

NEWS RELEASE

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Wallace F. Bennett Federal Bldg., Room 8236
125 South State Street
Salt lake City, Utah 84138



For Immediate Release

Contact: Kathy Jo Pollock (801) 558-8016

2008 ELK/DEER HUNT CAMPGROUND/ROAD UPDATE

SALT LAKE CITY, October 1, 2008 - Beginning this weekend, many hunters will be in the great outdoors for the 2008 general elk hunt, followed by the general deer hunt starting October 18th. The Forest Service would like to remind hunters and other forest users who use off-highway vehicles such as four-wheelers, dirt bikes etc. to "Tread Lightly": **Travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted, stay on designated routes, under no circumstances are motorized vehicles ever allowed off-designated roads and trails not even to retrieve game; avoid streams, lakeshores, meadows, muddy roads, trails and steep hillsides.** It is the responsibility of all hunters and other forest users to obtain travel maps that show roads and trails that are designated open to off highway vehicles

If you are planning to use livestock on National Forest lands, remember that you are permitted to use only certified weed free straw, hay or pellets to help prevent the spread of Noxious Weeds.

Hunters and forest users who are heading to the woods should always take extra water, food and extra clothing (rain gear-cold weather gear) in case the weather turns bad. You should always carry waterproof matches, first-aid-kit, flashlight, map, compass, whistle, and a cell phone. Always let someone know where you are going and approximately what time you will return, always wear your hunters orange and never hunt alone.

Learn to recognize potentially dangerous situations and know when to turn around. Always carry in your vehicle a tow strap, proper tire chains and a shovel. Remember, you may be held responsible for any resource damage that occurs while removing a stuck vehicle. Getting into the mountains is only half the battle; you also need to get home safely.

The following is a listing of Forest Service campgrounds that will be open for the 2008 deer hunt:

(MORE)

ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 789-1181 <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley>

The Ashley National Forest Travel Plan (Special Closure Order # 05705AO...Exemption #4) states that motorized vehicles are “allowed off designated routes within 300 feet when resource damage will not occur to access a temporary camp site to gather firewood by permit; or retrieval of legally taken big game.” This order applies to all **Ranger Districts** on the **Ashley National Forest**. Special rules also apply to camping in the High Uinta Wilderness Area please contact the Ashley national Forest for details.

Duchesne Ranger District/Roosevelt Ranger District: Yellowstone, Uinta Canyon, Bridge, Reservoir, Swiftcreek, Miners Gulch, Aspen, Iron Mine, Avintaquin and Pole Creek campgrounds will be open with no water, but full fees. **Please pack out what you pack in.**

Flaming Gorge Recreation Area: Browne Lake will remain open through the fall hunts. Buckboard, Lucerne, Willows, and Carmel campgrounds will remain open as long as visitation is good. Manns, Spirit Lake, Deep Creek, Red Canyon Complex, Hideout and Stateline campgrounds are closed. Deer Run and Firefighters campgrounds will remain open until October 5th depending on the weather and will definitely close on October 13. Dripping Springs campground will remain open with water, weather depending. The water will be shut off by October 13th, but the campground will be open year round with a \$5.00 fee. **A use fee is required for use of certain developed areas within the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area. Day passes are \$5.00, 7 day passes are \$15.00 and annual passes are \$35.00. Passes are available in Manila Utah and in Evanston, Rock Springs and Green River Wyoming and local businesses in and around the Flaming Gorge area. Pass outlets have information on where the pass is required.**

Vernal Ranger District: Oaks Park campground will be open with no water or fees. All other campgrounds will be closed.

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 865-3700 <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/dixie>

Cedar City Ranger District: Duck Creek (loop A), White Bridge and Te-ah campgrounds will be open with no water. **Please pack out what you pack in.**

Escalante Ranger District: Pine Lake, Posey Lake, Blue Spruce and Barker campgrounds will be open with fees, but no water.

Pine Valley Ranger District: Equestrian campground will be open until October 25th with no water or fees. Hunters need to be aware that the road leading into Oak Grove campground is accessible, but very rough.

Powell Ranger District: King Creek campground will be open for half price with no water. Red Canyon campground will be open through October 30th with no water and half price, weather permitting. If the weather turns bad the campgrounds will be gated and closed sooner.

Teasdale Ranger District: Single Tree and Oak Creek campgrounds will be open with water and no fees. If the weather turns bad and temperatures start to freeze the water will be shut off and the campgrounds gated and closed. Two new campgrounds Rosebud and Lower Bowns will be open with no water and no fees.

(MORE)

FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 896-9233 <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake>

Beaver Ranger District: City Creek, Mahogany Cove and Little Reservoir campgrounds will be open with no water and a half price fee will be charged.

Fillmore Ranger District: Maple Grove and Adelaide campgrounds will be open with water (depending on weather) and fees. Oak Creek campground will be open with no water. **Please pack out what you pack in.**

Loa Ranger District: Tasha Equestrian and Mackinaw campgrounds will be open. Sunglow, Elkhorn and Piute campgrounds will be open with no water and a fee will be charged. If the weather turns bad and temperatures start to freeze the water will be shut off and the campgrounds gated and closed.

Richfield Ranger District: Gooseberry campground will be open with no water or fee.

MANTI-LASAL NATIONAL FOREST: (435) 637-2817 <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/mantilasal>

Ferron Ranger District: All campgrounds will be open with fees and no water.

Moab Ranger District: All campgrounds, except Warner will be open depending on the weather with fees and no water.

Monticello Ranger District: Depending on weather all campgrounds will be open with no water and half price fees.

Price Ranger District: Old Folks and Flat Canyon campgrounds are closed. All other campgrounds will be open with no water and full fees.

Sanpete Ranger District: All campgrounds will be open with no water and fees.

UINTA-WASATCH-CACHE NATIONAL FOREST (801) 342-5100 or (801) 236-3400

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/uwc>

Pleasant Grove Ranger District: Hope and Timpooneke campgrounds will be open with no water and reduced fees; Granite Flat (Tree Army Loop) will be open with water and reduced fees. The water will be turned off on October 6th but the campground will remain open through the general big game hunts with a reduced fee. ***A recreation pass is required for the American Fork Canyon-Alpine Scenic Loop area and is available at Forest Service offices or at the entrance stations to the Scenic Loop. The special use fee is \$6.00 for a three-day pass per vehicle, \$12.00 for a 7 day pass and \$45.00 for the annual pass.***

Spanish Fork Ranger District: Cherry, Whiting, Blackhawk, Diamond and Payson Lakes campgrounds will be open with no water or services, but with reduced fees. Vernon will be open with no water and no fees.

Evanston Ranger District: All campgrounds will be open with no water, services or fees. The Bear River Ranger Station will be open Friday through Sunday 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm through the end of October, weather permitting. The Lilly Lake dump station is closed until further notice. **Please pack out what you pack in.**

(MORE)

Heber-Kamas Ranger District: Current Creek (loop C and B) open with water and fees; Renegade will be open with no water and reduced fees; Lodgepole (loop A) will be open with water, and fees; Solider Creek (loop A) open with water and fees; Strawberry Bay (loop B and C) open with water and fees; and Aspen Group will be open with water and fees. If freezing temperatures occur the water will be shut off at all campgrounds. Yellow Pine, Taylor Fork, Shingle Creek, Lower Provo, and Shady Dell campgrounds along the Mirror Lake Highway will be accessible during the hunts with no water or services and fees from \$6.00 to \$10.00 will be charged. On the Weber River Drainage side Smith & Morehouse and Ledgefork campgrounds will have one loop open each with no water, but will charge a fee. **Individuals using the Mirror Lake Area either on the Kamas or Evanston side will have to pay a use fee. Three Day passes are \$6.00, 7-day passes are \$12.00 and annual passes are \$45.00. Passes can be purchased at Forest Service Offices in Kamas, Utah; Evanston, Wyoming and local businesses in Kamas and Evanston.**

Logan Ranger District: Spring Hollow, Guinavah-Malibu, Preston Valley, Lodge, and Red Banks campgrounds in Logan Canyon will be open with water and fees until October 15, 2008. Wood Camp campground will be open with no water, but fees will be charged until October 15, 2008. Box Elder campground in Sardine Canyon will be open until October 15, 2008 with water and fees.

Ogden Ranger District: Monte Cristo (one loop) and Botts campground will be open with no water, no services and no fees.

Mountain View Ranger District: All campgrounds will be open with no water, services or fees.

Pack it in and pack it out.

Salt Lake Ranger District: All campgrounds in the Davis County area are closed. Loop, Upper and Lower Narrow campgrounds in South Willow Canyon in Tooele County will be open with fees and no water until October 15, 2008.

Winter gates for the Skyline Drive, Sessions Mountain Road and Tuttle Loop trail in Davis County are scheduled to remain open through the hunts with a closing date set for November 1. However, forest users should be aware that these gates could close early for safety reasons due to inclement weather conditions. Hunters and other users may be asked to leave these areas in the event of an early closure. The gates for the Skyline Drive are located at the junctions of Farmington Canyon and Ward Canyon. November 1, 2008 gates will be closed on the roads leading into North and South Willow Canyons on the Stansbury Mountain Range in Tooele County. Snowmobile use will not be allowed until November 1, 2008. Shooting is not allowed in the Tri-Canyon area.

In all of the above campgrounds please remember to pack-out what you pack-in. Check with your local Forest Service office that manages the area you are planning to visit to obtain current road, trail, campground and weather conditions before you leave. Have a great hunt and be extra careful.

####