

News Release

Caribou-Targhee National Forest
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Change in Caretakers of Johnny Sack Cabin

Island Park, Idaho: The Forest Service owned Johnny Sack Cabin, located at Big Springs on the Ashton/Island Park Ranger District, has been open to the public as an interpretive center for many years. These services were provided by the Island Park Interpretive Association as authorized by Special Use Permit from the U. S. Forest Service, which expired in December 2005.

Because the Interpretive Association has dissolved, the Forest Service has been seeking an organization that would be willing to continue the operations at the cabin. Fremont County through Fremont County Parks and Recreation has accepted the challenge to operate the cabin. Adrienne Keller, Ashton/Island Park District Ranger said, "We appreciate the county's willingness to be our partner in staffing and maintaining Johnny Sack Cabin." The Ashton/Island Park Ranger District is in the process of entering into an agreement with Fremont County to provide those services. This agreement will provide for continued use of the cabin by the public as an interpretive center. Tamra Cikaitoga, Director of Fremont County Parks and Recreation stated, "The County looks forward to partnering with Caribou-Targhee National Forest to preserve one of Fremont County's most famous historical landmarks. This partnership will continue to keep Johnny Sack Cabin open to the public during the summer season."

If you have any questions please call Bill Davis at the Ashton/Island Park Ranger District at 208-652-7442.

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