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# News Release

## Fishlake National Forest

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### **9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATURAL RESOURCE FESTIVAL SCHEDULED APRIL 22-23**

The Natural Resource Festival, now in its ninth year, will be held at the Conference Facility on the northwest corner of Snow College South. It will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 22 and from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23. Exhibits and activities for all family members will emphasize the festival theme, "The Great Outdoors: We're All in it Together." Several state and federal public agencies will partner with private industry and businesses to sponsor this event, projected by organizers to draw approximately 2500 attendees over the two day period. There is no admission.

This one-of-a-kind festival is a fun event that informs children and the community about natural resources, teaching a new respect for our environment. There will be a wide variety of educational exhibits that will provide, in some cases, hands-on opportunities for children to explore their natural world by learning about biology, zoology, geology, natural history, archaeology, land ethics, and wilderness safety. Approximately 45 exhibitors have been confirmed. Ellen Row, Conservation Education Coordinator on the Fishlake National Forest, said, "We are very excited about the variety and quality of exhibitors who are coming to this Festival. Many of them have recognized that this really is a special event for the local community."

The timing of the Natural Resource Festival also celebrates Arbor Day, Earth Day, Wildlife Week, Migratory Bird Week and Wetlands Week.

The Natural Resource Festival will present a "star party" at Red Hills Middle School, 405 South 600 West, on April 22 at 8:00 p.m. An indoor discussion of astronomy will include the latest updates from the rover on Mars, and other exciting space information.

While there are activities and events for all ages, organizers will host special tours for elementary and middle school children on Friday. As in years past, the festival committee will provide free tree seedlings to all festival goers beginning at 10:00 a.m. Saturday. For more information, call Ellen Row, Fishlake National Forest, phone (435) 896-1042.

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