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### **Annual Narrow Gauge Days Celebration Kicks off Railroad's Summer Season**

Durango, CO –The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad will kick off the opening of summer service to Silverton with the annual Narrow Gauge Days celebration in front of the Durango depot. This free community event will be held on Friday, May 5, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to a complimentary picnic and a performance by the Bar D Wranglers, the railroad will debut its newest addition, the historically reconstructed Silver Vista car. Smokey Bear and the San Juan Mountains Association will be part of the picnic in front of the depot to meet and greet guests and provide fire safety information.

The D&SNGRR begins service to Silverton on Saturday, May 6 at 8:15 a.m., with the first train to Silverton arriving at 11:45 a.m. Known as “Silverton Salutations,” this event involves the community to make it a festive celebration. The D&SNGRR management will host a complimentary continental breakfast in the Silverton depot at 10<sup>th</sup> & Animas Streets in Silverton from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The Silverton Brass Band will provide entertainment to welcome the first train into town.

The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> year, has been in continuous operation since 1881. The D&SNGRR operates authentic coal-fired, steam-powered locomotives through the remote wilderness of the San Juan National Forest.

For the complete summer schedule, rates, and special events, log onto [www.durangotrain.com](http://www.durangotrain.com) or call 1-888-TRAIN-07 (872-4607).

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