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US FOREST SERVICE AND PARTNERS ACCOMPLISH APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION OF WORK ON NATIONAL FORESTS IN THE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

OGDEN, UTAH – The Intermountain Region of the U.S. Forest Service, in collaboration with numerous partners throughout Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming, successfully accomplished approximately \$2 million dollars of work on National Forest land in 2006 through the Centennial of Service Challenge cost share initiative. Various partners completed over twenty projects, which are mutually beneficial to the forests and their respective organization. The completed projects are on 13 National Forests in four states, ranging from trail improvements to riparian rehabilitation projects to non-motorized recreation design and layout.

“Through the combined efforts of partners and the Forest Service, these on-the-ground accomplishments will provide long-term enhancements to the conditions of forests, watersheds, habitat and recreational services to the American public,” said Regional Forester Jack Troyer. “These partnerships have strengthened relationships between the Forest Service and the communities it serves.”

Partnerships within the Region provided the ability for the Forest Service to complete or continue implementation of large and small scale projects that would not have been accomplished alone. Through in-kind and monetary donations as well as volunteer hours, a broad array of community organizations, universities, youth groups, tribes, schools, private landowners, larger conservation nonprofits, as well as local, state and federal governments contributed to the projects.

In 2005, in honor of the Centennial of the Forest Service, Congress appropriated money for use by the Forest Service along with partners to fund cost-shared projects. This past year, the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service received \$400,000 from Congress to accomplish its work. Nationwide, 137 individual partner projects were completed, providing more than \$12 million in partner contributions.

For more information regarding these projects and/or partnerships, visit the Forest Service Intermountain Region’s website at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/partnerships/index.shtml>

The Intermountain Region of the Forest Service consists of National Forest lands in Utah, Nevada, Central Idaho, Western Wyoming and small portions of California and

Colorado. For more information about the Intermountain Region of the US Forest Service visit us on the web at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4>

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The projects completed are on the Ashley National Forest; Boise National Forest; Bridger-Teton National Forest; Caribou-Targhee National Forest; Dixie National Forest; Fishlake National Forest; Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; Manti-LaSal National Forest; Payette National Forest; Salmon-Challis National Forest; Sawtooth National Forest; Uinta National Forest; and the Wasatch-National Forest