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EMS  
Information Bulletin No. ID-2006-035

To: All Field Office Managers  
Attn: Recreation/Cultural Specialists

From: Deputy State Director, Resource Services

Subject: Distribution of Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics Heritage Hang Tags

Under separate cover, you will be receiving a supply of Leave No Trace (LNT) Outdoor Ethics Heritage hang tags. As described in WO IB No. 2006-064 (attached), part of the Bureau's celebration of the Antiquities Act Centennial in 2006 involved partnering with the LNT Center for Outdoor Ethics to produce the Outdoor Ethics for Heritage Sites hang tag. The hang tag promotes citizen stewardship of heritage sites, which is the central theme of the BLM's Antiquities Act Centennial Celebration.

The hang tag outlines ways for visitors to responsibly enjoy heritage sites without impacting them. Possible distribution options include providing a hang tag with Special Recreation Permits in areas with sensitive heritage sites and distributing the tags at visitor centers, heavily visited sites, venues likely to reach heritage site visitors, and to youth and other groups.

The information on the hang tag can be reformatted into other media, such as kiosk posters and brochure rack cards. More LNT information may be found on the following website: <http://www.utso.ut.blm.gov/antiquitiesact/tools.htm>

Additional hang tags may be purchased from [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org) for nine cents per tag.

If you have any questions concerning the hang tags, contact Stan McDonald at (208) 373-4043 or Kay Schiepan at (208) 373-3825 at the Idaho State Office.

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Attachment  
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EMS TRANSMISSION 02/22/2006  
Information Bulletin No. 2006-064

To: All State Directors  
Attn: Cultural/Recreation Leads

From: Group Manager, Recreation and Visitor Services Group

Subject: Distribution of Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics Heritage Hang Tags

Program Area: Cultural Heritage and Recreation Stewardship Education

Purpose: Announcing the availability and initial distribution of the Outdoor Ethics for Heritage Sites hangtag.

Policy/Action: Each state will soon receive a supply of heritage site hangtags, as illustrated in Attachment 1. To maximize the effective reach of the hangtag messages, each state may wish to collaboratively prepare a state distribution plan, using the expertise of their Recreation and Cultural Resources program leads in conjunction with their External Affairs staff. Possible options include distributing the hangtag together with Special Recreation Permits in areas with sensitive heritage sites; distributing the tags at visitor centers, heavily visited sites, and any venue likely to reach heritage site visitors; and distributing to youth and other groups. States may also wish to involve their interpretive (cooperating) associations in this effort.

Timeframe: Effective Immediately.

Budget Impact: Minimal and limited to the actual cost to produce, purchase and distribute the hang tags.

Background: As part of the Bureau's celebration of the Antiquities Act Centennial in 2006, BLM has partnered with the Leave No Trace (LNT) Center for Outdoor Ethics to produce the Outdoor Ethics for Heritage Sites hangtag. The hangtag promotes citizen stewardship of heritage sites, which is the central theme of the BLM's Antiquities Act Centennial Celebration. The hangtag outlines ways for visitors to responsibly enjoy heritage sites without impacting them.

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Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None.

Coordination: The hangtag was developed by the Utah State Office and the National Stewardship and Outdoor Ethics Coordinator. BLM is one of four primary partners with LNT; they each have endorsed the heritage sites hangtag and will also be distributing it. The partners are the National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the USDA Forest Service. In addition, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers is a partner on this project.

Contact: Please contact Patti Klein, National Stewardship and Outdoor Ethics Coordinator, at [patti\\_klein@blm.gov](mailto:patti_klein@blm.gov), or (801) 539-4235, with questions or suggestions.

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1 Attachment

1- LNT Outdoor Ethics for Heritage Sites (1 p)

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## LEAVE NO TRACE

Outdoor Ethics for Heritage Sites

Historic, archaeological and fossil sites are special places that tell the story of our past. These fragile irreplaceable heritage resources may not be readily visible so be aware and practice Leave No Trace principles.

### PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

- Know the rules and regulations for the area you'll visit.
- Check to be sure the site is open and find out if you need a permit.
- Plan to keep pets and pack animals restrained and away from sites.
- Visit in small groups. Assure supervision of youth groups.

### TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES

- Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel and dry grasses.
- Stay on designated roads and trails; soil disturbance can cause significant and irreversible impacts to heritage sites.
- Climbing, sitting or walking on walls and other constructed features weakens them. Walls that are stressed may suddenly collapse.
- Avoid walking on artifacts and middens. Middens are trash dumps that are usually soft dark soil areas near heritage sites.
- Where allowed, camp at least 200 yards from heritage sites.

### DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

- Pack it in, pack it out. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Never dig catholes for human waste disposal near heritage sites. Walk at least 200 yards from these sites.

### LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

- Artifacts and fossils left where they are help tell the story of the past. Rearranging them limits their scientific value and the experience of future visitors.
- It is illegal to dig, remove or collect artifacts and vertebrate fossils without a permit.
- Leave historic and prehistoric structures intact.
- Take photographs or make a drawing of the rock art or gravestones you visit. Touching, chalking and making rubbings and latex molds cause damage.

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### MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS

- Campfires cause lasting impacts. Use a light-weight stove for cooking.
- Where fires are permitted, use existing fire rings, a fire pan or build a mound fire.
- Collect only dead and downed wood that is clearly not from heritage sites. Collect wood and build fires at least 200 yards away from sites.

### RESPECT WILDLIFE

- Never feed animals. It changes their natural behaviors and food left behind may alter the heritage site.
- Control pets at all times.

### BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS

- **Respect the Past** - Heritage sites hold clues to what life was like long ago.
- Educate others never to dig at sites or collect artifacts.
- Graffiti is vandalism - it damages rock art, ruins, cliff walls, trees and historic structures. Attempting to remove graffiti can cause further damage.
- Many Native Americans consider their ancestral land sacred.

### REPORT VANDALISM

If you see people vandalizing sites, report it as soon as possible by contacting the local law enforcement agency or land management office. Never confront or approach vandals or do anything to endanger your safety. From a distance, observe and report their physical description, activities, license plate numbers, time and location.

Sites on federal land are protected by federal laws. These laws provide for prosecution, forfeiture, imprisonment and fines. Many states have similar law.

For more information and materials:  
**1.800.337.4100, or [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)**  
To report vandalism:  
**1.800.242.2772**

