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Forest Service Begins Annual Moonwalk Series with Snowfield Event

(LARAMIE, WY - June 9, 2011) – Kicking off an annual summer series, the Laramie Ranger District (LRD) of the Medicine Bow National Forest has scheduled the first Moonwalk of the year for Thursday, June 16. The Snowfield Moonwalk will begin at 7 p.m. near Green Rock Trailhead, on Highway 130, west of Centennial, WY.

The Moonwalk project is an ongoing effort to provide community members and visitors to Southeast Wyoming with educational, entertaining programs highlighting the cultural and natural heritage of the area.

The programs are free, open to the public, scheduled for a full-moon evening, have a different theme each month and are set in the unique moonlit outdoors. Four Moonwalks are tentatively scheduled for the summer of 2011, with the next event to take place July 15 at Rob Roy Reservoir, assuming roads will be accessible.

The Snowfield Moonwalk will explore characteristics of mountain snow cover that are important to urban and natural communities. Topics include snow-adapted plant communities, avalanches and the role of snow in drinking water supply.

Multiple routes for the hike have been identified pending snow and weather conditions, all beginning at the Green Rock area.

To get to the Green Rock area, travel west from Laramie on Highway 130 through Centennial. Drive approximately six miles uphill to the Green Rock Picnic Area then follow signs for Moonwalk parking.

Participants should bring insect repellent and wear boots for walking across snow, as well as clothing for cold or inclement weather. Moonwalk hikes are generally up to 1.5 miles long, round-trip, on easy to moderate terrain. Please call the LRD office in advance with any special access needs.

The ongoing Moonwalk program is made possible by partnerships with Western Heritage of Colorado and the Wyoming Arts Council.

For additional information, please contact the LRD office at 307-745-2300 or visit <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>.

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