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Grand Canyon National Park to Waive Entrance Fees on National Public Lands Day

Grand Canyon, AZ. – On Saturday, September 27, 2008, Grand Canyon National Park will celebrate National Public Lands Day by offering free admission to park visitors.

The National Park Service (NPS) adopted National Public Lands Day (NPLD) as its “fee free” day in 2004, and it is the only day that entrance fees are waived systematically at national park sites throughout the country. Normally, 147 of the country’s 391 NPS sites charge entrance fees ranging from \$3 to \$25. The other 244 areas do not have entrance fees.

While entrance fees and commercial tour fees will be waived on National Public Lands Day, recreation “user fees” such as backcountry permit fees, camping fees and fees for other activities offered in the park will not be waived.

All free entry passes are good only for National Public Lands Day. Free entry passes issued to visitors at Grand Canyon National Park will be valid at both the North and South Rims of the park. Free entry passes issued to commercial tour operators will be valid only for that individual tour.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 when organizers recognized the need for shared stewardship of our public lands, and decided to bring together individual and organizational volunteers to refurbish, restore and improve America’s public lands for recreation. Since then, NPLD has grown into the nation’s largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance federal, state and local public lands.

The staff at Grand Canyon National Park would like to encourage the park’s friends and neighbors to take advantage of this national “fee free” day by getting reacquainted with their local national parks.

For more information about “fee free” day at Grand Canyon National Park, please call

928-638-7951 or 7954. For information on visiting Grand Canyon National Park, please visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/grca, or call 928-638-7888. To learn more about National Public Lands Day, please visit the web site at www.publiclandsday.org.

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