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To: All California Offices

From: State Director

Subject: Fiscal Year 2005 Recreation Management and NLCS Workshop

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Fiscal Year 2005 Recreation Management and NLCS Workshop scheduled for January 10 – 14, 2005. The Workshop will be hosted by the Bakersfield Field Office at the Doubletree Hotel in Bakersfield. The timing for this workshop is critical due to significant shifts nationally in how the BLM conducts business in the Recreation and NLCS Programs.

The shifts have resulted in significant changes to how the BLM does business in the recreation program, in fact, due to many of these shifts, recreation management has become one of the top priorities in the BLM and is within the top 4 priorities for the Department. Some of the shifts affecting the Recreation Management and Programs include:

1. Approving the BLM's Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services by the ELT and Directorate
2. Developing the Unified Strategy for Recreation, Tourism and Visitor Services for Congress
3. Listening and receiving feedback from more than 65 national level constituencies and leaders at the Director's National Recreation Forum for the purpose of listening and providing feedback on the BLM's recreation management program
4. Development of draft planning guidance that represents a significant change in how recreation is planned for in RMP level documents
5. Development of new travel planning guidance for RMP level documents
6. Hiring of a new Recreation Program Group Manager in the Washington Office, bringing a shift in management and programmatic direction
7. Re-structuring of the Washington Office Recreation Program functions into Leadership Teams that will be integrated with the States and Field
8. Approval of the 2930 regulations for Recreation Permitting on Public Land

These are only a few of the significant changes affecting and shifting the focus of the recreation programs nationally.

In regards to issues facing the NLCS program that need discussion and potential resolution at the workshop include:

1. Proper distribution of funding to each of the NLCS areas
2. Strategies for implementing recently completed NLCS plans
3. Dealing with NLCS/wilderness issues as part of the planning process
4. Developing strategies for promoting holistic wilderness management in contrast to custodial wilderness boundary management for each of wilderness areas.

Audience: The intended audience includes: Outdoor Recreation Planners, Park Rangers, Recreation Technicians, Interpretive Specialists, Wilderness Coordinators, NLCS Staff, Engineering and Maintenance Staff, Law Enforcement and Management and any other recreation-related staff. Each Office is requested to send a minimum of 2 participants to the workshop.

Workshop Format: The format is a traditional format with a half day travel on a Monday, ending the workshop on Thursday afternoon. The workshop would have plenary sessions in the morning of interest to all participants and breakout sessions in the afternoon for program specific needs. Field trips would be offered mid week. In addition, a trade and exhibit show would be available for BLM Field Offices, constituents and vendors involved with the BLM. See Attachment 1 for draft agenda.

Cost: The California State Office plans to pay the per diem costs, on site in Bakersfield, for up to two participants in recreation management and one participant wilderness management per field office. Additional participants must be covered by the affected field office. Travel to and from the workshop site is the responsibility of the each field office.

Logistics: The workshop will be hosted at the Doubletree Hotel, located at 3100 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield, CA 93308, 661-323-7111. When making reservations, participants should request government rates and the block of rooms under the BLM's Recreation Management Workshop. The cutoff date for reservations is December 17, 2004.

Recreation/NLCS Expo: We will once again conduct a reception/Expo the first night of the Workshop. Space will be made available at the Hotel for displays and posters depicting the great work of the field. In addition, we will be inviting our partners, vendors and other agencies to participate in this event. A no host reception/pay as you go bar will be available at the Expo. See attachment 2 for information on registering for the Expo. Contact Lesly Smith at (831) 630-5015 for additional information.

Field Trips: We will be offering three field trips to demonstrate different aspects of the recreation, OHV, and NLCS programs. See attachment 3 for field trip information. We request that each participant prioritize their field trip when submitting their workshop nominations.

Non-Monetary Recognition Awards: On Thursday night, after the workshop, we will coordinate an awards dinner. Awards will be given out for the following categories:

- Outstanding Recreation Program Leadership
- Outstanding NLCS Program Leadership
- Outstanding OHV Program Leadership

- Rising Star Award
- Outstanding Group Recognition Award

See attachment 4 for awards nomination information. All nominations for awards must be submitted to Tim Smith or Paul Brink by no later than December 3, 2004

Please contact Tim Smith by no later than December 3, 2004 with nominations for the Workshop. Should you have questions regarding the Workshop, please contact Tim at (916) 978-4644 or Paul at (916)-978-4641.

Signed by:
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State Director

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Attachment 1 – California BLM Statewide Recreation Management and NCLS Workshop Agenda (4 pages)

Attachment 2 – 2005 Recreation and NLCS Workshop Expo Registration (1 page)

Attachment 3 – 2005 Recreation and NLCS Workshop Field Trip Registration (1 page)

Attachment 4 – 2005 Recreation and NLCS Workshop Awards Nomination (1 page)

**CALIFORNIA BLM STATEWIDE
RECREATION MANAGEMENT AND NLCS WORKSHOP**

Time	Location	Agenda
Day 1 - Monday, January 10, 2004		
11:00 - 1:00	Buena Vista	Workshop Registration
1:00 - 1:45		Welcome and introductions: Tim Smith and Paul Brink Workshop Expectations – Mike Pool
1:45 – 2:00		Agency Official Welcome – Local Field Manager
2:00 – 2:30		What are we going to cover during the week including Bin Items: Tim Smith, Paul Brink, Jim Keeler
2:30 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 3:45	Buena Vista	National Direction for the Recreation Program: Don Charpio
3:45 – 4:45		National Direction for the NLCS: Jeff Jarvis
4:45 – 5:00		Close out and comments
	Kern River	Reception and Expo and Poster Session - A time to show your creativity: BLM, User Groups, Vendors, Other Agencies
Day 2 - Tuesday, January 11, 2004		

Time	Location	Recreation	NLCS	OHV
8:00	Buena Vista	The Budget, Workload Measures, Performance Measures, Program Elements - Rob Nauert, Don Charpio		
9:00		BPS and How do We Make it Work – Rob Nauert, Tim Smith		
10:00	Break			
10:15	Buena Vista	What are our Constituencies Saying and Why should we care – Don Charpio + Feedback from Participant from Director’s Forum		
		The BLM’s Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services and the Unified Strategy – Don Charpio and Tim Smith		
12:00	Lunch			
1:00		Special Recreation Permitting – A National Perspective Lee Larson	NLCS Lake Isabella	OHV Lake Ming
2:00		Buena Vista SRPs for Organized Groups – JoAnn Schiffer Burdette Buena Vista	NLCS Lake Isabella	OHV Lake Ming
3:00	Break			
3:15 – 3:45		Recreation Fees – A National Perspective Lee Larson	NLCS Lake Isabella	OHV Lake Ming
3:45 – 5:00		Buena Vista Examples of Fee Programs in California – Tim Smith and Panel Buena Vista		
5:00	End of Day			

Day 3 - Wednesday, January 12, 2004

Time	Location	General Session
8:00	Buena Vista	Round Table Discussion of what is happening around the state
9:00		
10:00		?
11:00		Field Trips
12:00		Carrizo Plain
1:00		Keyesville/Lower Kern River
2:00		Jawbone OHV Area
3:00		
4:00		
5:00	End of Day	

Day 4 - Thursday, January 13, 2004

Time	Location	Track 1	Track 2
8:00	Buena Vista	The Draft Planning Handbook – Appendix C – Recreation Management – Jack Mills, Tim Smith	
9:00			
10:00	Break		
10:30	Buena Vista	Statewide Travel Management Direction – Jim Keeler	
12:00	Lunch		
1:00		Interpretation/EE and LNT Updates	Planning
		Lake Isabella	Buena Vista
2:00		Lake Isabella	
3:00	Break		
3:15		Lake Isabella	Planning
			Buena Vista
5:00	End of Workshop		
6:00	Dinner and awards – to be determined		
7:00			
8:00			

Attachment 2

**2005 Recreation and NLCS Workshop
Bakersfield, California
January 10-14, 2005**

Expo Registration

The Expo is scheduled for the evening of January 10, 2005 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Workshop Room at the Doubletree Hotel. Please complete the following information and forward to:

Lesly Smith
Hollister Field Office

Phone Number: (831) 630-5015
Fax Number: (831) 630-5055

BLM Field Office/Organization Name:

Address:

Phone and Fax Numbers:

email/internet address:

Brief Description of Expo Display:

Approximate Space Needed:

Table or Floor Display:

Other Special Needs (electricity, etc.):

**2005 Recreation and NLCS Workshop
Bakersfield, California
January 12, 2005**

Field Trip Registration

Three Field Trip options are being planned for Wednesday January 12, 2005 from 11:00 - 5:00 p.m. Please review the options and complete the following information and forward to:

Mike Ayers
Bakersfield Field Office

Phone Number: (661) 391-6120
Fax Number: (661) 391-6040

Please indicate your first and second choice field trip options:

_____ **Keyesville/Lower Kern River:** This tour will explore BLM's efforts to manage lands in the Keyesville/Lower Kern River area. The area receives high visitation and has been the recipient of California Department of Boating and Waterways Water Trails Grant Money. Specifically, this field trip will focus on Special Recreation Permits, recreation fees and future planning. WHAT TO BRING: Transportation and a sack lunch.

_____ **Jawbone OHV Management Area:** This tour will explore a range of travel management issues in Keyesville (Caliente Field Office), and in the Jawbone- Butterbrecht ACEC (Ridgecrest.) A stop at Keyesville will demonstrate an increasingly popular area that is being developed for multiple uses including whitewater and OHV management. A field stop in the Jawbone ACEC will demonstrate resource monitoring and restoration, and an additional stop at the Jawbone Station, an OHV contact facility will showcase an active outreach program primarily designed for OHV visitors. .WHAT TO BRING: Transportation and a sack lunch.

_____ **Carrizo Plain National Monument:** This tour of the 250,000-acre National Monument will commence at our Goodwin Education Center in the morning, where staff will provide an overview of the Monument's recreational resources. It will continue with a walking tour to Painted Rock, the most famous Chumash pictograph site and most popular visitor destination on the Monument, or to our historical Saucito Ranch, followed by a tour to Saucito Rocks, which contains some of the best-preserved rock art on the Monument. Another tour possibility could include a visit to Wallace Creek, with interpretation of the San Andreas Fault. Time and weather could limit our potential tour stops. Please come prepared for cold weather and bring a lunch and sturdy shoes!

**2005 Recreation and NLCS Workshop
Bakersfield, California
January 12, 2005**

Awards Nomination

An Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2004 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Awards given out are non-monetary, but are designed to recognize some of the outstanding work being accomplished in the Recreation, OHV and NLCS Programs. We are asking you to nominate individuals for five categories and submit them to Tim Smith by no later than December 3, 2004. To nominate an individual for an award, please follow the attached directions. Please review the attached information and submit your nominations to:

Tim Smith
Paul Brink
California State Office – CA 930

Phone Number: (916) 978-4644
Phone Number (916) 978-4641
Fax Number: (916) 978-4657

- **Outstanding Recreation Program Leadership:** This award is for an individual who has consistently shown strong, innovative leadership in the Recreation Program.
- **Outstanding Wilderness Program Leadership:** This award is for an individual who has consistently shown strong, innovative leadership in the Wilderness Program.
- **Outstanding OHV Program Leadership:** This award is for an individual who has consistently shown strong, innovative leadership in the OHV Program.
- **Rising Start Award:** This award is for an individual who has been with BLM's Recreation, NLCS, or OHV programs for three years or less and has shown initiative and innovation to be a rising star within the organization.
- **Outstanding Group Recognition:** This award is for a Field Office or group that has consistently provided outstanding leadership and products in the Recreation, NLCS, or OHV programs.

For each nomination, please provide the following:

- One paragraph narrative describing the rationale that qualifies this individual or group for the recognition.
- An example of products produced by the individual or group.
- Any other background support that further clarifies the rationale.

There is no specific format for these nominations.