



## News Release

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### **June is National Great Outdoors Month**

**(Golden, COL. - June 3, 2011)** – President Obama proclaimed June 2011, Great Outdoors Month, as did Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. As part of the national effort to encourage Americans to get outside and connect with nature, Rick Cables, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Region, announced a fee-waiver day to celebrate National Get Outdoors Day on Saturday, June 11.

“In working with our many partners, Denver’s National Get Outdoors Day event on Saturday, June 11 in Denver’s City Park, is one of the nation’s signature events. Throughout the day, kids and families are encouraged to get moving and engage in a number of outdoor activities,” said Cables. “In addition, visitors to the National Forests can enjoy many sites fee free that day and we encourage them to explore all that their forests offer.”

There are three fee-waiver days during 2011 that apply to U.S. Forest Service lands throughout the country:

**Get Outdoors Day:** June 11, 2011

**National Public Lands Day:** September 24, 2011

**Veterans Day Weekend:** November 11 – 13, 2011

It is important for visitors to check with local offices prior to arriving to their destinations, as some sites will not participate in the fee-waiver program depending on how they are managed. For example, some sites managed by concession operators or listed on the National Recreation Reservation System, may not have the flexibility to honor the fee waiver.

The Rocky Mountain Region manages more than 22 million acres on 11 forests and grasslands throughout Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. These lands offer more than 17 thousand miles of trails, 2,300 campgrounds, picnic areas, boat ramps and many other amenities. “Get outside, get moving and explore your National Forests,” Cables commented.

**References:**

**National Get Outdoors Day:** <http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org/>

**Get Outdoors Colorado:** <http://www.getoutdoorscolorado.org/>

**USFS Fee Waiver Dates Announced:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/news/2011/releases/05/waiver.shtml>

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