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**COUNTRY THUNDER TO KICK-OFF FESTIVAL WITH A PARTY
THAT WILL BRING ALL MUSIC LOVERS TO SING ABOUT A 'REGGAE COWBOY' AND A 'REDNECK GIRL', AND
LEAVE SAYING 'IMAGINE THAT'**

Bellamy Brothers and Diamond Rio hit the Moon Saloon
on Wednesday, April 1st

Jack Ingram, Tracy Lawrence, Heidi Newfield, Jason Michael Carroll and
The Lost Trailers added to perform on Main Stage

Florence, AZ – At a time when gas, movie, and concert prices are at a high, it's comforting to know that live music, while remaining at a premium, doesn't have to break the bank. The 2009 Country Thunder festival offering its 'layaway' plan available at www.countrythunder.com is bringing the best value for music lovers and country fans throughout the Southwest.



Brian Andrews, producer of Country Thunder, announced the lineup for the Moon Saloon's kick-off party which will include hit-makers Bellamy Brothers and Diamond Rio. In addition, Tracy Lawrence, Jason Michael Carroll, and Heidi Newfield were added to Friday's lineup and The Lost Trailers and Jack Ingram were added to Saturday's lineup.

"We are very happy with the kick-off party talent, and the combination of artists we are adding to the lineup as it brings something for all fans," adds Andrews. "We still have more acts to announce in the coming weeks."

Tim McGraw, Alan Jackson, Montgomery Gentry, Blake Shelton, Zac Brown Band, Keith Anderson, Little Big Town, Rodney Atkins, Neal McCoy, and festival hosts Williams & Ree will all be taking the stage without taking your paycheck!

Complete tickets and camping package information is available online at www.countrythunder.com