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Ultra, Shell and Questar Support Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo

CASPER – In addition to their work to conserve wildlife on the Pinedale Anticline, Ultra Resources Inc., Shell Exploration and Production Company, and Questar Exploration and Production are cooperating in a different arena to benefit wildlife, hunting and fishing by co-sponsoring the Wyoming Hunting & Fishing Heritage Expo.

The Expo, to be held Sept. 7-9 at the Casper Events Center and surrounding shooting complexes, is a free educational event for all ages and skill levels featuring activities like shooting, fishing, canoeing and archery. The event provides more than 150 hands-on activities, exhibits and demonstrations designed to help more people understand and participate in Wyoming's hunting, fishing and wildlife watching heritage. The Expo is hosted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

"The Hunting and Fishing Heritage Expo has the power to shape future generations of Wyoming outdoorsmen. Hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation are important to Wyoming's culture and the Game and Fish does an excellent job of promoting responsible stewardship of the land that we all use," said Diana Hoff, General Manager of the Pinedale Division for Questar.

Ultra, Shell and Questar are energy companies operating on the Pinedale Anticline. Each of the companies donated \$2,000 to the Expo, and will co-host an informational and educational booth at the event.

"Working with the Game and Fish to support this Expo was important to us because the Pinedale Anticline is home to an abundant wildlife population. It's also home to a world-class natural gas resource and we want the public to understand that wildlife conservation and energy development can coexist. This event gives the public an opportunity to learn more about both," said John Bickley, Development Manger for Shell.

"We want everyone to understand the importance of wildlife and wildlife habitat to Wyoming and to have the chance to learn outdoor skills and stewardship," explained Wendy Hayes, conservation education manager for the Game and Fish and coordinator of the Expo. "We're excited that Ultra, Shell and Questar are participating as Expo sponsors, and helping to introduce the outdoor ethic to a new generation of Wyoming residents. This also helps keep the Expo a free event for everyone."

"Traditionally, energy companies have directed their funds to mitigation efforts and on-the-ground projects to improve habitat or help species directly," said Hayes. "Those dollars continue to be critical to our wildlife, but Game and Fish is also excited to see increased support for education and outreach efforts such as the Expo. We want to make sure the next generation understands the importance of wildlife and has a chance to become part of Wyoming's hunting and fishing heritage."

More than 121,000 people have attended the Expo in the past nine years. Expo hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 8, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 9. For more information, visit the Game and Fish's Web site at <http://gf.state.wy.us> or call 1-888-EXPO-WYO.

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