

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



I am pleased to present the 2001 Volunteer Annual Report for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This document should be a source of pride for you and for us all. During a year in which our country faced many new challenges, the volunteer spirit was never stronger. Americans demonstrated it countless times in towns

and cities across the nation, and you most definitely demonstrated that spirit on our public lands as well. BLM volunteers—young and old, individuals, couples, and groups—donated more than 1 million hours of their time and talent in 2001.

The 25th anniversary of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), which established the multiple-use mission of BLM, was also commemorated in 2001. The anniversary provided us with an opportunity to celebrate and recommit ourselves to the tradition of collaborative, community-based planning. As a major link between the agency and communities throughout the country, volunteers like you play a key role in BLM. Not only do you help us care for our natural and cultural resources, but you also gain a clearer perspective on the many challenges facing BLM. You represent BLM to the community and the community to BLM.



BLM Director Kathleen Clarke congratulates “Making a Difference” volunteer award winner Leon Lesicka and his wife, LaVelle, who were honored for their efforts on behalf of wildlife in the California Desert.

ABOVE: BLM Director Kathleen Clarke addresses winners and guests at the “Making a Difference” Volunteer Awards Ceremony in Washington, DC.

This report summarizes hours spent in service to the public lands; it measures those hours in terms of dollar value. We thank you for those hours spent, and we also thank you for those less tangible—but no less valuable—benefits that your volunteer service provides. You truly do “make a difference” in many ways.

Kathleen Clarke, BLM Director



Boy Scout Troop 105 from Buhl, Idaho, spent 2 days hand-raking seed to stabilize soils along 1.5 miles of Clover Creek. The area had burned during the 2001 Doe Flat fire.