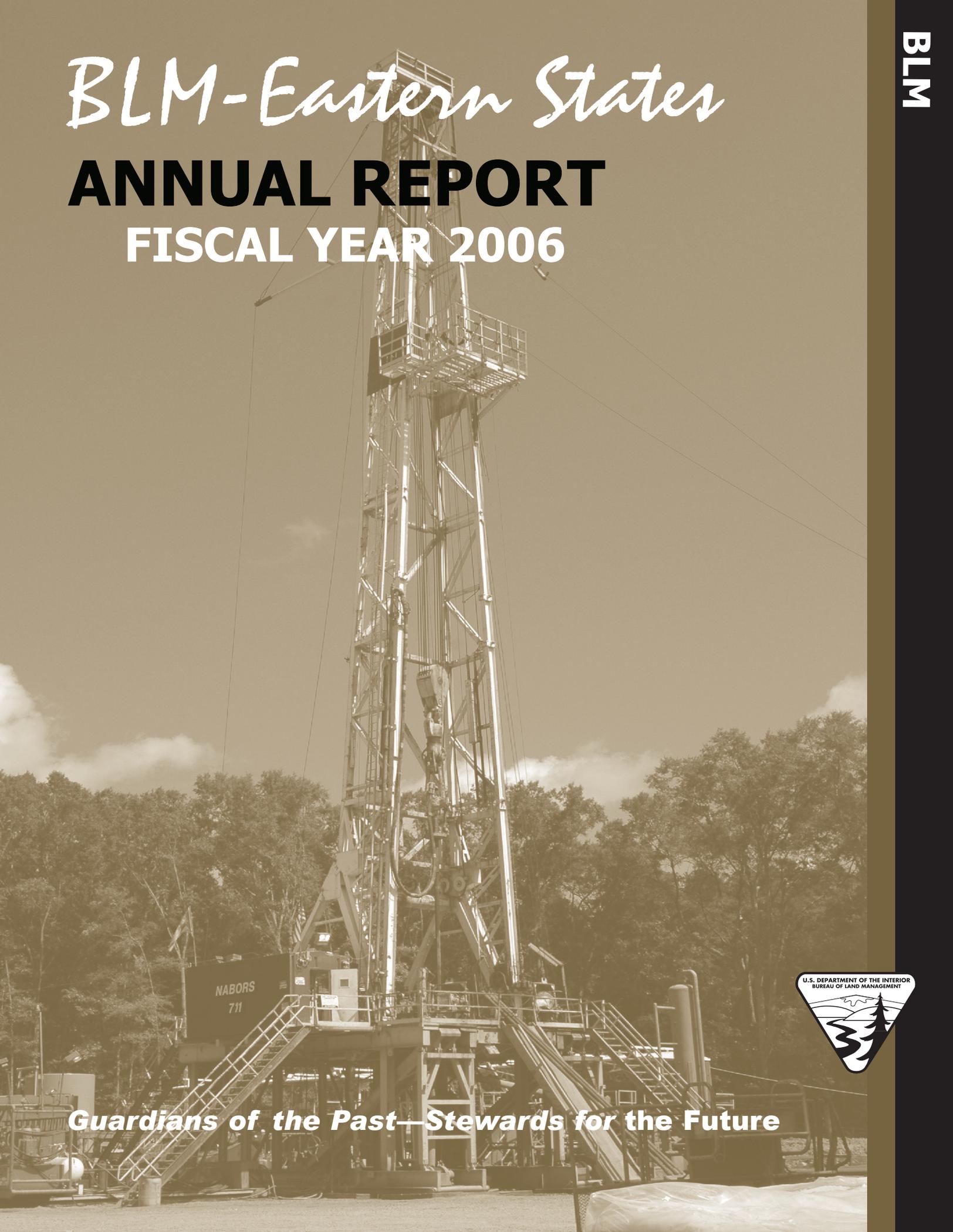


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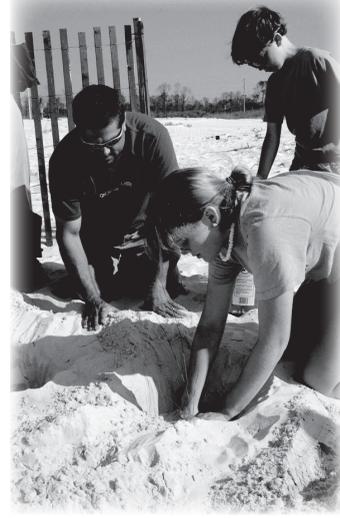
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Welcome to BLM-Eastern States



BLM-Eastern States once again demonstrated its commitment to our vision as “Guardians of the Past—Stewards for the Future.” We made great strides in each of our program areas—energy and mineral resources, wildland fire, wild horse and burro adoption and compliance, natural resources, lands and realty, cadastral survey, and General Land Office Records automation.

The dedication and hard work of our BLM-Eastern States’ employees, partners, and volunteers makes me very proud to present our accomplishments for this year. Most notably:

- Through our energy and mineral resources program, we manage more than 3,600 oil and gas leases which produced approximately 43 billion cubic feet of natural gas and 1 million barrels of oil this year. We issued 284 new oil and gas leases covering 197,000 acres in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, and issued 52 new applications for permits to drill wells on existing leases. Revenue from our oil and gas leasing program exceeded \$3.4 million. Our successful oil and gas program contributes to the Nation’s energy supply and reduces our country’s dependence on foreign oil and gas;

- Our Jackson Hotshot Fire Crew worked another long emergency response and fire season, which began in October 2005, when they provided hurricane relief along the Gulf Coast States. The Crew trained and provided fire suppression support in four Western States;

- We continued our wild horse and burro adoption effort by finding good homes for 32 percent (1,606 animals) of all wild horses and burros adopted nationally in fiscal year 2006. In November 2005, we began a Volunteer Fostering Program to assist BLM in finding good homes for the animals with more than 153 animals being placed in 12 States, to date;

- Through our natural resources program, we managed a variety of wildlife habitat, recreation, and cultural resources at the Jupiter Inlet Natural Area, which were highlighted this year through our partnership with the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management and South Florida Water Management District;

- Through our Lands Identification Project, we validated over 3,500 acres of federally owned lands in the State of Alabama and continued to clear title for 21 cases under the Color-of-Title process in the State of Mississippi;

- We added a new feature to the GLO Web site at www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov at the “New! Survey plats” link, which allows users to view historical and current cadastral survey plats for the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Mississippi, and Oklahoma, as well as current survey information performed for other Federal agencies in Texas and some of the 13 original colonies; and

- The General Land Office (GLO) Records Automation team completed the automation of 1.25 million post-1908 serialized patent records which are now uploaded to the GLO Web site. We also automated over 91,000 pre-1908 land patent records for the State of Iowa, with a completion date scheduled for December 2006.

We continue to work toward creating a more effective and efficient operation to meet the challenges of tightening budgets. We successfully achieved our Target Table of Organization for 2008, 2 years ahead of schedule, and we began planning efforts for a 2010 optimal organization.

Our employees look forward to meeting the challenges and opportunities in fiscal year 2007. With our commitment to excellence, we will continue to work with partners and volunteers to accomplish our mission while enhancing the quality of life for present and future generations.

Michael D. Nedd, BLM-Eastern States Director

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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 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

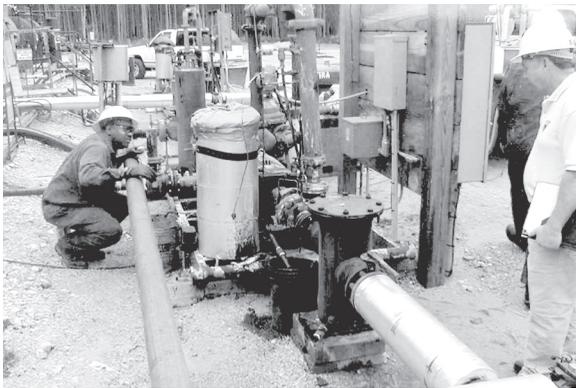
The energy and mineral resources program is one of BLM-Eastern States' largest programs. We manage about 40 million acres of mineral estate, including substantial leasing for oil and gas. We work effectively with partners in industry and conservation organizations to oversee environmentally sound fluid and solid mineral development to help sustain a healthy economy.

Oil and Gas Program

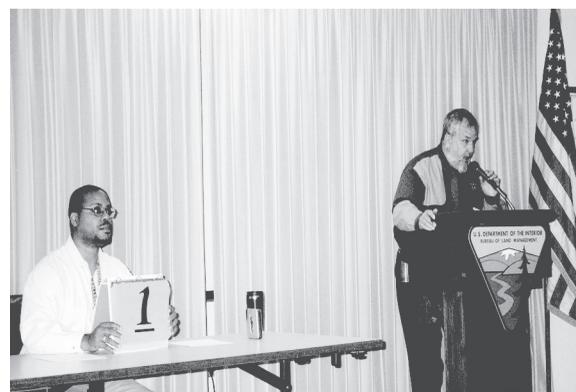
BLM-Eastern States' oil and gas program produces significant revenues that are shared with the States from which those revenues are generated. In 2006, we administered more than 3,600 Federal mineral leases, covering approximately 2 million acres in 15 of the 31 Eastern States.

In addition we:

- Issued 284 leases for oil and gas parcels, covering over 197,000 acres in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.



BLM-Eastern States Lead Petroleum Engineering Technician Ray Boteler observes a technician meter proving at a lease site in Mississippi.



BLM-Eastern States held quarterly competitive oil and gas lease sales at the Springfield, Virginia, office in fiscal year 2006, and received more than \$3.4 million from the sales.

- Approved 52 applications for drilling permits.
- Conducted 831 compliance inspections of drilling and production activities on leases in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia, and reviewed production records for over 27,800 million cubic feet of underreported gas sales.
- Closed 14 reservoir management drainage cases to resolve the loss of lateral oil and gas reserves to private wells.
- Approved 30 oil and gas agreements to prevent unapproved drainage of Federal minerals.
- Prepared 3 environmental assessments for expressions of oil and gas leasing interest.
- Processed 617 postlease fluid minerals actions, such as termination of leases and assignment of leases to new owners.
- Approved 959 fluid minerals Sundry Notices, which are changes to operations on existing oil and gas wells.
- Plugged an orphan well in West Virginia through a cooperative effort involving the Monongahela National Forest and the State's Oil and Gas Division.



Open-pit clay mining for brick manufacture on a BLM lease on the Talledega National Forest in Alabama.

Coal Program

Part of the BLM-Eastern States' mission is to oversee leases of Federal coal. There are an estimated 24.31 million tons of coal which are recoverable from existing and proposed coal leases in the BLM-Eastern States' area of jurisdiction. In 2006, we administered 9 coal leases, covering more than 9,900 acres in the States of Alabama, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

In addition, we:

- Held a lease sale for a 315-acre parcel, located on the Blue Hole Federal Mineral Tract in the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky, containing an estimated 792,000 tons of Federal coal reserves. We received a competitive bid of \$150.23 per acre for a total bid of \$47,250.
- Worked with industry and Federal partners to select a third party contractor to prepare the Lease By Application Land Use Analysis/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on approximately 13,000 acres on East Lynn Lake in Wayne County, West Virginia.
- Performed 38 compliance inspections and production verification activities on existing coal mines.
- Processed 4 postlease actions, including lease renewals modifications, terminations, and relinquishments.

Solid Minerals Other Than Coal

In 2006, we administered 99 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 39 mineral reports such as prospecting permit applications, color-of-title, and minerals conveyance under section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976. Some of these reports were in support of other agencies (U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, General Services Administration, and Bureau of Indian Affairs).
- Processed 93 postlease actions, such as lease modifications, reviewing mining exploration plans, and bonding modifications.
- Performed 238 compliance inspections and production verification activities.
- Administered 27 mining claims in the States of Arkansas and Florida.

Other Energy and Mineral Resources Program Highlights

BLM-Eastern States continued to work on the Alabama/ Mississippi Resource Management Plan, which focuses primarily on energy and minerals. We worked to educate the people we serve about the importance of sound mineral development.

This year, we:

- Presented the “Rocks and Minerals and How We Use Them” program to 80 educators at two Teachers Conservation Workshops, marking the 12th year of partnering with the Mississippi Forestry Association.
- Partnered with the Mississippi Coahoma County Soil and Water Conservation District and the county school system for the 9th year to provide the “Rock and Minerals” program to about 500 students.



This year, we concluded the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration in St. Louis, Missouri, providing over 3,000 attendees with a special “Importance of Rocks and Minerals” program.

- Met with over 200 attendees at the 26th Independent Oil and Gas Association of New York Meeting and over 500 attendees at the 59th Annual Oil and Gas Association Meeting and Exhibit/Trade Show in Columbus, Ohio, to share BLM's energy and resource information.
- Partnered with the Wisconsin Geologic Society at the 49th Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show, in Milwaukee, responding to questions about careers in geologic studies and with the BLM for nearly 1,300 attendees.

Estimated Revenues from Federal Mineral Leases and Distributions to States in Calendar Year 2006*

(values are calculated to the nearest dollar)

State	Total Mineral Revenues	Mineral Revenues Distributed to States
State	Revenues (\$)	Disbursements (\$)
Alabama	1,981,892	751,161
Arkansas	16,514,329	6,825,233
Florida	28,736	141,948
Illinois	263,477	180,913
Indiana	479	59
Kentucky	2,070,084	379,097
Louisiana	46,767,664	1,170,670
Michigan	2,804,281	658,766
Minnesota	53,398	15,126
Mississippi	4,173,855	1,053,168
Missouri	8,515,936	1,979,894
Ohio	842,038	489,185
Pennsylvania	200,151	92,323
Virginia	478,497	217,103
West Virginia	981,725	494,295
Total	85,676,542	14,448,941

*Based on Minerals Management Service (MMS) 2006 report. For more information, visit the MMS Web site at www.mrm.mms.gov/MRMWebstats/Home.aspx.

Wildland Fire

The Jackson Hotshot Crew (JHC) remains the centerpiece of the BLM-Eastern States' 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, which, because of its proximity to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, enables the JHC to recruit people who are interested in

pursuing a career in fire management. Approximately 50 percent of the people hired each year for the JHC are minorities (African Americans, Native Americans, and Asian Americans), both male and female.



BLM-Eastern States Jackson Hotshot Crew is the only elite wildland firefighting crew east of the Mississippi River.

This year, the JHC:

- Supported fire suppression efforts and battled wildfires in the States of California, Oregon, Texas, and Washington. For more information about wildland fire, visit BLM's National Interagency Fire Center's Web site at www.nifc.gov/.
- Provided crucial hurricane relief assistance to the Gulf Coast area following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, involving salvage and recovery work, downing and removing trees, and clearing a pad in preparation for a mobile hospital unit to provide assistance to coastal communities' medical needs.



On March 14, 2006, BLM-Eastern States, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the Mississippi Forestry Commission, officially opened the Southern Regional Fire Training Center, in Pearl, Mississippi. The Center is used by Federal and State agencies and local volunteer fire departments throughout the Southeast to train wildland firefighters. The Center also serves as a logistics focal point for briefings and a staging area for relief efforts for supplies funneled to the Gulf Coast Region during disasters.

Wild Horse and Burro Adoption and Compliance

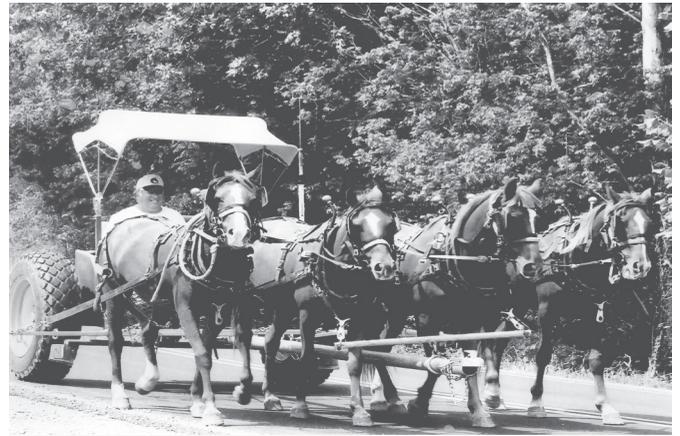
The BLM-Eastern States' wild horse and burro program, the largest in the Bureau, places one-third of all wild horses and burros adopted nationwide. We play a crucial role in supporting the Bureau's National Wild Horse and Burro Strategy to reduce the number of animals on the western rangelands.

In fiscal year 2006, we:

- Arranged for the adoption of 1,606 wild horses and burros to adopters in the East at 31 in-person adoptions, including 4 at the Ewing, Illinois, Adoption/Holding Facility, where we placed 201 animals.
- Hosted 5 Internet wild horse and burro adoptions at the Wild Horse and Burro Internet Adoption Web site at www.adoptahorse.blm.gov, placing 129 animals nationwide.
- Completed 1,447 compliance inspections of untitled animals, with help from volunteers from the Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.
- Issued 1,673 title certificates for adopted wild horses and burros. This year, law enforcement personnel opened more than 30 new compliance investigations.



Wild burros from Arizona and California are very desirable for eastern adopters.



Wild horse adopter John Miljanich, from Cornersville, Tennessee, has trained his adopted mustang team of sorrel horses to pull a chuck wagon.

- Promoted the wild horse and burro adoption program at regional events, such as the Southern Illinois Mustang and Burro Horse Show, Midwest Horse Fair in Madison, Wisconsin, the Mississippi State Championship Horse Show, and the Southern Regional 4-H Championship Horse Show in Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Recruited 30 past adopters through BLM-Eastern States' new Volunteer Fostering Program to gentle young horses, mentor first-time adopters, conduct compliance inspections, hold, and place 153 animals into good homes in 12 States.
- Began posting on-line photographs of horses awaiting adoption at the BLM-Eastern States Adoption/Holding Facility in Ewing, Illinois, on the Adopt-A-Horse Web site at the BLM Facility link at www.blm.gov/adoptahorse/onsitegallery.php.



Volunteer Loretta Johnson feeds her two fostered colts in Maywood, Missouri.

Natural Resources

From the steamy swamps in Louisiana to the pristine islands in the Northwoods of Minnesota, BLM-Eastern States manages a variety of natural resources on widely scattered tracts, located on more than 30,000 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.

Douglas Point, Maryland

The 548-acre Douglas Point Special Recreation Management Area is part of the recently designated 1,270-acre Nanjemoy Natural Resource Management Area (NRMA) along the Potomac River in Charles County, Maryland. Managed cooperatively by BLM-Eastern States and the State of Maryland, the area offers a variety of public recreation opportunities such as hiking, boating, and hunting. This area also has many cultural and natural resources, from sunken World War I era ships to fossils from the Paleocene epoch about 58 million years ago. Wildlife is abundant and includes bald eagles, ospreys, a variety of nesting waterfowl, deer, raccoons, muskrats, beavers, and foxes.



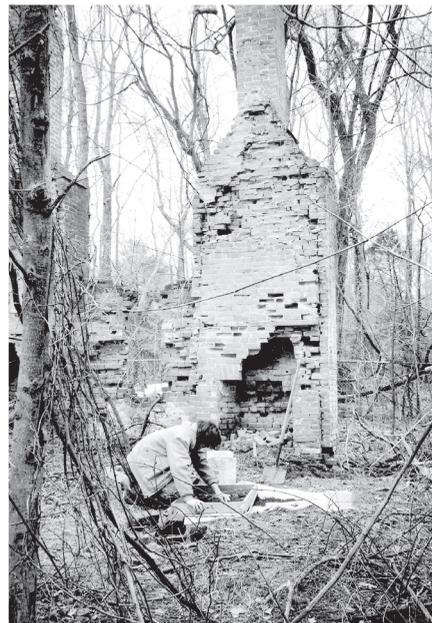
Douglas Point in Charles County, Maryland, one of the last remaining undeveloped tracts along the Potomac River near heavily populated Washington, DC, offers outstanding recreation, wildlife habitat, and cultural resources.



BLM-Eastern States, with assistance from local volunteers and partner organizations, Nanjemoy Vision, Incorporated, and the Potomac Heritage Trail Association, constructed the Universally Accessible Interpretive Trail at the historic Chiles Homesite in Maryland. Workers contributed over 200 volunteer hours.

In 2006, we:

- Began implementation of the Nanjemoy NRMA Implementation Plan, which provides details for management of the area by the BLM-Eastern States and the State of Maryland.
- Completed the Chiles Homesite Interpretive Plan and design for the Chiles Homesite Trail in partnership with the College of William and Mary – Center for Archaeological Research. In July, the College unveiled a new Web site at www.wm.edu/wmcar/chiles and virtual tour of the Chiles Homesite Project at the 2006 Transportation Research Board’s national meeting held in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. The trail was officially opened in fall 2006.



An archaeologist from the College of William & Mary in Virginia conducts an archaeology study of the historic Chiles Homesite at Douglas Point in Maryland.

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 small, widely scattered areas of public land 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, bluegill, and muskellunge.



BLM-Eastern States helps to monitor recreation use and wildlife habitat on 23 public islands in the Lake Vermilion Recreation area with the assistance of partners such as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Raps Road Association, Elbow Lake Association, and members of the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe.

In fiscal year 2006, we:

- Established partnerships 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.
- Worked closely with Federal and State agencies and partners to develop long-term management plans, conduct on-the-ground site evaluations, and provide support for a Heritage Training Program presented to 40 volunteers from two Tribal communities in Minnesota, as designed by the 1854 Authority.



Lake Vermilion island stewards contributed over 200 volunteer hours by assisting the BLM-Eastern States to encourage ethical use of public island resources. Volunteers helped BLM by removing litter, maintaining signs, clearing down trees, assisting BLM resource specialists on site visits, and providing feedback on recreational and wildlife uses of the islands.

- Conducted 17 cultural heritage program presentations on a variety of topics for approximately 600 people at elementary schools, professional conferences, university lectures, Tribal and Federal Government officials, and BLM staff.
- Developed professional interpretive media, such as posters, brochures and web-based virtual tours of BLM sites for cultural heritage presentations.



Outdoor recreationists enjoy a variety of activities on the Lake Vermilion islands in Minnesota, including boating, fishing, picnicking, and bird watching.

Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), Virginia

The 800-acre Meadowood SRMA is located 25 miles south of Washington, DC, in suburban Virginia. Designated hiking and horseback riding trails throughout the property allow visitors the opportunity to experience a variety of natural resource settings and view rare wildlife, including a population of bald eagles. We manage recreational trails and wildlife habitat and contract with a vendor to manage a horse boarding operation at the 40-stall barn on the property.

This year, we:

- Opened an additional 300 acres at the Meadowood West Parcel for public trail use—hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding, bird and wildlife viewing, and control-line flying.
- Completed a site-specific project plan for trails, trailhead parking, and fishing through implementation of the management plan.
- Applied treatments to invasive weeds on 60 acres at Meadowood West and planted 200 trees to restore damaged lands and improve bird and wildlife habitat.
- Coordinated with the BLM's National Science and Technology Center in Virginia to plan and engineer work for the Gunston Road Kiosk, the potable water line for the administration site, and a design of a fire suppression system for the boarding stable.



BLM-Eastern States personnel and volunteers prepared the Meadowood West Trail in Virginia for opening in October 2006.



We continued a highly successful partnership with Simple Changes, Incorporated, a nonprofit, therapeutic riding group for challenged individuals, ranging in ages from 16 months to 50 years old. Simple Changes operates under a 5-year Special Recreation Permit from BLM.

- Completed construction of a Universally Accessible walkway to the conference facility, and renovated the conference room and restroom for universal access at the Meadowood SRMA.
- Contracted for, and received, a design for the Belmont Boulevard Environmental Education Center and Trailhead Area.
- Cleared and maintained trails, conducted trailhead construction work, and wrote a successful grant for \$137,000 from the State of Virginia Department of Transportation with assistance from volunteers.
- Conducted archaeological field surveys and identified over 200 new archaeological sites at the Meadowood SRMA with assistance from volunteers and partners from the Fairfax County Park Authority who contributed over 800 volunteer hours.
- Held over 25 public meetings, volunteer events, and outreach programs at festivals, fairs and conferences on the Lower Potomac Field Station properties.
- Initiated a program involving volunteers from the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia to lead monthly nature walks and conduct bird and nature surveys three times per year on the Meadowood SRMA property.

Lathrop Bayou, Florida

This year, BLM-Eastern States collaborated with State, private, and other Federal agencies on the management of public lands at Lathrop Bayou, an area with the most intact longleaf pine forests remaining in Bay and Gulf Counties on the panhandle of Florida.



The Jackson Hotshot Crew continued efforts to remove excess fuels, thin hundreds of young slash pines crowding 100-year old longleaf pines, and remove heavy ladder fuels in preparation for a prescribed burn at Lathrop Bayou in Florida.

In fiscal year 2006, we:

- Restored the open, park-like settings to benefit the 14 special status plants documented at Lathrop Bayou, including the federally listed white birds-in-a-nest, Florida skullcap, and the insectivorous Godfrey's butterwort.



We partnered with St. Joe Timberland Company to band a new cluster of endangered red-cockaded woodpeckers in January 2006 and successfully banded the chicks in May.

Jupiter Inlet Natural Area, Florida

The Jupiter Inlet Natural Area 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 BLM and Palm Beach County in southeastern Florida, and serves as the centerpiece of open space for both the Town of Jupiter and the Village of Tequesta in northern Palm Beach County.

This year, we:

- Partnered with the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management and the South Florida Water Management District through a cost-share agreement to maintain thousands of native plant species along the bank of the Loxahatchee River and eradicate invasive weeds such as the Brazilian pepper, Australian pine, seaside mahoe, and bowstring.
- Continued work on repairing areas of the bank of the Loxahatchee River damaged during last year's extraordinary hurricane season.



BLM-Eastern States works with partners in Florida to proactively manage for desired habitats, resource protection, recreation, environmental education, and interpretation at the Jupiter Inlet Natural Area.

Fort Morgan Peninsula, Alabama

The Fort Morgan Peninsula, located in Baldwin County, Alabama, is comprised of seven beach tracts totaling 28.7 acres, and is adjacent to the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge. These tracts provide access, parking, and recreation along the beaches of the Gulf Coast. The coastal habitat communities provide riparian and aquatic habitat for fish and invertebrate species as well as critical habitat for the Alabama beach mouse and nesting habitat for the loggerhead turtle.



BLM-Eastern States personnel partnered with the Soil and Water Conservation Service on a dune restoration workshop for agency personnel and the public to install sand fencing and replant native plants in the hurricane-damaged coastal dunes.

In 2006, we established photo monitoring plots across 11 BLM-administered tracts on the Fort Morgan Peninsula, including 1 mile of critical beachfront and inland scrub tracts.

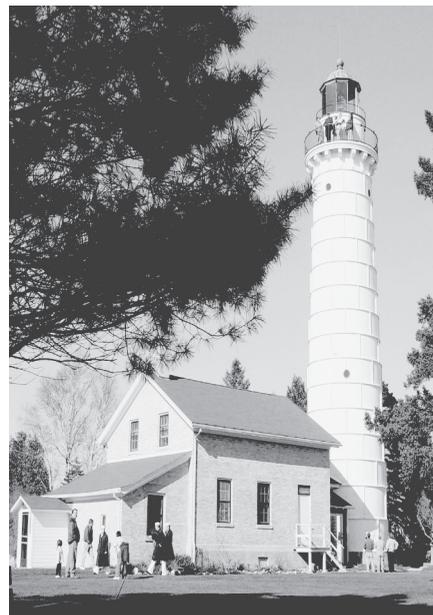
Lands and Realty

Through our lands and realty program, we provide for public land identification, land tenure adjustment, and responses to public inquiries on land title issues.

In fiscal year 2006, we:

- Processed over 5,114 requests regarding land title, patent transfer, and land sales inquiries.

- Completed, on behalf of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the transfer of approximately 300 acres in the State of Minnesota.
- Issued patents totaling 403 acres conveying all minerals, except oil and gas, in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, under the Energy Policy Act of 2005.
- Processed a FLPMA section 209 mineral conveyance for 40 acres in Florida.
- Processed a cash patent conveying 80 acres in the State of Wisconsin.
- Completed the issuance of a New and Correct Military Bounty Land Warrant conveying 123 acres in the State of Arkansas.
- Processed a credit patent that should have been issued in 1828, conveying 483 acres in the State of Mississippi.
- Extended a withdrawal for an additional 20 years for 4,107 acres of public land within the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge in Wisconsin.
- Processed a FLPMA section 203 direct sale patent conveying 1 acre of public domain land in the State of Florida.
- Transferred St. Marks Lighthouse, adjacent to the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, located in Wakulla County, Florida, to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006.
- Sold a 0.58-acre beachfront tract, known as The Dune Allen II, which lies between the Gulf of Mexico and a condominium development in Walton County, Florida, for beach access and recreation. A patent was issued February 1, 2006.



BLM-Eastern States transferred the Cana Island Lighthouse to Door County in Wisconsin, to be managed as an historic park. The transfer was completed in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Door County officials. A patent was issued to Door County on April 27, 2006.

- Processed withdrawal relinquishments for U.S. Coast Guard properties around the Great Lakes and the State of Florida. Our overall goal is to find public entities (Federal, State, local or nonprofit groups) that are interested in long-term management for the parcels and lighthouses.
- Continued to refer lighthouse properties to the General Services Administration for processing under the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act.

Cadastral Survey

BLM-Eastern States continued 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, with emphasis on meeting our American Indian trust responsibilities and Federal obligations to Tribal governments in the East. We also fulfilled Secretarial responsibilities for the care and maintenance of duplicate copies of plats and field notes for the Western States.



This year, we completed 307 miles of field survey for the U.S. Forest Service in Arkansas; National Park Service in Washington, DC and Maryland; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Illinois and Missouri; and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Maine, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North Carolina.

In fiscal year 2006, our cadastral survey program:

- Approved 33 surveys amounting to 339 platted miles and 588 monuments.
- Filed of 650 western cadastral survey plats and field notes.
- Collected data for 92 townships in the States of Mississippi and Alabama for the Geographic Coordinate Data Base (GCDB) and provided GCDB quality control on township data collected in partnership with the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri, the Hiawatha National Forest in Michigan, and the Red Lake Tribe in Minnesota.



BLM-Eastern States General Land Office Systems Manager John Butterfield demonstrates the automation process for scanning survey plats. Online viewing of data and images for the entire collection of 37,174 survey plats is now available at the General Land Office Records Web site at www.glorerecords.blm.gov.

- Conducted Public Land Survey System history training seminars for professional surveying associations in Alabama, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.
- Scanned and/or indexed 3,727 survey plats for the State of Mississippi, 467 survey plats for the State of Louisiana, and recent surveys for other Federal agencies in the Colonial States and Texas.
- Developed a three-way partnership between BLM-Eastern States, BLM-New Mexico and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to scan and index 67,098 original field note pages for the State of Oklahoma.
- Placed students from the Student Educational Employment Program on cadastral survey crews in Maine, Minnesota, North Carolina, and Wisconsin.

Of the 307 miles surveyed this year, we surveyed 203 miles for Native Americans:

- 41 miles for the Passamaquoddy Tribe and Penobscot Indian Nation in Maine.
- 50 miles for the White Earth Band of Chippewas in Minnesota.
- 12 miles for Cherokee Tribe in North Carolina.
- 82 miles for the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Wisconsin.
- 18 miles for the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Chippewas in Wisconsin.

General Land Office Records

BLM-Eastern States is the custodian of more than nine million historic land title records from the Public Domain States dating back to 1787. There are records from the 30 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 (post-1908)—Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.



BLM-Eastern States Lands & Realty Branch Chief Ida Doup (center), Land Law Examiner Jennifer Spencer (left), and Milwaukee Field Office Land Records Specialist Paula Langley (not pictured) demonstrated the General Land Office Records Web site at the National Genealogical Society Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

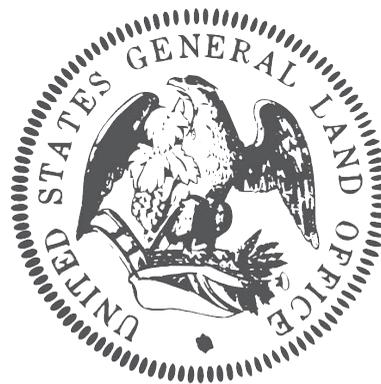
In 2006, we:

- Automated the remaining 49,000 serialized land patent records and posted them to the General Land Office Records (GLO) Web site, totaling 1.25 million post-1908 records. More than 3.2 million records have been scanned and imaged since the project began in 1989. Currently, there are over 4.2 million land patent records available on the GLO Web site.



Several members of the GLO Records Automation Team take a break from their heavy workload of automating land patent records for the GLO Records Web site at www.glorerecords.blm.gov, one of the Interior Department's most popular Web sites.

- Added the capability to search historical and current survey plats on the GLO Records Web site. To date, there are data and images for over 37,000 survey plats available online for the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Michigan, Mississippi, and Oklahoma, as well as current survey information performed for other Federal agencies in Texas and some of the 13 original colonies.
- Demonstrated the GLO Records Web site at the National Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.
- Received more than 14,128,290 million page views during 1,008,749 million visits to the GLO Records Web site since December 2005. The Web site provides public access 24 hours a day, free of charge, by visiting www.glorerecords.blm.gov.







Other Accomplishments

Partnerships

BLM-Eastern States is committed to maintaining active partnerships with States, counties, communities, and groups interested in public land and resource management. In the East, we play a critical role as “Guardians of the Past—Stewards for the Future” in helping to make BLM a truly national public land management agency by making Americans more aware of their valuable lands and natural resources.

This year, we:

- Held four National Public Lands Day events which involved cleaning up trash and debris, removing invasive plant species, landscaping and pruning, planting and weeding flower and prairie gardens, river cleanup, and maintaining trails at sites under BLM-Eastern States’ jurisdiction.
- Partnered with the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia to offer monthly nature walks at the Meadowood SRMA, where the public learned about the diversity of wildlife and vegetation in the rapidly urbanizing region.



BLM employees from across the country worked at the 79th Outdoor Writers Association of America Conference (OWAA) in Lake Charles, Louisiana, to increase outdoor writers’ awareness of the Antiquities Act of 1906. BLM’s Washington Office Archaeologist Richard Brook demonstrates starting a fire to an OWAA attendee.



BLM-Eastern States Milwaukee Field Office’s Solid Minerals Team co-located with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Mark Twain National Forest office in Rolla, Missouri, through a “Service First” initiative, for improved collaboration and cooperation.

- Participated in the Mississippi Science Olympiad through a partnership with the University of Southern Mississippi Center for Science and Math Education, where junior and senior high school students from throughout the State competed in numerous science events.
- Strengthened partnership efforts with Neighborhood House of Milwaukee, Inc., to monitor invasive species at the Nature Center in Dodge County, Wisconsin, in support of BLM’s efforts related to the Midwest Natural Resource Group’s “Action Plan for Addressing Terrestrial Invasive Species Within the Great Lakes Basin.”
- Partnered with the Urban Open Space Foundation through a Challenge Cost Share Agreement to preserve open green spaces in urban areas in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Engaged the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Anthropology to collaborate on a thematic Traditional Cultural Properties Evaluation of the BLM’s Big Lake/Rice Creek parcel in Vilas County, Minnesota.

Environmental Education and Public Outreach

BLM-Eastern States provides a variety of recreation, environmental education, and outreach programs to help educate the American public and promote responsible environmental stewardship among youth. We work with partners from 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 Web site at www.blm.gov/education/.

In fiscal year 2006, we:

- Participated in the Migratory Bird Day Event at the Milwaukee County Zoo in Wisconsin, to assist 400 students in identifying different migratory bird sounds.



Over 150,000 recreationists and sports enthusiasts attended the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel Sports Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. BLM-Eastern States, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel partnered to staff a booth which focused on recreating on Federal lands across the Nation.

- Exhibited at the 71st North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Columbus, Ohio, providing information to 1,200 attendees.
- Sponsored the 14th Environmental Education Camp, part of the Piney Woods School Summer Enrichment Program, at the Crows Neck Environmental Learning Center in Tishomingo, Mississippi, for 20 selected students with high academic achievement in science.
- Partnered with the University of Arkansas, Little Rock's Department of Sociology and Anthropology to conduct the Archaeological Field School, where students learned about clarifying cultural deposition at a rock shelter in Arkansas.

- Promoted BLM's *Project Archaeology: Intrigue of the Past*, by conducting Teacher Workshops for elementary educators within the State of Mississippi.
- Portrayed "Wild Horse Annie" (aka BLM-Eastern States' Outreach Specialist Patrice Junius) to 200 school-aged children throughout the State of Mississippi, giving them the opportunity to learn about wild horses.
- Participated at the 50th Girl Scout Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, providing over 17,000 people with information about BLM's volunteer projects.



We continued collaboration efforts with the Jupiter High School Environmental Research and Field Studies Academy in Florida, to provide an outdoor classroom for resource monitoring and invasive species programs.

- Presented a variety of off-site environmental education programs on Urban Leave No trace, recycling, and Pathways to Fishing, for over 2,100 youth throughout the greater Washington, DC, metropolitan area.



Earth Day events were conducted for children and the public at BLM-Eastern States Meadowood SRMA in Lorton, Virginia, and at Milwaukee's Urban Tree House Site, Lynden Hill, in Wisconsin.



BLM-Eastern States partnered with Virginia's South County High School, Freedom High School, Live and Learn Home School, and Washington, DC, metropolitan area schools, to conduct programs on soil and water monitoring/testing, plant and animal identification, camping, fishing, hiking, pollution, and protecting the environment.

- Collaborated with the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Urban Ecology Center to facilitate a workshop for educators about use of the Urban Wildlife Trunk to teach students and other youth-serving organizations.

Wonderful Outdoor World

The Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW) is a unique program that introduces rural and inner-city youth, ages 8 to 12, to environmental education and outdoor recreation activities during overnight camping experiences in the heart of the youngsters' own community. In 2006, BLM-Eastern States partnered with WOW to hold 8 campouts for more than 480 students in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.



Children enjoy camping activities through the Wonderful Outdoor World program.

America's Outdoors

America's Outdoors is an interagency "one stop" center for environmental education, urban conservation, and recreation information. The Center is located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This year, we:

- Provided recreational information to approximately 256 visitors through the Federal Recreation Web site at www.recreation.gov.



(At right) BLM-Eastern States Milwaukee Field Office Public Affairs Specialist Martha Malik answers questions about recreation opportunities on public lands during the Travel Adventure Expo in Chicago, Illinois, where nearly 2,000 people were in attendance.

Urban Tree House Site

The Milwaukee Field Office is a key partner in the Urban Tree House (UTH) program. The UTH is a unique partnership of governmental, nonprofit, and community organizations dedicated to delivering the message of public stewardship and resource conservation to urban youth.

In fiscal year 2006, we:

- Provided environmental education programming to nearly 2,500 urban youth and facilitated 106 different programs throughout the Milwaukee metropolitan area through the Milwaukee UTH site, at local youth-serving organizations, and the city of Milwaukee annual Summerfest event.

- Coordinated with the Midtown Neighborhood Association and Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful and participated in the 6th annual city of Milwaukee Great America Clean-Up event at the Milwaukee's UTH site, where residents volunteered nearly 50 community hours in the Midtown neighborhood.
- Installed official signage for the gateway entrance of the Milwaukee UTH site, and proceeded with the second phase of construction for other interpretive educational thematic areas.



America's Outdoors' Intern Lucas Thuecks facilitates an environmental education program to neighborhood youth at the Milwaukee UTH Site, Lynden Hill, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Volunteers

During 2006, BLM-Eastern States continued to expand its volunteer recruitment efforts and opportunities through the use of our Volunteer Web site at www.volunteer.gov, *Vantage* newsletters, and continued outreach at local high schools in Virginia. Volunteers contributed 25,939 hours of work at a value of \$467,939, with a 42-percent increase in the number of volunteers over the previous year.



Volunteer Fred Woehl assists BLM-Eastern States with wild horse and burro outreach. He also invites children to his farm in Arkansas for agricultural activities and rides on his adopted BLM mustang.

Congressional and State Government Outreach

BLM-Eastern States contacted 30 congressional offices to ensure staff members and elected officials had the best possible information regarding Bureau activities in their States and Districts.

We continued to support and maintain an active membership with the Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC), an organization comprised of highly trained, State public lands and natural resources professionals. BLM-Eastern States and the ELRC have shared a valuable partnership for 23 years. We actively participated at the ELRC's fall conference in Burlington, Vermont, where we formed several new partnerships with our valued peers in State government.



During 2006, BLM-Eastern States State Director Michael Nedd (not pictured), External Affairs Chief Terry Lewis (center, left), and Writer-Editor Peggy Riek were recognized for their outstanding service and support for the past several years during the Joint Spring ELRC and Western States Land Commissioners Association Conference held in Washington, DC.

Customer Service

In 2006, BLM-Eastern States continued to maintain effective relations with customers, stakeholders, and partners. We responded to online comments that we received at www.es.blm.gov. Additionally, we held on-site, mandatory customer service training sessions for all employees at our BLM-Eastern States' office locations.

Financial Information

BLM-Eastern States' Appropriated Funding Level for Fiscal Year 2006 (Figures in thousands of dollars)

Natural Resources.....	\$ 2,258
Wild Horse and Burro Adoption and Compliance	3,331
Energy and Minerals	6,007
Lands and Realty	3,213
Wildland Fire	896
Cadastral Survey.....	1,540
GLO Records Automation	1,392
Total Budget (BLM-appropriated funds)	\$18,637

Payments in Lieu of Taxes

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.

Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Fiscal Year 2006

State	\$ PILT	Entitlement Acres
Alabama	438,185	795,739
Arkansas	2,581,846	3,264,259
Connecticut	22,838	12,041
Delaware	10,736	7,403
District of Columbia	16,131	6,963
Florida	2,870,056	2,547,063
Georgia	1,494,379	1,273,406
Illinois	651,151	480,809
Indiana	395,041	312,583
Iowa	265,911	183,448
Kentucky	1,583,762	1,251,372
Louisiana	316,189	742,448
Maine	213,273	117,467
Maryland	82,569	41,744
Massachusetts	66,383	39,747
Michigan	2,684,187	2,162,016
Minnesota	1,589,455	2,900,443
Mississippi	906,153	1,634,699
Missouri	2,182,521	2,048,694
New Hampshire	1,044,016	763,046
New Jersey	69,933	40,309
New York	85,274	59,428
North Carolina	2,510,791	1,719,619
Ohio	447,394	356,710
Pennsylvania	365,037	652,521
South Carolina	263,366	784,636
Tennessee	1,457,897	1,237,676
Vermont	539,793	405,568
Virginia	2,360,392	2,049,716
West Virginia	1,583,700	1,241,031
Wisconsin	1,018,512	1,354,352
Total	30,116,871	30,486,956

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