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Memorandum

To: Bureau of Land Management Leadership Team
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Directorate
National Park Service National Leadership Council
U.S. Forest Service National Leadership Team

From: Deputy Secretary *[Signature]*
Department of the Interior

Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment *[Signature]*
Department of Agriculture

Subject: Fiscal Year 2007 Service First Awards

It is our pleasure to announce the recipients of the Fiscal Year 2007 Service First awards. As an interagency partnership authority, Service First is used by Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the National Park Service (NPS), and the U.S. Forest Service (FS) to work collaboratively on joint projects and programs that serve the American public through better management of public lands, improving public service, and increasing the agencies' operational efficiencies.

This year's winning teams and projects represent an impressive array of Service First activities, partnerships, and collaborations across the country at all administrative levels. The winners are:

- Teresa Harshman Ward, Joint Administrative Officer, BLM Lakeview Field Office and Fremont-Winema National Forest in Lakeview, Oregon.
- The Aquatic and Riparian Effectiveness Monitoring Program, BLM and FS in Oregon and Washington, for the BLM State Office and the FS Region 6. Team members include Steve Lanigan (Team Lead), Chris Moyer, Kirsten Gallo, Peter Eldred, Pete Gruendike, Hank LaVigne, Steve Wilcox, and Michel Mouzong.

- Central Utah Fire and Fuels Management Program, BLM Richfield and Fillmore Field Offices, the Fishlake National Forest, and the State of Utah. Team members include Justin Johnson, Tom Suwyn, Russ Ivie, Gayle Sorenson, Linda Chappell, Kim Soper, and Marv Turner.
- The San Juan Public Lands Center in Durango, Colorado, for an integrated draft land management plan and draft environmental impact statement on BLM and FS lands in southwest Colorado.
- The Southern Nevada Agency Partnership Interagency Law Enforcement Team, composed of BLM, FWS, NPS, and FS members in Las Vegas, Nevada. Team members include Erika Schumacher, Mary Hinson, Dave Leveille, Kevin DesRoberts, Amy Sprunger, and John Tesar.
- The America the Beautiful – the National Parks and Recreational Lands Pass National Implementation Team, including the BLM, FWS, NPS, U.S. Geological Survey, and the FS. Core team members include Jane Moore, Carolyn Hill, Brandon Flint, Rick Delappe, Chris Williamson, Marcia Keener, Jolene Johnson, Ben Simon, Kim Magraw, Jim Weiner, Martha Ketelle, Rebecca Halbe, Patrick Donahoo, Laurie Jasso, Daniel Jorjani, and Anthony Bobo.

Please join us in congratulating this year's winners. Service First is a vibrant interagency partnership authority and we encourage all offices and staffs to continue to explore interagency collaborative opportunities.

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