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## **Utah Governor Huntsman Welcomes Back Monster Energy® Supercross to Rice-Eccles Stadium**

**AURORA, Ill.** (April 17, 2009) – Feld Motor Sports announced today that Utah Governor Jon Huntsman will speak at a press conference Thursday, April 23 at 11:00 a.m. to welcome back Monster Energy® Supercross, an FIM World Championship, to Salt Lake City’s Rice-Eccles Stadium for the first time since 2004. The newly added Monster Energy® Supercross tour stop will take place April 25th, featuring the AMA Supercross class title chase between James Stewart and Chad Reed and the final race of the Western Regional AMA Supercross Lites class championship between front runners Ryan Dungey and Jake Weimer.

Following the press conference, Governor Huntsman will join Honda Red Bull Racing’s Ivan Tedesco, Davi Millsaps and Andrew Short; Yamaha’s Josh Hill and Broc Hepler; Muscle Milk/MDK/KTM’s Ryan Sipes and Justin Brayton on a celebratory run on the starting lane of the race track, that will be built with more than 500 truckloads of dirt that will be dumped on the field of Rice-Eccles Stadium.

“It’s terrific that one of the premier motor sports events in the world is coming back to Utah that will not only showcase our state to a nationally televised audience, but will also provide an estimated \$9 million in economic impact and \$1 million in media value to Utah as well,” said Governor Huntsman.

Jeff Robbins, president and CEO of the Utah Sports Commission added, “Having Monster Energy® Supercross back at Rice-Eccles Stadium is another major accomplishment for us as we continue to establish Utah as one of the top action and extreme sport destinations in the world.”

The first supercross race held at Rice-Eccles Stadium took place in 2001 where 42,135 packed the home of the 2002 Olympic Opening and Closing Ceremonies to watch Ricky Carmichael race to victory. Carmichael holds the all-time AMA Supercross win record in Salt Lake City with two. Stewart holds the all-time AMA Supercross Lites class win record at Salt Lake City with two.

Tickets are available at [www.SupercrossOnline.com](http://www.SupercrossOnline.com), [www.utahtickets.com](http://www.utahtickets.com), by phone at 801-581-UTIX and the Rice-Eccles Box Office. Goldcircle seats are \$40; Mid-Level seats are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids; Treadhead seats are \$10. All seats are \$2 extra on the day of the event. Practice and qualifying times begin at 12:30 PM with the main event beginning at 7:00 PM.

Past Winners in Salt Lake City  
**AMA Supercross Class**

April 24, 2004: Kevin Windham  
April 26, 2003: Chad Reed  
April 27, 2002: Ricky Carmichael  
April 28, 2001: Ricky Carmichael

#### **AMA Supercross Lites Class**

April 24, 2004: Ivan Tedesco  
April 26, 2003: James Stewart  
April 27, 2002: James Stewart  
April 28, 2001: Ernesto Fonseca

For more information on the Monster Energy® AMA Supercross, an FIM World Championship, please log on to [www.SupercrossOnline.com](http://www.SupercrossOnline.com). For all media requests, please contact Denny Hartwig [dhartwig@feldinc.com](mailto:dhartwig@feldinc.com) or 630-566-6305.

#### **About Feld Motor Sports**

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#### **About The Utah Sports Commission**

The Utah Sports Commission is a not-for-profit, 501c3 charitable organization consisting of a statewide coalition of leaders from both public and private spheres throughout Utah. The Commission was created to foster national and international amateur sports competitions held in the state of Utah acting as a catalyst in unifying Utah's sports community and strengthening Utah's presence in the global sports marketplace. The Utah Sports Commission partners with Utah Sports Commission members and sports entities to target and develop bids, coordinate volunteer efforts, and develop sponsorship and promotional opportunities for new sporting events. For further information, visit [www.utahsportscommission.com](http://www.utahsportscommission.com).

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