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To: Field Managers
From: Deputy State Director, Resources Policy and Management
Subject: Call for Nominations for Hands on the Land Network

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Information Bulletin (IB) No. 2006-046, attached, describes the call for nominations from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Offices for sites interested in joining the Hands on the Land (HOL) network. Partners in Resource Education, including BLM, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service, all support this educational outreach program. To date, there are 18 BLM sites that have participated. The interactive website: www.handsontheland.org is an important feature of the program.

There are several criteria that must be met before a program will qualify. Sites must provide education programs for students in the field on BLM land. These programs must be developed in partnership with a local school or school district and must support their school curriculum as well as BLM resource management objectives. A BLM staff person must be permanently assigned as the point of contact and programs must be offered on an ongoing basis. The program is not meant to be a one-time or once-a-year event.

Our National Historic Trails Interpretive Center (NHTIC) is an HOL site. The NHTIC staff and volunteers work with a Casper elementary school on activities near Bessemer Bend. If you are interested in finding out more how this program is working for NHTIC, please contact Gayle Irwin at 307-261-7700.

Please review the attached IB. The application must include the following information: program description, budget outline, site name and BLM contact information, school or school district partner, any community partners and letters of support from the Field Manager, the school and community partners.

-All nominations are due in Washington by March 15, 2006; therefore, the State Office would like to review nominations by March 3, 2006. If you have any questions about this program or would like to discuss how your Field Office might qualify, please contact Ranel Capron, 307-775-6108 or Ranel_Capron@blm.gov or Cindy Wertz, 307-775-6014 or Cindy_Wertz@blm.gov.

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1 Attachment:
1 - WO IB No. 2006-046 (3 pp.)