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Vandalized Trailer Removed from the Ashley National Forest

Vernal, Utah ... On September 26th an Eze trailer was removed from the Vernal Ranger District of the Ashley National Forest.

The trailer in question had been located on the Forest since June with no appearance of occupancy. The trailer has been vandalized and for the protection of natural resources and the trailer it was removed and is being held by the Ashley National Forest.

The trailer has had the battery and propane tanks removed and the inside has been stripped except for bedding material.

John Simons, Law Enforcement Officer of the Vernal Ranger District stated, "With the increase in vandalism and overall increase in the number of people recreating on the Ashley National Forest it would be a good idea for everyone camping this fall to ensure that their equipment is secure and to remove it if they will not be staying overnight."

Detective Brandon Cottam of the Uintah County Sheriff's Department stated, "There have been four reported cases of break-ins to trailers on the Ashley National Forest this year. Common items that have been taken have included generators, tools, chairs and camping equipment. The most frequent location for the break-ins is in the Dyer Park area on the Ashley National Forest. The most common methods for gaining entry to the trailers have been to pry the door or a window open to gain access."

The Ashley National Forest would like to remind everyone to secure their equipment before enjoying the Forest this fall.

For information about the impounded trailer contact Omero Torres, Recreation Officer for the Vernal Ranger District at 435-789-5124 or email at omerotorres@fs.fed.us.