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**SPOT Intros 'Shared Pages' for GPS Social Networking**

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SPOT announced the Beta release of its new "shared pages" offering, a Web-based application that allows users to share their GPS location waypoints and SPOT messages with others. The application works via e-mail and users can designate up to ten e-mail or cell phone addresses to receive messages directly.

The new offering builds on the functionality of SPOT Satellite Messenger, which uses the GPS satellite network to acquire its coordinates, and then sends its location — with a link to Google (News - Alert) Maps — and a pre-programmed message via a commercial satellite network. This enables users who are outside cell coverage for long periods of time to send messages in real time.

Now, with SPOT shared pages, users can create, manage and share their SPOT messages, with enhanced GPS waypoints, anywhere in the world, for anyone online to track the SPOT user's progress.

"Shared pages are an answer to the tremendous response we've seen from all of the adventure racers, hikers, bikers, hunters, boaters, and pilots who can now broadcast their waypoint history to anyone with a Web connection," said Darren Bassel, marketing director for SPOT, in a statement. "SPOT shared pages takes social networking into the real world since SPOT subscribers can update others over the web with a single button push from virtually anywhere."

The SPOT shared pages service is free for SPOT subscribers. The user creates his or her shared page, chooses what information is to be displayed, and e-mails a Web link to friends and family who can view the SPOT messages whether they have a SPOT account or not. A user can create multiple shared pages and one or more SPOT Messengers can be shared.

At present, shared pages can display the last 24 hours of any subscriber's SPOT data but will eventually allow users to share up to seven days' worth of information, the company said. Shared pages can be either password protected for limited access or available to the general public without restriction.

SPOT is a subsidiary of Globalstar (News - Alert), and provides potentially lifesaving communications technology that functions independently from cellular phone or wireless coverage and allows users to communicate from remote locations around the globe.

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