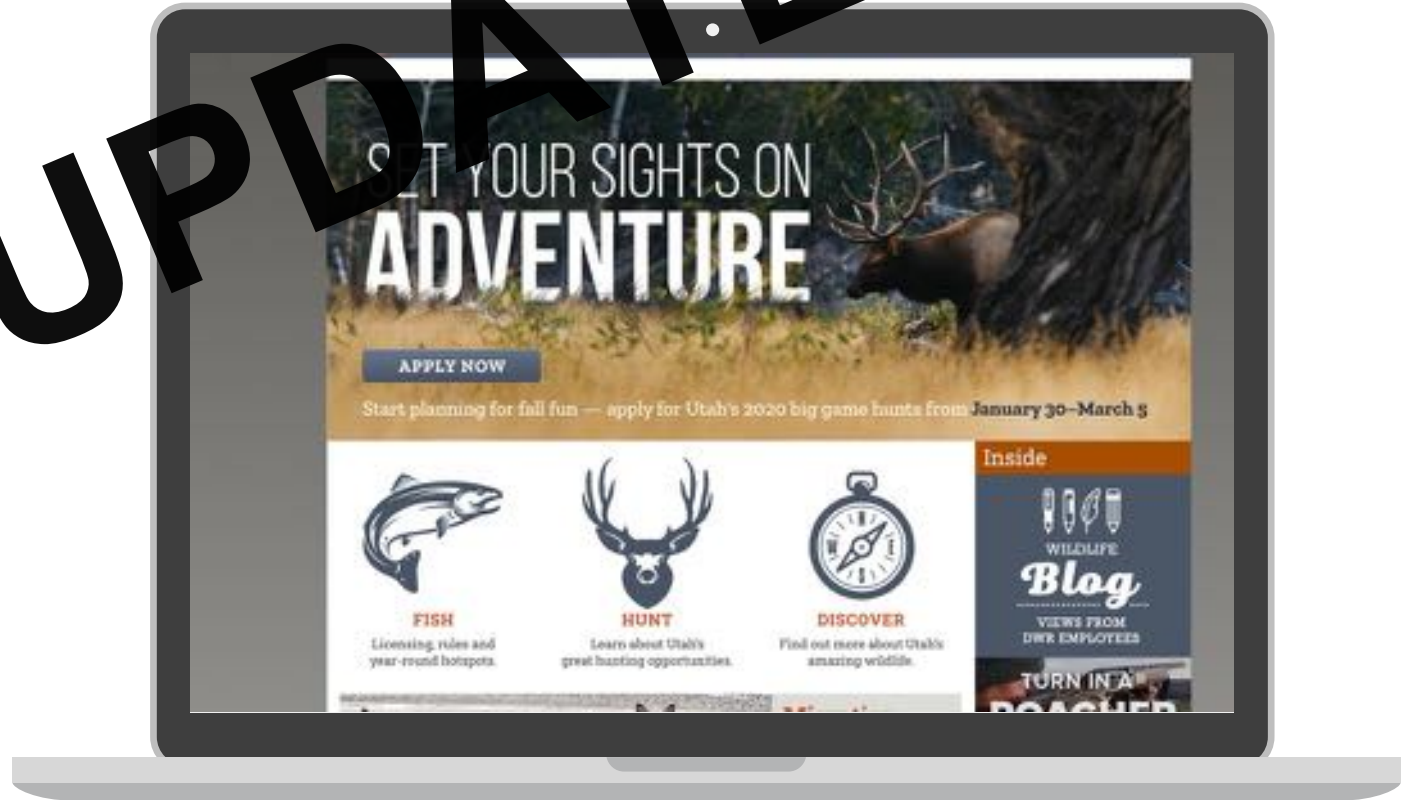
- Due to low water levels, the Division of Water Quality was unable to access the Palisade Reservoir for waterborne pathogen testing. Visitors can learn how to keep themselves and their families safe in recreational waters [here](#).
- Thirty-one of Utah's largest 42 reservoirs are below 55% of available capacity (32 last week, with Lower Enterprise improving due to upstream releases.) Overall statewide storage is 50% of capacity, slightly less than last week.
- Of the 98 measured streams, 44 flowed below normal this week compared to 46 last week.
- Boat ramp closures remain the same as last week, with 12 closures at 10 state parks, including Jordanelle, Antelope Island, Echo, Hyrum, Millsite, Piute, Rockport, Quail Creek, Willard Bay and Yuba. However, at least one additional closure is expected. Gunlock is scheduled to close its boat ramp by this weekend. Caution advisories have been issued for seven additional state park boat ramps. View conditions [here](#).



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- Recreation updates
- Fire restrictions
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- Water conditions
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Sharing Information

- Websites
- Drought Learning Network
- Webinars
- Staff to staff



"Well, I think that Bob's Disaster Recovery Plan seems to cover everything."



Questions?

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