



# Making a Difference



BLM's 2002 Volunteer Annual Report

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Volunteers replace entry signs at the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area. This was one of many 2002 National Public Lands Day projects in Arizona.

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# TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

I am happy to present the 2002 Volunteer Annual Report for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This summary of program accomplishments represents the highlights of another outstanding year for our BLM volunteers. Working individually, as couples, and in groups, you donated more than 1.2 million hours in 2002. You contributed your time and talent for one-day events, week-long projects, and often on a regular basis throughout the year—truly dedicating yourself to a special resource or a particular parcel of public land.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Kathleen Clarke'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Kathleen Clarke,  
BLM Director

Our nation continues to experience challenges that threaten to weaken our spirit. As volunteers, you are helping to ensure that our spirit stays strong. You are protecting and preserving the things that we value—the land and resources with which we have been blessed, as well as the principles that guide us as a nation.

President Bush has spoken often about the importance of volunteer service, calling on all Americans to make sacrifices for the greater good. In response to this call, we have recently renewed our commitment to “Take Pride in America.” You, as volunteers, know what it means to “take pride” in America’s public lands. You take action as citizen stewards. You help BLM care for the land and its resources. And by doing so, you help others learn about and enjoy their public land resources too.

We are sincerely grateful for your volunteer service to BLM. Your contributions not only benefit America’s public lands, they benefit the American spirit. Thank you for “making a difference” in so many ways.



Richard (Gus) Wathen was one of six Student Conservation Association (SCA) interns who worked in the fisheries program in Alaska's Northern Field Office. Gus assisted with enumerating adult chum salmon on Clear Creek, some 200 miles north of Fairbanks.