

# JANUARY 2018

## BROWN BAG LECTURE TOPICS

### **JANUARY 5 – CINDY PURSELL, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT ZION NATIONAL PARK**

Visitation to Zion National Park has been increasing for decades, but especially significant increases have been experienced in the last few years. In 2016, 4,295,127 people visited the park, which was 646,281 more visitors than in 2015 which was also a record year. The peak season in the park has now extended into early spring and late fall. During the height of the summer season it is now common for visitors to wait in long lines to enter the park and board the park shuttle. Cindy will discuss challenges faced by park staff to manage visitation, as well as other topics regarding Zion National Park.

### **JANUARY 12- MARILYN DAVIS, RED CLIFFS AUDUBON SOCIETY**

The St. George Winter Bird Festival is an event hosted by the Red Cliffs Audubon Society and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. It will take place from 25-27 January 2018. Its mission is to intrigue and educate the public about these creatures by catering to both novice and expert birders with a variety of field trips, workshops, and presentations. Marilyn will describe what is in store for the 2018 event.

### **JANUARY 19- JAINA MOAN, FRIENDS OF GOLD BUTTE, NV**

Gold Butte, one of the nation's newest national Monuments, is located between Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument, Arizona, and Lake Mead National Recreation Area, just south of the City of Mesquite. **Jaina Moan**, Executive Director, will relate what has occurred with management of the area in the past year, and what is in store for this unique piece of the Mohave Desert.

### **JANUARY 26 – KRISSY SHERMAN & PEGGY O'REILLY, VERMILION CLIFFS NM**

This remote and unspoiled, 294,000-acre monument is a geologic treasure, containing Paria Plateau, Vermilion Cliffs, Coyote Buttes and Paria Canyon. Visits to the area require special planning and awareness of potential hazards such as rugged and unmarked roads, poisonous reptiles and insects, extreme heat or cold, deep sand, and flash floods. Visits to the area require special planning and awareness. Krissy and Peggy will describe what planning is necessary to visit one of the most remote places on the Colorado Plateau.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING REGISTRATION TO ATTEND BROWN BAG LECTURES:**

Due to limited seating and high demand, you must register to attend any lecture. Sign up begins one week prior to each program at approximately 1:10 p.m. on each Friday at the conclusion of the program. Sixty seats are reserved for general admission, with an additional 20 seats for DASIA members. An additional 30-slot waiting list will be made available when the program is oversubscribed. Those on the waiting list will be contacted by telephone when a seat becomes available. Please be at the Public Lands Information Center by 11:45 a.m. to claim your seat.

Reservations may be made by calling the Public Lands Information Center at 435.688.3200