



## VERNAL RANGER DISTRICT RECREATION REPORT

### SEPTEMBER 2004



**FIREWOOD** – PREPARE FOR WINTER MONTHS NOW. PERMITS REMAIN ON SALE AT THE FOREST SERVICE OFFICES IN VERNAL, MANILA AND GREEN RIVER AND LOCAL VENDORS. MINIMUM OF 4 CORDS FOR \$25.00. MAXIMUM IS 10 CORDS.

During the month of September, we will be preparing all developed recreation sites for freezing temperatures. The winterizing process involves shutting off and draining all water systems and removing trash receptacles. This means that there will be no water or trash services available at these sites until next spring around May 2005. Although no amenities will be provided, these facilities will remain open through the winter months. Once the facilities are winterized visitors need to remember to bring water and to haul their trash out (Pack it in/Pack it out) when they leave these sites.

#### **CAMPGROUNDS**

Eastpark Campground--No water or trash services after Saturday, September 18, 2004.  
Whiterocks Campground--No water or trash services after Saturday, September 18, 2004.  
There will be no charge at these campgrounds after they are winterized.

#### **GUARD STATIONS**

Paradise Guard Station--No water or trash services after Wednesday, September 22, 2004.  
Trout Creek Guard Station--No water or trash services after Monday, September 27, 2004.  
Colton Guard Station--No water or trash services after Tuesday, September 28, 2004.  
The Vernal Ranger District rents Colton Guard Station for \$40.00 per night, Trout Creek Guard Station for \$35.00 per night and Paradise Guard Station for \$25.00.

**YURTS** Limber Flag, Grizzly Ridge Yurts and Carter Military Trail Yurt are \$30.00 per night. When the main forest roads close on December 20, there will be no charge for the Carter Military Trail Yurt, it will be used as a warming hut for snowmobilers. To book a reservation, call the Vernal office 435-789-1181.

#### **VISITOR CENTERS – WINTER HOURS**

The “NEW” Field House of Natural History: 9 AM – 5 PM daily  
Flaming Gorge Dam: 9 AM – 5 PM - Daily; INTERPRETIVE TOURS; 435- 885-3135  
Red Canyon Visitor Center: 10 AM – 5 PM daily 435- 889-3713 (Will close Sept. 11, 2003)  
Green River, WY: Mon - Sat; 8 AM - 4:30 PM 307-875-2871  
NRA Office, Manila, UT: Mon - Fri; 8 AM – 4:30 PM 435- 784-3445  
Dinosaur National Monument Quarry: 8 AM – 4:30 PM; Daily - 435- 781-7700  
Northeastern Utah Visitor Center: 9 AM – 5 PM; Daily – 435- 789-7894

#### **HUNTING SEASON**

Hunting season will soon be in full swing. Please use safety precautions and don't forget, during any muzzleloader or rifle season wear blaze orange.

#### **Deer:**

Archery: Aug. 21 to Sept. 17, 2004  
Muzzleloader: Sept. 29 to Oct. 7, 2004  
Rifle: Oct. 23 to Oct.31, 2004  
Limited entry: See Proclamation

#### **Elk:**

Archery: Aug. 26 – Sept. 17, 2004  
Rifle: Oct. 9 to Oct. 21, 2004  
Muzzleloader: Nov. 6 to Nov. 14, 2004  
Limited entry: (See Proclamation)  
Youth: Sept. 18 to Sept. 28, 2004

#### **Pronghorn:\***

Archery: Aug. 21 to Sept. 17, 2004  
Any legal weapon: Sept. 11 to Sept. 28, 2004

#### **Bull Moose:\*** Sept. 18 to Sept. 28 and Oct. 9 to Oct. 31 2004

#### **Bison:\*** Nov. 6 to Dec. 31, 2004

#### **Desert Bighorn Sheep:\*** Sept. 25 to Nov. 5, 2004

#### **Bighorn Rocky Mountain:\*** Sept. 25 to Nov. 30, 2004

#### **Rocky Mountain Goat:\*** Sept. 18 to Oct. 24, 2004