

## NIC Inc. and Wayne National Forest Launch Digital Permits

*Trails open April 15; visitors can now purchase digital permits through "YourPassNow"*

OLATHE, Kan. - The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and digital government services provider NIC Inc. (NASDAQ: EGOV) are offering a new paper-free, smartphone-enabled method for visitors to pay recreation fees at Wayne National Forest through an online service called "YourPassNow." Wayne National Forest trails open April 15, 2017, and trail uses other than hiking requires a permit. This year visitors will have the option of purchasing and presenting permits digitally through YourPassNow.

YourPassNow simplifies the process of paying for permits by allowing visitors the opportunity to purchase them online with no additional fees. Visitors can present their permit immediately, store it on their mobile device for later or print it.

"The 'YourPassNow' online permit system is a great way for visitors to purchase their trail permit from the convenience of their home or smartphone. It is available anytime and provides an additional purchase option for those who do not wish to wait for our office or participating store vendors to open," said Wayne National Forest Supervisor Anthony Scardina.

"NIC is pleased to be working with Wayne National Forest on the delivery of digital specialty permits," said Sandi Miller, YourPassNow General Manager. "NIC is committed to making government interactions more efficient and convenient. YourPassNow delivers on this commitment by providing easy digital access to our public lands."

### **About YourPassNow**

"YourPassNow" was developed by NIC Inc. in conjunction with the National Park Service. YourPassNow is a pilot program which allows visitors the opportunity to purchase entrance passes and specialty permits electronically. YourPassNow streamlines a paper-based purchase process that was previously only available at physical locations or approved resellers. YourPassNow provides a new level of convenience and flexibility to federal lands' visitors. For more information, please visit <https://www.YourPassNow.com>.

### **About NIC**

Founded in 1992, NIC Inc. (NASDAQ: EGOV) is celebrating 25 years as the nation's premier provider of innovative digital government solutions and secure payment processing, which help make government interactions more accessible for everyone through technology. The family of NIC companies has developed a library of more than 13,000 digital government services for more than 5,500 federal, state, and local government agencies. More information is available at [www.egov.com](http://www.egov.com).

### **About the U.S. Forest Service**

The U.S. Forest Service manages and protects 154 national forests and 20 grasslands in 43 states and Puerto Rico. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. Learn more about the USFS at <https://www.fs.fed.us/>. The Forest Service manages National Forest lands in the National Scenic Area. Learn more at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/crgnsa>.

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