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Media Advisory

Secretary Norton to Survey Mount St. Helens, Brief News Media on Seismic Activity

WASHINGTON – On Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, Interior Secretary Gale Norton and U.S. Geological Survey scientists will hold a 3:45 p.m. news media briefing at the Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash., to report on their aerial survey of Mount St. Helens and the current status of the volcano. Seismic activity in the area has accelerated recently and the USGS has issued a Volcano Advisory, indicating a significant likelihood that unrest may culminate in hazardous volcanic activity.

A media pool has been established to accompany Norton on the overflight of Mount St. Helens early tomorrow afternoon. News media are invited to tour the Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash., with Norton from 3:15 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. (local time) and to participate in the 3:45 p.m. news briefing outside the Observatory.

Media wishing to downlink pool video should contact Germain Kirk at KREM-TV (Spokane, Wash.), 509-838-7365 or (cell) 509-991-8620. Pool photographs will be available to all Associated Press members. Non-AP members should contact Ted Warren, AP (Seattle), 206-769-3484.

WHO: Interior Secretary Gale Norton and USGS volcano scientists
WHAT: News media briefing on Mount St. Helens seismic activity
WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, 3:45 p.m.
WHERE: Cascades Volcano Observatory, Vancouver, Wash.
MEDIA: Credentialed media may tour the CVO and join the news briefing outside the Observatory. Pool video and photographs can be obtained from the contacts listed above. --DOI--