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BRWC Awarded Grant to Address Wilderness Impacts

Logan, UT — The Bear River Watershed Council (BRWC) of Richmond, UT has been awarded a grant from the National Forest Foundation (NFF) to assist the organization in its efforts to address ongoing impacts to the Mt. Naomi Wilderness on the Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

The grant is part of NFF program that celebrates the 1964 Wilderness Act and is intended to have measurable on-the-ground results in a designated wilderness area. The grant also includes matching funds from Recreational Equipment Incorporated.

In accepting the \$5,000 grant, BRWC's Executive Director Dan Miller said that based on recently compiled information from the organization's Motorized Use Data (MUD) Project, funds will be used for mitigation measures needed in Hyde Park Canyon.

"We chose Hyde Park Canyon," said Miller "because the canyon and the canyon's north ridge both have seen significant impacts from motorized wilderness trespass and these impacts need to be addressed."

Miller said BRWC is also asking the community for volunteers in order to help construct and finance vehicle barriers needed for preventing additional illegal travel. After the closures are in place, BRWC plans to provide restoration seeding and erosion-control devices to mitigate the existing damage, he said.

"Our volunteers have been in the field witnessing and documenting the motorized impacts to our public lands and now we can make a difference," Miller added.

He went on to say, "There is a significant number of OHV users out there who unfortunately show little or no respect for our public lands, so we hope this project will bring attention to the problem."

The project is in cooperation with the Wasatch-Cache National Forest's Logan Ranger District.

For more information see BRWC's Web site at: www.BRWCouncil.org

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