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**TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY ANNOUNCES DONATION FOR TRAIL
WORK IN PRESCOTT NATIONAL FOREST**
FUNDING PROVIDED THROUGH AQHA TRAIL PRESERVATION PROGRAM

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (date) – Tractor Supply Company recently announced it will fund the construction of a new multi-use trail in Prescott National Forest through a donation to the Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona. The funds from Tractor Supply were donated through an American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) trail conservation program that launched in May.

The Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona made the sponsorship request through the **STEP** (Stewards for *T*rails, *E*ducation and *P*artnerships) program to increase the trail riding opportunities within Prescott National Forest which currently offers nearly 450 miles of trails that can be used year round for horseback riding, hiking, backpacking or mountain biking.

“We’re very grateful for the partnerships we have with Tractor Supply and the American Quarter Horse Association,” said Gayle Higgs, spokesperson for the Back County Horsemen of Central Arizona. “Their support enables us to provide additional recreational opportunities for those who want to enjoy all of the scenic beauty that Prescott National Forest has to offer.”

The **STEP** program allows groups and individuals to submit proposals for projects that fund and generate awareness for trail conservation projects nationwide. A committee consisting of officials from AQHA, Tractor Supply, Equestrian Land Conservation Resource and National Forest Service reviews each individual proposal, selects the individual projects for funding, and assists in organizing volunteers for the completion of the approved projects. Forms for submitting trail conservation projects and additional information can be found at www.ridegreen.aqha.com.

“Tractor Supply’s funding of this project through the **STEP** program enables us to build and strengthen our relationship with equestrian groups and horse owners,” said Jonathan Swiskow, director of marketing at Tractor Supply. “Through this donation, we hope to not only generate awareness about preserving riding trails for our customers, but also stress the importance of environmental stewardship and land conservation for future generations.”

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Construction of the new trail is scheduled to begin in February 2010.

Tractor Supply Company, listed on the NASDAQ Stock Exchange as TSCO, operates more than 830 stores in 44 states. Tractor Supply Company stores are focused on supplying the lifestyle needs of recreational farmers and ranchers. The company also serves the maintenance needs of those who enjoy the rural lifestyle, as well as tradesmen and small businesses. Tractor Supply Company stores are located in the outlying towns in major metropolitan markets and in rural communities. The company offers a comprehensive selection of merchandise for the health, care, growth and containment of horses, livestock and pets; a broad selection of agricultural products; and tools and hardware selected for our customers' needs. In addition, the company sells light truck equipment, work clothing for the entire family, and an extensive line of seasonal products including lawn and garden power equipment products. For more information on Tractor Supply, access the website at www.TractorSupply.com.

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