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To: Field Managers and Deputy State Directors  
From: Associate State Director  
Subject: Nominations for BLM's 2005 "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Awards  
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You are invited to nominate outstanding volunteers, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Volunteer Coordinators, and/or BLM volunteer supervisors/organizers for consideration for BLM's 2006 "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Awards, which will recognize 2005 program accomplishments.

Nomination packages should be submitted to Terri Trevino, State Volunteer Coordinator, via email at [Terri\\_Trevino@blm.gov](mailto:Terri_Trevino@blm.gov) by Friday, February 10, 2006. Please note that BLM employee nominees and volunteers will be evaluated in two separate groups.

Begun in 1995, the BLM National Volunteer Awards Program acknowledges volunteers and BLM employees involved with the Volunteer Program who have made significant contributions to Bureau of Land Management programs, initiatives, and/or events. Several factors influence the selection of award recipients, including the caliber and extent of their service and the program needs they have filled. The attached information includes criteria for the nomination process, guidelines for preparing a nomination package, and briefly describes the selection process.

"Making a Difference" Award winners will be selected in March, and State Volunteer Coordinators will be notified of the selections shortly afterwards. Award-winning volunteers and BLM employees will be honored at a special ceremony in May in conjunction with the meeting of the LM Field Committee. Details will be forthcoming soon.

If you have questions about BLM's "Making a Difference" Volunteer Awards Program or the nomination process, please feel free to contact Terri Trevino at 307-775-6020 or at [Terri\\_Trevino@blm.gov](mailto:Terri_Trevino@blm.gov). We look forward to learning about your outstanding volunteers.

Signed by:  
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Acting Associate State Director

Authenticated by:  
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Secretary (OA)

1 Attachment:  
1 - BLM "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Awards Criteria (1 p.)

# 2006 BLM “Making a Difference” National Volunteer Awards Criteria and Nomination Process

## CRITERIA

Nominees should have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following areas:

- Service to public lands and the American people
- Support of BLM’s mission
- Raising the awareness of the public about conserving and protecting the public lands
- Building of partnerships or stewardship opportunities
- Support of the volunteer program

## ELIGIBLE NOMINEES (TWO SEPARATE CATEGORIES)

- Individual BLM volunteers, hosted workers, and groups
- BLM employees: Volunteer Coordinators, volunteer supervisors/organizers

## NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations should be submitted to Terri Trevino (WY-951) via email ([Terri Trevino@blm.gov](mailto:Terri_Trevino@blm.gov)) by **February 10, 2006**. Once the nominations have been approved by the State Director, a consolidated submission will be sent to the Washington Office.

## CONTENTS OF NOMINATION PACKAGE

Nominations should not be longer than one page each. Each nomination package should include the following:

- Nominee’s name
- Nominee’s address
- Nominee’s phone number, fax number, e-mail address
- Name, office address, phone number, and e-mail address of volunteer’s BLM contact or employee-supervisor, or BLM employee’s supervisor
- Length of nominee’s service in the volunteer program (if relevant)
- Narrative about the nominee’s “Making a Difference” contribution in 2005:
  - work or project description;
  - its significance to BLM’s mission, and/or dollar value of contribution; and
  - a two- or three-sentence summary describing how the volunteer “made a difference”

## SELECTION PROCESS

A selection committee consisting of one or more BLM Washington Office employees, one BLM field employee (or an employee with field experience), and one or more representatives from external organizations will convene to evaluate award nominees. Judges will not be required to select a specific number of winners; rather, they will be encouraged to select those nominees who they deem have made the most significant difference in helping BLM manage the public lands condition. Please note that BLM nominees and private volunteers will be evaluated in separate groups.

## AWARDS CEREMONY

“Making a Difference” Award presentations will be made at a special ceremony in May. Details on the ceremony will be forthcoming.