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Attn: ID Resource Coordinators

From: State Director

Subject: Bureau of Land Management Youth Programs DD: 08/17/2009

The purpose of this Information Bulletin (IB) is to outline what is currently known about the Department of the Interior's (DOI) new Office of Youth Initiatives and its planned efforts, and to help Idaho BLM ready itself to fully participate in the three components of the new program: K-12 education, youth corps employment and service projects, and youth careers.

The DOI's fiscal year 2010 budget, which is still under consideration in Congress, includes funding for programs to connect children and families to the outdoors. Secretary Salazar's 21st Century Youth Conservation Corps, as the proposal is now, will increase funding for environmental education, recreation and visitor service programs, and will engage thousands of youth in the outdoors.

The Washington Office (WO) IB No. 2009-076 (Attachment 1) generally describes the overall coordination and organization of BLM's Youth Programs. Although the leadership of the program falls to WO-170, there will be a Youth Programs Steering Committee with broad representation throughout the BLM that will also participate in setting direction and priorities for the program. The BLM's new Youth Initiatives website further explains the program and will be used as a tool to provide frequent updates for the public on BLM youth-related initiatives. View it at: http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/blms_youth_initiatives.html.

In order to take advantage of upcoming opportunities, Shelley Davis-Brunner, Environmental Education/Volunteer Coordinator, has been named as the state contact for Idaho BLM's Youth Programs. This bulletin requests information to assess and organize Idaho's youth-related

programs. Please send all information in response to this request to Shelley Davis-Brunner, Idaho State Office, at shelley_davis-brunner@blm.gov.

Data Call: Complete the chart in Attachment 2 estimating Youth Engagement at the district Level from May to August 2009. Information in Attachment 2 was distributed in the 2009 Annual Work Plan (AWP), but response was only received from one district. If information was not provided with AWP feedback, please provide it now. DD: COB 08/17/09.

Tracking Results: An important factor in Youth Programs will be tracking the number of youth and the amount of time they spend in Idaho BLM programs. For each of the following, please provide a Point Of Contact (POC) to Shelley to ensure close coordination in carrying out the work and accountability in completing reporting requirements.

- All ARRA projects involving youth;
- All youth corps projects;
- All SCEP/STEP projects at the State Office and District level;
- All Presidential Management Fellows;
- All Natural/cultural resource interns;
- All BLM/tribal partnership projects involving youth;
- All Workforce Recruitment Program youth placed in Idaho; and
- All miscellaneous events, projects involving youth such as fishing derbies, career days, Leave No Trace presentations, etc.

All POC information is due COB 08/17/09.

General district volunteer programs, “Take It Outside”, Challenge Cost Share, National Public Lands Day, Idaho Envirothon, Idaho Volunteers for Restoration, “Hands on the Land” and “Seeds of Success” projects and programs already have established POCs.

Next Steps: Information gained from this IB will be combined with the programs listed above to create a comprehensive contact list for Idaho BLM youth-related programs. This will be used to respond to data calls from the DOI. Draft guidance from DOI indicates that frequent updates on youth involvement will be requested. Also WO-172, Division of Education, Interpretation and Partnerships, is preparing a brief survey on Youth Corps that will be distributed to the field. The survey is an effort to determine current status of State Youth Corps programs including program administration, financial arrangements, capacity for growth, etc.

Please continue to submit youth-related events and program highlights to the communications staff (ID-912) through the call for Weekly Reports or the *Idaho In Action* e-newsletter.

For questions regarding this IB or BLM Youth programs, please contact Shelley Davis-Brunner, ID-912, Office of Communications, at (208) 373-4020.

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2 Attachments

- 1 – [WO IB No. 2009-076](#)
- 2 – [Supplemental FY2009 AWP Directives](#)