

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST TAKING RESERVATIONS FOR CAVE TOURS**

The Ashley National Forest is now offering reservations for the Whiterocks Cave tours. The reservations for the summer of 2005 will be offered to the public through a lottery system, rather than by the received order of the reservation. This change was made to make reservation scheduling more equitable to every one wanting a reservation. Tour dates will be Saturdays starting in June and ending in September. Available tour dates for 2005 are:

- June 11, 18, 25
- July 9, 16, 30
- August 6, 13, 20, 27
- September 3, 10

There is no charge for the tours. The group size is limited to 15 people and all participants must be at least nine years old. The hike to the cave is a rigorous three-miles and a climb of 1800 feet in elevation. It is very important to be in good physical condition for this hike.

For more information or to obtain an application, call (435) 789-1181 or visit us on the Web at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley) and go to the recreation link.

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