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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director, Deputy
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Thanks to the contributions of many dedicated employees and partners, our first National Get Outdoors Day can be counted a success. In a series of events across the country, we successfully connected with new visitors and forged new partnerships.

Last June, children and adults, alike, were introduced to new outdoor experiences—from floating on a raft and casting for fish to peering through binoculars at wildlife. They learned both about the Forest Service and natural resource conservation. These events taught us lessons that will result in greater success in 2009.

Please express my gratitude to employees and partners. With their untiring efforts, these national, regional and local activities further advanced our commitment to connect kids to nature and engage urban Americans in the conservation cause.

Enclosed is a copy of the final report of the *2008 National Get Outdoors Day*. It includes a summary of site activities, list of partners and a photo library. For next year's *National Get Outdoors Day*, we look forward to building on this year's success.

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