

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT STEWARD PROGRAMS

Arizona

Arizona Site Steward Program

This program was established in 1988 and is administered by the Arizona State Parks Department on behalf of participating agencies and tribes. It has approximately 800 trained volunteers who have contributed more than 100,000 hours monitoring archaeological and historic sites on lands of all jurisdictions throughout Arizona, to detect and deter theft and vandalism. On BLM-administered lands alone, stewards visited 2,200 sites and contributed more than 7,000 hours in the last two years. In addition to monitoring sites, Arizona Site Stewards may assist the BLM heritage professionals in mapping sites, recording rock art, building protective fences around sites, and field surveys. More information is available on the Arizona Site Steward Program website at: www.pr.state.az.us/partnerships/shpo/sitesstew.html.

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California

California Archaeological Sites Stewardship Program

The California Archaeological Sites Stewardship Program (CASSP) was established by the Society for California Archaeology in 1999. Since then, approximately 800 people have participated in CASSP workshops to become volunteers. The partnership protects cultural resources affected by use of Off Highway Vehicles and other activities. It assists Federal land managing agencies balance cultural resources while providing recreation opportunities. The trained and supervised volunteers monitor over 225 archaeological and historic sites and have contributed over 8,000 hours. The program is a nonprofit professional society and is funded by Off Highway Vehicle grants through the BLM, in-kind contributions from the BLM, other organizations, and individuals. The CASSP is interested in and available to discuss partnerships with other states. More information is available on the CASSP website at: www.cassp.org.

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Colorado

Southwest Colorado Cultural Site Steward Program.

This San Juan Mountains Association sponsored stewardship program has about 100 site stewards that have been trained to monitor over 110 prehistoric and historic archaeological sites in Southwest Colorado, including the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. To date, stewards have contributed over 8,000 hours toward the preservation of the program resources. More information is available on the Southwest Colorado Cultural Site Stewardship Program website at: www.sjma.org/cultural/cssp/cssp.htm). Contact: Marietta Eaton, Canyons of the Ancients Monument Manager (maritetta_eaton@blm.gov).

Idaho

White Knob Historical Preservation Committee and the South Custer County Historical Society
The White Knob Historical Preservation Committee and the South Custer County Historical Society, in partnership with the local community, the BLM Challis Field Office, and Salmon-Challis National Forest have worked since 1999 to save Mackay Mine Hill historical sites. Volunteers have been involved in recording, protecting, and interpreting historic mining sites and features on both private and Federal land. This partnership benefits from a very active interest by the community and historic mining enthusiasts from across the United States in the historic Mine Hill. More information is available on the Mackay, Idaho website at: www.mackayidaho.com. Contact: Carol Hearn, BLM Challis Field Office Specialist (carol_hearn@blm.gov).

Minnesota

BLM-Eastern States, the Bois Forte Band and 1854 Treaty Authority Partnership
This partnership for collaborative and volunteer-based stewardship has about 50 volunteers from two tribal communities who have donated over 1,800 hours. Volunteers have completed two evaluations and monitored 24 island archaeological sites. BLM Contact: John Sullivan, BLM Eastern States Deputy Preservation Officer (jsullivan@blm.gov).

Nevada

Nevada Archaeological Sites Stewards
The Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer has created a full-time, permanent position for a statewide Site Steward Program Coordinator who hosts at least four annual training sessions. In the BLM Carson City District alone, there are over 70 site stewards monitoring about 60 sites under the direction of two volunteer regional coordinators who have contributed more than 1,400 volunteer hours over the past five years. The Nevada program hosts at least four annual training sessions. More information is available on their website: <http://www.nevadasitestewards.org>. BLM Contact: Tom Burke, BLM Nevada Deputy Preservation Officer (t1burke@blm.gov).

New Mexico

Northwest New Mexico Site Steward Program

The Northwest New Mexico Site Steward Program is sponsored by the New Mexico BLM and administered by the San Juan County Museum Association, which oversees Salmon Ruins operations. The group of approximately 70 volunteers recruited from retired oil and gas workers, Native Americans and the general public, regularly monitors the condition of nearly 100 properties in the San Juan Basin oil and gas fields. Additional information is available on their web site: <http://www.nmsitestewards.com>. BLM Contact: Jim Copeland, Farmington Field Office Specialist (jcopeland@blm.gov)

New Mexico Site Watch

The New Mexico Site Watch Program is a partnership among land managing agencies, including the BLM, and other entities and is coordinated by the New Mexico Division of Historic Preservation. A site steward's primary tasks are to regularly visit local cultural sites to monitor and report on their condition. Reports provide land managers with crucial information about the condition of the resources, allowing volunteers to make a real contribution to the protection of New Mexico's cultural resources. In the process, they visit places most people only read about. With advanced levels of training, stewards also may assist agency archaeologists with pedestrian surveys for new sites, monitoring construction and other project activities close to known sites that could be damaged. Persons unable to visit sites due to a handicap, site location, or any other reason, still can contribute. More information is available on their website:

<http://www.nmhistoricpreservation.org/PROGRAMS/sitewatch.html>. BLM Contact: Signa Larralde, BLM New Mexico Deputy Preservation Officer (slarralde@blm.gov).

Oregon

Prineville District Stewardship program

The BLM Prineville District has an active Stewardship Program in cooperation with the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forest and the Archaeological Society of Central Oregon. Volunteers receive archaeological and safety training before being assigned a site.

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Utah

St. George Field Office Site Steward Program

The BLM St. George Field Office has an active site steward program with over 60 volunteers who work with the BLM Cultural Resources Program, helping to monitor and record new sites in Washington County. Steward training is offered every six months to bring new stewards into the program; there is currently a waiting list. St. George co-located and works closely with the Arizona Strip and southern Nevada site steward programs.

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Wyoming

Wyoming Archaeological Site Steward Program

The Wyoming BLM and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer developed a program to train volunteers to monitor designated sites in 2006. Professional heritage/cultural resource specialists and trained volunteers work together to monitor cultural resources throughout the State, adding to the existing documentary record, sustaining a regular presence to deter looting and vandalism, and reporting these activities when they occur. Additional information is available on their website: <http://wyoshpo.state.wy.us/Steward/Index.aspx>

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Multi-State

Old Spanish Trail Association Trail Steward Program

The Old Spanish Trail Association (OSTA) Trail Steward Program was developed in 2009 and currently involves OSTA Chapter Members in Utah, Arizona, and Nevada. The OSTA Trail Steward Program was modeled after other successful site steward programs, but focuses on linear historic features including trail traces, trail corridors, associated trail-related sites and landscape settings. Three Trail Steward workshops were completed in 2010-2011 and two more will be completed in 2012. OSTA Trail Stewards are beginning to work with the BLM and USFS; Trail Stewards can also assist other agencies. Additional information is available on OSTA's website at <http://www.oldspanishtrail.org/>. BLM Contract: Diana Hawks, Arizona Strip District Team Lead for Recreation, Wilderness and Cultural Resources (dhawks@blm.gov).