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Explore Space with Smokey Bear, August 15th

MYLES STANDISH STATE FOREST, Mass – Join Smokey Bear as he explores the stars with NASA's Cosmo the astronaut at Myles Standish State Forest.

This event commemorates Smokey Bear's history-making journey into space, as he accompanies NASA astronaut Joe Acaba in the International Space Station.

The public is invited to attend this free event and learn about space, wildfire, and how NASA and the U.S. Forest Service work together for the conservation of trees, water, and natural resources.

When: Wednesday, August 15, 2012, 6-10 p.m.

Where: Field area behind the headquarters and interpretative center, Myles Standish State Forest, 196 Cranberry Road, S. Carver, MA 02366

Photo and video opportunities:

- 6:45 p.m. as Smokey Bear meets NASA's Cosmo.
- Hundreds of Boy Scouts and campers from the Massachusetts' Urban Youth Development Initiative, engaged in activity stations, star gazing, and viewing of the International Space State as it passes in the night sky.

In attendance will be:

- Smokey Bear
- Cosmo, the NASA mascot
- Mike Foreman, NASA astronaut
- Edward Lambert Jr., MA DCR commissioner
- Jessie Scott, US Forest Service Boston urban connections coordinator

This event is co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, NASA Johnson Space Center, and the US Forest Service.

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