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**Heart Mountain Interpretive Center Opens Juvenile Confinement Exhibit,
Prepares for Legal Conference**

A site of Japanese American confinement in Wyoming during World War II takes on the topic of juvenile confinement in America today in a recently opened exhibit at the Heart Mountain World War II Japanese American Confinement Site between Cody and Powell.

The award-winning *Juvenile in Justice* exhibit is on display in the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center gallery and features photography from Richard Ross, an activist and artist committed to educating the public about the conditions of the Juvenile Justice System in America.

Juvenile in Justice is a project that documents the placement and treatment of American juveniles housed by law in facilities that treat, confine, punish, assist and, occasionally, harm them. The entire exhibit includes images of over 1,000 juveniles and administrators over 200 facilities in 31 states in the U.S. plus extensive information collected from interviews. The Heart Mountain Interpretive Center will be displaying 30 of these images in its Ford Foundation Special Exhibition Area until the end of June. The hope is that by seeing these images, people will have a better understanding of the existing conditions of our juvenile confinement system. Children's identities are always protected and faces are never shown in the images.

"America locks up more of its children than any other developed nation," noted The Guardian newspaper in November 2012. "Only 12% of the nearly 150,000 are for violent crimes. Photographer Richard Ross goes behind the barbed wire to capture the lives of prisoners as young as 10 years old."

According to the American Correctional Association, the average cost to incarcerate a juvenile for a 9 – 12 month period is between \$66,000 and \$88,000. *Juvenile In Justice* is a unique source for images of the American juvenile justice system, which are made available to institutions and nonprofits aimed at youth justice system reform – including the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Campaign for Youth Justice, Equal Justice Initiative, Southern Poverty Law Center, and the Juvenile Justice Information Exchange.

The exhibit is being displayed in conjunction with the upcoming National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts Annual Meeting this summer. The Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation (HMWF), which manages the Heart Mountain World War II Confinement site, is hosting the event in Cody, June 25–28. Judges, lawyers, scholars and officers of the court from across the country will attend the event, which is being held for the first time in the Rocky Mountain West.

The HMWF sees the upcoming event—as well as the *Juvenile in Justice* exhibit—as opportunities to advance discussion about social justice issues in America today. “Not only will we take part in a larger dialogue about the issues facing minorities in our courts and how we can improve our justice system, we will also share the story of Heart Mountain with people who will play a considerable role in ensuring that what happened here never happens again, said HMWF Board Chair, Shirley Ann Higuchi.

Located between Cody and Powell on Highway 14a, the Heart Mountain World War II Japanese Confinement Site features the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center, which is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for seniors and students and children under 12 are free. For more information please call (307) 754-8000 or visit www.HeartMountain.org.