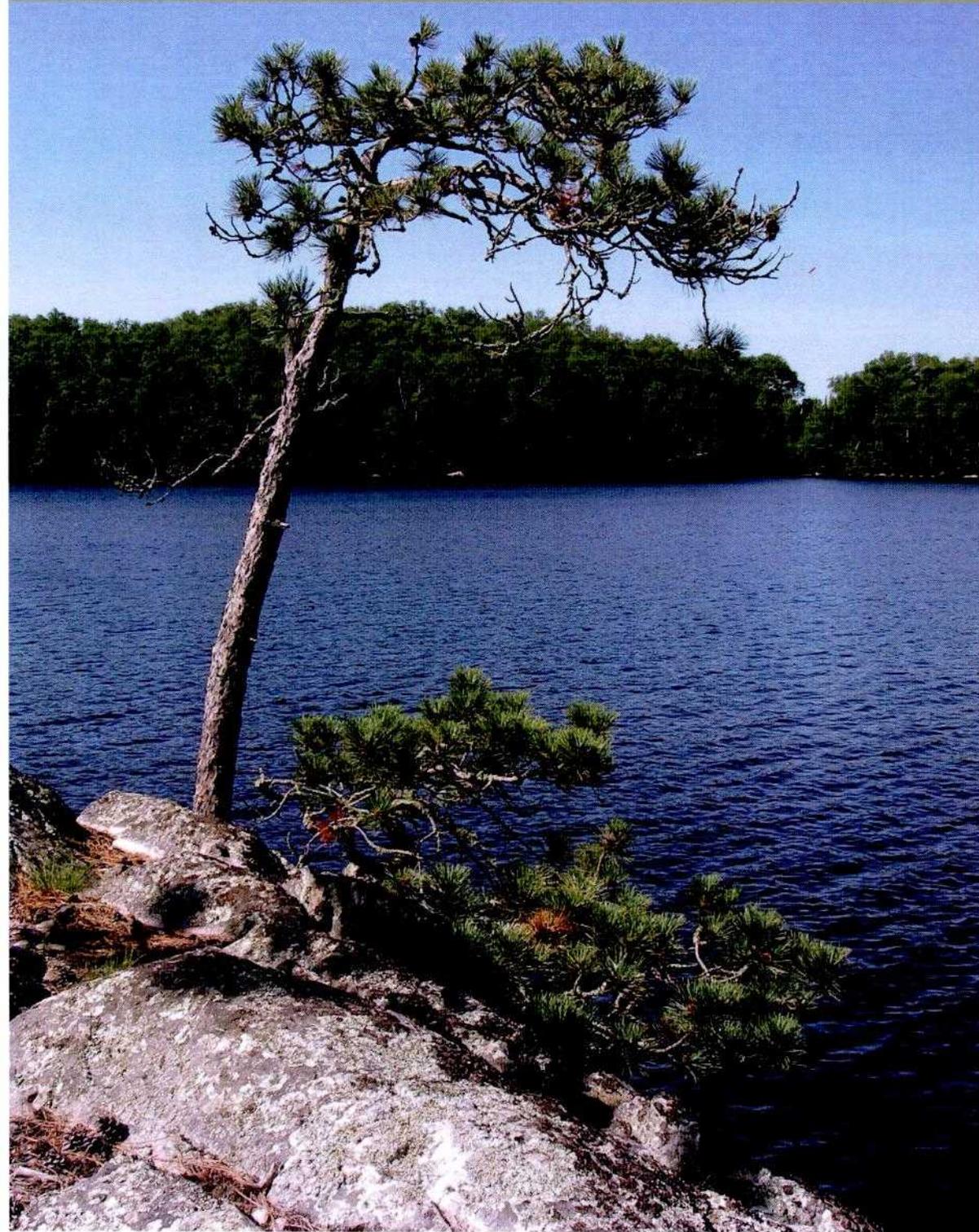


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Fiscal Year 2010



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Welcome to BLM Eastern States

From the Associate State Director

BLM-Eastern States (BLM-ES) has been in a period of change during the fiscal year of this report. I'd like to thank the many employees of who have moved on to new jobs, or who have moved on to the new adventures of retirement. Your institutional knowledge and dedication to serving our publics will be missed.

However, a time of change brings opportunities and excitement that we have harnessed to continue the excellent work being done by BLM-ES in our 31-State area of jurisdiction. For example, we exceeded our workload targets in 26 areas. Of particular importance, we exceeded our target of fluid mineral inspections and resolving fluid mineral drainage cases. We continued to exceed our target for scanning, preserving, and making historic documents available to the public. We also met or exceeded our target of public outreach through interpretation, including consultation with tribes, and heritage resources education and outreach.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act remained priority work this fiscal year, and we successfully completed each of the four projects on time. The improvements made with this money will be a great benefit to the communities and the general public at the Jupiter Inlet Outstanding Natural Area and the Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area for many years to come.

You'll also notice in this document that although our Field Offices are still at the same locations, we've changed their names so they better describe the work they do and the geographic areas they cover. The former Milwaukee Field Office is now the Northeastern States Field Office (NESFO), responsible for the public lands and resources in the 20 northeastern States. The former Jackson Field Office is the Southeastern States Field Office (SESFO), overseeing the public land and Federal mineral estate the BLM manages in the 11 southeastern States.

These changes are simple examples of how we are trying to make our work and responsibilities as clear and transparent as possible for the public we serve. We will continue this endeavor into FY 2011, which promises many new challenges and opportunities that will be met and exceeded by the BLM-ES employees and our many partners who have contributed so much to our past successes.

Marie Stewart

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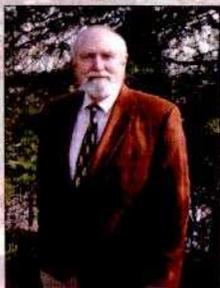
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History, Mission and Vision

In 1946, the Grazing Service merged with the General Land Office (GLO) to form the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM was charged with managing the Nation's Public Domain—the lands held in Federal ownership for the benefit of the American people.

The Eastern States Land Office (ESLO) carried on the GLO business of providing cadastral survey records and land title information from BLM's headquarters office in Washington, DC. By 1954, the BLM had taken on Federal onshore minerals responsibilities, resulting in greater activity in the Eastern States. More and more natural resource related challenges emerged in the East, and soon the ESLO began to operate in the same manner as BLM offices in the Western States, where most of the public land is located.

The ESLO officially became BLM-Eastern States (BLM-ES) on April 8, 1980. Since then, we have played a central role in fostering the management and conservation of public lands and resources spanning the 31 States east of and bordering on the Mississippi River for present and future generations.

This area encompasses 30,000 surface acres of public lands and more than 40 million acres of subsurface Federal mineral estate.

The surface acreage we manage for the American public is important for recreation and wise resource use, especially because of its location in the highly populated East. We continually seek input from the public and forge new partnerships to ensure that these lands and resources are managed effectively.

BLM-Eastern States' Area of Jurisdiction



Program Accomplishments

Energy and Mineral Resources

The energy and mineral resources program is one of BLM-ES' largest programs. We manage approximately 40 million acres of mineral estate, including substantial leasing for oil and gas. We work effectively with industry partners and conservation organizations to oversee environmentally sound fluid and solid mineral development to help sustain a healthy economy. Overall, we generated \$101 million to the Federal Treasury and distributed \$29 million to State Governments.

Oil and Gas Program

The BLM-ES's oil and gas program produces significant revenues that are shared with the states from which those revenues are generated. In 2010 we administered more than 3,500 Federal mineral leases, covering approximately 2.25 million acres in 16 of the 31 Eastern states.

In addition we:

- Approved 1,590 fluid minerals Sundry Notices, which are changes to operations on existing oil and gas wells.
- Held four competitive oil and gas lease sales, offering 238 parcels with total acreage over



75,195.46 acres; sold 115 leases covering 22,054 acres, bringing in over 34 million in rentals, fees and bonuses.

- Conducted 1,208 compliance inspections of drilling and production activities on leases in the States of Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky, Alabama and Indiana.
- Closed 45 reservoir management drainage cases to resolve the loss of lateral oil and gas reserves to private wells.
- Approved 71 oil and gas agreements to prevent unapproved drainage of Federal minerals.
- Approved 49 applications for permits to drill (APDs).
- Partnered with the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) to complete over 600 case file reconciliations.

Coal Program

Part of the BLM-ES mission is to oversee leases of Federal coal. There are an estimated 50 million tons of coal which are recoverable from existing and proposed coal leases in the BLM-ES area of jurisdiction. In 2010 we administered four coal leases, covering more than 24,400 acres in the states of Alabama and Kentucky.



In 2010 we issued 115 leases for oil and gas, covering over 22,054 acres and bringing in over 34 million dollars.

In addition we:

- Performed 28 compliance inspections and production verification activities on existing coal mines.
- Processed two post lease actions. Lease actions may include lease renewals modification, terminations or relinquishments.

Solid Minerals Other Than Coal

In 2010 we administered 60 solid mineral permits and leases for clay, gold, lead/zinc, limestone, olivine, phosphate, quartz crystals, and wavellite on more than 70,500 acres in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Virginia.

We also:

- Completed 104 mineral reports such as prospecting permit applications, color of title, and minerals conveyance.
- Processed 20 post lease actions, such as lease modifications, reviewing mining explorations plans, and bonding modifications.
- Performed 110 compliance inspections and production verification activities.
- Administered 17 mining claims in the States of Arkansas and Florida.



"Our responsibility is to work with the companies as we manage the development while balancing the needs of the other natural resources." said Steven Wells, Deputy State Director Division of Natural Resources.

Other Energy and Mineral Resources Program Highlights

The BLM-ES continues working on the Alabama/Mississippi Resource Management Plan (RMP) which focuses primarily on energy and minerals.

Eastern States also developed planning alternatives in the South Eastern states RMP which is the largest multiple state RMP ever proposed by BLM. This is a nine state planning effort to address public domain and federal mineral estate issues across the Southeast.

Estimated Revenues from Federal Mineral Leases and Distributions to States in Fiscal Year 2010*

(values are calculated to the nearest dollar)

State	Revenues	Disbursements
Alabama	\$36,309,437	\$17,218,402
Arkansas	\$9,483,322	\$3,320,709
Florida	\$840	\$3,273
Illinois	\$256,176	\$175,849
Indiana	\$149,420	\$14,208
Kentucky	\$1,649,133	\$436,751
Louisiana	\$139,365,670	\$29,578,972
Michigan	\$2,819,945	\$836,787
Minnesota	\$50,209	\$12,996
Mississippi	\$12,563,297	\$6,540,801
Missouri	\$8,057,994	\$2,060,263
Ohio	\$734,451	\$452,981
Pennsylvania	\$57,998	\$43,462
Virginia	\$380,087	\$142,981
West Virginia	\$829,664	\$399,890
Total	\$212,707,643	\$61,238,325

*Based on the Office of Natural Resources Revenue 2010

For more information, visit the ONRR Web site at: www.onrr.gov/ONRRWebstats/Home.aspx

Cadastral Survey

The BLM-ES cadastral survey's core functions are to uphold the Secretary of the Interior's survey responsibilities for determining the boundaries of Federal public lands within our 31-State area of jurisdiction, and for the care and maintenance of duplicate copies of plats and field notes for all public land States in the East and the West. We also: collect data for the Bureau's Geographic Coordinate Data Base (GCDB), employ Bureau Indian Land Surveyors (BILS) at both Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regional offices in our jurisdiction, and provide public education and outreach regarding the Public Land Survey System.

In Fiscal Year 2010 the BLM Cadastral community welcomed the latest version of the Manual of Surveying Instructions. This was a major accomplishment and was commemorated by a ceremony at the Main Interior Building. The Manual of Surveying Instructions contains the BLM technical guidance on how to perform surveys of Federal interest lands. The 2009 version of the Manual contains substantially more material than the previous 1973 version. In 2010 we began training our staff on the updated Manual through distance learning venues such as online programs and satellite broadcasts.

Fiduciary Trust Model:

The Fiduciary Trust Model (FTM) is the model of reform utilized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reform the management of Trust assets for Indian Tribes and Individuals. The model contains direction on managing Trust Land boundaries.



The BLM cadastral staff at the 2009 Manual of Surveying Instructions roll out ceremony.

We continued to support the Fiduciary Trust Model by employing our BILS (Bureau Indian Land Surveyors), located in each BIA regional office, to assist the BIA realty staff with survey planning and technical questions.

Field Survey and Plat Approval:

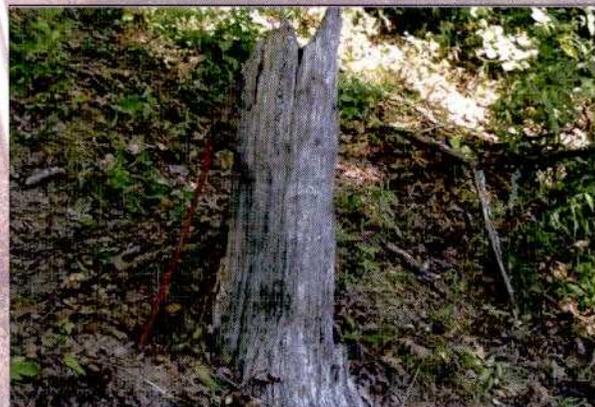


Doug Uran, ES Survey Technician, surveying a section along the Big Saline Bayou in Louisiana. This parcel is managed by the Southeastern States District Office.

Our field projects are funded by the requesting agency. This year we completed work for several different agencies including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Public Outreach and Inquiries:

We provided answers to many questions from the public regarding BLM survey records and technical survey questions. We also conducted our annual Retracement Seminar held in partnership with Troy State University and the Alabama Society of Professional Surveyors. We provided speakers to multiple high school and college classes and the local chapters of professional surveying societies.



Original Bearing tree recovered by Marshall Bolte, ES Cadastral Surveyor, in Arkansas this year. It was originally marked in 1843.



Adopted Mustang, Miwok, meets the public at the World Equestrian Games held this year in Lexington, Kentucky.

Duplicate Plat Filing and Survey Records Automation Project:

We continued to support the entire BLM Cadastral Survey program by fulfilling the Secretaries duties of filing the duplicate copies of plats from the Western States. These duplicate plats are part of the archival process of protecting our legal survey records. This year the cadastral staff continued our support of the survey records automation project. A new major workload was to scan an index of land records from the western states to support renewable energy application.

In 2010 we entered into a new agreement with the State of Minnesota to facilitate the scanning and hosting of original field notes and survey plats of the State of Minnesota on the GLO website. This agreement will likely serve as a model in future partnerships with other States. This type of agreement creates efficiency in acquiring these documents and significantly reduces costs.

Geographic Coordinate Data Base:

We collected 146 townships of data into the Geographic Coordination Database (GCDB) this year. We have conducted extensive research to study the quality and quantity of our GCDB data and are participating with the Washington Office and

National Operations Center to determine a suitable replacement for the GeoCommunicator.

Wild Horse & Burro Adoption and Compliance

The BLM-Eastern States' wild horse and burro program continues to place more than 30% of all animals adopted each year nationwide.

In fiscal year 2010, we:

- Placed 1,114 horses and burros into private care, with the majority of those being adopted at 30 temporary sites.
- Hosted six Internet wild horse and burro adoptions at the national Wild Horse and Burro Internet Adoption Web site: www.adoptahorse.blm.gov.
- Issued 993 Title Certificates for adopted wild horses and burros who had been in private care for at least one year and passed a veterinary Inspection. Once titled, these animals are no longer property of the Federal Government.
- Performed compliance inspections on 729 untitled animals, with assistance from volunteers and our partners from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

- Worked closely with our partner, The Mustang Heritage Foundation, and approved trainers into the Trainer Incentive Program (TIP). This program puts wild horses into the care of private trainers, who must find adopters for them within 90 days. 47 TIP trainers placed 214 horses in Eastern States this fiscal year.
- Recruited 46 past adopters through BLM-Eastern States' Volunteer Fostering program to find homes for animals unclaimed at the end of at temporary site adoptions. These volunteers placed 105 animals into good homes.
- Placed 60 animals with qualified Sale Buyers, with the assistance of the Washington Office.
- Promoted the wild horse and burro adoption program with the help of volunteers at numerous equine fairs throughout the East. The staff provided literature and handouts to numerous mustang clubs in our region to help them promote the program, including the American Mustang and Burro Association, and other smaller local groups.
- Participated in one of the largest equine events ever held in North America, the Alltech *Fédération Équestre Internationale* (FEI) World Equestrian Games (WEGs).



America's living legends on the range in West Warm Springs, Oregon

Lands and Realty

The BLM-ES Lands and Realty Program provides land tenure adjustments, use authorizations and right-of-way, land title resolution, public land identification and responses to public inquiries on land title issues.

In 2010 we:

- Received total revenue of \$108,792 from patent request orders.
- Completed a withdrawal revocation that returned 570 acres of land on Manitou Island in Lake Superior to the public domain.



Gas pipeline right-of-way crossing on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service land in New Jersey.

- Coordinated with the Office of the Solicitor and the National Parks Service to ensure the resolution of title issues for lands withdrawn for the inclusion in the National Parks.
- Authorized a right-of-way for road construction in northern Minnesota.
- Authorized a right-of-way for a 30-inch natural gas pipeline in Pennsylvania and New Jersey that will increase the supply of natural gas to the Northeastern States.
- Provided technical staff support for mineral adjudication, tract book validation, competitive lease sale preparation, and lease issuance.
- Signed Decision Record for the Environmental Assessment of Invasive Species Control Activities on BLM-administered lands in Wisconsin.
- Began collaboration with the Washington Office Right-Of-Way (ROW) program to determine the location of grant case files for right-of-way that were issued on behalf of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, by the BLM prior to 1969.

General Land Office Records

BLM-ES is the custodian of more than nine million historic land title records dating back to 1787. We have records from the 20 Public Domain States: 13 states in the East – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio and Wisconsin; and 17 states in the West which are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Currently we have scanned more than 4.2 million patent records since the project began in 1989 and there are over 5 million records available on the GLO website: www.glorerecords.blm.gov

In 2010 we:

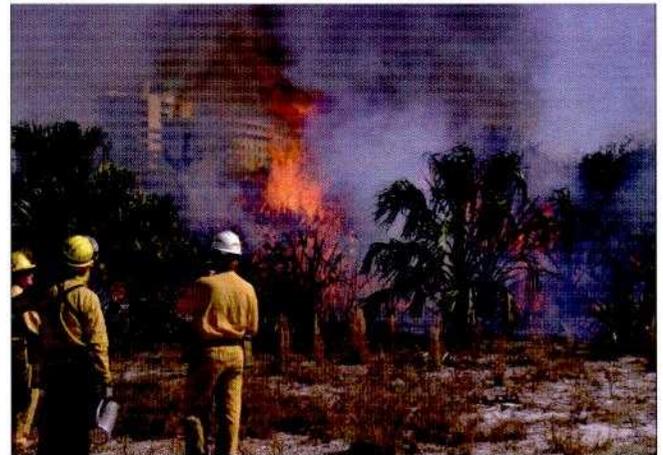
- Automated over 172,000 military land warrants. A military warrant is similar to a deed for land and was issued by the US government in exchange for military service.
- Posted over 177,000 land patents, 37,000 survey plats and 182,000 pages of field notes to the GLO Records website.
- Exhibited the GLO Records website at the National Genealogical Society Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- Received more than 34,554,684 page views during 1,461,550 visits to the GLO Records Website.



Denise Coleman, a BLM-ES Quality Assurance Specialist, assists customers at the National Genealogical Society Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

New in 2010:

- We have the ability to import patent images from scanned film. We are in the process of importing and verifying images for the Western States that have been scanned from roll film. The film is decomposing due to the affects of vinegar syndrome and will soon be unreadable.
- We have the ability to verify and index document images from the Control Document Index (CDI). The CDI contains images of all documents affecting land status including patents, withdrawals and executive orders. Scanning has already begun and importing will begin in early 2011. This project provides support to renewable energy applications by providing access to records and data clean-up reports.



The Jackson Hotshot Crew controlling a prescribed burn.

Wildland Fire

The Jackson Hotshot Crew (JHC) remains vital to the BLM-ES wildland fire program. The JHC was established in 1997 to provide an additional national fire suppression resource, as well as to help develop a more diverse workforce. The JHC is based in Jackson, Mississippi. Its proximity to Historically Black Colleges and Universities helps the JHC to recruit a diverse workforce interested in pursuing a career in fire management.

Approximately 50 percent of the people hired each year for the JHC are diverse candidates (African Americans, Native Americans, and Asian Americans), both male and female.

This year the JHC:

- Supported fire suppression efforts and battled wildland fires in the states of Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas and Idaho.
- Manually removed approximately 50 deceased sand pine snags at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area.
- Graduated 34 individuals, who were able to find employment in the fire community after completing basic firefighter courses. The Fire Academy is part of a partnership between BLM, Alcorn University, and Florida A&M University.
- Provided ignition and holding support for over 88,000 acres. Most of the prescribed burning took place in areas that are in close proximity to urban interface situations, and, in all of these areas, the threat of wildland fire has been reduced.

Partnerships

The BLM-ES is committed to maintaining active partnerships with States, county's, communities and groups interested in public land and resource management.

In 2010 we:

- Partnered with 4-H in Mississippi and Arkansas and hosted exhibits and conducted seminars at 4-H equine events in those States.



BLM-ES employees discussed public land management with visiting delegates at the Korean Consulate in Chicago, Illinois.

- Signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Lutheran College in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, which supports GIS/GPS technology in an outdoor classroom setting.
- Held several campouts at Meadowood SRMA



We partnered with the Outdoor Writers Association of America to network with professional outdoor communicators about the National Landscape Conservation System

and Prince William Forest Park in Triangle, Virginia. Our partner groups included The Greater Washington Urban League Inc., Concerned Black Men, The George Washington Carver Outdoor School Inc., Ft. Belvoir Elementary School, The Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, Campfire USA, and the Roots Public Charter School.

- BLM-ES employees met with a group of visiting delegates at the Korean Consulate in Chicago, Illinois to discuss public land management policies and practices.
- Continued our partnership with Piney Woods School, a historically black boarding school, to provide environmental education to many summer students.
- Participated in the 2010 Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) Annual Conference held in Rochester, Minnesota.
- In April 2010 BLM-ES started a new pilot program for Inner City Youth Outings in partnership with the League of United Latin American Citizens, the National Latino Coalition on Climate Change, the National Hispanic Environmental Council, César Chávez Middle School and the Sierra Club.

Youth Initiative

Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, made getting more youth involved in the Department of the Interior a top priority. He started a new department-wide youth initiative to introduce young Americans from all backgrounds to the beauty, values and importance of our public and tribal lands, and to promote an ethic of appreciation for volunteerism and conservation among young people.

The BLM-ES took this mission very seriously. In 2010 we partnered with a diverse range of organizations to launch a new Inner City Youth Outing Program. The students participated in organized activities such as fishing, hiking, and canoeing, as well as the completion of a public service project. Students were mentored in professional development in Natural Resources and Environmental Studies.

In 2010, the BLM-ES employed more than 51 students for our 2010 Summer Youth Initiative. Selected from all walks of life, varying education levels, and socioeconomic backgrounds. We employed students in the State Office that were assigned to Human Resources, Budget, Natural Resources, Procurement, State Director's Office, Public Affairs, General Land Office, and Cadastral. Our students participated in camp-outs with our Environmental Education Specialist and related events such as Kids Fishing Day in Washington, DC and Campfire USA.



Students learned to kayak and canoe at an Inner City Youth Outing held at the Lower Potomac Field Station.



A Student Volunteer during a 2010 NPLD event held at Meadowood SRMA.

National Public Lands Day

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest hands-on effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. In 2010, over 150,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants, planted trees and restored our water resources.

BLM-ES has participated in NPLD since the first event in 1994. This year each field office held events in Florida, Virginia and Wisconsin.

- The Southeastern States Field Office held their 15th Annual NPLD Event at the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area. Over 70 volunteers participated in the event by assisting with trash clean up, collecting mangrove seedlings and exotic species removal. Over 75 garbage bags were collected with debris totaling over 1200 pounds.
- The Northeastern States Field Office held their event on Bike Path Island in Grafton, Wisconsin. Volunteers assisted with cleaning up the Milwaukee River and clearing brush.
- The Lower Potomac Field Office held their annual NPLD day at the Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). Volunteers spent the morning pruning, removing invasive plants and cleaning up trash. Afterwards volunteers explored the new Meadowood Trail System.



Students from César Chávez Middle School in Washington, D.C., pose for a group photo while participating in a Nov. 6-7 BLM-ES Inner City Youth Outing Program along the Appalachian Trail in Blackburn, VA

Environmental Education and Public Outreach

BLM-ES provides a variety of environmental education and outreach programs to help educate the American public and promote responsible environmental stewardship among youth. We work with partners in Federal, State, and public and private organizations to develop ways to enhance environmental education opportunities for the general public. Visitors can learn more about BLM's environmental education program by visiting the BLM-ES' website at: www.blm.gov/education/.

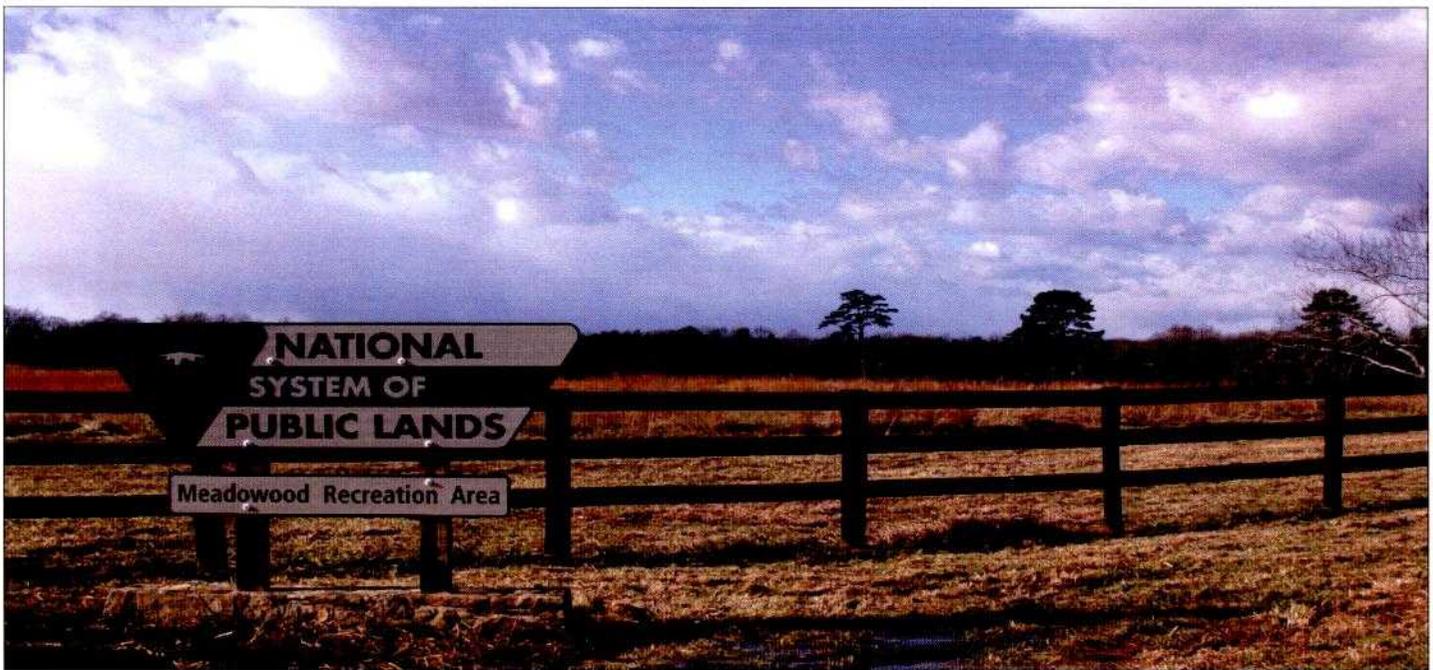
In 2010 we:

- For the 16th consecutive year, presented a "Rocks and Minerals and How We Use Them" class for the Mississippi Teachers Conservation Workshop, a hands-on conservation program with emphasis on forests and other natural resources.
- Exhibited at the Mississippi State Fair for 10 days in October 2010 reaching over 600,000 individuals.
- Actively participated in several career fairs held at local universities and through the State of Mississippi Governor's Office. We were able to encourage and direct potential candidates for employment to government jobs available to them.

- Exhibited at the Mississippi Archaeology Expo. The fair is a day-long special event featuring fun and educational activities for all ages, such as demonstrations of archaeological techniques as well as prehistoric and historic life ways.
- BLM-ES sponsored Catch A Special Thrill (CAST) for Kids Foundation's September fishing event at Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge, VA. This year's event joined 25 volunteers with 18 disabled and disadvantaged children along with their families for a day of fishing in the outdoors.



BLM-ES provided volunteers, life jackets, goody bags and an appearance by Smokey Bear at CAST's annual outdoor fishing event



Lower Potomac unveiled the first National System of Public Lands Sign. This signage will ultimately make it easier for the public to identify these lands and more readily understand the multiple-use mission that Congress has given to the BLM.

Natural Resources

From the steamy swamps of Louisiana to the pristine islands in the North woods of Minnesota, BLM-ES manages a variety of natural resources on widely scattered tracts, located on more than 16,000 acres of BLM public lands. Some of these resources are truly outstanding, and we are proud to be stewards of these priceless “jewels” in the East.

Meadowood, Virginia

The Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area encompasses 800 acres of mature forests, open meadows, and riparian areas on the Mason Neck Peninsula in Fairfax County, Virginia. Located just 25 miles south of Washington, D.C., the property contains miles of scenic hiking and horseback riding trails. Visitors can experience a variety of natural settings and view abundant wildlife, from white tailed deer and wild turkey to an occasional bald eagle perched high in trees or soaring overhead. The BLM-ES Lower Potomac Field Station (LPFS) manages recreation and natural resources on the property, and offers a variety of environmental education programs to local schools and groups.

A BLM contractor provides public horse boarding and riding lessons at the 46-horse equestrian facility.

In 2010 we:

- Provided Environmental Education programs and overnight camps for over 7,000 youth in the DC/MD/VA area. Students participated in outdoor activities through the First Lady’s “Let’s Take It Outside” Initiative.
- Completed substantial trail construction, repair, relocation and improvement projects for public recreational use.



Lower Potomac Field Station Staff Jeff McCusker and Theresa Jefferson lead a student group on a nature hike to learn about ecosystems at Meadowood.

Douglas Point, Maryland

The 548-acre Douglas Point area in Charles County, Maryland is part of the 1,270-acre Nanjemoy Natural Resource Management Area (NRMA) along the Potomac River. The area is managed cooperatively by BLM and the State of Maryland. Public recreation opportunities include hiking, boating and hunting, as well as the opportunity to learn about the unique paleontology, archaeology, and history of the area. Cultural and natural resources of this area include 58 million year old Paleocene epoch fossils such as shark teeth, sunken World War I ships, and an early 17th Century home site. Abundant natural resources in the area include wildlife native to the forests and marshes, such as bald eagles, herons, ospreys, nesting waterfowl, deer, turkey, muskrats, beavers and foxes.

In 2010 we:

- Provided public opportunities for hunting the abundant turkey, deer, and waterfowl in Nanjemoy NRMA in cooperation with the State of Maryland.
- BLM-ES volunteers and staff completed the Douglas Point trailhead parking area and installed an information kiosk at the trailhead.

Lake Vermilion, Minnesota

Lake Vermilion covers about 40,000 acres and is one of the largest lakes in northeastern Minnesota. The lake has hundreds of bays and inlets, with 1,200 miles of shoreline, and more than 365 islands. Of these, 86 islands are public where visitors can enjoy picnicking, bird watching, and fishing. The lake area is home to bald eagles, loons, ospreys, and a variety of other wildlife and fish, including deer, moose, mink, otter, wolves, walleye, bass and bluegill.

In 2010 we:

- Continued partnership efforts with the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe and the 1854 Treaty Authority, an Inter-Tribal natural resource management agency, which formalized our commitment to collaborative management and protection of archaeological and Tribal resources within the Lake Vermilion Recreation Area.
- Continued to work closely with Federal and State agencies and private land owners to develop long-term management plans and conduct on-site evaluations.

Lathrop Bayou, Florida

Lathrop Bayou habitat management continued this year with the successful completion of a prescribed burn on December 15, 2010.

Lathrop Bayou, a longleaf pine flatwoods community, is a fire-adapted ecosystem. The endemic plant community and resident red-cockaded woodpecker colony benefit from frequent, low intensity burning. Annual photo monitoring to record species' response to the burn program was also completed.

In 2010 BLM-ES signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Apalachicola Regional Stewardship Alliance (ARSA) to implement a strategy for the conservation of the natural resources at Lathrop Bayou. ARSA is a unique public/private landowner collaboration addressing conservation needs on over one million acres in northwest Florida. The Nature Conservancy has identified this area as a national "hot spot" of biodiversity due to the region's remarkable assemblage of wildlife.



The Lathrop Bayou Habitat Management Area has the most intact longleaf pine forest remaining in the Bay and Gulf Counties on the panhandle of Florida.

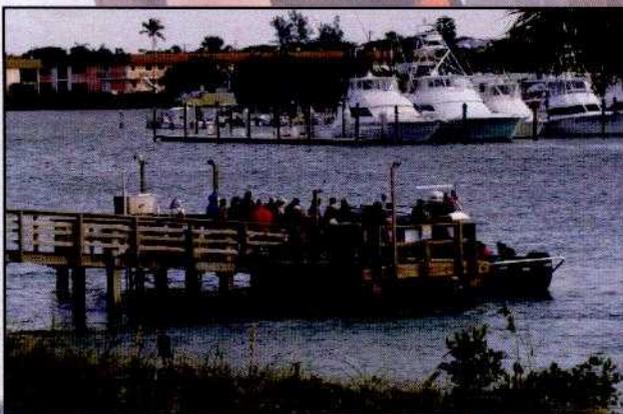
Fort Morgan Peninsula, AL

The Deepwater Horizon Well oil spill began on April 20, 2010 and continuously spilled oil for almost three months. The Southeastern States Field Office coordinated with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to collect baseline inventories on the nine BLM tracts that could be potentially affected by the spill. The Fort Morgan peninsula was extensively oiled; clean-up activities are expected to continue for months, if not years.

BLM-ES is working with the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge to coordinate clean-up on our “high resource” beaches. Standard treatment recommendations have been developed and approved for BLM beaches and a phased clean-up. BLM biologists have been detailed to the new Natural Resource and Damage Assessment office in Daphne, Alabama in order

National Landscape Conservation System: *Jupiter Inlet*

The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area (JILONA) is a virtual “island” of sand, pine forest, and oak scrub that surrounds the historic Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, a regional landmark, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. This area is cooperatively managed by the BLM-ES and Palm Beach County and serves, as a centerpiece of open space for both the Town of Jupiter and the Village of Tequesta.



The public were offered boat tours of the JILONA during the NLCS 10th anniversary celebration in January.

JILONA represents one of the few locations where history and the natural history have perfectly converged. It has abundant natural resources such as fresh water and rich fisheries. The bluff at the confluence of the Loxahatchee and Indian Rivers attracted indigenous people for thousands of years, and provided the optimal place to construct a lighthouse to safely guide ships past the treacherous reefs and sand bars off of the Jupiter Inlet.

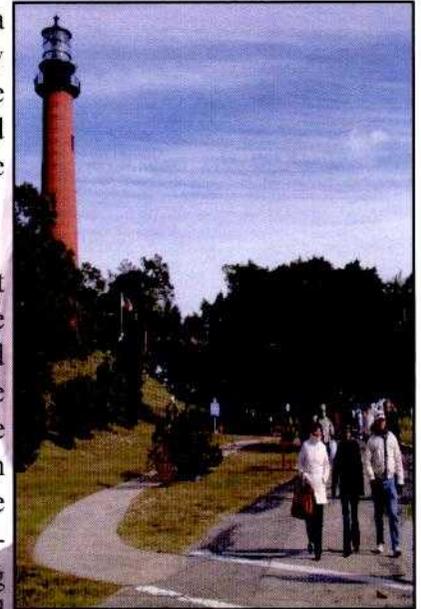
The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area was designated in 2008 as a unit of the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS). This year the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area hosted

the NLCS 10th anniversary celebration. Over 1500 members of the public attended the event.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding greatly improved the visitor experience and increased public safety. ARRA projects completed in 2010 included the complete renovation of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Keeper’s workshop, removal of exotic vegetation, new plantings, irrigation, new public deck use and the preservation of cultural sites.

A legislatively-mandated comprehensive management plan was also completed and signed by our partners on September 15, 2010. The management plan was a collaborative effort and provides guidance for BLM-ES and its partners. The planning effort included a series of public meetings and public review of the draft document.

The DOI Youth Initiative supported six summer student hires at Jupiter. Students assisted with public tours, helped staff with the lighthouse’s 150th anniversary programs, worked on the “Hands on the Land web page” and supported wildlife and plant monitoring within the natural areas of the ONA.





Student volunteers performing water quality studies of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area's wetlands.

Volunteers

During 2010, the BLM-ES continued to expand volunteer recruitment efforts and opportunities through the use of our Volunteer Web site at www.volunteer.gov, newsletters, and continued outreach at local high schools in Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Maryland. Volunteers contributed 25,567 hours of work a valued at \$ 533,071.95!

In 2010:

- The Wild Horse and Burro program volunteers contributed a total of over 6,000 hours
- The NESFO volunteers contributed approximately 5,403 hours of service in programs such as WH&B and Environmental Education.



Jupiter High School Students volunteer at the National Public Lands Day Event held at Jupiter Lighthouse.

- The SESFO volunteers contributed approximately 5,789 hours of service in programs such as WH&B and Environmental Education.
- LPFS provided over 10,000 volunteer hours on a wide variety of projects at Meadowood, from trail building to tree planting. They also organized volunteers for the Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, National Trails Day and Rock Creek Park Cleanup.



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

In February 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – otherwise known as stimulus. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received \$305 million of the \$787 billion provided to create and maintain jobs to stimulate the economy.

Although the BLM-Eastern States' funding is only a small portion of the total allocated under the Recovery Act, the BLM-ES has put its dollars to wise use to complete on-the-ground projects that will benefit local communities.

The BLM-Eastern States has four projects funded by the Recovery Act.

Category	Site Name / State	Funded Amount
Trails	Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), Virginia	\$350,000
	Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area (ONA), Florida	\$608,000
Habitat Restoration	Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse ONA Florida	\$465,000
Deferred Maintenance	Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse ONA Florida	\$612,000
TOTAL		\$2,035,000

***Meadowood SRMA Trail Reconstruction,
Relocation, Repair and Improvement***

Before BLM-ES took management responsibility for Meadowood in late 2001, the area was a working farm containing a number of old trails in varying condition. Many of these trails were steep and severely eroding, had muddy sections, caused water quality problems, and were unsafe for general public use. This year BLM-Eastern States used ARRA funding to rebuild three miles of trails, construct one mile of new trail, rebuild a stream crossing washed out by heavy rains, and construct a new trailhead. Now the recreating public can safely enjoy a trail system that not only traverses Meadowood's land, but also connects Meadowood to the nearby 1,000-acre Pohick Bay Regional Park along the Potomac River.



Ribbon cutting at the opening ceremony for the new Meadowood Trail System.

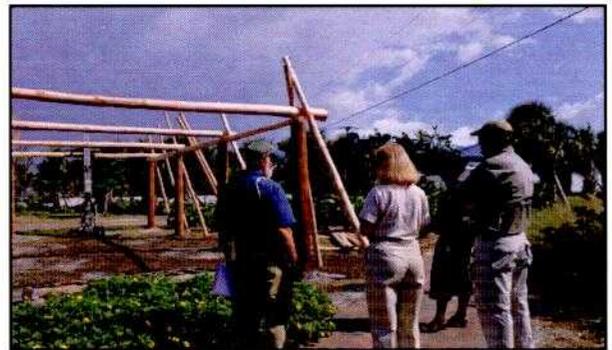
***Habitat Restoration: Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse
Outstanding Natural Area (ONA)***

This design project will stabilize the Indian River (Intracoastal Waterway) shoreline to restore habitat for the endangered West Indian Manatee as well as increase public safety. Design alternatives were presented to the public and discussed at a public meeting. Based on public input, additional plans are being developed and we are working with one of our partners, Palm Beach County to obtain permits. Construction is expected to take place in 2011.



***Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse ONA Icon Trail
Construction and Improvement***

A trail construction project will be completed as part of the plan developed pursuant to the act that created the ONA in May 2008. This project calls for the construction of a parking area and a series of trails, boardwalks and overlooks with interpretative signage that will explain the rich prehistoric cultures of the ONA. The work, particularly the signage, will also help protect habitats for over 18 special status plant and animal species found at the ONA while enhancing the visitor's recreation experience at one of the newest units of the BLM's National Conservation System.



Deputy Director Marcilynn Burke, and staff viewing the progress on the Chickee being built at the JILONA

***Deferred Maintenance: Jupiter Inlet Historic
Lighthouse and Keepers Building Restoration***

Restoration of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse keeper's workshop, including lead and asbestos abatement, is being done so that this historic structure can be made safely available for visitation and interpretation. Work is also being done to paint the interior of the lighthouse using appropriate paint for preservation, as well as painting metal handrails in the lighthouse and the neighboring oil shed.



Financial Information

Congressional and State Government Outreach

The BLM-Eastern States conducted outreach to many elected officials in national and local governments during FY 2010. Notification letters were mailed to Congressional delegations and state Governors prior to lease sales of oil and gas parcels in their districts and states. We replied to many Congressional inquiries from members on behalf of constituents who had concerns regarding public lands management. Additionally, members of the BLM-Eastern States leadership team visited Capitol Hill to brief Congressmen and Senators on the status of resource management issues in their local areas. We also hosted members of Congress and locally-elected officials, to view projects being implemented in the field. The BLM-Eastern States is committed to maintaining open communications with all interested communities and stakeholders through their elected officials.

BLM-Eastern States' Appropriated Funding

Level for Fiscal Year 2010

(Does not include carry-over funding)

Figures in hundred thousands of dollars

Natural Resources.....	\$1,936
Wild Horse and Burro Adoption and Compliance.....	\$ 2,747
Energy and Minerals	\$ 5,676
Lands and Realty	\$ 2,568
Wildland Fire	\$707
Cadastral Survey.....	\$1,210
GLO Records Automation	\$1,139
Administration.....	\$ 3,092
NLCS.....	\$178
Recovery Act.....	\$2,340

Total Budget

(BLM-appropriated funds) **\$21,593**

Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Fiscal Year 2010

Each year, the Department of the Interior disburses payments in lieu of taxes to states in which there are Federal lands and resources. These payments are appropriated by Congress.

State	FY 2010 payment	Entitlement Acres
Alabama	\$605,410	797,763
Arkansas	\$4,463,032	3,269,899
Connecticut	\$28,773	12,042
Delaware	\$17,750	7,403
District of Columbia	\$25,087	6,963
Florida	\$4,525,156	2,550,469
Georgia	\$1,938,517	1,275,440
Illinois	\$1,099,777	482,588
Indiana	\$412,560	312,960
Iowa	\$450,820	185,338
Kentucky	\$1,480,359	1,253,879
Louisiana	\$546,772	750,246
Maine	\$295,510	117,485
Maryland	\$103,643	41,791
Massachusetts	\$100,986	39,747
Michigan	\$3,830,742	2,163,659
Minnesota	\$2,736,684	2,900,255
Mississippi	\$1,488,198	1,638,475
Missouri	\$2,695,274	2,052,338
New Hampshire	\$1,726,820	761,349
New Jersey	\$96,597	40,309
New York	\$122,706	59,813
North Carolina	\$3,858,283	1,720,089
Ohio	\$485,605	358,760
Pennsylvania	\$527,493	653,028
Puerto Rico	\$9,983	30,233
South Carolina	\$388,740	775,696
Tennessee	\$1,615,385	1,244,658
Vermont	\$896,432	409,925
Virginia	\$2,532,009	2,050,856
Washington	\$12,821,358	11,831,308
West Virginia	\$2,799,356	1,242,581
Total	\$54,725,817	41,037,345



As Guardians of the Past and Stewards for the Future, BLM-Eastern States is committed to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands and resources spanning the 31 states east of and adjacent to the Mississippi River for present and future generations.

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