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BLM Recognizes Hundreds of Public Lands Volunteers

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — The Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office celebrated the accomplishments of nearly 350 volunteers and partners at a reception Nov. 18 in Grand Junction.

In 2009, volunteers and partner organizations donated more than 23,000 hours of their time to public lands projects. These contributions combined with in-kind donations from local businesses are valued at nearly \$600,000.

“This represents a tremendous contribution to the community and our public lands,” said Wayne Werkmeister, associate field manager for the BLM’s Grand Junction Field Office. “Our volunteers and partners help us manage a wide range of resources and offer the world-class recreational opportunities we all enjoy here. We thank all of those who have volunteered their time to assist us in caring for local public lands.”

Volunteers worked on projects ranging from monitoring and maintaining the shooting range at 27 ½ Road to assisting the Wild Horse Program, surveying cultural sites, monitoring wildlife and endangered plant species, building and maintaining trails, and assisting with visitor services.

Partners recognized at the event included COPMOBA, Friends of the Mustangs, Friends of McInnis Canyons, Bicycle Colorado, Grand Mesa Jeep Club, WCC Trail Hands, Western Slope ATV Association and the Hilltop Experimental Learning Project.

A number of individual volunteers who provided exceptional support to the BLM were also recognized, including:

- Kris Adams
- Amy Agapito
- Dan Antonelli
- Bill Cort
- Tom Derryberry
- John Evans
- Bobby Evans
- Jeffery Fleming
- Joyce Frost
- Roy Joseph
- Joe Moreng
- Carl Quist
- Dean Talbot
- Doug Wilson

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