



Media Advisory

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Carson Ranger District
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Stop Date is: July 18, 2008

Carson Ranger District Hosting a Practice Jump for Smokejumpers

Who: The U.S. Forest Service is hosting a combined U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management group of smokejumpers at the Stead Tanker Base as a pre-positioned fire fighting resource this summer. During their stay at Stead, they will be conducting a proficiency jump to maintain their qualifications.

What: A rare opportunity to photograph and film the Stead Smokejumpers doing a proficiency jump and cargo deployment. This is also a great opportunity to interview a smokejumper and photograph their aircraft and gear.

When: **July 17, 2008, from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.**, at Stead Tanker Base for the on-the-ground interview and photo opportunity.

From 10:45 to 11:45 a.m., shoot video or photographs of the proficiency jump and cargo deployment near the Kiowa Pond area off of Seneca Lane, on the northeast side of Peavine Mountain.

Where: Stead Tanker Base: 14600 Maryland Ave, Reno, NV 89506. We will meet at the gate near the tanker base entrance at 9:30 a.m.

Kiowa Pond Area: From Stead Tanker Base – cross under freeway (395) and make a left onto North Virginia Street. Make a right onto Seneca Drive. Proceed north past the railroad tracks and make a left on Kiowa Way. This will take you to the jump spot on the Carson Ranger District (It is a large dirt parking area with some forest information signs about 100 yards from the houses). Please stage along the side of the road or along an adjacent side road before you reach the large parking area. Please allow enough room on the road to allow for a large fire engine to pass.

If you would like more information or need further directions, please contact Franklin Pemberton, Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Forest Service, at 775-884-8150.

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