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New Report: As U.S. Population Reaches 300 Million-- Major Environmental Impacts Show Vanishing Species, Land & Water, Climate Changes

BRIEFING for REPORTERS

WHEN:

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BACKGROUND:

A new groundbreaking report is being released that shows scientific evidence for the U.S. population's widespread environmental impacts. As the U.S. reaches 300 million people for the first time this fall, another "first" emerges -- the nation's biggest ever *per-capita environmental impact*.

The new ***"U.S. National Report on Population and the Environment"***, the first report of its kind, documents *both* the nation's unprecedented population changes, *and*, how they are linked to equally remarkable environmental impacts across the country. The science-based report uniquely shows trends in the nation's:

=population growth, density, movement, factors like age/income, and "per-capita" resource consumption, and how they are associated with:

=water use and quality

=land use changes and development

=biodiversity, habitat loss

=forest, fishery and wildlife patterns

=climate change and energy use

=disposal of solid and toxic waste

The report shows how the U.S. has become a **"super-size metro nation", with high population growth and high resource use, resulting in national, regional and local environmental changes**, and how:

=The U.S. is the *only* industrialized nation in the world experiencing *significant population growth*;

=It has the *largest per-capita* environmental impact in the world;

=The report identifies, for the first time, the South and the West as the nation's *"Population & Environment Hot Spots"*

=What the trends are and why they are important for the nation, and the world, and;

=What the report means for U.S. leaders now and for the nation's future.

A PDF file of the report is available on www.cepnet.org. Hardcopy available on request. ***This report shows national, regional, and state-by-state trends***, and is part of the *U.S. Reports on Population and the Environment* series published by the Center for Environment and Population (CEP).

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