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To: All State Directors and Assistant Directors

From: Director

Subject: Attendance at the National Scenic and Historic Trails Workshop at the Mission Inn in Riverside, California, March 22-26, 2004 DD: 02/13/2004

Program Area: National Scenic and Historic Trails Program, National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS).

Purpose: Reaching the attendance goal of 80 for the BLM National Scenic and Historic Trails Workshop at the Mission Inn, Riverside, California, March 22-26, 2004.

Policy/Action: The Director will attend this important workshop to personally charge Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff to develop guidance for the National Scenic and Historic Trails Program and to continue work with our non-profit trail partners and Federal agency representatives. The development of guidance and the workshop have been identified as a BLM Management by Objective item for this year. These are the types of projects we want to encourage, as indicated at the November Partnership Conference in Los Angeles. The Director has strongly encouraged State Directors and Group Managers to provide the support needed to send the identified participants and session leaders to the National Scenic and Historic Trails Workshop.

Timeframe: This IM is effective immediately. Registration opens in January.

Budget Impact: Minimal. Workshop approved by the Department of the Interior, December 5, 2003.

Background: The National Scenic and Historic Trails System (NSHT) is comprised of 23 congressionally designated national scenic and historic trails. The BLM is responsible for the day-to-day management of 12 portions of these multi-state trails as

units of the NLCS in approximately 70 field offices. The BLM manages more Federal miles of national historic trails than any other Federal agency and has been named as administrator or co-administrator on three of these trails by the Secretary of the Interior.

In the 35-year history of the NSHT system, the BLM has never held a national level workshop to share, discuss and learn about managing these trails. For three years, a workshop was planned. It was previously postponed due to travel restrictions. The NSHT workshop will be held March 22-26, 2004.

Manual Handbook Sections Affected: None.

Coordination: National Landscape Conservation System Office (WO-170), the National Recreation Group (WO-250), and the Cultural and Fossil Resources and Tribal Coordination Group (WO-240).

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