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To: All State Directors

From: Director, National Applied Resource Sciences Center

Subject: Availability of Abandoned Mines Safety Brochure

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At the request of WO-360, the National Applied Resource Sciences Center (NARSC) has developed a BLM national brochure which highlights the problem and dangers of abandoned mines on public lands. It is geared towards the general public who may encounter such hazards in the course of enjoying the public lands for other purposes such as hiking, rock-hounding, mountain biking, and general off-road vehicle use. NARSC was able to print only a few hundred copies to provide a limited number of samples for States to pass along and evaluate. If there is sufficient interest by the States in printing additional brochures for widespread distribution, NARSC will pool State requests to obtain a single printing at the lowest cost per brochure. Please consider the relatively low cost of this tool as a means of conveying an important safety message to a public with limited access to such information.

As you assess your Statewide needs for additional brochures, please be aware that BLM is a participant in an Inter-Departmental Mine Hazard Awareness Campaign Program spearheaded by the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). The program is briefly described in the attached MSHA Fact Sheet, and a full explanation can be found at MSHA's internet site at <http://www.msha.gov/Places/Placeshp.htm>. In the spirit of that campaign, you are urged to consider the possibility of distributing the BLM brochure from rock shops, OHV rental/supply

outlets, hiking/biking equipment providers, etc., in areas with ready access to public lands that are likely to contain dangerous abandoned mine sites.

We would like to have all State Office printing requests to NARSC for consolidation by July 15, 1999, along with the appropriate charge code. If you have an intent to order but cannot meet this date or if you have additional questions, please contact Rory Raschen at 303-236-0169.

2 Attachments

- 1 - MSHA Fact Sheet (1 p)
- 2 - Brochure

Distribution

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RS-150A, BLM Library
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