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For Immediate ReleasePublic is Invited to NCAR Site on Earth Day

Boulder, Colo. -- In observance of Earth Day--April 22--the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) has invited everyone who is interested to visit its mesa-top site in southwest Boulder, and to walk around the mesa, either on their own or with guides from the NCAR staff who will discuss the natural features of the site with the visitors.

According to NCAR's director, Dr. John W. Firor, "We searched for some contribution that NCAR could make to Earth Day that would add to, rather than simply duplicate, the many plans already underway in the community. Our directors decided that, weather permitting, the public would be invited to visit NCAR on Earth Day, to walk around the mesa and into the foothills, and to discuss the natural features of the site with some of our staff members. One sees beauty from our site--relatively untouched land and mountains. One also sees the mute testimony of the old stone quarry on the face of the Flatirons, testimony to the irreversibility of some of man's hasty activities."

Dr. Firor pointed out that the NCAR site is always open to the public, and that hikers are welcome not only on Earth Day, but at any time. The NCAR site joins the Boulder Mountain Parks on the west, and is a good starting point for hiking into the foothills and the mountains. Hikers are welcome to leave their cars in the NCAR parking area during daylight hours.

If weather permits, the walks on the mesa will start every hour on the hour from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Earth Day--Wednesday, April 22. Visitors who want to join one of these walks should check in with the receptionist at the NCAR Mesa Laboratory, who will put them in touch with their guide.

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