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Don't Get Caught in the Cold—Utahns Urged to Prepare For Winter Weather

Governor Huntsman Declares Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Winter Weather Preparedness Week

SALT LAKE CITY- Governor Jon Huntsman, Jr. has declared Oct. 30-Nov. 5, 2005 as Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Utah.

This week is an excellent time for families, businesses, schools and media outlets to learn more about winter weather terms and safety rules and review their winter storm preparedness plans.

The National Weather Service, in partnership with the Utah Department of Public Safety, Forest Service Utah Avalanche Center, Utah Department of Transportation, the four Utah chapters of the American Red Cross, Utah State Parks and Recreation and the Utah State Board of Education will provide winter weather preparedness information throughout the week. Daily news releases will be issued and broadcast on (NOAA) Weather Radio All Hazards. These releases will feature winter weather tips and potential story ideas for the media. Daily topics will include:

Tuesday: Winter Travel Safety - Utah Department of Transportation
Wednesday: Winter Weather Terms…What to Listen For - National Weather Service
Thursday: Avalanche Safety - Utah State Parks and Recreation and Forest Service Utah Avalanche Center
Friday: Are you ready for a Winter Storm? - American Red Cross

A copy of the Governor's declaration as well as a special Winter Weather Preparedness Week publication will be posted on the following web sites:

National Weather Service, Salt Lake City: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/slc/wxsafety

Utah Division of Emergency Services and Homeland Security: http://www.des.utah.gov

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