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## NEWS RELEASE

### ERIKA ANSCHUTZ WINS SPOT ON U.S. WORLD INDOOR ARCHERY TEAM

Sixteen-year-old Erika Anschutz of Grand Island, Nebraska successfully competed in the U.S. World Indoor Archery Team Trials that was held in Hillsboro, Texas on January 15-16, and won a prestigious spot on the U.S. Archery Team. As the youngest member of the elite U.S. Team, Erika will represent the U.S. in both individual and team competitions against other top young women (age 18 and under) from around the globe at the VIII World Indoor Archery Championship in Aalborg, Denmark during March 23-27, 2005.

The U.S. World Indoor Archery Team is comprised of twenty-four men and women archers from across the nation who are divided into eight, three-person teams based on their gender, age (junior division B age 18 and younger, and senior division B age 19 and older) and type of bow used (recurve or compound). Erika will be joined on the junior women's compound bow team by Aprilyn Witt (Wadell, AZ) and Tiffany Reeves (Helena, MT). The U.S. Team is sanctioned by the National Archery Association (NAA) and will be led by a veteran coaching staff, experienced in international archery competition.

This is the fourth U.S. World Archery Team that Erika has qualified for since 2002. During August 2002, she traveled with the U.S. Team to Nymburk, Czech Republic for the VII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championships and established a new world record score while winning the gold medal in the individual compound bow competition for cadet women (age 16 and under). Less than one year later, Erika was the youngest member of the U.S. Team that went to Nimes, France during March 2003 for the VII World Indoor Archery Championship. While in France, she competed in the junior women compound bow division and won her second and third world titles with first and second place finishes in the team and individual competitions, respectively. In July 2004, Erika accompanied the U.S. Team on its trip to Lilleshall, Great Britain for the VIII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship where she laid claim to her fourth and fifth world titles with gold and bronze medals being won in each the team and individual competitions, respectively.

For detailed information about Erika's results at the recent U.S. World Indoor Archery Team Trials competition and to learn more about the U.S. Archery Team, please visit the NAA's website at <http://www.usarchery.org/>. Additional information about the upcoming VIII World Indoor Archery Championship may also be obtained by visiting the following website: <http://www.aabl.dk/>

Erika is a sophomore at Grand Island Senior High School. In addition to archery, she

enjoys listening to music, watching movies, and spending time with her family and friends. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz. Steve is employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Grand Island, while Jurita owns and operates a home-based health and wellness business.