



"Through wildlife rehabilitation and education we will empower the community to engage in conservation and responsible stewardship of wildlife and habitat."

It's Official -WRC is a Public Charity

We have wonderful news! The Internal Revenue Service has officially declared the WRC a 501(c) 3 public charity. As an added "bonus", this IRS determination is retroactive to February 19, 2009. This means 100% of previous donations made to WRC are tax deductible in accordance with applicable tax laws.

For the last eight months we've maintained operations through out-of-pocket donations from volunteers and unsolicited donations from greatly appreciated private donors. This support has been crucial since wildlife rehabilitators receive ZERO government funding.

Now that the rigorous 501(c) 3 regulatory review process is behind us, we're working even harder to attract philanthropists interested in protecting Utah's wildlife. -- But we still need your support. We understand today's economic climate makes contributing a challenge, but please consider supporting WRC any way you can. If monetary donations aren't practical, consider volunteering time or collecting wish list items (<http://wrcnu.org/pages/donate>). Computer users can provide us with free publicity or e-mail us about fundraising opportunities. --Every bit helps, so get creative!

We are passionate about helping as many injured and orphaned wildlife as we safely can, so you can rest assured your donations are stretched as far as possible. Even with lean resources, our all-volunteer staff has healed and released hundreds of wild birds already this year. With your assistance, we'll continue this lifesaving work in 2010 and beyond.

To view our IRS determination letter go to http://wrcnu.org/pages/Official_Documents

-- WRC Board of Directors

We Love Our Logo

The board of directors is excited about the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah's logo. After considering many wild birds, which represent our dedication to conservation and stewardship of habitat, the board selected the osprey. Ospreys, also known as "fish hawks" are found in Utah during the summer near fresh water lakes and waterways. Their wingspans can reach up to six feet and they have special spines on their toes that help them hold on to the slippery fish that make up most of their diet.

The osprey is an important indicator species. In the 1960's and 1970's ospreys were endangered because of the effect D.D.T. had on their eggs. By the mid 1970's, Utah only recorded four active nests with a total of six young ospreys. Through careful management that number has been increasing, particularly along the Green River and Flaming Gorge areas.

Ospreys still face challenges from their environment. Because the waterways where they live are shared with humans, they face many dangers created by man's recreational activities. Discarded fishing line and baling twine is often used by osprey for nest building. Tragically, it is estimated that up to 10% of baby osprey become entwined and die. You can help by collecting any discarded fishing line you come across and disposing of it in a trash can.

In addition, if you are a recreational boater or jet skier, always try to maintain a distance of at least 800 feet from them and from their nests.

Our logo was created by Amber Hansen. Thanks Amber, for a logo we are all proud of.



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Eagle Crashes Into Truck and Survives



An adult male golden eagle went through the windshield of a semi-truck on August 4th pushing the windshield onto the driver's lap

then ending up on the floor of the cab dazed, confused, but still alive.

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center (WRC) of Northern Utah took the Eagle to Parrish Creek Veterinary Clinic for treatment. Dr. Folland, DVM placed four external pins in the carpal bone of the right wing to stabilize a fracture. Surgery went well and Dr. Folland suggested that there is a good chance for full recovery. Examination of "Crash's" left eye shows some cloudiness, but he is responding to visual stimulus and is taking food presented to him. He is currently on antibiotics for the surgery, anti-inflammatory eye drops and also antifungal medication as a precaution to guard against a respiratory infection.

For updates on the condition of the eagle we have nicknamed "Crash", please log on to our website at www.wrcnu.org.



"Crash" the eagle is recovering at WRC after crashing into the windshield of a truck.



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WRC Gets Its First Corporate Donation

PTTP (Populus Terminal Transmission Partners) has presented the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Northern Utah with a five thousand dollar donation.

PTTP is a joint venture between three established companies unified and contracted by Rocky Mountain Power to construct a power transmission line that begins in Salt Lake City and ends in Downy, Idaho. This project from conception to conclusion will take over two years and it spans over 125 miles. PTTP is consistently conscious of how each part of this project impacts the environment. One of the best ways to minimize the environmental footprint is education.

"Teaching workers about the environmental impact keeps our effect on the land and the environment down to a minimum. Regular classes on procedural issues such as locating birds' nests, uncovering cultural artifacts, using the right equipment and implementing preventive measures are ongoing. This information instills in our group the knowledge to make sure that we leave as much as we can 'as is' and as natural as possible," says Brian Hunter, construction manager for PTTP.



Brian Hunter, from PTTP, presents Buz Marthaler, the Board Chairman of WRC, with a check for \$5,000.

Mr. Hunter goes on to say, "This is one of the reasons we feel that the WRC is so deserving of our donation. In this day and age with budget cuts and federal funds being trimmed, we feel it is important to support a group that continues to make a positive impact on our environment. We hope that this donation allows WRC to continue to be here for Northern Utah and its wildlife. It's our way to say 'THANK YOU' to them for a job well done."

-Steve Nosek, Land/Media Relations

So far this year, WRC has taken in over 1,300 orphaned and injured birds.

We would like to thank our donors and our volunteers for all their support.



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