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2010 TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA® NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

WASHINGTON – Director Lisa Young today announced the 2010 Take Pride in America National Award recipients in 10 different categories. These individuals, groups, and partnerships will be honored at an awards ceremony held Friday, July 16, at the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. at 10:00 a.m. The event is open press.

“When a citizen agrees to share their talents, skills and interests with their community, they are paying our nation one of the highest compliments possible by offering a most valued possession – their time,” Young said. “These award winners have generously given of their time in service to our public lands, and it is a privilege to be able to recognize them for their efforts.”

Each year, the award winners are selected by a panel of judges from hundreds of qualified nominations representing outstanding examples of public lands stewardship from across the country. This year, there are 15 National Award winners, representing projects and events in 13 states and the District of Columbia.

Take Pride in America® is a nationwide partnership program authorized by Congress to promote the appreciation and stewardship of our nation’s public lands. The Take Pride in America program is administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior for the benefit of all public lands at all levels of government nationwide.

2010 Take Pride in America National Award Winners

Individual Category

Jim Cox
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dan Arant
Washington, D.C.

Public Private Partnership Category

Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association
Grand Junction, Colorado

Non-Profit Organization Category

Poudre Wilderness Volunteers
Fort Collins, Colorado

Youth Group Category

Salamander Education and Environmental Discovery Project
Chesterland, Ohio

School Program

Coronado High School InterAct Club
El Paso, Texas

Local Government Program

Natural Area Preservation
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Federal Volunteer Program

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park's Volunteer Program
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia

Business Category

Salt River Tubing's Canoe & Beach Patrol
Mesa, Arizona

State Program

Virginia State Parks Youth Corps
Woodbridge, Virginia

Federal Land Managers

William K. Dickinson
Superintendent, Lake Meade National Recreation Area, National Park Service
Boulder City, Nevada

Dawn Grafe
Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Newport, Oregon

Eric Morgan
Fort Ord Public Lands Manager, Bureau of Land Management
Hollister, California

Richard Stokes
Resource Manager, Lake Ouachita, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Royal, Arkansas

Jane Weber and Staff
Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, U.S. Forest Service
Great Falls, Montana

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