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Subject: Recreation Fee-Free Day *Myer R*

One goal of the Recreation Fee Leadership Council (Council) is to increase consistency and coordination across Federal recreation programs. Establishing a common Fee-Free Day is one specific area in which consistency can be increased. In keeping with this goal, the Council has determined that Interior bureaus and the USDA Forest Service should adopt National Public Lands Day as a single interagency Fee-Free Day. While National Public Lands Day is typically the last Saturday in September, this year it will be celebrated on September 20, 2003.

We ask you to take action necessary to implement an interagency recreation Fee-Free Day on September 20, 2003. This should include cooperation among your respective recreation fee managers, Bureau volunteer coordinators, and public affairs officers to disseminate information to field managers and the public. Thank you for your assistance in carrying out this important effort.