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### San Juan, PR **El Yunque** Receives Education Award

San Juan, PR (March 1st, 2007)- The Caribbean National Forest-El Yunque has been awarded the **Partner of the Year** Award by the Global Environmental Teachings Program (GET) at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. This award is in recognition of their dedication to teacher professional development during three teacher exchanges in 2004, 2005, and 2006. It is because of the time the staff spends with the teachers during their 3-day visit to El Yunque that the teachers walk away with a better understanding and appreciation for Puerto Rico's tropical forests. For some, it is their first experience in a tropical forest. One teacher wrote, "I very much enjoyed the interpretive hikes & information from Jafet, Blanca, & Joe Wunderle. All superb!" The Caribbean National Forest-El Yunque received this award because of their expertise in outreach and education.

The Global Environmental Teachings Program is a non-profit organization that aims to advance environmental education worldwide through students and educators. The Puerto Rico teacher exchange connects educators from Wisconsin and Puerto Rico, and subsequently fosters friendships that enhance international environmental education in Wisconsin and Puerto Rican classrooms.

GET is a collaborative effort between the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education and the Global Environmental Management Education Center, which are both based out of the College of Natural Resources at the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point.

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