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THE FOREST SERVICE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM NEEDS YOU

OGDEN, UTAH— Are you a retiree, professional, homemaker, student, service club, or organization looking for a little adventure and excitement? If you like people and care about our country's natural resources, the Forest Service needs your time and talents. Last year 15,055 volunteers in the Intermountain Region accomplished over \$5.9 million worth of work on the national forests. In this age of shrinking budgets and workforce, it is increasingly challenging to provide the service and care needed for the national forests. As a volunteer, you can make a difference and contribute to this effort.

The Forest Service is proud to be an official partner with the Take Pride in America (TPIA) Program. TPIA is a partnership of federal, state and local governments, community, youth and civic organizations, conservation and recreations groups and corporations under the leadership of the Department of the Interior. The purpose of TPIA is to support volunteerism and to encourage citizen stewardship of our public lands. You can receive recognition for your volunteer efforts from both the Forest Service and TPIA Programs. This partnership will also provide you volunteer opportunities with other federal, state, and local government agencies.

The Intermountain Region is comprised of national forests in Utah, western Wyoming, central and southern Idaho, Nevada, and a small portion of California. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Adopt-a-Trail, Back Country Ranger, Campground Host/Maintenance, Conservation Education, Facilities Maintenance, Fish and Wildlife Management, Frontliner/General Assistance, General Office/Clerical, Guard Station Attendants, Interpretive/Recreation Aid, Maintenance Work, Range Management, Research Projects, River Ranger, Range Management, Timber/Fire Prevention, Trail Construction and Maintenance, Visitor Center/Information, Wilderness Information Specialist/Ranger, Winter Sports, and many more.

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Send requests for "Volunteer Opportunities for 2009" directory to:

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