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## MEMORANDUM

To: Mary Tisdale  
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From: Director, Bureau of Land Management 

It has come to my attention that the "National Public Lands Day Partnership", a BLM-led interagency team, is a 2000 recipient of the Vice Presidential Hammer Award and I wanted to congratulate you and other members of the team.

When the National Public Lands Day (NPLD) started with only three sites in 1994, BLM was the sole participating agency. Since that time, BLM, several Federal land management agencies, and the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation have transformed this event into the Nation's number one volunteer day showcasing public lands. On September 23, 2000, thanks to the efforts of the NPLD Partnership, 50,000 volunteers helped to improve the public lands at 277 sites located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

I extend my sincere thanks to you and others involved in making this day a success - NPLD site coordinators, volunteers coordinators, field office managers, resource specialists, public affairs specialists, agency volunteers, and many others. You can be proud of a job well done!