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Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument News

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Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument will commemorate National Public Lands Day this Saturday, September 26, 2015 by offering the public a geocaching-style driving route.

Participants will drive their own vehicles on the route to meet resource specialists at eight sites in the monument where they will learn about some of its special places.

To participate, be at the orientation station between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. at the junction of S. River Road and Hwy 7. To reach the starting point from I-15, take Exit 2 east for about two miles on Hwy 7 to the River Road/Quail Hill exit. The orientation staff will be there to give out instructions and GPS locations for stops on the route. Participants travel the route on their own at their own pace. At each stop participants will meet resource specialists who will provide short talks on preservation projects, forest ecology, Arizona Strip settlement, archeology, and more. It is anticipated that completion of the 120 mile round trip route will take approximately eight hours. Participants are responsible for their own transportation, food, and water.

The route is unpaved and it is recommended that a high clearance four-wheel drive vehicle with tires designed for off-pavement travel be used. Before entering the monument, be prepared for adverse conditions. Potential hazards include rough, unmarked backroads, poisonous reptiles and insects, high heat, and flash floods. There is no cell service in the monument. All operators and vehicles, including ATV's, must be licensed for use on County roads in Arizona.

National Public Lands Day provides an opportunity for Americans to learn about the environment, natural resources, and the need for shared stewardship to preserve the qualities of these irreplaceable lands.

Contact Amber Franklin at 435-688-3298 or Jeff Axel 435-688-3377 for additional information.

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Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument contains over a million acres of vast, remote and sparsely developed lands that are co-managed under a Service First Agreement by the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service to conserve in perpetuity the cultural and natural features and values.