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## **Kurt Heckerth Awarded the BLM Director's Excellence Through Stewardship Award**

*Washington DC*—On October 26, the national Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director, Bob Abbey, presented the first-ever BLM Director's Award for Excellence Through Stewardship to Tillamook BLM botanist Kurt Heckerth.



“Mr. Heckerth facilitated a collaborative process between the BLM, state and local governments, and private groups to implement riparian restoration efforts in watersheds and streams feeding the Lower Columbia River and several northwest coastal bays. The resulting partnership produced the most enduring cooperative riparian restoration program since the signing of a multi-agency Memorandum of Understanding in 2002.”

“These awards recognize outstanding leadership, dedicated stewardship, successful collaborative efforts, and innovative approaches that are making the Bureau of Land Management the premier natural and cultural resources management agency in the Department of the Interior,” said Abbey. “People are the BLM’s most valuable asset, and these awardees set superior examples for all of us to follow.”

***About the BLM:** The BLM manages more land – 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.*

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