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CAMPSITE CLOSURES LIFTED ON THE GREEN RIVER

Dutch John, Utah ... Campsite closures on the North side of the Green River starting one mile below Little Hole and ending at Red Creek Rapid approximately 4.5 miles below Little Hole due to Black Bear sightings has been lifted.

Campsites affected by the closure included: Stone fly I & II, Sand, Bootleg, Cats Paw, Cottonwood, Trails End, Big Pine I & II, and Backwater on the Ashley National Forest, dated September 6, 2007, and signed by Kevin B. Elliott, Ashley National Forest Supervisor, is hereby terminated effective 1200, October 1, 2007.

Jeff Schramm, District Ranger, Flaming Gorge Ranger District, stated, "Our number one concern is public safety. Through a joint effort with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources we believe the area is now safe for the public. I would like to remind those camping in the Ashley National Forest this fall to keep a clean camp and store all food to avoid unwanted visitors."