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To: District Managers, Field Managers, and Deputy State Directors

From: State Director

Subject: Nominations for 2009 Take Pride in America Federal Land Manager National  
Award Category

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We cordially invite your nominations for outstanding Federal Land Manager National Award Category for the 2009 Take Pride in America Awards. Nomination packages should be submitted to Lesly Smith, Volunteer Coordinator, by April 20, 2009. Nominations will go through the Chief of Communications and the State Director's office prior to being submitted to Nan Morrison, Special Projects Liaison, in the Washington Office.

The recipient of the Take Pride in America National Award for Federal Land Manager should be someone who promotes the mission of Take Pride in America and has exemplified innovative and creative approaches to using volunteers on public lands. The mission of the Take Pride in America program is to:

- Instill in the public the importance of the appropriate use of, and appreciation for Federal, State, and local lands, facilities, and natural and cultural resources;
- Encourage an attitude of stewardship and responsibility toward these lands, facilities, and resources; and
- Encourage individuals, organization, and communities to care for these lands, facilities, and resources through the use of conservation ethic.

## **Selection Guidance**

How well do they promote the mission of Take Pride in America?

- Fosters an environment of stewardship over public resources.
- Includes, involves, and engages a broad spectrum of partners, individuals, and populations in volunteer activities.
- Adequately recognizes and awards volunteers for their commitment and service.

Are there measurable accomplishments?

- Success in promoting continuous or increased volunteer service.

How well do they address real, identifiable needs that result in increased protection/enhancement of public lands?

- Addresses current, actual needs.
- Facilitates volunteer service that directly addresses the need.

How do they plan, implement, and manage volunteer programs/projects/events?

- Provides ways for individuals, organizations, communities, and other groups to get involved in the volunteer effort.
- Finds creative solutions to problems.
- Understands the scope of the need and develops/carries out a project that adequately addresses the need.

### **Selection Requirements**

Selections are due to the Take Pride in America office no later than May 15, 2009. Once selected, the winner should be notified by the appropriate supervisor or director, and will then be contacted by the Take Pride in America office. Please provide the Take Pride in America office with the winner's full name, phone number(s), email address and mailing address. A brief write up outlining their accomplishments is also required. This information should be emailed to Lisa Young at [Lisa\\_Young@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Lisa_Young@ios.doi.gov). Please note that the ceremony is scheduled for July 16, 2009, and all Assistant Secretaries, Bureau Directors, and appropriate officials are invited.

For information about Take Pride in America, please visit their website at:  
<http://www.takepride.gov/index.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Lesly Smith, Volunteer Coordinator (307-775-6031), at the Wyoming State Office. We look forward to learning about your outstanding volunteers.

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