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'2009 Ranger of the Year' Award to Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Employee

WOODLAKE, CA – The National Forest Recreation Association (NFRA) is proud to announce John Campbell as the recipient of the '2009 Ranger of the Year' Award. John is the Recreation Staff Officer on the recently reorganized Heber-Kamas Ranger District, on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. John administers a diverse recreation special uses program on the District, including two campground concession permits, 78 recreation residences, outfitter/guides, recreation events, filming, water uses and other special uses. He also oversees management of the Mirror Lake Highway fee program, a portion of the High Uinta Wilderness Area, and Strawberry Reservoir. American Land & Leisure (AL&L) nominated John for this award. Steve Werner, Vice President of AL&L, stated that John has a keen understanding of how to work for the accomplishment of mutual goals, resolves issues quickly, and – most importantly – is open, approachable, and fair. "It is with great honor that we recognize John Campbell," stated NFRA President Dick Kemp. "He is an enthusiastic, professional Forester who exemplifies what it means to be an equal partner with a private company," added Kemp. In addition to the accolades from NFRA, John is also well respected within his own agency. "John's philosophy to work with the concessionaire as a partner rather than mandating or dictating, has been a key factor in the success of the concessionaire programs," stated Deputy Forest Supervisor David Myers. And Julie King, Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Bitterroot National Forest sums up John's outstanding qualities by saying, "John exemplifies so much of the character and attitude needed in this type of position, he has an outstanding work ethic, he is wise beyond his years in working with people and process, he conducts himself with professionalism at all times and can work with anyone in addressing an issue and finding a solution." NFRA wishes to thank John for his supportive and approachable manner, and for his trust in allowing the concessionaires to do their job.

John will be honored at the National Forest Recreation Association's 61st Annual Conference, on March 4th in San Diego, California. Gloria Manning, Associate Deputy Chief, will help present the Award in partnership with NFRA President Dick Kemp.



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NFRA's 'Ranger of the Year' Award has been presented annually since 1982 to individuals who show personal dedication in the realm of recreation management, and exhibit a true sense of partnership with recreation service providers. "This is our opportunity to show our appreciation of outstanding individuals who work 'above and beyond' to provide better recreation service to our visitors," stated Kemp. NFRA is comprised of businesses that provide camping, lodging, skiing, horseback riding, marinas, youth camps, rafting and other services and facilities to the public on National Forest lands.

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