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FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST AND BLM APPROVE 12TH ANNUAL ATV JAMBOREE

RICHFIELD, Utah -- Fishlake National Forest and Richfield Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office representatives authorized the Rocky Mountain ATV Jamboree to take place September 19-23, 2005.

Sevier County submitted a request for authorization of this year's event which will take place on the Fishlake, Dixie and Manti-LaSal National Forests, and public lands managed by the Richfield, Kanab, Cedar City and Fillmore BLM Field Offices. All trails included in the schedule for this year's event are segments of the Piute ATV Trail system.

The Fishlake NF and the Richfield BLM administer the special use permit on behalf of all the national forests and field offices that are responsible for the trails Jamboree participants will ride. When they received the request for authorization from the county, the Fishlake NF and Richfield BLM sent it out for comment by the responsible land use managers. Tim Finger, Richfield BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner, said there were no problems with any of the routes selected for this year's Jamboree. He said, "We hope and expect that everyone will have a very good time. It's really a very good event."

Finger explained that each year the county requests authorization to use slightly different routes than the ones scheduled in the preceding year. He further said that all the routes selected this year were

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already pre-approved by the five-year special use permit the agencies issued to Sevier County in 2001. According to Finger, issuing a multi-year permit is more cost-effective for the government and less time-consuming for the applicant.

Max Reid, Fishlake NF Public Services Officer, commented that approximately 65% of the routes are located on the national forest. “We have not had any major problems in the past and don’t expect any this year,” he observed. “Our main concern is that folks stay on the trails. But there are many experienced and very good guides for this event and it’s well-organized.”