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ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST WILL HOST PLANNING WORKSHOPS

Vernal, Utah, (August 15, 2006) – The Ashley National Forest has scheduled a series of planning workshops this month at various locations across the state. The workshops will focus on special areas, as defined in Forest Service planning regulations. An explanation of how special areas are treated in Forest Plans will be provided, along with a list of all existing and several potential special areas on the Ashley. The public will be invited to propose additional areas for consideration.

In addition to the special areas discussion, the Forest will present a brief overview of recent and upcoming Plan revision activities and take general questions or comments on the revision process.

According to Forest Supervisor, Kevin Elliott, “These workshops are the next step in helping us chart a new course for the Ashley National Forest. We invite the public to help us identify unique areas warranting special management.”

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Meeting times and locations are as follows:

- **August 22, 2006 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Manila Courthouse, 95 North 100 West in Manila, Utah.**
- **August 23, 2006 - 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Vernal Western Park, 302 East 200 South in Vernal, Utah.**
- **August 24, 2006 – 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Agriculture Extension Service, 2001 South State Street, in Salt Lake City, Utah.**

If you would like more information, please call Rick Peaveler at (435) 781-5112 or visit Ashley's website at www.fs.fed.us/r4ashley and then click on Forest Plan Revision.

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