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## BLM Ranger Investigates Illegal Camping

**Cedar City, UT:** In recent months, there have been many locations where people have left their camping trailers on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands. While there are many reasons for these occurrences, camping falls under a long-standing rule. This rule limits camping to 14 days in one location within a 28-day period. A trailer left beyond the 14 days is in trespass and may be removed.

BLM Ranger Scott Lowrey said, “While I am new to Iron and Beaver County, I understand there may be many reasons for leaving a trailer past the 14-day camping limit. These might include setting up hunting camps early in favorite spots, not wanting to tow trailers over rough roads, and being able to go back to the same spot with family and friends and have everything set up.”

“Camping is a temporary use of the land. The Bureau of Land Management has a long-standing rule, in effect throughout the State of Utah, limiting camping stays to 14 days out of 28 days. After a camp has been occupied for 14 days, the camp must be moved at least 30 miles,” said Lowrey.

Many long-term users make improvements that do not follow the temporary nature of camping. With dispersed camping, the impact is spread over a larger area, fuel wood is readily available, popular sites are accessible to more people and the camper experiences new places, said Lowrey.

According to Ranger Lowrey, the draw of BLM land is people can pick their own spot to camp on a first-come first-served basis. The camping limit is in effect to be fair and allow free access to prime sites. Trailers left unattended may be prone to vandalism and theft.

Lowrey said some camping trailers located near Buckhorn Springs in Beaver County have not been registered for more than 10 years. Since owners can't be found for these vehicles and they have been recorded in the area for months, they may be posted in trespass and later seized and removed.

For more information about camping please contact the Bureau of Land Management at 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah, or telephone (435) 586-2401.