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NATIONAL FOREST AND BLM CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

To encourage visitation to the nation's public lands, the USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will waive entrance fees on National Public Lands Day, September 18, 2004.

The following campgrounds on the Fishlake National Forest will waive fees for the evening of September 18, 2004: Sun glow Campground on the Loa Ranger District, and Adelaide, Maple Grove and Oak Creek Campgrounds on the Fillmore Ranger District. The Richfield BLM Field Office will waive fees for Lonesome Beaver and Star Springs Campgrounds.

National Public Lands Day also provides communities with a unique opportunity to participate in the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve the public lands. According to Stan Adams, Paiute Trail Coordinator for the BLM, participants in the Rocky Mountain ATV Jamboree will help to protect a closed portion of a trail that had been re-routed, by blocking access to the old route. Trail riders will also carry garbage bags with them to pick up trash during the week of the Jamboree.

This year will be the third year that the Rocky Mountain ATV Jamboree has been scheduled to coincide with National Public Lands Day (NPLD), with volunteer projects planned for those who wish to participate. Max Reid, Fishlake NF Public Service Officer, said that, "It's important to provide ATV

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riders with an opportunity to put something back into the system.” The main loop of the Paiute ATV trail system is 238 miles. Sixty-five percent of the main loop is on the Fishlake NF and approximately 12% is on public lands managed by the Richfield BLM Field Office. There are an additional 550 miles of side trails that provide access to 16 communities.

Volunteers who help to improve the public land will be given a “fee-free coupon” that will entitle the recipient and their family or vehicle companions, to one fee-free day at a participating federal recreation site of their choice within the year following NPLD. For more information on how to volunteer on the Paiute ATV Trail during the Rocky Mountain Jamboree, contact Stan Adams, Richfield BLM Field Office, phone (435) 896-1505.

The Fishlake NF is also partnering with the Fillmore BLM Field Office, Sand Rock Ridge Riders and local Boy Scouts on a volunteer project on September 18, 2004, to improve the Dry Wash/Big Oaks ATV trail on the Fishlake NF south of Kanosh. Volunteers will meet at the Adelaide Campground on the Fillmore Ranger District. For more information on how to participate with this project, contact David Whitaker, Fillmore BLM Field Office, phone (435) 743-3110.

To learn more about National Public Lands Day, visit the website at: <http://www.npld.com/>.