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No-Fee Coalition Launches Toilet Paper Campaign At Durango Post Office

Members of the Western Slope No-Fee Coalition gathered at the Durango main post office recently to mail more than a dozen rolls of toilet paper to Representative Jim Hansen (R-UT), chairman of the House Resources Committee. The rolls are intended to highlight Congress’s failure to provide adequate funds for basic maintenance on public lands, such as toilet cleaning and garbage collection, forcing the Forest Service and other federal land agencies to rely on entry fees to meet their day-to-day land management needs.

After confirming with postal staff that no outer box is required, the Fee Demo opponents taped letters of explanation to the outside of the rolls, purchased postage, and forwarded them to the Congressman’s Ogden office. Numerous passersby stopped to observe the unusual mass mailing and several added their names to a roll or two.

The Coalition will be collecting more donated rolls at their rally in Santa Rita Park this Saturday, June 15. The rally is part of the National Day of Action against Fee Demo, when groups throughout the country will be holding events to increase public awareness about the widely unpopular program. Toilet paper donors can drop off their rolls between 9 AM and noon. The rally at 10 AM will feature state legislators Kay Alexander and Jim Isgar, who recently sponsored a successful resolution opposing Fee Demo in the Colorado State Legislature.

[Photos enclosed]