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To: All Field Officials

From: Deputy State Director, Resource Services

Subject: Implementation of the Golden Eagle, Age, and Access Passport Program

Program Area: Recreation Use Permits, Golden Passports

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum (IM) provides additional guidance for the Golden Passport program in Idaho. For updated national guidance for the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access Passport Program, specific documentation requirements for Golden Access Passports, and a short discussion on the National Parks Pass refer to [WO IM No. 2003-183](#).

Policy/Action: This IM provides additional guidance for Idaho field offices related to ordering Golden Passports from the Printed Materials Distribution Service (PMDS) and the Golden Access Passport register and affidavit.

Ordering Golden Passports: The WO IM provides direction on ordering the Golden Passports and the Golden Passport brochure. As in the past, the State Office (ID-933) will order the Golden Eagle, Golden Age, and Golden Access passports for all offices through PMDS. Field office staff responsible for ordering from PMDS may order the new brochure, "Federal Recreation - Pass Programs," as needed to replenish stocks.

Golden Access Passports: As described in the WO IM, Golden Access Passports are a free, lifetime permit issued to citizens or persons domiciled (permanent residents) in the United States regardless of age, who have been medically determined to be blind or permanently disabled and are eligible to receive benefits under Federal law. Note: It is not necessary for an individual to be receiving benefits, only to qualify for benefits.

To receive the Golden Access Passport, the applicant must provide adequate documentation of the disability, including any of the following:

1. A document issued by an office of a Federal agency providing Federal benefits, which attests that the individual has been medically determined to be eligible to receive Federal benefits as a result of blindness or permanent disability. (A Veterans Disability card at the time of discharge may not qualify for proof unless the conditions still apply.)
2. A statement signed by a licensed physician attesting to the fact that the person does have a permanent physical, mental or sensory impairment that severely limits one or more major life activities, as well as states the nature of the condition.
3. An official identification card or certificate issued by a State government entity identifying the person as blind or permanently disabled.
4. An identification card issued by a national or State organization for disabled persons identifying the applicant as blind or permanently disabled.

If the applicant claims eligibility but cannot or refuses to produce the above mentioned forms of documentation, a Golden Access Passport may still be issued if the applicant reads or has read to him/her and signs an affidavit and notice form. For privacy and tracking purposes, Idaho BLM will use a form (Attachment 1), rather than establishing an affidavit and notice register as suggested in the WO IM. The form is also located on the internal website under Idaho Forms, Form ID1120-6.

If adequate documentation is provided, the applicant is not required to sign the affidavit and notice form. For minors unable to read or sign the affidavit and notice form, the child's parent or legal guardian may sign for the applicant.

Time Frame: This IM is effective upon receipt.

Background: The BLM is a partner with the National Park Service (NPS) in the Golden Passport Program. The BLM issues, sells, and accepts the subject passports, as applicable, at BLM recreation areas, and also sells the hologram that is a component of the new National Parks Pass. There have been some questions on what type of documentation is appropriate to ask for when someone requests a Golden Access Passport. This IM provides clarification for ordering Golden Passports and on issuing Golden Passports.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: This IM serves as interim guidance to Idaho Manual Supplement 2930 – Recreation Permits until it is issued.

Coordination: This IM has been coordinated with Kay Schiepan, Outdoor Recreation; Linda Matthews, Records Administration; Diane Hartman, Visitor Services; and Virginia Pherigo, Budget and Finance.

Contact: If you have any questions, please contact Kay Schiepan at (208) 373-3825 or Diane Hartman at (208) 373-3896.

Lower Snake River District with Union: No Union notification or negotiation is required.

Signed
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for Susan Giannettino

Authenticated
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Attachment
1 - Affidavit and Notice Form (1 p)

cc:
ID-933 (Diane Hartman)

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Golden Access Passport Affidavit

AFFIDAVIT – I do hereby swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the United States or that I am domiciled therein, and I have a permanent physical, mental or sensory impairment that severely limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities include functions such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, breathing, learning, and working.

NOTICE – Federal law provides as follows: “Whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States, knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any trick, scheme, or device a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations, or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).”

Name _____
(Print)

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian _____
(If applicable) (Print Name)

Signature _____

BLM USE ONLY

Passport No. _____

Date _____

Issuing Officer _____

NOTICE - Privacy Act Statement

This information is being collected pursuant to 16 U. S. C. 1 and 44 U.S. C. 3101. The primary use of this information is for park management. Any additional disclosures are listed in the Privacy Act System Notice for Special Use Permits—Interior, NPS-1. The information on this form will not be used for any other purposes. The disclosure of this information is strictly voluntary, and you will not experience any adverse effects if you do not complete this form.

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