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Subject: May 2003 Document Titled *The BLM's Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services (BLM Workplan Fiscal Years 2003-2007)*

This attached Washington Office Information Bulletin officially announces the availability of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) May 2003 document titled *The BLM Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services (BLM Workplan Fiscal Years 2003-2007)*. This document was prepared with input from each of the BLM's State Office Recreation Program Leaders, the Washington Office, and with oversight of the Executive Leadership Team. The document has been further reviewed by many of our recreation constituents at the recently completed Director's National Recreation Forum that was held in Las Vegas, Nevada in January of 2004.

The purpose of this document is to incorporate the Department of the Interior's Strategic Plan goals to improve access to appropriate recreation opportunities, to ensure a quality experience and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources, and to provide for and receive fair value in recreation with a workplan to guide BLM's recreation management over the next 5 years. Aside from the Department's Strategic Plan goals, the document also includes numerous objectives, milestones and actions. Implementation of the BLM's Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services will be held to a high level of accountability. Both quarterly and annual progress reports will be made to the ELT by the Recreation and Visitor Services Advisory Team (RVSAT) which was officially chartered by the Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning (W0-200) on July 29, 2003.

For the most part, the BLM's Priorities is work that the field is already doing. This document is more of an effort to package the field's work, raise the level and presence of the program to the ELT and Director, and hopefully to Congress and OMB. It is not necessarily a document for our constituents, but you shouldn't back away from sharing the document either. The outside groups and constituents that have reviewed the document are generally supportive of what it is saying and agree with the general direction. The Director is very pleased with the document and has shared it with the Department.

As a final note, the concepts and guidance found in this document will begin to show up in our annual program directives, BPS, and other strategic documents for the recreation program. Should you have questions related to this document, contact Tim Smith at (916) 978-4644.

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Attachment: The BLM's Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services, BLM Workplan for Fiscal Years 2003 – 2007 (30 pages) Under separate cover

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