



Meet David McCormack

The BLM Colorado State Office is pleased to introduce our new Information Resources Branch Chief, David McCormack. David brings 20 years of experience in both private industry and civil service including the Army Corp. of Engineers, Dept. of Transportation, and most recently with the U.S. Geological Survey as the Regional Chief Technology Officer. David attended the University of Phoenix, earning a degree in business.

David grew up in South Texas and Washington State and now lives in Lakewood with his wife Stacy and two sons, David and Silas. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing golf and camping.

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BLM Colorado accepting nominations for Resource Advisory Councils *by Public Affairs Specialist, Vanessa Lacayo*

The Bureau of Land Management is recruiting people who care about public lands and want to help guide public land management to serve on one of its three Resource Advisory Councils (RACs).

The BLM manages more land than any other federal agency and hosts 29 RACs across the West. Three of those RACs are located in Colorado to represent its three districts – Northwest District, Front Range District and the Southwest District. *Cont. pg. 2*

Each Colorado RAC consists of 15 members with an interest or expertise in public land management, including individuals like conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreationists, state and local government officials, Tribal officials and academics. The diverse membership of each RAC helps ensure that BLM land managers get the varying perspectives they need to achieve their mission, which is to manage public lands for multiple uses.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on an advisory council. Nominees, who must be residents of the state or states

Jack Placchi moderating the Youth Corps panel

Panel of Speakers at the State-wide RAC Meeting

where the RAC has jurisdiction, will be judged on the basis of their training, education and knowledge of the council's geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision making.

All nominations are due **March 14** and must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations; a completed RAC application; and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. To complete the nomination form, go to <http://on.doi.gov/yIOMcT>.
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Each RAC is divided by the following three categories:

Category One - Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

Category Two - Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.

Category Three - Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

Northwest District:

In the Northwest District, five positions are open, including one position in Category 1, two positions in Category 2 and two positions in Category 3. The Northwest District includes the Colorado River Valley, Grand Junction, Kremmling, Little Snake and White River field offices. Please submit nominations to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: David Boyd, 2300 River Frontage Rd., Silt, CO 81652. Additional requirements and nomination

forms can be found by going to www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Resources/ra or by calling Boyd at 970-876-9008.

Front Range District:

In the Front Range District, five positions are open, including one position in Category 1, two positions in Category 2 and two positions in Category 3. The Front Range District includes the Royal Gorge and San Luis Valley field offices. Please submit nominations to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Denise Adamic, 3028 East Main St., Cañon City, Colo., 81212. Additional information and nomination forms can be found by going to www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Resources/ra or by calling Adamic at 719-269-8553.

Southwest District:

In the Southwest District, five positions are open, including two positions in Category 1, one position in Category 2 and two positions in Category 3. The Southwest District includes the Gunnison, Tres Rios and Uncompahgre field offices. Please submit nominations to the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Shannon Borders, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO 81401. Additional information and nomination forms can be found by going to www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Resources/ra or by calling Borders at 970-240-5399.

For more information about BLM Colorado RACs, visit: www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Resource

BLM Colorado Associate State Director, John Mehlhoff, *Get to Know Your BLM*

Get to Know Your BLM Video Series
by Public Affairs Specialist, Tina Brown

Get to Know Your BLM is a video series featuring BLM Colorado managers and employees. The interviews allow the public to get to know the people who manage, make the decisions, and protect the public land. Interviews take place with BLM employees in the office and out in the field. We invite you to meet the managers and employees of BLM Colorado who oversee your public lands. The first installment features BLM Colorado's Associate State Director, John Mehlhoff.

To learn about John visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1aGxOUQuUA>

A Western Colorado Conservation Corps crew working on a trail in Bangs Canyon, Summer 2012

Celebrate AmeriCorps Week March 9-17, 2013
Reflecting on how public lands have benefited from youth corps
By Public Affairs Specialist, Kyle Sullivan

For more than a decade, BLM Colorado has benefited from the work of youth corps crews to complete necessary maintenance projects on public lands. Youth corps provides young adults with meaningful work experiences such as mentoring, conservation and stewardship ethics, employable skills, and career transition counseling. AmeriCorps week is March 9-17, and provides a great opportunity to reflect on how our youth have been "Getting things done for America," especially on public lands.

The theme this year is "AmeriCorps Works" reflecting the triple bottom line return on investment – for the recipients that benefit, the people who serve, and for the larger community and nation. The Bureau of Land Management works closely with AmeriCorps members, primarily through youth conservation corps. Here are a few of our success stories:

Uncompahgre Field Office - Western Colorado Conservation Corps worked on two travel plan implementation projects in the Dry Creek Recreation Area and a trail maintenance project within the Gunnison Gorge NCA. The youth installed natural barriers to close routes and constructed new trails that were approved in the travel management plan. The work involved three eight- person crews (ages 16-25) for three one-week stints.
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Uncompahgre Field Office - A Southwest Youth Conservation Corps project on the Upper Dolores River produced fantastic river restoration results from weed eradication, including tamarisk and Russian knapweed removal. Twelve individuals worked with the UFO ecologist and river rangers for three weeks. Each day, the team floated to a new isolated river segment, then downstream to a work site camp. The work of the crew will be featured at the biennial interagency river management workshop, which can be streamed live on March 13 at 1:30-3:00 p.m. MDT from www.blm.gov/live.

Historicorps member refinishes a school house near Animas Forks

Kremmling Field Office - Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (RMYC) removed hazard trees and cleaned the ditches of fallen trees. Removing hazard trees along the road supports public health and safety, reduces fuel loads and helps regenerate healthy forest landscapes. Once the lumber was removed, it was then used at North Sand

McInnis Canyons NCA Trail
Construction & Maintenance

-Hills to build protective fences. The RMYC constructed sections of buck and rail fencing, including vegetative protective fencing, using harvested hazard trees from Independence Mountain. The RMYC also assisted in the re-contouring of disturbed areas to protect exposed root beds and enhance natural regeneration of the local plant community.

Colorado State Office - The state office worked with the Colorado Youth Corps Association to provide a pathway to natural resource careers for youth corps members through an internship program. In 2012, 48 internships were offered at field offices across the state, including the state office. The Colorado State Office also established a working group to develop a hiring strategy for youth corps interns, with the goal of hiring three to five interns annually into permanent federal positions. Upon successful completion of the internship, interns are eligible for *cont.*

Western Colorado Conservation Corps members stand proudly by their work removing an unauthorized trail in Gunnison Sage Grouse habitat.

Pathways program, and hopefully regular employment in the federal workforce.

The benefits of educating and employing youth are numerous and include exposure to public land management agencies and the work we do, harboring interest and stewardship values in the public lands resources that ultimately belong to them, and to encourage active participation in outdoor recreational activities and the myriad benefits associated with that recreation participation. If you are interested in learning more about AmeriCorps, and Colorado's youth corps, then visit: www.americorps.gov and www.cyca.org.

Artifact: Business Card

This business card was sent by John and Clayton Wetherill to potential clients. Postmarked Putnam, McKinley County, New Mexico and dated ca. 1898. The card is part of a collection of Wetherill material donated by the family of Charles Mason to the Anasazi Heritage Center in 2000. The card reads: "To all points of interest in the southwest, twenty years experience."

The Anasazi Heritage Center was chosen by the Wetherill and Mason families to house the "Wetherill Family Archive" which would include this card.

