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PRESS RELEASE

Re: Grand Opening of the Low Gap Park “Running Free Dog Park” Dedicated to Thomas H. Hubbs – March 20, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.

The General Services Agency proudly announces the Grand Opening of the Low Gap Park “Running Free Dog Park” dedicated to former General Services Agency employee Thomas H. Hubbs.

The Low Gap Park is located in the west hills of Ukiah, just across Low Gap Road from Ukiah High School. The 80-acre park is situated along Orr Creek and is very popular with local residents and visitors alike. The park boasts tennis courts, two playground areas, a covered picnic area and barbeque pits, a disc golf course, an amphitheater, archery range, horseshoe pits, many hiking and nature trails, and the dog park. The dog park is located up the paved walkway into the park near the disc golf course and features two fenced areas separated for large dogs and small/shy dogs, drinking fountains, agility equipment, bench seating and an information kiosk. Low Gap Dog Park is the result of a cooperative effort of the Low Gap Dog Park Citizen Committee, the County of Mendocino, the City of Ukiah, and the generosity of the citizens and businesses in the community.

“It is an honor to be a part of the grand opening of the Low Gap Running Free Dog Park; along with recognizing and honoring a much loved former County employee, Tom Hubbs. I truly hope that citizens of Mendocino County come out for this special occasion and bring their furry friends to enjoy this day as well as days in the future. This Dog Park has been a long time coming community enhancement,” said Supervisor Carre Brown.

Tom Hubbs began working for the County in 1984 as a Buildings & Grounds Custodian. Tom previously worked for CDF as a firefighter and assisted in the design and installation of sprinkler systems at the CDF stations in Ukiah, Hopland, and Willits. From the beginning of Tom’s County service, even while working as a custodian, Tom had always wanted a groundskeeping position working to improve the Parks and Grounds of the County.

Tom began as a Groundskeeper in 1996, where he maintained the parks and grounds, of which he received many “atta-boys” from County employees as well as from the general public. Tom took great joy and pride in his job maintaining all of the County’s Parks.

Tom passed away at his home in Redwood Valley with his family by his side, on April 4, 2007 of cancer. Please join GSA in dedicating, per Tom’s wishes, “Running Free Dog Park” on March 20, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.

“The General Services Agency assists in providing the foundation upon which County Government is built”