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**WEYERHAEUSER AWARDS DREAM ADAPTIVE RECREATION, INC.  
\$10,000 GRANT FOR SUMMER WATER SPORTS PROGRAM**

Whitefish, Mont. (June 16, 2017) - DREAM Adaptive Recreation, Inc. has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from The Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund to help fund the non-profit's Summer Water Sports Program. The grant will be used to help defray the costs of the program, which aims to enhance the quality of life of individuals with disabilities by providing outdoor adaptive recreational opportunities.

"Industry research has shown that physical activity builds confidence, improves self-esteem and encourages independence. We are honored to receive this generous grant and excited Weyerhaeuser is supporting our desire to break down barriers and ensure community members of all abilities have access to outdoor recreation," DREAM Interim Executive Director Julie Tickle stated.

The DREAM Summer Water Sports Program will take place July 11th-14th, 2017 at The Thompsons' private residence on Echo Lake in Bigfork. July 11th-13th is open to all individuals with disabilities and their families. July 14th is reserved for Military Veterans with disabilities and their families. Activities will include adaptive water skiing, wake boarding, knee boarding, tubing, paddle boarding, kayaking, boating and swimming. No previous experience is required as staff and volunteers will help make this free event fun and memorable.

"The mission of the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund is to improve the quality of life in communities where Weyerhaeuser has a presence. Since 1948, the company's philanthropy directed more than \$228 million to the communities where Weyerhaeuser employees work, live and play," explains Weyerhaeuser Montana Resource Manager Tom Ray.

Weyerhaeuser currently operates three mills in Montana: a lumber mill in Kalispell, a plywood mill in Kalispell and a medium-density fiberboard mill in Columbia Falls. There are currently almost 600 people employed by Weyerhaeuser in the state of Montana.

To learn more about the DREAM Adaptive Summer Program and ways to become involved, please contact the office at (406) 862-1817 or visit [www.dreamadaptive.org](http://www.dreamadaptive.org).

**About Weyerhaeuser**

Weyerhaeuser Company, one of the world's largest private owners of timberlands, began operations in 1900. We own or control more than 13 million acres of timberlands, primarily in the U.S., and manage additional timberlands under long-term licenses in Canada. We manage these timberlands on a sustainable basis in compliance with internationally recognized forestry standards. We are also one of the largest manufacturers of wood products. Our company is a real estate investment trust. In February 2016, we merged with Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. In 2015, Weyerhaeuser and Plum Creek, on a combined basis, generated approximately \$8.5 billion in net sales and employed nearly 14 thousand people who serve customers worldwide. We are listed on the Dow Jones World Sustainability Index. Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol WY. Learn more at [www.weyerhaeuser.com](http://www.weyerhaeuser.com).

## **About DREAM Adaptive**

DREAM was founded in 1985, five years before the Americans with Disabilities Act was enacted by Congress. We were founded by group of passionate Flathead residents who banded together to make outdoor activities more accessible to individuals with disabilities. One of the first projects was working with Glacier National Park to create the wheelchair accessible, "Trail of the Cedars" hiking path. Over the past thirty years we have grown to include a successful adaptive ski and snowboarding program that currently provides over 1,000 lessons per season at Whitefish Mountain Resort. We continue to grow and explore new activities to increase the accessible recreation opportunities for our community and in 2009 our summer water sports program was created. Individuals of all ages and abilities are eligible for our programs, including those with orthopedic, spinal cord, neuromuscular, visual and hearing impairments, amputations, and cognitive and developmental disabilities. DREAM is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Learn more at: [www.dreamadaptive.org](http://www.dreamadaptive.org).