



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Grand Teton
National Park

PO Box 170
Moose, Wyoming 83012

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 21, 2007 07-79

Jackie Skaggs
307.739.3393

Grand Teton National Park News Release

Grand Teton National Park to Observe National Public Lands Day

In recognition of the 14th annual National Public Lands Day, visitors entering Grand Teton National Park will have their entrance fees—including commercial tour fees—waived on Saturday, September 29, 2007. Normally, an entry permit for Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks costs \$25 per private, non-commercial vehicle. The observance of Public Lands Day during late September offers visitors to Grand Teton an excellent opportunity to find solitude, catch the fall color display, and experience exceptional wildlife viewing. In addition to free entry on September 29th, park staff will work with volunteers to complete a land restoration project organized in cooperation with the Grand Teton field office of the National Parks Conservation Association.

“America’s public lands showcase the country’s spectacular beauty and fascinating history,” stated National Park Service Director Mary Bomar. “I encourage everyone to take advantage of this fee free day to explore a national park or lend a hand to help the land.”

To answer Director Bomar’s invitation to “lend a hand,” volunteers will assist Grand Teton’s revegetation crew by planting and restoring a disturbed site at the Beaver Creek housing area. Cabins from the former JY Ranch were recently moved to this site and readapted for employee housing. Volunteers and park staff will now restore this area by seeding it with a native seed mix and planting native vegetation grown from locally collected seeds. This volunteer project will help to protect the biological integrity of native plant communities and prevent invasion by non-native species.

National Public Lands Day was established in 1993 to increase awareness of the value of all public lands, to foster shared stewardship of America’s national resources, and to encourage people to volunteer their time. Federal land agencies have created partnerships with private individuals and citizen groups in an effort to improve, restore or enhance public lands and to provide additional opportunities for education, outdoor recreation, and enjoyment. Nine federal agencies, 125 state and local partners, dozens of non-profit organizations, tens of thousands of individuals, and national sponsor Toyota Motor Sales, USA are expected to participate in more than a thousand volunteer projects across the country.

National Public Lands Day is the only time that entrance fees are systematically waived on public lands across the country. In addition to national park units, fees will be waived at other land management sites, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Forest Service. In addition to National Public Lands Day, United States veterans are admitted free to national parks each year on Veteran’s Day.

Please visit <http://www.publiclandsday.org> for more information.

—NPS—
www.nps.gov/grte

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.