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Dear Scouter,

The National Forests in Utah Forest Supervisors would like to thank you for your outstanding service with the Boy Scouts of America. Your example has a strong influence on youth development and understanding of land ethics. We appreciate the focus on outdoor ethics and the associated rank advancement. It is our desire to provide the support you need as leaders as you plan and prepare for your outdoor activities with the youth.

The forests are working closely with each Council's volunteer Outdoor Ethics Advocate and Scouting Executive by providing Leave No Trace materials and providing Forest Service personnel present at major scout trainings and events.

Since the 1990's, the Boys Scouts of America, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service have partnered together to encourage the public to follow Leave No Trace principles while enjoying the great outdoors. Leave No Trace has become a vital tool in teaching Americans conservation ethics. We believe that as you implement Outdoor Ethics (www.lnt.org) and principles of Leave No Trace, scouts will begin their journey of internalizing land ethic into their lives. To assist you in contacting specific Forest Service offices, we have provided visitor guides for each forest in Utah. The visitor guides provide general information about the forests, and maps showing the locations of each forest and ranger district. We also encourage you as you plan ahead for activities to contact your local district office, to learn more about the area.

Thank you again, for your service. Remember to plan ahead, prepare, and be safe as you explore Americas Great Outdoors with your youth! Please visit this website <http://www.fs.usda.gov/r4> for more detailed information about the National Forests in Utah and other helpful links. The left side of the home page links to each National Forest you are planning to visit.

Sincerely,

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