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Office of the Associate Director

Feb. 7, 1994

Dear Mike,

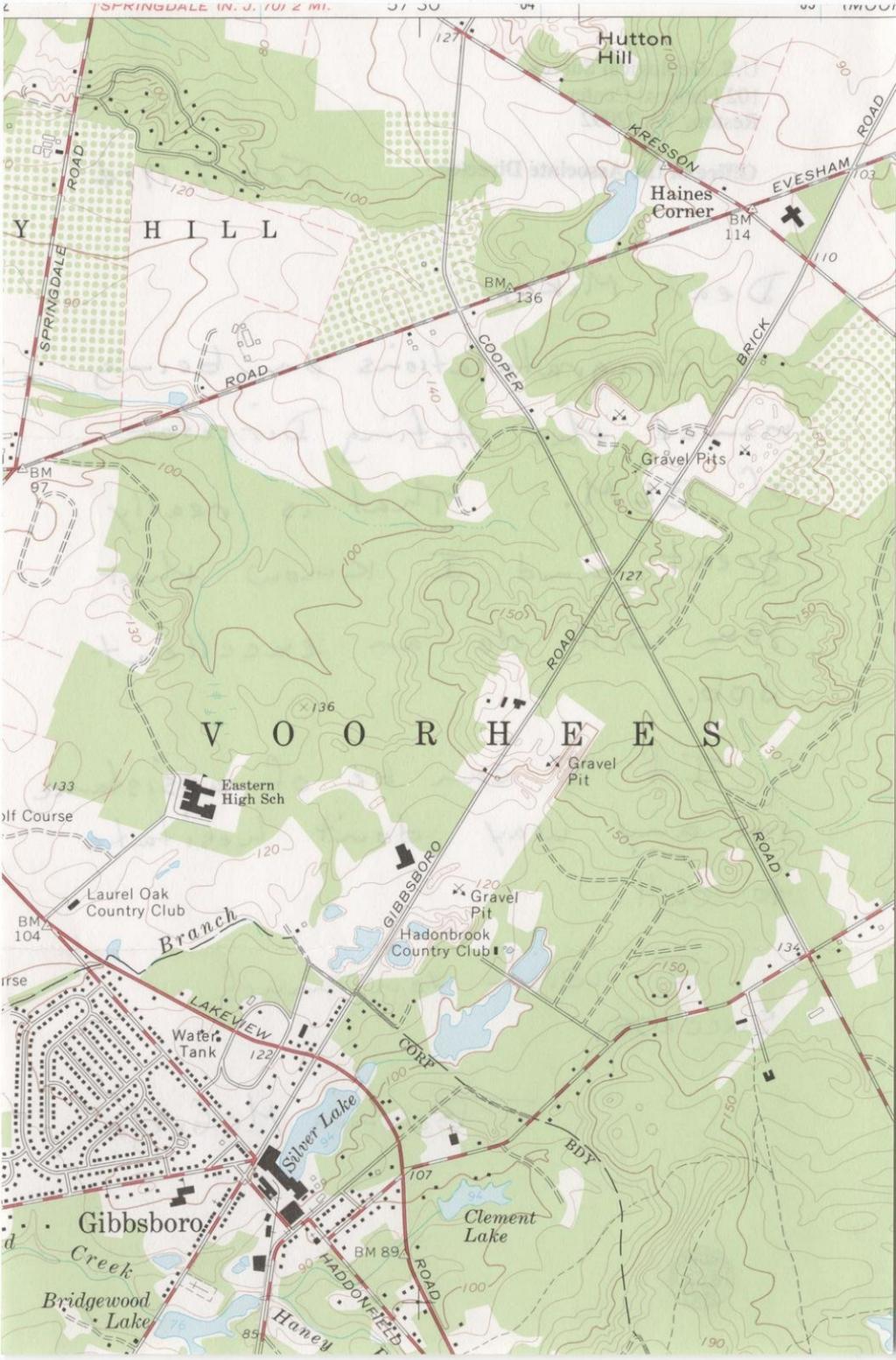
Congratulations on being named the Acting Director of BLM. That is really great and I know that you will do an excellent job.

If I can be of assistance in any way don't hesitate to call.

I wish you much success.

—Bonnie McGregor





[1995]

*School of Forest Resources
The Pennsylvania State University
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**From Commodity to Community: A
Common Sense Approach to
Ecosystem Management**

Dr. Michael P. Dombeck
*Acting Director
U.S. Bureau of Land
Management*

Dr. Dombeck is one of our nation's biggest landlords, overseeing 270 million acres of public land. As agency leader, he has helped craft a new direction for BLM, focusing on maintaining land health, using the best scientific information in decision making, and working collaboratively with rural and urban citizens. He offers the Penn State community his unique perspective on producing what people need and want from their land—from agriculture to aesthetics—in a practical and sustainable way.



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United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Washington, DC 20240

REPLY REFER TO:

December 20, 1995

MEMORANDUM

To: The Secretary

Through: Bob Armstrong,
Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management

From: Mike Dombek
Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Timber

Since Congress passed and the President signed the 1995 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief and Rescission Act, timber issues being handled by the Bureau of Land Management have become more and more complicated. Immediately after the Rescission Act became law, some Members of Congress provided the Administration with their interpretation of the new law. Not surprisingly, their understanding of its effects was distinctly at odds with that of the Administration. An explosion of court cases ensued, and interpretations of many of the key provisions of the Act are now in the hands of Federal District Court Judge Michael Hogan in Oregon.

Notwithstanding the myriad legal disputes and policy questions that have arisen virtually on a daily basis since passage of the Rescission Act, the Bureau has continued "on track" and is meeting or exceeding its commitments to offer specified levels of salvage timber and Option 9 timber. In addition, the Bureau has awarded all of the "section 318" timber required by law to be awarded.

For example, it appears that the Bureau will exceed by 10 mmbf the volume that I committed to you in our Performance Agreement that would be offered under the President's Forest Plan by the close of calendar year 1995. We have likewise moved aggressively to award all salvage timber that is on the ground and marketable. In fact, for forest health reasons, the Bureau had accelerated its salvage program in early 1995 -- long before passage of the Rescission Act -- with the result that during Fiscal Year 1995 we offered 13.4 mmbf more than the previously programmed level and sold almost 4 mmbf more than the programmed level.

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the schedule
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my next
trip to
Oregon
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Similarly, the Bureau has complied with the Rescission Act provisions dealing with "section 318" timber while meeting the President's directive to implement the Rescission Act to the greatest extent possible, consistent with existing environmental laws and regulations. Accordingly, to date, we have awarded every section 318 sale that we are required by law to award, and have withheld every sale where our biologists have determined that marbled murrelets are "known to be nesting." Where we have encountered sales that, if harvested pursuant to their original terms, would significantly impact sensitive areas, we have worked with the purchasers to mutually modify those terms to reduce impacts. And in those cases where we are aware of nesting murrelets, we have moved promptly to identify suitable replacement timber, pursuant to the Rescission Act.

None of this has been easy. The timber salvage task force co-chaired by Representatives Cooley and Chenowith has held two hearings in Washington, D.C., and several in the field. Senator Craig's subcommittee likewise has held at least two hearings. Many of the Administration's attempts to deliver good news in those forums have been rebuffed. We are constantly reacting to court decisions and trying to maintain the balance established under the President's Forest Plan.

Throughout, however, the Bureau's employees have kept up with (or ahead of) the challenge. Our employees in Oregon have not missed a beat; and frequently they have been required to gather, analyze, and transmit information within exceedingly short time periods (often within hours). Their support has been invaluable to the Bureau's policy people in Washington, D.C., and in the Pacific Northwest, and they have also incurred praise from the Solicitor's Office, the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Office of Management and Budget, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the President's Council on Environmental Quality.

I think it is very important that outstanding employees who devote so much of themselves to their work and to excellence be recognized from time to time. It is in this spirit that I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend an all-employees meeting in Oregon during your next visit to the Pacific Northwest and offer you the opportunity to meet and talk with some of the very best the Government has to offer. It would mean a lot to me, Oregon State Director Elaine Zielinski, and even more to the employees.



THE RECREATION ROUNDTABLE

Recreation isn't a special interest. It's everyone's interest.

March 28, 1996

Mr. Michael Dombeck
Director
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mike:

Thank you so much for the important contributions you made last week to Partners Outdoors V. We appreciate your willingness to take time out of your busy schedule to play a key role in making this year's conference a notable success. We were particularly pleased that we could help celebrate BLM's 50th anniversary by highlighting the occasion at the welcoming reception and we thank you for your leadership at that event.

Partners Outdoors boasts an impressive record of accomplishments. This year's conference -- and your participation in it -- reaffirms that the key ingredients in our success have been the creative and forward-thinking people who come to Partners Outdoors from the private and public sectors.

I look forward to working with you over the coming year as we turn the great ideas from Partners Outdoors into reality.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Derrick A. Crandall
Executive Vice President

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FYI

April 1, 1996

Mike Dombeck, Director
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Dombeck:

Thank you and your staff for taking the time to meet with Les Bradshaw of the Nye County staff on March 5th in Washington. I am sorry that the unforeseen circumstances of lost luggage prevented me from participating, but I am confident that Les conveyed to you our interest in continuing a constructive dialogue and building a model working relationship between the Bureau of Land Management and local government.

As Les has indicated, we continue to be committed to more frequent interaction and joint problem-solving. We commend your pledge to work with local officials on future land management decisions.

We will seek another meeting with Mrs. Morgan and other Nevada BLM officials very shortly to proceed to develop an agreement on a protocol for formal interactions. As we have found in our interactions with the Department of Energy Yucca Mountain project, such an agreement provides a mechanism for dispute clarification and resolution at the local level. It is characterized by a commitment from both parties to bring decisionmakers to the table before issues become unmanageable.

Thank you for your personal attention to our concerns. We look forward to building a constructive relationship and are confident that the Nevada office shares this commitment.

Sincerely,

Cameron McRae, Chairman
Nye County Commissioners

Mike Dombeck, Director
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cc: Bob Armstrong, Assistant Secretary
Land and Minerals Management
Ann Morgan, Director
Bureau of Land Management, Nevada Office
Commissioner Richard Carver
Commissioner Ira "Red" Copass
Commissioner Bill Copeland
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

May 2, 1996

The Honorable Mike Dombeck
Director
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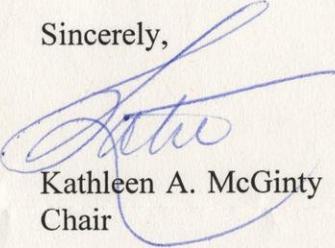
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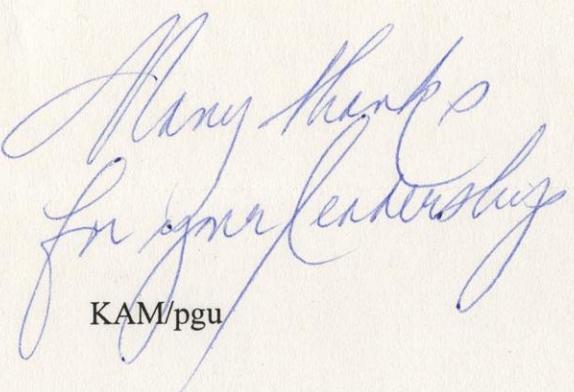
Congratulations on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Environmental Education National Strategy.

The Administration has made a clear commitment to impressing upon the public the importance of our environment. We have been actively working to bring together everyone from private industry to environmental groups in order to hammer out sound, efficient, and mutually beneficial environmental policy.

The Environmental Education National Strategy paints a clear portrait of a strong program aimed at educating the public about the importance of land resource management. Your program is a valuable asset to the Administration's overall environmental strategy and to the public as it learns about the importance of our environment. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,


Kathleen A. McGinty
Chair


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Charles H. Beady, Jr., Ph.D.
President

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May 22, 1996

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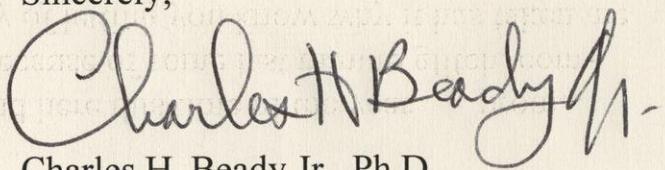
Dear Dr. Dombeck:

As you can imagine, things get hectic around here this time of the year . . . prom, banquets, students who may not graduate because of some last minute glitch, commencement, and so forth. That's a long way of letting you know why it has taken me so long to finally take the time to sit down to write to say thank you for coming to campus recently to present us with the Bureau of Land Management's Health of the Land award. So, via this letter I offer this late but heartfelt thank you.

Right now, we are preparing to send 40 or 41 students (depending on how a last minute glitch comes out) off to college and one to the military. We are proud. And we recognize that it is only because of the support that we receive, in a variety of different ways from friends like you, that we are able to do what we do.

Don't forget about us, and please stop by to say hello any time your travels might bring you back to our "neck of the woods."

Sincerely,



Charles H. Beady Jr., Ph.D.
President

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Historic Moment** story page 3



State Director's Message



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*We are laying
the groundwork
for working
together with the
community.*
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On the cover:

(left to right) Acting BLM Director Mike Dombeck, former Kingman mayor Carol Anderson, Assistant Interior Secretary Bob Armstrong, BLM Arizona State Director Denise Meridith, and Kingman Resource Area Manager Ken Drew proudly display the newest confectioners delight during the historic signing of the Black Mountain Ecosystem Management Plan. Photo by Bob Hall

Well, summer is upon us and it hit early this year. While there have been no fires yet on BLM public lands, BLM employees have been working to suppress fires throughout the state on National Forests. Fire fighting is an often overlooked and unheralded contribution public employees make to the people and communities of Arizona. It is hot, hard, dangerous work and I would like to commend all my employees who perform these duties. I would also like to welcome Al Alvarez, who has returned to Phoenix to be our Fire Management Officer, a critical job which will be even more invaluable this season--the driest in years. He replaces Kirk Rowdabaugh, who did such an outstanding job here that he was recruited for a management position in Nevada. We wish Kirk luck.

BLM Arizona, like the rest of the Bureau, is continuing to work on its Field Organizational Strategy. I appreciate the many excellent comments we have received on the proposed reorganization from the public and from employees. We are sorting through the comments now and hope to have revised proposals completed by summer. I would like to remind everyone of some of the goals of the Field Organization Strategy: to better cope with reduced budgets and staffing levels, to improve customer service, to meet government-wide standards and goals established in the National Performance Review (e.g. specific supervisor to employee ratios, reduction in support and overhead staffing, etc.), and to stress common sense and simplicity in our organizational structure.

My travels around the state have continued to reaffirm my respect for and affection for the people and communities of Arizona and the BLM employees who serve them. As I attend the various dedications and events commemorating partnerships, I am impressed by the strong bonds between BLM and the industries, nonprofit groups and community members which help make these cooperative efforts effective. From the Black Mountain Ecosystem Plan to the Hot Well Dunes and Canyon Overlook Picnic Areas to the proposed Vermillion Hills Highway project to the Lake Havasu Fish Habitat Improvement Project to the Wonderful Outdoor World events planned for Phoenix and Tucson, all parts of the state are engaged in efforts to jointly improve life for Arizonans. I have also been shown we still have much work to do, such as dealing with some of the Barry Goldwater Range habitat problems. But, even there, we are laying the groundwork for working together with the community, the many involved Federal agencies, and private conservation and industry groups to develop common goals and recommendations for improvement. Continue to send us your ideas on how to expand and improve our collaborative efforts.

I hope that everyone has a fun and *safe* summer. ▲

Coming to Consensus in the Black Mountains

Story by Bob Hall

photos by Julie Wymore

Consensus. Cooperation. Communication. Coordination. The four Cs have always been important, but for public land management, these are fast becoming the watchwords of the 90s.

In a landmark, collaborative and intensely negotiated effort, individuals and organizations, representing resource interests which traditionally conflict with each other, have come to agreement on how to manage natural resources on 840,000 acres of public lands in the Black Mountains west of Kingman.

The plan was signed on April 19, 1996, after three years of negotiation and cooperative effort between BLM, Arizona Game and Fish Department, National Park Service, Mohave Sportsmen's Club, International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros, Sierra Club, Arizona Desert Bighorn Society and the Mohave County Livestock Association.

The team was established in 1993 by the BLM to examine sensitive natural resource issues in the Black Mountains and develop a cooperative resource management plan. A primary issue was the competition for limited habitat in the Black Mountains between bighorn sheep, wild burros and cattle. The team also addressed minerals, recreation, threatened species, cultural resources and wilderness management. The approved plan calls for the monitoring and subsequent management of the number of wild burros, bighorn sheep and cattle in the Black Mountains, to ensure the long-term health of the land and vegetation.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Bob Armstrong and BLM Acting Director Mike Dombeck joined BLM Arizona State Director Denise Meridith and members of the Black Mountain Ecosystem Team to sign the plan and recognize the team's contributions to the plan's development and implementation.

"Very different viewpoints existed within the team," said Meridith. "Yet everyone learned to work together."

"This plan was produced by sweat and toil," added Armstrong. "It included long hours of often difficult, but productive dialog, which shows that collaboration isn't

easy, but it is always worthwhile."

Dombeck congratulated BLM's Kingman Resource Area Manager Ken Drew and his staff for spearheading this planning effort and gaining support from local communities. Dombeck reiterated that "BLM's core mission is to improve the health and productivity of the land. One of the ways we're trying to fulfill that mission is by promoting cooperation and communication at the local level."

Dombeck also recognized the key participants by presenting BLM's national Health of the Land Award to George Welsh of the Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society, Karen Sussman of the International Society for the Protection of Mustangs and Burros, Richard Liebold of the Sierra Club, Don Martin of the Mohave Sportsmen's Club, Ken McReynolds of the Mohave County Livestock Association, Ray Lee and Jim Witham of the Arizona Game and Fish Department and Nancy Hendricks and Ross Haley of the National Park Service. ▀



(above) BLM Arizona State Director Denise Meridith and Lake Mead Park Superintendent Alan O'Neill look on as team members sign the final plan.



Kolob Mountain Becomes an Outdoor Classroom

story and photo by Bette Arial



A Chinese proverb states, "Tell me, and I forget. Show me, and I may remember. Involve me, and I'll understand." This typifies the philosophy behind the Color Country Natural Resources Camp being conducted for the fourth year on Kolob Mountain.

Kolob Mountain Ranch borders Zion National Park and provides a spectacular natural setting for the week-long interactive environmental learning experience. Forty-eight high school students join an array of professional educators and natural resource specialists, including Arizona Strip District staff.

The camp, sponsored by the Washington Country School District, BLM, Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation District, Division of Wildlife Resources, congressional staff members and other state and federal agencies, encourages the students to deal directly with the scientific process.

The camp creates an aware-

ness of natural resources, and helps students explore the interactions between people and land. The camp also presents trends and future possibilities in the management of natural resources and lets students explore careers as they interact with federal and state land agency personnel.

Field investigations for soil, water, wildlife and plants are conducted every morning. At night, students observe bats and other night creatures. Native American dancing and legends and archaeological field trips with hands-on events such as atil-atil throwing, corn grinding and artifact inventories fill the days. Friday afternoon, students participate in rock climbing, fly fishing, horse back riding or hiking, to unwind and slow the pace.

One evening is devoted to land-use planning, with a mock county commission hearing. "The students put together a plan and make a presentation to the 'commission.' It gets very emotional and competitive," says Branch Chief Brent Jensen. Students also prepare a "mini" environmental impact statement using information gathered during the field investigations to come up with alternatives for land-use and management.

Another unique activity is a

"Cambridge-style" debate with representatives of the ranching, mining, logging, and recreation industries. The panelists field questions from the students dealing with the realities of resources use and preservation.

A highlight of this year's camp will be the chance for participants to meet BLM Arizona State Director Denise Meridith, and hear her discuss natural resources careers opportunities. This theme is further carried out with a career fair. Agencies and businesses provide displays, handouts, and one-on-one information to students interested in natural resources career opportunities.

The camp is funded by participant tuition, donations from the partners, a grant from the Utah Office of Education/Vocational Division and local merchant gifts. Also, camp participants may apply to work on the Arizona Strip District Student Conservation Crew for eight weeks following camp. "Students who have attended the camp have a broad perspective of land management and have far exceeded our expectations as temporary employees," reports Jensen.

Many students want to return the following year, but the camp is limited to newcomers. Each year a new group of students can take with them a new perspective on land ethics, use, and management, and help spread the word. ▲

Arizona's

Cultural Protectors



story by Sherrie Petersen

Arizona Site Stewards Receive National Recognition

"I am constantly amazed at the dedication of the volunteers," says Mary Estes, state coordinator of the Site Steward Program in Arizona. "It's a constant lift for me to see the site stewards and feel their energy and enthusiasm for protecting Arizona's archaeological resources."

That energy and enthusiasm earned the program a national award—BLM's "Making a Difference" award. The site stewards were one of six winners selected for BLM's most prestigious volunteer award. "I was very pleased that they received the award," says Estes. "They have donated more than 10,000 hours just to BLM and there are so many other land management agencies involved in the program, too."

The Site Steward Program started in 1988 after former Arizona governor Bruce Babbitt asked the Archaeology Advisory Commission to develop a volunteer program that would encourage public involvement against cultural vandalism. The commission in turn asked the State Historic Preservation Office to form the program and get the public land management agencies involved. Intergovernment agreements specify each agency's involvement and each agency provides the site stewards with a

list of sites that need monitoring.

Currently, the Arizona Site Steward Program has 440 volunteers who monitor archaeological sites on lands of all jurisdiction throughout Arizona to detect and deter looting and vandalism. The program has been praised nationally as one of the most impressive historic preservation success stories. National, state, county, and city land management organizations work together to make the program a success.

"It's become more than just monitoring sites," adds Estes. "It's also outreach into the local communities. We bring educational programs into the schools and explain to people why these sites need to be protected." The program has reached people of all ages, making them aware of the damage done to cultural resources through thoughtless or deliberate acts of vandalism.

In 1995 alone, site stewards made 516 visits to BLM sites, contributing 2,248 hours. "This is a one-of-a-kind program," says BLM Arizona State Director Denise Meridith. "The work of these interagency volunteers blurs the lines of traditional land management and jurisdiction. The site stewards have become very effective ambassadors in their communities and their work

demonstrates that concerned citizens are watching over the resources that belong to all of us."

Mary Estes and Salt River Valley Region Coordinator Shelley Rasmussen traveled to Washington, D.C. to accept the "Making a Difference" award on behalf of the Site Steward Program. "I think I've been a site steward all my life, I just didn't know what to call it," says Rasmussen. "This is what I do. I like to get out in the desert and explore. I really felt that it was an honor that they sent me to accept the award."

If you are interested in becoming a site steward, contact Mary Estes at (602) 542-7143. □



Shelley Rasmussen (left) and Mary Estes accept their award in Washington, D.C. Photo courtesy of Shelley Rasmussen.

Swansea Booms Again!

story by Aline LaForge and Bernadette Lovato

Back in 1915, headlines may have screamed about the copper boom in Swansea. But in 1996, BLM's Havasu Resource Area is promoting a different kind of discovery—history.

Copper mining began in the area in 1862 and continued in spurts until 1937. The townsite is identified on topographic maps, and occasionally featured in magazine articles. A 1991 feature in *Arizona Highways* inspired a new generation of Swansea seekers to begin writing letters to BLM asking what could be done to save Swansea.

BLM began preserving the remains of the townsite in 1993. A bulletin board was installed with historic information, photographs, and OHV information. A year later, BLM installed a visitor register that included a flyer with historical interpretation, map information, and a cultural resource protection message.

"We see it as a real opportunity to provide an interpretive point of interest for our winter visitors in partnership with local organizations and the county," says Havasu Resource Area Manager Joe Liebhauser. Visitation has increased significantly since the visitor register was installed. But the increased use has its drawbacks—resources, both natural and cultural, have been damaged by

uncontrolled visitor use.

Unauthorized camping,

fire rings and trash became a problem at the townsite. A Federal Register notice established the Swansea Townsite boundary with special recreation rules designating campsites, length-of-stay limits, off-highway vehicle rules and protection for the historic buildings, features, and artifacts. Another notice segregated the townsite from all forms of appropriation under public land laws.

Office staff from Havasu Resource Area recently cleaned up the townsite, dismantling fire rings, shoveling ash and charcoal, and picking up trash. The Havasu fire crew installed concrete feet around picnic tables placed in designated campsites. "Since we started cleaning up the area and providing interpretive information for people, we've seen vandalism decrease," says Liebhauser. "I think our message is getting through that Swansea is a valuable resource that everyone should be able to enjoy."

Local partnerships have begun to have a positive impact on the site as well. BLM approached the Havasu 4-Wheeler Off-Highway Vehicle club last year with a proposal to build a protective roof



over one of the remaining worker apartments. The club acquired the materials, and volunteers with the needed skills are now working on engineering plans to submit to the State Historic Preservation Office.

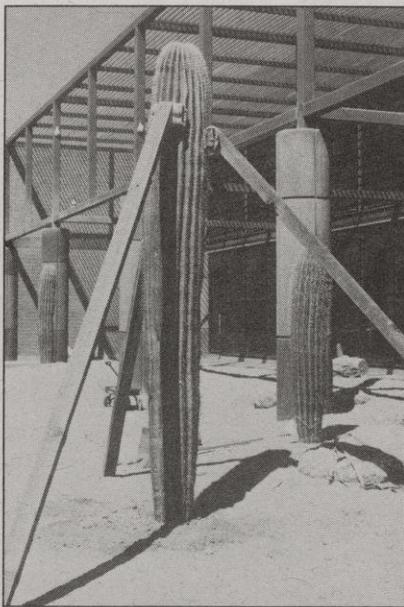
A recent grant of \$37,071 from the Arizona State Parks Off-Highway Vehicle Fund will provide education/direction kiosks, campsites, controlled access, signs and mine shaft covers for the townsite. BLM will match the grant with \$17,570.

The newly formed Havasu Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society decided to use the Swansea Project as a field and lab classroom. Members have also begun conducting interviews to gather the oral history of people who lived and worked in Swansea, and providing walking tours of the townsite to students and visitors.

"We're really pleased with the support that we've received from the local community," says Liebhauser. All project work will be completed over the next three years. If you are interested in becoming involved in the Swansea Townsite Project, contact Aline LaForge at (520) 855-8017. ▲

Stolen Saguaro Cacti Donated to Glendale Public Library

story and photos by Rem Hawes



Thirteen saguaro cacti, stolen from public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, were recently donated to the city of Glendale, Ariz. The saguaros were recovered by the BLM in January following surveillance of a cactus theft on public lands west of Lake Pleasant.

"This donation couldn't have come at a better time," said city of Glendale Mayor Elaine M. Scruggs. "We are in the process of developing a new 'Edible Garden' at Glendale's Main Library, but we didn't have the funds to purchase cacti right now." According to city of Glendale Landscape Architect Katherine Emery, the saguaros are one of the highlights of the Edible Xeriscape Garden at the Library.

"Obviously, we would have preferred that the saguaros were not uprooted and stolen from Arizona's public lands in the first place," commented BLM Phoenix District Manager Gordon Cheniae. "But we are thrilled that these

valuable cacti are being utilized this way by the city of Glendale."

The investigation into the theft of the 13 saguaros by BLM law enforcement officers and an Arizona Department of Agriculture official, resulted in the signing of a three-count complaint by U.S. Magistrate Judge Barry G. Silverman in February. The complaint charged a Phoenix-based corporation, Arizona Saguaro Specialists, with one count felony violation of the Lacey Act and one count felony violation for destroying federal property. The complaint further charged the members of the corporation with one count each of misdemeanor violations of the Lacy Act. (The Lacey Act states that it is unlawful to acquire or sell any fish, wildlife, or plant taken in violation of any law of the United States.) Significant resource damage in the area also occurred—mesquite and palo verde trees were uprooted and cut, chollas were broken and destroyed along with saguaros and other vegetation, and a road was illegally constructed.

Theft of saguaros and other natural vegetation from public lands is

increasing as population grows in the Phoenix metro area, and demand for desert landscaping increases. "BLM does not issue permits for the removal of any species of cactus from public lands," stated BLM Phoenix Resource Area Manager Gail Acheson. "Cactus removal on public lands is allowed only under certain circumstances, such as removing them from the area around Lake Pleasant that was to be flooded by the recent expansion of the lake." In those rare situations, permits must be secured from the Arizona Department of Agriculture.

Anyone witnessing the removal or destruction of cactus and other vegetation on public lands should notify the BLM or any local natural resources agency. ▲



City of Glendale landscapers place the saguaro cacti that BLM donated to the Glendale Public Library. Acting on a tip by a hiker, BLM rangers recovered the saguaros, which were stolen from BLM-managed public lands north of Phoenix, near Lake Pleasant.

DEDICATION Hot Well Dunes

story and photos by Diane Drobka

Hot Well sprang into existence by accident. Back in 1928 when Pinal Oil Company was exploring the San Simon Valley for oil, they hit water, water that was exceptionally hot. The artesian well, producing in excess of 250 gallons of water per minute at a temperature of 106 degrees Fahrenheit, became an attraction for those that enjoyed relaxing in the hot mineral waters.

BLM acquired the area in 1985. The operations staff, along with numerous volunteers, put in many hours improving it. Now, two sunken tubs, a shallow wading pool for kids, ten campsites with grills, and a new restroom make the site a popular destination. The restroom and one hot tub are wheelchair accessible and a cable keeps off-highway vehicle use away from the tubs, allowing a more quiet and relaxing soak. Each year, thousands of people come to Hot Well Dunes to soak in the tubs, camp, picnic, and ride their OHVs in the sand.

Partners and local dignitaries joined the BLM on Tuesday, April 23, to dedicate the new facilities at the Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area. The dedication ceremony, cosponsored by Hacienda Motorcycles, culminated a multi-year team effort that included the BLM

and many partners.

The Safford District acquired the lands encompassing Hot Well Dunes through a land exchange with the state of Arizona. BLM managers realized the importance of the area for recreation and designated approximately 2,000 acres as a Special Recreation Management Area. Many of the improvements at the site were made possible only through the individuals and organizations that were interested in improving the site.

BLM Arizona State Director Denise Meridith and Safford District Manager Bill Civish recognized the contributions of the many volunteers and organizations that participated in Hot Wells' transformation. These included students from the University of Oklahoma who spent six weeks conducting archaeological surveys of the site, boy scouts who conducted litter clean-up projects, and volunteers who



planted cottonwood trees to provide shade.

Grazing permittee Pete Brawley was instrumental in the designation and development of the Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area. From the time BLM acquired this area, Pete worked to accommodate recreation use even though this meant extra effort to run his cattle operation. In 1992, Brawley worked with the Safford District to withdraw 2,000 acres of public land from livestock grazing so that the recreation area could be developed and vehicles controlled. He also created ponds, filled by the run-off from the well. These ponds provide water for both livestock and wildlife, along with



(opposite page and above) Improvements at Hot Well Dunes have made the area functional and inviting. Thousands of people take advantage of the site each year.

a place to fish. Brawley continues to help in the management of the area by maintaining the perimeter fence.

The Nomad Motorcycle Club from Sierra Vista had been coming to Hot Well Dunes for many years. They realized early on that to keep areas open and available for off-highway vehicle riding, they needed to get involved with land management agencies. The Nomads installed posts and cable around the tubs and restroom, assisted with construction projects, patrolled and maintained the perimeter fence, helped with general clean-up, and educated members, as well as non-members, on proper off-highway driving procedures.

Another person who realized the importance of the area was Rick Hatch, owner of Hacienda Motorcycles.

Since his business includes sales of dirt bikes and OHVs that are used to ride the dunes, Hatch joined BLM as a cosponsor of the dedication, providing lunch and a fleet of ten four-wheelers. This gave everyone attending the dedication an opportunity to try

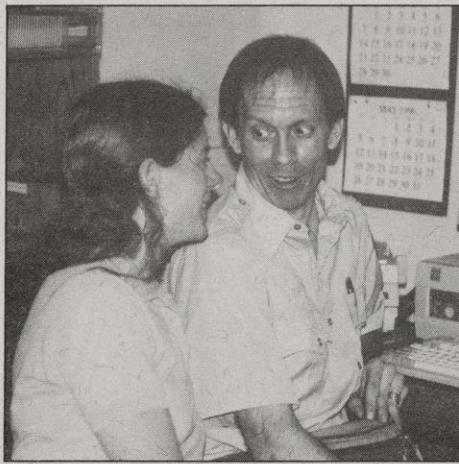
riding the dunes, which was the highlight of the day for many.

Improvements to the access road were funded through a \$30,000 grant from the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Heritage Fund, a product of Arizona Lottery money. The Hot Well facilities would not have been possible without financial support from the Arizona State Parks' Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Fund which, in 1994, gave BLM a \$61,000 grant to improve the site. The OHV monies are a percentage of the Arizona sales tax on gasoline.

The work at Hot Well Dunes is not yet complete; last month, BLM was awarded another OHV grant to continue work. This grant includes money for a walkway to the second tub, covered shade ramadas, improvements to a campsite that a site host will occupy, and development of a brochure. ▲▲



Local dignitaries, volunteer cooperators and representatives from contributing organizations joined BLM Arizona State Director Denise Meridith in dedicating the new facilities at the Hot Well Dunes Recreation Area.



Mark John and Cheryl Haugo have inspired many people in the Yuma area and beyond. Photo by Vicki Fox.

Dave Konopka An Environmental Careers Organization Success Story

The trend toward using environmental internship employees has been expanding due to downsized permanent staffs and shriveling budgets. Partnerships with organizations such as the Environmental Careers Organization help BLM carry out its mission while providing professional training opportunities for undergraduates, graduate students and recent college graduates.

David Konopka began working at BLM's Lower Gila Resource Area more than three years ago as a volunteer, assisting with the Wild and Scenic River Study and other recreation initiatives. His stint proved so successful that he was hired as a summer seasonal. Unfortunately, the fiscal year and the budget ran out long before the work was completed.

When the ECO opportunity presented itself, Dave was a quick

Arizona Volunteers Make a Difference

The people who volunteer for BLM are as varied and interesting as the ever-changing terrain this agency manages. Each has a story to tell, and each serves a vital part of the organization. Here are the stories of three people who have made a difference for the BLM in Arizona.

and early applicant to the program. He was promptly hired for a two-year assignment and joined the Lower Gila Resource Area as the Assistant Resource Management Plan Team Leader. Dave enthusiastically accepted the position—and survived the tenure of three RMP team leaders, providing consistency to the program.

Dave also was instrumental in the design and completion of four wilderness management plans in the Lower Gila and Phoenix resource areas. He worked on the successful Heritage Off-highway Vehicle, ISTEA and Heritage Trail grants. He was responsible for the design of trailheads and the revolutionary "roofless" kiosk.

Shy and retiring when he first arrived, he became more assertive and seasoned in dealing with the medley of public customers and personalities in the BLM. He taught district personnel the importance of slowing down, considering all possibilities and making a conscious effort to avoid costly mistakes. In return for his contributions, Dave's colleagues taught him speed, assertiveness, accepting challenges, grace under pressure and humility.

Eight working days after his two-year appointment ended,

Dave was hired as an assistant trails coordinator for Maricopa County Parks. After all is said and done, his colleagues probably learned more from Dave than he learned from them. BLM's loss is most definitely Maricopa County's gain.

story by Rich Hanson

Vernal Ashley Making a Dream Come True

From the battlefields of Vietnam to the sage and pine of the Arizona Strip, Vernal Ashley makes a difference as a volunteer. Ashley comes to work every day, fulfilling his lifelong dream of having a job he could do in the outdoors.

As a young boy, Ashley dreamed of working as a forest ranger, but never got the chance. Named for Vernal, Utah, the town where he was born, and the Ashley National Forest which got its name from one of his ancestors, Ashley grew up on the "bad side of town" in Salt Lake City and joined the Army at 16 to get off the streets.

He soon found himself in another tough spot—Vietnam.



BLM Arizona State Director Denise Meridith presents Vernal Ashley with an award for his dedicated service.

Injured five times in six years of duty there, he was later sent to Hill Air Force Base where he maintained missiles. After 14 years of service, he retired and moved with his wife Valerie to St. George, Utah.

Looking for something to do outside, Ashley walked into the BLM office one day and offered to work as a volunteer. He has earned more and more responsibilities over his three-year tenure. "He fills in the spaces around our diverse programs," commented Tom Folks, Recreation Planner. "He does everything with a lot of pride in his work."

Arizona State Director Denise Meridith recently presented Ashley with an award from BLM Acting Director Mike Dombeck. "Because of your efforts, BLM's Arizona Strip office is able to operate more effectively, spending more time taking care of our nation's abundant resources," Dombeck wrote.

Ashley has monitored endangered plants and marked trees for the Mt. Trumbull Ecosystem Restoration Project. Having suffered a stroke, he cannot do some physical duties like fire

fighting, but supports the effort by bringing supplies to the field. "I just love it out here!" says Ashley. With a love of wildlife, nature and hard work, Ashley is living his dream.

story and photo by Bette Arial

Mark John Haugo Yuma's Hero

Heroes and heroines come in all sizes, ages, and walks of life. A basic definition of a hero could be a determination to accomplish the impossible undaunted by the odds.

Mark John Haugo, a Yuma District volunteer

and former fire crew member, is one of Yuma's heroes. Selected by Yuma's Olympic Torch Committee, Mark John carried the Olympic flame while emotionally-charged coworkers, friends, family, and his wife Cheryl cheered him on. In a recent television interview he called this moment the proudest of his life.

Several years ago, Mark John was involved in a near fatal motorcycle accident which left him in a coma for seven months. His wife Cheryl was told by the doctors that Mark John would probably never regain conscious-

ness, let alone become ambulatory. Cheryl did not accept that diagnosis. When it was time, Cheryl took Mark John home and began a loving and dedicated process to prove them wrong.

At one point in his progress, Cheryl realized he needed more challenge and contacted Yuma Resource Area Wildlife Biologist Susanna Henry to see if BLM could help. Susanna set up a computer area to accommodate his wheelchair and began teaching Mark John how to input field data into a wildlife resource database.



That was nearly two years ago—the wheelchair has long been cast aside for a cane. Cheryl's determination and Mark John's will has paid off. Currently, Mark John volunteers for the Yuma District's support services section, continues his physical therapy and volunteers for the Yuma County Library.

Mark John's determination to overcome the odds inspires all who know him. According to Cheryl, Mark John is truly her hero—and a hero for everyone in the Yuma area.

story by Vicki Fox 

New to You

..... New Faces Around BLM Arizona

..... by Deborah Stevens

Perhaps you have seen or heard of some new faces at the Arizona State Office. If so, here's a little bit about them and the path their careers have taken to get here.

Mike Ferguson is the new Deputy State Director, Resource Planning, Use and Protection. Prior to accepting his position in Arizona, Ferguson worked in the Washington Division of Resource Use and Protection as a senior technical specialist. Ferguson was also the team leader for several important budget and rangeland issues, including the Range Reform Environmental Impact Statement. Before Washington, Ferguson was the area manager in Bishop, Calif., where he managed an array of geothermal, mining and recreation issues.

Returing to his native Arizona, **Al Alvarez is the supervisory fire and aviation management specialist.** Alvarez spent almost two years at the National Interagency Fire Center as the national aviation management specialist where he worked on the single-engine airtanker and helicopter safety programs. He also provided expertise in cost-benefit analysis for BLM aircraft use. Prior to this position, Alvarez was the state aviation manager in Arizona for three years. During his BLM career he worked as a realty specialist, district fire and aviation officer and natural resource specialist.

Deb Rawhouser, BLM's trails coordinator, moved to Arizona when her position on the Washington Visitors' Service team were relocated. Rawhouser is also the Washington resprentative on the National Recreation Management Team and the Washington recreation liaison to the National Training Center. As a special assistant to State Director Meridith, Rawhouser is currently involved in two major Arizona trail projects, developing public trail systems near Wickenburg and the Barry Goldwater Range. She has also worked on the National Customer Service and Ecosystem Coordination teams.

Recently, Judy Reed has changed her BLM hat from the Yuma District Manager to the program manager for cadastral survey and lands/minerals operation. Before coming to Arizona, Reed fulfilled several managerial roles in Montana as the associate district manager in Rawlins and in Washington D.C. as the deputy chief of legislation and regulatory management. In addition, Reed has worked as a fluid leasing specialist in Washington and a mineral adjudicator in Montana.

Although she hasn't been around Arizona for almost two years, many remember **Cindy Alvarez** and her friendly and helpful disposition. Alvarez **will be the new planning and environmental coordinator in the Division of Resources.** During her two year absence, Alvarez has been a computer specialist in BLM's Boise District. Before going to Boise, she was a computer specialist in the Arizona State Office for two and half years. Prior to that, Alvarez honed her skills as a "sometime" acting district manager, planning and environmental coordinator, budget analyst, and a hydrologic technician in the Safford District.

A warm welcome to them all!



Photo by Tom Folks

- April 1 was **d-day for the Mt. Trumbull Forest Restoration Project** on the Arizona Strip. Scientists from Northern Arizona University and BLM's Arizona Strip District planned and researched the project for more than a year. All their research showed that harvesting smaller, younger trees was necessary in order to ensure the life and health of old growth trees. Thinning the smaller trees will provide more moisture, nutrients and sunshine for the old growth. This method of management may not be suitable for all forests, but could provide direction for the many forests in and surrounding national parks, wilderness areas, and urban interface areas that are susceptible to large fires. The ponderosa pine forest of Mt. Trumbull is not for timber production. Rather, the area will be managed as a healthy, sustainable forest where wildlife and recreation will be enhanced.

- **BLM and Arizona Governor Symington are calling for public nominations to fill the "Elected Official" vacancy on the Arizona Resource Advisory Council.** The appointment for this position will be for the remainder of the 1995-1997 RAC charter. **Nominations will be accepted until August 2, 1996.** Nominees must be an elected official of general purpose government and a resident of the States within the geographic jurisdiction of the council. Nomination forms are available from all BLM offices and should be mailed to Joanie Losacco, DSD, External Affairs, P.O. Box 16563, Phoenix, AZ 85011-6563. All nominations should be accompanied by letters of reference from the interests or organizations to be represented. **For more information, call Deborah Stevens at 602/650-0504.**
- During the 1996 Site Steward Conference in April, **BLM Arizona Senior Cultural Specialist Gary Stumpf was presented with an "Award of Merit"** for his outstanding contributions to the success of the Arizona Site Steward Program. State Program Coordinator Mary Estes applauded Stumpf's support and long-standing alliance with the program. In addition, she expressed her appreciation for Stumpf's dedication and motivation to the volunteers who have participated in the cultural protection program over the years.
- **The Yuma District, Resource Area and Fire Dispatch offices and warehouse facility moved** into new quarters. The new location, adjacent to Interstate 8, will provide better customer service to thousands of winter visitors as well as the local community. The new office is located at 2555 E. Gila Ridge Road and the telephone number has changed to (520) 317-3200.
- **The Lake Havasu Fisheries Improvement Project was recently awarded a \$28,500 grant** from the Office of the Secretary, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office. These funds are made available to federal, state, and private entities that have programs which have been adversely affected by the CUP. The grant money received will provide additional funding for FY96 supplies and materials used by the Native Fish Management Program to help meet the goals of reestablishing populations of razorback suckers and bonytail chub in Lake Havasu.
- The American Recreation Coalition has named the **Black Hills Back Country Byway brochure as the Best Interpretive Brochure of the Year.** An award was presented for this honor at the

Annual Scenic Byways Conference in Washington. Deputy Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Sylvia Baca accepted the award on behalf of BLM Arizona and presented it to State Director Denise Meridith and Safford District Manager Bill Civish at the dedication of the byway's new Canyon Overlook Picnic Area on May 23. Safford's Public Affairs Officer Diane Drobka and Visual Information Specialist Beth Roetzer were primarily responsible for developing the brochure.

- During a workshop in March, **former Senator Barry Goldwater (center) and archaeologist/ethnographer Julian Hayden (left) received lifetime achievement awards** for preserving the cultural heritage of the Western Papagueria, a region encompassing southwestern Arizona and northwestern Sonora Mexico. Sponsored by the BLM and Luke Air Force Base, the two-day workshop included symposia and panels which addressed cultural resource management issues. BLM Arizona State Director Denise Meridith and Dr. W. Bruce Masse (right/standing), archaeologist for LAFB, kicked off the event on behalf of the Western Papagueria partners, including Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge, the Tohono O'odham Nation, Hia Ced O'odham Program, the Cocopah Tribe, Ak-Chin, Gila River, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian communities, the Hia Ced Alliance, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Arizona State Land and Transportation departments, the International Sonoran Desert Alliance, and the Yuma Marine Corps Air Station. The partners signed a proclamation to establish a permanent working group to continue cooperative management of the region's cultural resources.
- Gila Resource Area staff joined forces with the Safford District Operations staff for a day of **working on the recently constructed Gila Box wildlife viewing platform within the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area**. Staff stained the wood beams of the platform, poured cement for a walkway, and lined the parking area with boulders. The project was completed with an Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Grant. A month later, employees worked on historic preservation by **stabilizing the Old Lady Gay Cabin** and an outbuilding along Bonita Creek. Mesquites that were threatening the integrity of the walls of the buildings were cut. Then workers began building a retaining wall to support an exterior wall that was in danger of toppling. The Old Lady Gay Cabin is one of many historic structures within the Gila Box RNCA, and is the site of both Hispanic and Chinese occupation of Bonita Creek.
- The Arizona Strip District hosted the **first ever ANABAT Workshop**. Sponsored and funded by the Arizona Chapter of the Wildlife Society and the BLM National Training Center, the workshop brought in the equipment developer and other hardware and software experts to train 20 prominent bat biologists on the **ANABAT ultrasonic bat detector**. "This bat detector can be connected to a notebook computer to display the echolocation calls made by bats as they search for their prey," explained Wildlife Biologist Mike Herder. Participants visited a stock pond and identified six species of bats in flight despite the heavy winds and full moon that prevented any bats from being captured. Biologists hope to develop a catalog of vocalizations to identify bat species in flight, without risking injury to the animals during capture. ANABAT may help in determining which species are truly rare and which are simply "net-shy." ANABAT will also allow BLM to determine which species are using caves or abandoned mines through safe external surveys.

- BLM Arizona's law enforcement staff received two awards during this year's **Conservation Law Enforcement Association Conference**. United States Attorney Janet Napolitano presented Special Agent-in-Charge Robert Rogers with a plaque recognizing the efforts of the law enforcement staff related to Operation Heritage and other archaeological investigations. In addition, Special Agent Michael Moomey was named Operation Heritage Agent of the Year by the U.S. Attorney's Office. "Our staff has worked hard to promote interagency cooperation," says Rogers. "The team effort will be one of the keys to the future success of natural resource administration, protection and allocation." Rogers received the Founders Award at the 1995 conference for his ongoing contributions as Director and President of the Conservation Law Enforcement Association.
- **Arizona Highways** magazine featured two BLM areas in their May issue. *Rio San Pedro: One of the Last Great Places*, highlights the many natural and cultural resources within the San Pedro River ecosystem, including the BLM's Riparian National Conservation Area. It also discusses efforts to protect the river by The Nature Conservancy, American Rivers, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and the BLM. The six-page article features many beautiful color photos taken by former BLM biologist Marty Cordano, who now works for the magazine. Turkey Creek, located at the east end of Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness, was featured as the Hike of the Month. The story relates the scenic beauty and wildlife of the area, and also features Cordano's photographs.
- The Arizona Strip District has taken another step forward in the protection of desert tortoise and their habitat. The **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a Biological Opinion to BLM requiring the removal of livestock from tortoise habitat** during the tortoise activity period, March 15 through October 15. "After three years of grazing decisions, appeals, injunctions and more grazing decisions, livestock operations were finally adjusted enough to make it possible," reported Range-land Conservation Specialist Linda Rae Price. There is an active Federal District Court lawsuit over the requirement to remove livestock, but the actions were not stayed this year and the permittees have complied with the ruling.
- The **Arizona State Parks Off-Highway Fund** recently awarded a \$65,870 grant to the Lower Gila Resource Area to **develop the Harquahala Mountain Back Country Byway**. Improvements to be installed at both ends of the proposed byway include a staging/camping area, interpretive signing, Tread Lightly educational kiosks, pit toilets and picnic areas. The byway will offer rough road enthusiasts a sensational and sometimes tense four-wheel drive journey through several ecological zones to 5,681-foot Harquahala Peak, the highest point in southwest Arizona. Summit attractions include the Smithsonian Solar Observatory (a National Register of Historic Places Site), a 10,000 square mile view, inactive mines, and uncommon plants and animals.
- Kingman Resource Area has initiated a process that will ultimately **determine the boundary of the Cerbat wild horse herd management area**. KRA assembled a team of affected interests to develop a range of management alternatives and provide input for the analysis of those alternatives. Although meetings are open to the public, KRA has requested, and received, commitments from representatives of a horse protection group, local ranchers, the Arizona Game and Fish Department, the Mohave County Public Land Use Committee, and wilderness advocates, to see this process through to completion. The team first met on Wednesday, March 20, to discuss the general mission of the team, and again on Tuesday, April 23, to discuss the criteria to use in developing the range of HMA boundaries, the plan amendment process, and to begin drawing boundaries.

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Dear Mike —

all the BLM people were
most pleased you joined the trip
to the Miller's Ranch fire.

My thanks to you for taking the
time to do it. I hope we have
a better chance to do some research
— the sooner the better!
This was taken at home on Sunday!

My best
Ted

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BLM-NEVADA COMBINED NATIONAL PETROLEUM EXPOSITION AND WORKSHOP

Las Vegas, Nevada . June 11-13, 1996

Combined National Petroleum Exposition and Workshop Great Success!

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in partnership with the State of Nevada, recently held a National Petroleum Exposition and Workshop in Las Vegas, Nevada. More than 300 people participated, including private industry, environmental groups, and Federal and State employees.

The Workshop ran for three days and included policy presentations and discussions, technical paper presentations, and industry displays.

Day One

First day activities started with a BLM lease sale auction which had been moved from Reno to Las Vegas specifically to coincide with the Workshop. Interest was high among the Workshop participants, many of whom had never seen a lease sale before. Ten percent of the leases offered were sold, with the highest lease going for \$13 per acre.

Formal presentations began with welcoming remarks by Peter Hummel on behalf of Nevada Governor Bob Miller. Mr. Hummel, who is Vice Chairman of the Nevada Commission on Mineral Resources, discussed the favorable business climate of Nevada and praised the collaborative effort

between the Federal and State governments which produced the Workshop. Ann Morgan, BLM-Nevada State Director, welcomed the audience on behalf of the BLM.

Sylvia Baca, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior, continued the theme of collaboration by discussing a number of successes from the BLM's Oil and Gas Performance Review. She noted that in every case, from Heavy Oil Royalty Rate Reductions through new unitization procedures, the BLM has worked closely with its customers and stakeholders to define and meet common goals.



Sylvia Baca, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Interior

W. Hord Tipton, BLM Assistant Director, used his time to place BLM oil and gas activities in a global perspective. He was followed by Russ Fields, Administrator for the Nevada Division of Minerals, who elaborated on many of the themes touched on by Peter Hummel. Like Mr. Hummel, Mr. Fields was bullish on Nevada's potential for future oil and gas discoveries. After Mr. Fields presentation, all attendees adjourned to the exhibit and prospect fair.

Visitors to the exhibit foyer were greeted by a booth celebrating BLM's 50th Anniversary. Numerous BLM publications and memorabilia were distributed, with 50th Anniversary pins and pencils among the most popular items. Inside the exhibit hall, more than 30 booths were set up. Industry service companies such as Halliburton Energy and Epoch Well Logging were represented, as well as large and small independent oil companies. BLM had two booths, one for an Automated Fluid Minerals Support System demonstration, and a second for a remote data sensing demonstration.

The Workshop reconvened briefly in the late afternoon to discuss issues of particular interest to the industry participants: the findings of the Application for Permit to Drill (APD) task force and the new unitization procedures. For those not familiar with Nevada's geology, Ken Ransom of Foreland Corp. and Allen Chamberlain of Cedar Stratigraphy gave a brief overview of the State's oil and gas potential.

A full day of activities was capped by an ice breaker/awards ceremony hosted by the State of Nevada. Workshop participants were treated to hors d'oeuvres and an opportunity

to talk informally about shared issues and concerns with a broad cross-section of Federal, State and industry employees.

The ice breaker also served as an opportunity for the BLM to recognize several of its customers and stakeholders for important contributions to improving the health of the land and enhancing customer service. Mike Dombeck, Director of the BLM, was on hand to give out *Health of the Land* awards to Conoco, Inc. and the Foreland Corporation. Dr. Dombeck noted that "Foreland and Conoco are outstanding partners in the BLM's efforts to improve the health and productivity of the land. With their help, BLM has been able to be a better steward of the public lands, which the Bureau protects and manages for the benefit of all Americans."



Mike Dombeck presenting *Health of the Land* Award to Conoco, Inc.

Dr. Dombeck also recognized the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association and the Western States Producers Association for

their role in helping the Bureau "reinvent" its oil and gas programs in accordance with Vice President Gore's Reinventing Government Initiative. Each trade association was presented with a *National Partnership Award*.

Day Two

The second day of the Workshop began with Eric Ingbar of the Gnomon Company discussing revisions in the site management process for archeology. This was followed by presentations on two ongoing BLM projects: performance-based lease stipulations and the White River Pilot Project. The morning session ended with an industry and State panel moderated by Hord Tipton. Claire Moseley (Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Association), Jim Carter (Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission), Karyn Plank (Independent Producers Association for the Mountain States), Ben Dillon (Independent Producers Association of America) and Cathy Reheis (Western States Producers Association) comprised the panel. The panel members provided a great deal of insight into the needs and concerns of the domestic oil and gas industry.

Between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., the Workshop adjourned to hear a series of technical presentations. The topics ranged from Nevada-specific discussions of oil occurrences in the South Railroad Valley to more generic concerns such as foam cement applications and the role of the Petroleum Technology Transfer Council. At 3:00 p.m., the Workshop reconvened for a panel presentation on environmental issues.

Jordon Pope moderated the environmental panel which addressed both the conflicts, and the opportunities, which surround oil and gas-related environmental issues today. Participating on the panel were Terry Belton (Texaco), Elaine Raper (BLM) and Patricia C. Beaver (Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission).

Day Three

The third day of the Workshop had one last panel discussion, concerning Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species issues. The panel was moderated by Duane Spencer and was composed of Danny Begau (BLM) and Camela Hooley (Forest Service). The main topic of discussion was how to avoid conflicts between T&E species and oil and gas operations.



Cathy Reheis, Claire Moseley and Ben Dillon of the State and Industry Panel.

The remainder of the third day was devoted to BLM policy issues and on-going projects. The highlight of the day, however, was a presentation by two staff members of the House Committee on Resources: Debra Lanzone and Bill Condit. Both discussed a

number of legislative initiatives with potential impacts on the BLM. Their presentations sparked considerable response from the audience.

In the remaining time, speakers covered a number of topics, including automation efforts, Department of Energy analytical capabilities in support of BLM initiatives, performance-based regulations, implementation procedures for the new heavy oil royalty rate reductions, rights-of-way issues, and lastly, a proposal to grant royalty rate reductions to producers of marginal gas properties.

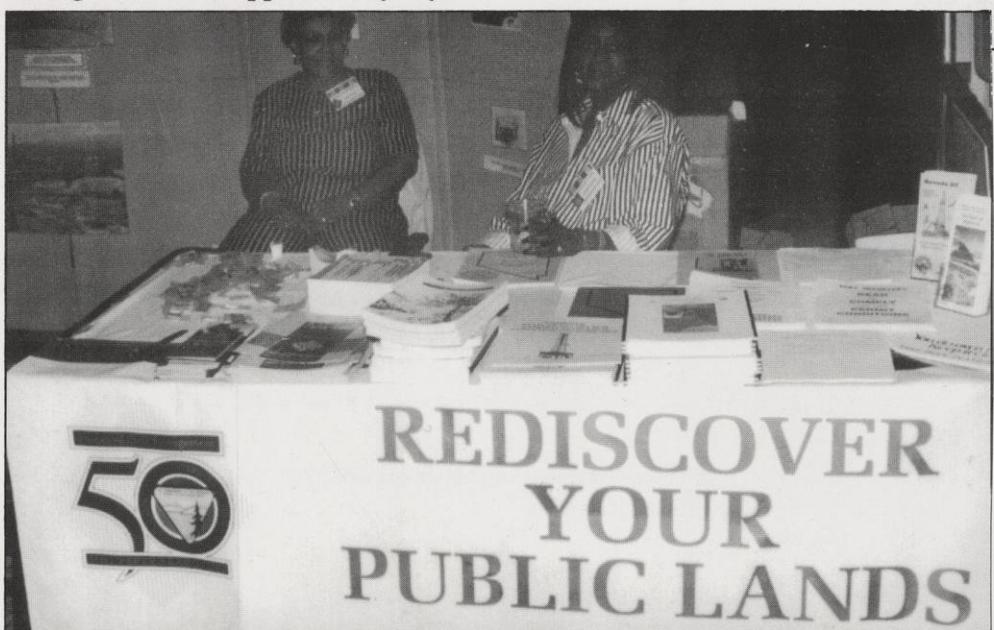
Concurrent Activities

The Workshop provided an opportunity for numerous meetings and briefings concurrent with the main sessions. BLM adjudicators took advantage of the Workshop to squeeze out a few hours to address specific procedural and policy changes affecting their programs. Several on-going teams, including the Stripper Royalty Rate

Reduction Evaluation Team, met to plan their strategy for the months ahead. Industry and the public took State and Federal participants aside for any number of discussions of oil and gas program concerns.

Time was also set aside for outreach with regard to several ongoing BLM initiatives. The Communitization Agreement Team, for example, solicited participant comments and suggestions on their streamlining efforts; and the Stipulation Team met for several hours with Workshop participants with ideas and suggestions regarding the efficacy of lease stipulations and Conditions of Approval.

In the end, when the last exhibit was packed away and the lights were turned off, there was unanimous agreement that this had been one of the best Workshops ever held by the BLM. Collaborating with the State of Nevada had added a new vitality. New partnerships had been formed and old ones strengthened.



Jean Austin and Jeanette Irving at BLM's registration and welcome booth.

Not one Workshop participant left without having had the opportunity to voice his or her opinion on a myriad of local, State and Federal issues that not only affect the way BLM does business, but also the health and vigor of the public lands.

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Dear Mike:

Thanks for sharing a copy of your 1995 Annual Report. I congratulate you on having the first clean Chief Financial Officer's report at BLM. This is outstanding and certainly something I was never able to obtain while working for the Forest Service.

Your report is really informative and very attractive. You have broken the government mold with the quality.

As always, you are doing a great job. Stay in touch.

Sincerely,


J. Lamar Beasley
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Dear Mr. Dombeck:

On behalf of the members of the National Fishing Week Steering Committee I would like to thank you for your participation in the National Fishing Week commencement event held at Constitution Gardens on June 3, 1996.

Your involvement, not only symbolically represented your agency's commitment and enthusiasm for teaching the goals of the National Fishing Week program to hundreds of thousands of youngsters across the country, but, directly reached more than 500 students from the metropolitan area, many enjoying their first introduction to an outdoor recreational fishing activity. Your remarks highlighted the important and intrinsic responsibilities we share for instilling a sense of understanding and pride about our nation's aquatic natural resources. We sincerely appreciate the time and effort you devoted to this important event.

The NFWSC appreciates your program support throughout the year, and the contributions made by the many employees of your agency in making National Fishing Week an outstanding success. We hope that you will join us again at events hosted by the NFWSC to increase the visibility of our partnership and our shared commitment for improving the National Fishing Week outreach campaign.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Reeff
Chairman, National Fishing Week Steering Committee



For America's Heritage

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July 3, 1996

Mr. Mike Dombeck, Acting Director
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Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Dombeck:

One of the projects that the Public Lands Foundation has undertaken to help the Bureau of Land Management celebrate its 50th Anniversary on July 16, 1996, is to compile an historical record of the Directors and Managers who have provided the leadership to the Bureau's Headquarters, State and District Offices and Centers during the history of the BLM.

On this occasion it is appropriate to remember the Directors and Managers who have guided the principal Bureau offices in their mission to help protect and manage the public lands of the United States. Enclosed is a copy of a document listing the Bureau's Directors and their dates of service. Similar documents listing the State Directors and District Managers have been prepared and sent to each of the State and District Offices. We hope that these documents will be placed on display in these offices in recognition of these leaders. Also enclosed is a copy of the consolidated Historical Record of Bureau of Land Management Office Managers, 1946 - 1996 for your Office, and a second copy of the Historical Record for placement in the 50th Anniversary time capsule being established in the Department of the Interior's Museum.

Copies of these documents have also been filed in the Public Lands Foundation National Archives located at the BLM National Training Center in Phoenix. We have attempted to make this record as complete and accurate as possible, but undoubtedly there are some errors and omissions in names and dates of tenure. We realize the record is incomplete in that it lacks the information on the managers of Resource Area and former District Offices. The Public Lands Foundation plans to maintain and expand this record to include these offices as they become part of the Bureau's new Field Office organization. We would welcome any information that you and your employees have that will correct, expand or update this record. It should be sent to the Public Lands Foundation National Archives, c/o BLM National Training Center, 9828 North 31st Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85051.

We in the Public Lands Foundation congratulate you on reaching this 50th milestone in the BLM's history, and we look forward to helping you meet the challenges in public land management that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

George Lea, President



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July 5, 1996

Mike Dombeck
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Dear Dr. Dombeck:

On behalf of the DC Urban Tree House partnership, thank you for your special contribution at the dedication ceremony on June 21, 1996.

The DC Urban Tree House promises to provide unlimited opportunities for continued partnerships and for environmental education opportunities for DC youth. The partnership of the Bureau of Land Management is an important ingredient to the project's success. In July, we will begin developing the educational program for the DC Urban Tree House. We look forward to continuing our partnership with BLM in this phase.

Again, thank you for your participation on June 21, and for BLM's continued support and partnership in the DC Urban Tree House.

Sincerely,

BARBARA MCDONALD
National Urban Tree House Coordinator





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Dr. Michael Dombeck
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Dear Director Dombeck,

Thank you for participating last night in the "Dialogue" program on the BLM. I appreciated having the opportunity to meet you and to have some of our viewers question you. I believe from the caliber of the questions that the program attracted quite a few viewers.

I hope you felt that doing the program was a worthwhile experience and that you or your staff will contact me if you have any other topics that you feel might fit within our format.

Thanks again for your time, and I hope your 50th anniversary celebrations prove a success for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia Franklin".

Marcia Franklin

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July 22, 1996

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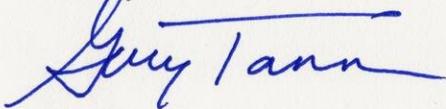
Dear Director Dombeck:

I enjoyed meeting you at the 50th Anniversary celebration of the BLM. The event was very well done, and we appreciate being part of the festivities.

The opportunities to interface directly with you, your staff and of course, Secretary Babbitt were particularly gratifying to the National Wild Turkey Federation. We left the roundtable discussions feeling very good about the potential for new and innovative partnership programs.

Please feel free to call me anytime I might provide you with information about the Federation, and I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,



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July 23, 1996

Mr. Mike Domebeck
Acting Director
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Dear Mr. Domebeck:

The celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Bureau of Land Management brought together a group of organizations who most certainly have an interest in our nation's public lands. I appreciated being able to meet with you and Secretary Babbitt and to learn about your plans for setting up Resource Advisory Councils. The recognition of the need to involve knowledgeable local people, and to make them aware of the need for them to participate and to get involved is important.

Certainly, the Garden Club of America's Partners for Plants project, working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service, has encouraged local volunteer efforts of individuals and organizations for endangered plant work on public lands.

We look forward to continuing this work, and hope that the necessary funding for botanists and endangered plant projects will be one of the considered priorities. Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary celebration; it was a most worthwhile event and I enjoyed being there.

Sincerely,

Jen Pratt

Mrs. Richardson Pratt, Jr.
President

cc: Ken Berg



The Society for Historical Archaeology

July 31, 1996

Dr. Michael Domeck, Director
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Department of the Interior
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Dear Mike,

It was a pleasure to have a chance to meet you at the recent celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Bureau of Land Management held at the Oregon Trails Interpretive Center at Baker City, OR. I would have liked to have had more of a chance to chat with you about historical archaeology, but appreciated your tight schedule. In many ways, I think the Interpretive Center made the case for the type of work done by members of the Society for Historical Archaeology as well, if not better, than I could have done. As you posed with the 1,000,000th visitor to this world class museum/interpretive center, you could not fail to appreciate the fascination of the public for their history. Much of this is told in books and documents, but a remarkable amount of the personalized history of not only the immigrant trails, but also the ranches, mines and many other historic features which are found on BLM land can only be gotten at through careful archaeology.

The Bureau has long appreciated the work of prehistoric archaeologists recovering, protecting and interpreting the record of the Indian peoples, however, there remains a need for specialists in the historic aspects of archaeology. Given the legal concerns for the protection and understanding of historic sites, plus the fact that they increase in number with every passing year, suggests the need for more historical archaeology as time goes on.

Learning that you had a background in fisheries biology prior to becoming the Director of BLM was encouraging to those of us who work in specialized fields important to land management, but not always viewed on a par with range managers, park rangers and so forth.

Enclosed are a few photos from the recent visit to the National Interpretive Center. Thanks for taking time to do a photo-op shot with me for the Society newsletter.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Mike Dombeck
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Dear Mike,

Thank you very much for helping to make the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) 21st Annual Fish Fry the most exciting ever. More than 800 people attended the event and a good time was had by all! The success of this year's event was due in a large part to your enthusiasm and dedication.

This event is an excellent forum which brings together persons from parts of the Federal Government, private industry, and others who are interested in fishing and the seafood industry. I greatly appreciate your willingness to volunteer and be a part of this important event.

I hope to see you at next year's Fish Fry.

Sincerely,

D. James Baker

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State Director's Message



I'd like to share with you some of the changes that have occurred or will occur at our office in Springfield, Virginia.

First of all, I am pleased to introduce Marilyn H. Johnson as my Associate State Director. Marilyn has 24 years of federal service. She was the former Assistant Director for Human Resources Management for our headquarters office. She has been the Deputy State Director for Administration in BLM's Arizona State Office and the Personnel Officer in the Oregon State Office. In addition to her winning personality, Marilyn has an extraordinary knack for analyzing an issue and taking steps to ensure a positive outcome. We're very pleased to have her on the Eastern States Team.

I would also like to send our best wishes to Gary Bauer, our former Associate State Director. Gary spent 18 months in that position after serving as our District Manager in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for 5 years. Gary has moved to Phoenix to take on the responsibilities as BLM's Associate State Director for Arizona. We sincerely wish him well in this challenging new assignment.

As the fiscal year comes to a close, we say farewell to Dynamic Concepts, Inc. (DCI), one of the companies that helped us launch the General Land Office Records Automation Project in 1989. The contract has come to term and we have elected to continue the operation with existing Eastern States staff. DCI staff has been responsible for scanning and indexing more than 2 million historic land title documents, allowing them to be protected against constant handling, and the relevant information from these documents now more accessible to researchers nationwide. We extend our sincere best wishes to each and every DCI employee in their future endeavors and offer a genuine thank you for a job well done.

Fontana? You mean Montana? No, I mean Fontana, as in Wisconsin!

BLM Surveyors Sharpen Safety Skills

By Sandi Sacher, Assistant to the Deputy State Director for Cadastral Survey and GLO, Eastern States

Fontana, Wisconsin was the site selected for Eastern States' Cadastral Survey Safety and Technical Training session held in early Spring. Workshop planners chose this southeastern Wisconsin town for the 8-day workshop because of its central location from state and field crews' offices, allowing all but one participant to travel by automobile. Safety training is required every few years for employees who spend most of their time in the field, which is the heart and soul of Cadastral Survey work.

Thirty-three Eastern States Cadastral Survey state office employees and project office surveyors from Arkansas, Florida, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin attended.

Topics covered during the technical portion of the workshop included Cadastral Measurement Management (CMM) System, Cadastral Electronic Field Book (CEFB), Geographic Coordinate Data Base (GCDB), and GCDB Measurement Management (GMM) system. To demonstrate that the technical and physical aspects of field work can also be fun, and to spark a little friendly competition among the surveyors, a field contest was devised. The objective: to achieve the fastest time setting up a surveying tripod over two points—one on even ground and one on a slope. Competition was fierce. Surveyors are a proud lot. There were two winners—Mike Ryals from Escanaba, Michigan Project Office whose average time for both events was 46.595 seconds and Matt Dunn from the Rolla, Missouri Project office who averaged 47.375 seconds!

On the safety side, participants picked up some defensive driving techniques, winter/summer survival tips, medic first aid and CPR skills, infectious diseases prevention information, and hazardous materials identification instruction. These

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Mike Ryals had a winning time in the impromptu competition among field surveyors.

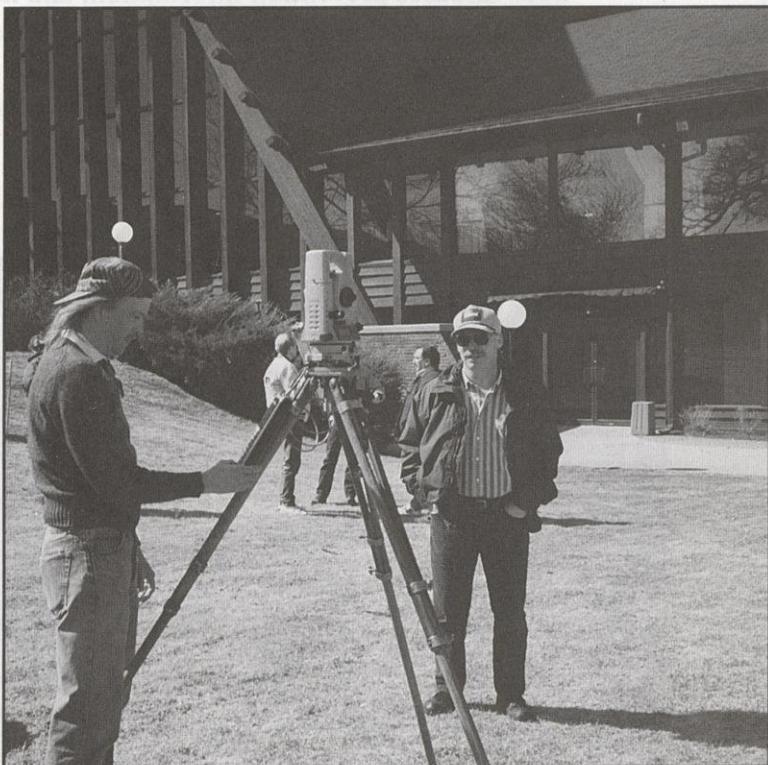
Whew!!! Congratulations guys!

photo by Jason Racette

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sessions were taught by qualified instructors mostly from the Fontana area. All of the sessions had good participation from the audience who did not seem the least bit shy.

Despite the inclement weather and long days in the classroom—sessions were scheduled from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.—everyone managed to squeeze in some free time to visit some of the beautiful Wisconsin sites nearby. The results of the meetings are a more safety-conscious and more efficient work force to complete this important work of the BLM.



Dave Ritter, a survey technician from the Ely, Minnesota Project Office, checks out the equipment set up outside The Abbey, the site of the Cadastral Survey Technical and Safety Training.

photos by Jason Racette

Gary Bauer, former Associate State Director, and Steve Kopach, Deputy State Director for Cadastral Survey and General Land Office Records, present Jerry Wahl with a certificate of appreciation for his work in Cadastral Survey Automation.



"Health of the Land" Award Goes To Mississippi School

By Bill James, Jackson District Office
Public Affairs Specialist

Piney Woods Country Life School has been lauded for its innovative work to educate students in natural resource subjects. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Acting Director Mike Dombeck presented the national **Health of the Land** award to Dr. Charles Beady, president of the small private school in rural Rankin County Mississippi.

Dombeck said the award goes to individuals or groups for outstanding efforts that either have or will lead to improvements to the health of the public lands. "What we see here at Piney Woods is the result of true partnership," he said.

Beady accepted the award on behalf of the "dedicated people" who have been part of the partnership. "I am extremely honored to have been chosen to come up and get this award on your behalf," he said. "We thank you for this opportunity and we will treasure this award for a long time."

The BLM's Jackson (MS) District Office and Piney Woods Country Life School have a 5-year cooperative agreement to develop innovative courses and activities in environmental education. They currently are developing an "Adopt-A-Watershed" curriculum that will give students hands-on experience in resource management. The school has also been a



participant in three of four Environmental Educational Camps sponsored by the Jackson District.

Piney Woods, recognized nationally for its work with at-risk inner-city youth, educates over 300 students annually from 25 states and several foreign countries. Although 85 percent of all students come from families of low socio-economic backgrounds, many of which are headed by single parents, up to 95 percent of each graduating class goes on to college.

During a brief ceremony at the school's Amphitheater, Dombeck told about 75 students attending the event that they are helping instill in today's youth a stewardship ethic for the land. "What you are doing here on the land, this beautiful place, it is amazing," he said. "You are the future holders of this country ... the voters who will determine the future of the lands. It is very important that you learn to make informed decisions."

Dr. Charles Beady accepts the "Health of the Land Award" from BLM Acting Director Dombeck.

"Just being out here and having an appreciation for this land is absolutely incredible because it is a tremendously rich resource," Dombeck said.

The Director challenged the students to seek careers in natural resources. "The challenges in the natural resource field are great today, but will be even greater tomorrow," he said. "I believe it is part of our responsibility as a Federal agency to provide youth with the tools necessary for the future."

Dombeck invited the students to visit BLM offices and talk to employees. He told them BLM has internship programs in most offices throughout the U.S. and Alaska. "We have a wide variety of places and people have wonderful, wonderful careers working with us," he said. "Come out and see what we do because we need you and this country needs you."

Florida Parks To Help Restore 100-year old "Angel of Mercy"

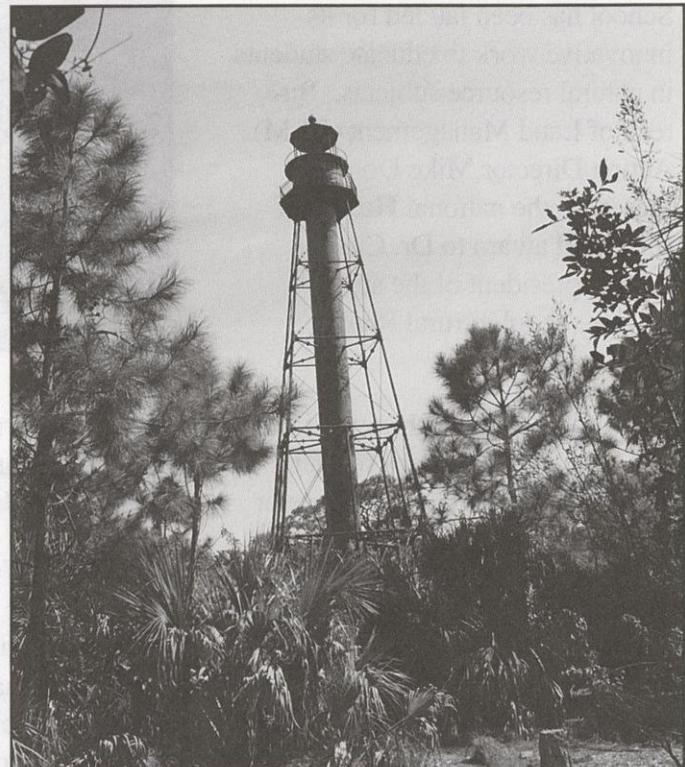
By Bill James, Jackson District Office Public Affairs Specialist

The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) transferred to the State of Florida "Anclote Key Lighthouse," a once proud beacon that has suffered the ravages of time and Mother Nature during its 109-year history. BLM Eastern States Director Carson Culp presented title to the "Angel of Mercy" during a colorful ceremony at the old railroad station in Tarpon Springs on March 30, 1996.

"Today represents what can happen when Federal and State Agencies, elected officials, and the public work together for a common goal to do what is right for the land, and the American taxpayer," said Culp. "Beginning today, the lighthouse will be owned, managed and restored by the State of Florida for the benefit of all citizens."

The authority for issuing the patent for the lighthouse and 0.17-acres of land comes under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of 1926, "one of the most beneficial and far reaching public lands laws passed by the Congress," Culp said. The Act authorizes the transfer of public domain lands to states and local agencies for a variety of beneficial public purposes.

Dana Bryan, Chief of the Bureau of Natural and Cultural Resources of the Florida Park Services accepted the patent on behalf of the State of Florida. "Now restoration can begin and the lighthouse can join other extraordinary historic structures preserved in your Florida State Park System," he said. "Acceptance of the lighthouse property completes the ownership of the entire 287-acre island by the people of Florida as Anclote Key State Preserve, an acquisition started 36 years ago."



The Anclote Key lighthouse is a pyramidal skeleton tower of iron-work, built around a hollow cylinder that encloses a spiral stairway. The revolving turret, 101-feet above ground, was turned by weights that had to be wound every day, like those in a grandfather clock. The great black lantern flashed its beam every 30-seconds and could be seen from 16 miles at sea.

Photo by Bill James

*"I am the beacon that steers men to safety.
I am the light that will steer men from harm.
My spirit is strong despite those who would blind me,
and I have stood fast through the eye of the storm."*

J. Lee Paulet, 1993

Culp and BLM Jackson, Mississippi District Manager Bruce Dawson presented Congressman Michael Bilirakis with an identical copy of the patent. Bilirakis, who has represented Florida's 9th District since 1982, described the lighthouse as "more than just a landmark." He said it represents years of history and memories for many people in Tarpon Springs. "I am happy that the process of restoring this landmark can now proceed, and the work of the restoration committee can continue," he said.

The congressman, chairman of the Subcommittee on Health and Environment, congratulated preservation groups, members of the community and governmental officials for working tirelessly over the years to secure transfer of the lighthouse to the State so that restoration and cleanup of Anclote Key can proceed. "The lighthouse once served as a beacon, guiding sponge boats and other vessels to safe harbor," he said. "Unfortunately, it has fallen into disrepair."

Tarpon Springs Mayor Anita E. Protos proclaimed March 30 Anclote Key Lighthouse Day. The proclamation described the lighthouse as having been a significant part of the history and tradition of the Tarpon Springs area for the better part of a century and "her beacon has safely guided ships through the perilous waters around Anclote Key." Protos noted however, "Anclote Key Lighthouse has been abandoned and abused by vandals, salt air, and neglect."

The Mayor praised the Anclote Key Lighthouse Restoration Committee who began the ambitious project to restore the lighthouse to her original magnificence through the Re-Light the Light Project founded in 1993 by Pat and Larry McSparren of Tarpon Springs.

The transfer ended a two-year campaign for the delighted McSparrens. "We are now one step closer to rehabilitation of the decaying lighthouse," said McSparren. "It's been an uphill struggle for a lot of people. This is the final phase before we really get down to the gates and run with it. Until there was a decision and transfer of ownership of the lighthouse, it was difficult to approach big donors."

The lighthouse, located 3 miles off the coast near the mouth of the Anclote River, was constructed in 1887 for \$35,000 under an Executive Order signed by President Grover Cleveland. For the better part of a century it stood a silent vigil, its kerosene lamp creating a beacon guiding cargo-laden ships safely through the perilous waters around Anclote Key. In the early 1920's, kerosene vapor replaced kerosene oil as fuel.

The early spongers in Tarpon Springs knew it well, and referred to the lighthouse as the "Angel of Mercy." The lighthouse was abandoned by the Coast Guard in the 1970's and fell victim to abuse, neglect and the ravages of nature.

Operated at first by the U.S. Lighthouse Service, the lighthouse has been under the jurisdiction of the Coast Guard since 1939. In the late 1980's, the Coast Guard submitted to BLM a notice of intent to relinquish jurisdiction of the land including the lighthouse. However, before jurisdiction could change hands, the land had to be cleared of all hazardous materials and restored to suitable condition. The Coast Guard had to remove 107 batteries and 1,775 pounds of battery parts scattered on the site. A report concluded the batteries had not contaminated the site.

Milwaukee District Honors Industry for Going the Extra Mile

By Chris Hanson, Assistant District Manager for Fluid Minerals and Jim Boylan, Milwaukee District Public Affairs Specialist

BLM, Milwaukee District oversees BLM programs in 20 northeastern states. Relationships with their private industry partners have been exceptionally smooth. However, the Milwaukee District Office recently recognized three very special cooperators for their commitment to a healthy and productive environment. These three companies continually "go the extra mile" to minimize or eliminate the possibility of pollution, and to ensure fair share revenues for the United States and the mineral production company, all within a stringent regulatory framework.

- **Mineral Development Inc., (MDI)** has developed an oil and gas field which is adjacent to Carlyle Lake, the drinking water source for several Illinois municipalities. It is also directly adjacent to a high-use campground. Development has been accomplished and production continues with a high degree of cooperation between MDI, the U.S. Army-Corps of Engineers and the BLM. They have cooperated extremely well with both Federal agencies in this sensitive environmental situation. They have accommodated many requests to mitigate potential impacts in the area, including taking extraordinary measures during lake flood periods to insure that no materials from their production facilities get into the lake.
- **Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (CGTC), Artesas (Pennsylvania) and Gladys (West Virginia) Gas Storage Fields** were converted from flat fee to volume storage payments in 1987, which significantly changed the regulatory requirements imposed on them significantly from the previous 20 years. In addition, the measurement system was converted from standard chart recording to electronic measurement within the last 2 years. These gas storage areas have bi-directional flow (injection and withdrawal) in a complex, high-volume flow situation. In addition, the BLM has little guidance on use of electronic flow meters in any situation, much less, a complex situation like this. CGTC, and specifically their measurement people, have gone out of their way to accommodate our increased production accountability requests and to help our staff learn the complexities of their system and the application of electronic measurement in this situation in order to ensure that the United States is recovering its fair share of revenue from these operations.
- **Carl Heinrich** has been a leader in working with the BLM on both Federal and private acquired leases in demonstrating how to acquire old wells and successfully put them into production within the existing regulatory framework. He has not only done an excellent job on the wells that he operates, but he is also a leader for the industry in southeastern Ohio and works with the Federal government to minimize liabilities, and recognize and protect the surface values of the National Forests. Carl's leadership, by word and example, is commendable.

Eastern States Celebrates Women's History Month

by Bibi Booth, Federal Employee Women's Manager

On March 29, 1996, Gladys Clearwaters, a representative of the No Limits Project for Women, brought a little bit of the Orient to Eastern States in celebration of Women's History Month. A resident of Bethesda, Maryland, Ms. Clearwaters was a participant in last September's United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China.

During a fascinating ninety-minute program, she graciously shared videotapes, conference insights and cultural anecdotes with an enthusiastic audience of Eastern States' employees.

Following a lively discussion, attendees enjoyed a fitting snack of Chinese potstickers (dumplings), fortune cookies and jasmine tea, while browsing tables of extensive Conference literature and chatting informally with Ms. Clearwaters. We hope to invite this entertaining speaker back in the future to share further feminist adventures!

*Graphic
designed by
Michelle Garcia*

Ms. Clearwaters also brought numerous Chinese treasures to display, among them a brilliantly-colored quilt whose "right" side presented a traditional pattern, and whose "wrong" side's remnant threads had been cleverly fashioned into an assortment of convincing insect shapes.



Missouri Town Dedicates Monument to Cadastral Surveyors

by Steve Kopach, Deputy State Director, Cadastral Survey and General Land Office Records, Eastern States



The small southeastern town of El Dorado Springs, Missouri, holds a special distinction among folks in the cadastral survey field in BLM. Since 1905, when one of their own left his home in El Dorado Springs and began his job as a surveyor with the General Land Office, 192 hardy souls from the community have spent part of their working life with the BLM's cadastral survey program. To recognize the individuals who helped shape the land tenure system of the United States, the community erected and dedicated a granite monument during their annual Founder's Day Celebration. The names of those who worked on the surveys from the El Dorado Springs, Missouri area are etched in the granite.

El Dorado Springs, worked together on GLO survey crews. When Wilson returned to El Dorado Springs he acted as Bandy's recruiter, encouraging young men from their community to work for the Government. Many young El Dorado Springs men, most straight out of high school, left their family farms to see the country and find adventure by surveying the public lands. Most returned to their homes after a few years, but some found the survey life to their liking.

One such dedicated individual hailing from El Dorado Springs has spent 30 years as a cadastral surveyor for BLM. Bill Herbst received the Department of the Interior's Superior Service Award for his outstanding contributions to the BLM Cadastral Survey program at the annual El Dorado Springs Founder's Day event.

During his tenure, Herbst has worked in 24 different states and in every facet of the Cadastral Survey organization. He has spent at least 75 percent of his career on the road. He has repeatedly accepted the most challenging survey assignments, learning and sharing his experiences and knowledge freely with those fortunate enough to work with him.

Congratulations to Bill Herbst and to the community of El Dorado Springs, Missouri, for recognizing those who have really made a difference.



Presenting the award, Steve Kopach, BLM Eastern States Chief Cadastral Surveyor acknowledges Herbst's impeccable work ethic. "He always walks the extra mile and does whatever is necessary to ensure a survey is completed in the field that is totally accurate."

BLM Publishes Final Rule on Use and Occupancy of Mining Claims

by Tom Gorey and Rick Deery, BLM National Headquarters staff

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has published a final rule that gives BLM managers the administrative tools they need to stop squatters from illegally occupying BLM-managed lands on mining claims they are using for non-mining purposes. The rule does not affect any individual who is engaged in a legitimate mining operation. "This new rule will benefit individuals and mining companies who are engaged in legitimate mining operations on BLM-managed lands," said BLM Acting Director Mike Dombeck. "The rule will also benefit the American people, who own these lands."

The final rule defines squatters as persons who are illegally residing on or running unauthorized non-mining businesses on BLM-managed lands. "This new rule is directed at squatters, whose abuses of mining claims have hurt the reputation of legitimate miners on the public lands," Dombeck said. "There has been a long and colorful history of abuses by squatters, including some who illegally built saloons, hunting lodges, and fishing camps. More recently, some squatters have illegally set up drug labs and reprocessed hazardous materials on BLM public lands. These abuses have to stop."

Under the final rule, a claimant's uses and occupancy must relate to prospecting or exploration, mining or processing operations, or other land uses that are reasonably related to such activities. Thus, the new rule will not affect bona fide mining operations.

The final use-and-occupancy rule is consistent with the draft rule, which was published in 1992. The draft rule was generally supported by the mining industry, including some small-scale mining groups. In response to public comments, the

BLM's final rule clarifies parts of the draft rule. For example, the final rule makes it clear that a miner's requirement to meet local building codes applies to codes in force at the time of construction.

The final rule also makes clear that possession of a mining claim or an authorization to reside on a mining claim does not deprive a legitimate miner of the privilege of recreating on the public lands.

The final rule describes standards for legitimate uses and occupancies of BLM-managed lands. Prior to starting any activity that involves residency or has the potential to support a residency, a miner must consult with the BLM's local land managers. The managers will then examine whether the miner has met the Bureau's residency conditions. If those conditions are met, the miner may reside on BLM-managed land while conducting mining-related activities.

Under the new rule, mining claimants who have existing occupancies may continue their occupancies for one year after this final rule takes effect on August 15, 1996, providing that they meet certain requirements. Miners who are currently occupying BLM-managed lands will have one year to comply with the provisions of the rule, providing that they fill out a simple form. Squatters whose activities are not reasonably related to mining and whose activities pose a threat to health, safety or the environment will not be allowed to remain on BLM-managed land during that one-year period.

BLM field investigators will visit each occupancy over the next three years to determine whether an occupant's use of a mining claim is

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Federal Agencies Work Together To Improve Services

By Bill James, Public Affairs Specialist, Jackson District Office

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Eastern States Jackson (MS) District Office (JDO) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Southeast Louisiana Refuges, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will increase coordination in oil and gas operations at the Delta National Wildlife Refuge within the Romere Pass Oil and Gas Field. The MOU was signed in March 1996.

Sid Vogelpohl, JDO Assistant District Manager for Minerals, said the MOU will provide increased collaboration between the two agencies. This will result, he said, in better review of potential environmental impacts of oil and gas development, well abandonment, more timely customer service and less travel costs for JDO.

Vogelpohl said provisions of the MOU include: FWS approval of some actions, such as maintenance dredging; FWS determination of which proposal would result in "new" or "additional" surface disturbance and therefore necessitate an environmental assessment (EAs) by JDO;

JDO preparation of EAs based on the FWS field reports, and FWS review of any oil spills and recommendation to JDO when a BLM inspector is needed.

The Delta National Refuge is located on the southernmost edge of Louisiana where the Mississippi River drops its sediment load into the Gulf of Mexico. The 48,800-acre refuge consists of mud flats, marshes, shallow ponds and navigational channels. It provides habitat for some 240 species of birds that live or pass through the refuge. Animals include deer and alligator.

The Romere Pass Field has been a prolific producer since its first production in 1949. Cumulative production has totaled about 100-million barrels of oil and 445 billion cubic feet of gas. This production has been from an estimated 95 wells producing from 36 different sands.

Oil and Gas Leasing Being Proposed for Trumbull County, Ohio

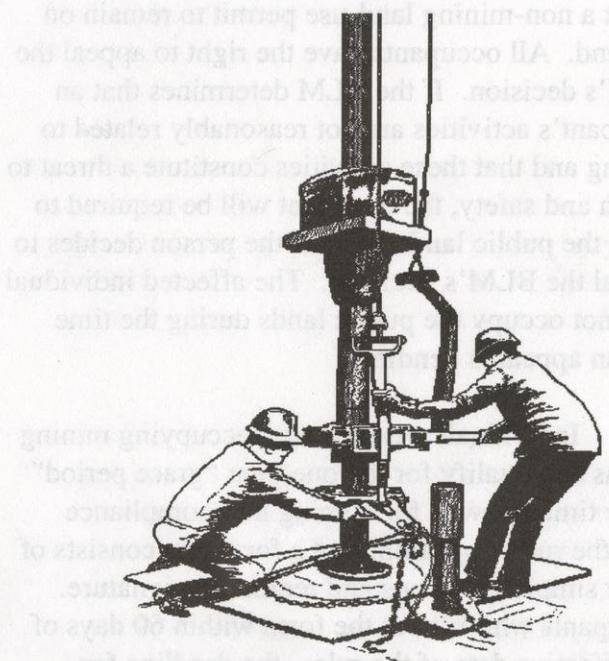
By Michelle Garcia, BLM Summer Intern

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is considering leasing the oil and gas resources at the Army Corps of Engineer (COE) Mosquito Creek Lake Project. After receiving several lease inquiries from oil and gas companies, the BLM, in partnership with the COE and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), has begun assessing public opinions and existing resources within the proposed leasing area in Trumbull County, Ohio, causing concern among some area residents.

BLM estimates that 45 wells could be drilled to develop the oil and gas resource at the Mosquito Creek Lake Project area. Potential royalty revenue paid to the state could reach \$13.4 million, with about \$4.5 million going to the Federal Treasury.

Dave Stewart, Eastern States Chief of Resources Planning, Use and Protection, said there is a concern that the Federal oil and gas in this area could be taken by wells on adjoining lands. "Surrounding gas and oil wells could withdraw mineral resources from Federal subsurface areas, an effect called 'drainage'" he said. Ken Fitzpatrick, a BLM member of the Mosquito Creek Lake interdisciplinary team said, "Oil companies in this area have drilled progressively closer to subsurface in Federal ownership during the past decade."

Earlier in the year, a team from BLM, COE, and the ODNR met with private citizens of several local communities to hear their comments and concerns. Residents cited possible dangers such



as contamination of the water used by the cities of Warren and Cortland. They also expressed concern about decreased property values and possible impacts to local scenery.

The next step is to compile the current condition and trends of resource values potentially affected by the proposed action. Following this, the team will develop the alternatives and analyze the impacts of drilling in the Mosquito Creek Lake area. According to the current project schedule prepared by the team, decisions to lease for oil and gas exploration will be made by Fall 1997.

Mining Claims... Continued from page 11

reasonably related to mining. In cases where occupants' activities are found not to be reasonably related to mining, these persons will be notified of the BLM's finding and will be informed that their activities do not justify occupancy on Federal property. The BLM will issue an order to such persons that they must either leave the public lands or get a non-mining land-use permit to remain on the land. All occupants have the right to appeal the BLM's decision. If the BLM determines that an occupant's activities are not reasonably related to mining and that these activities constitute a threat to health and safety, the occupant will be required to leave the public lands, even if the person decides to appeal the BLM's decision. The affected individual may not occupy the public lands during the time that an appeal is pending.

Individuals who are now occupying mining claims can qualify for the one-year "grace period"—the time allowed for coming into compliance with the rule—by filling out a form that consists of a few simple questions and requires a signature. Occupants who fill out the form within 60 days of the effective date of the rule—the deadline for completing the form is October 14, 1996—will qualify for the one-year grace period.

Any miner, whether residing on BLM public lands or not, must follow specific procedures before construction fences or gates or posting signs that are intended to keep the public out of certain areas. Even if permitted to build fences or gates or post signs, all miners must allow the public reasonable access to adjoining Federal lands. The public, in turn, may not interfere with any authorized mining activities. Before constructing permanent structures for residency, miners must obtain all necessary State and local permits or exemptions relating to building, sewage, and safety code compliance. Miners must also comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local environmental standards. Any use or occupancy must prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of Federal lands.

OHV Trail System Study Completed

By Andrea Nygren, Eastern States, Division of Resources Planning, Use and Protection

The Hatfield-McCoy Recreational Trail Steering Committee and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) have released the final report on the feasibility of the proposed Hatfield-McCoy trail system. The report documents a year-long study prepared by the COE, the National Park Service (NPS), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). A BLM field team in West Virginia mapped and evaluated potential trails and trailhead sites in seven counties in southern West Virginia.

The BLM field team spent 6 months in the field using state-of-the-art global position system (GPS) technology to locate and map existing trails in the study area. BLM also provided an analysis of management functions to run a multi-county system, which may eventually expand to include trails in Virginia and Kentucky as well as in West Virginia. The NPS facilitated workshops and public meetings.

The Hatfield-McCoy trail study was funded by the COE with appropriated Federal funds obtained with the assistance of the West Virginia Congressional delegation including Representative Nick Rahall II, Senator Robert C. Byrd, and Senator John D. (Jay) Rockefeller IV.

The study analyzes and documents the feasibility of developing and managing a recreational off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail system on private (corporate) land in the historic Hatfield-McCoy country along the West Virginia border with Kentucky. Development of a recreational OHV trail system will increase regional tourism and diversify the economic base.

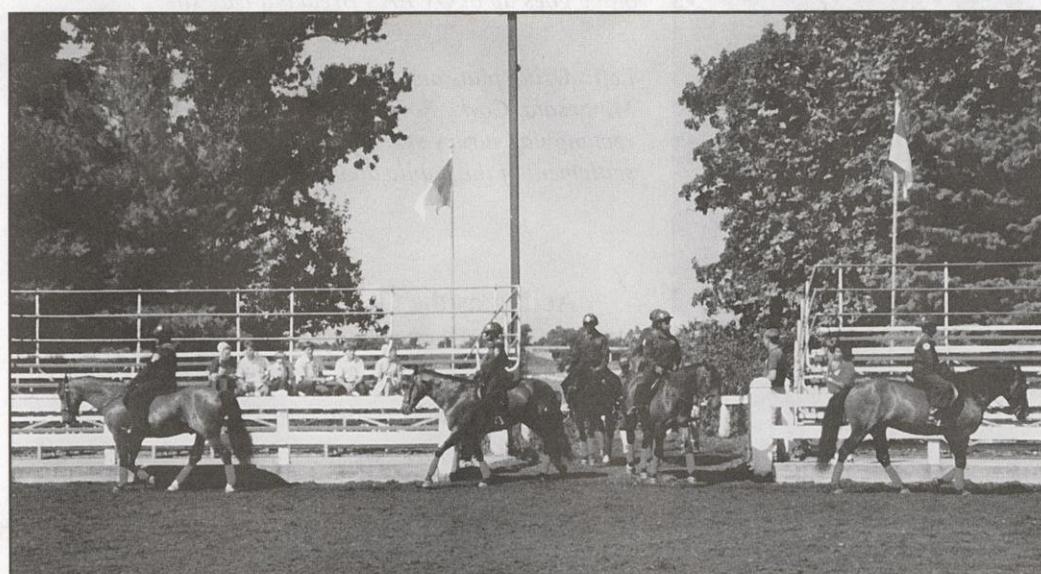
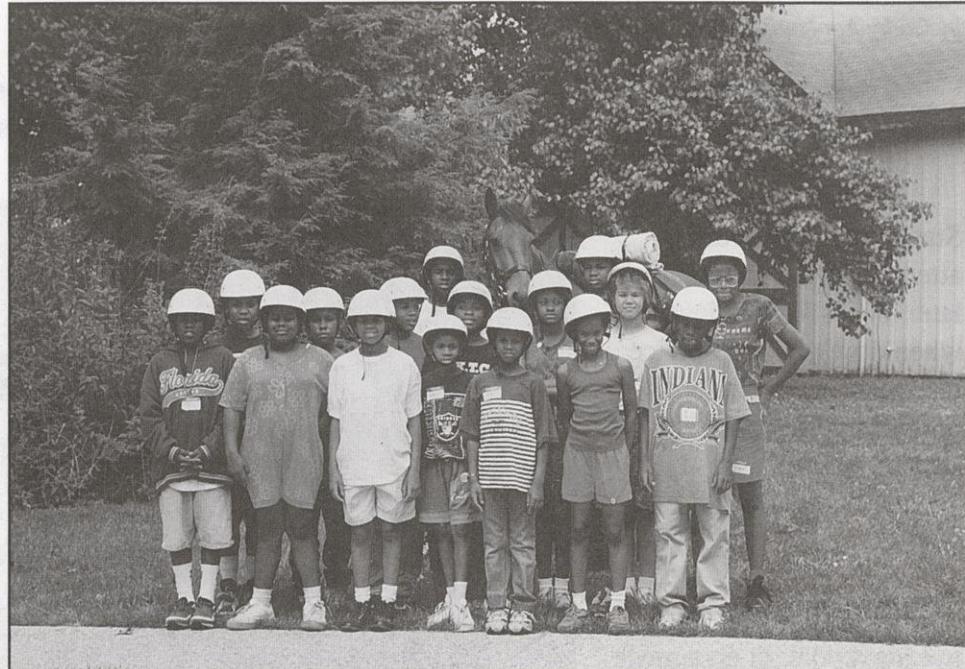
Officials from BLM, the COE, the State of West Virginia, and the seven-county study area attended a dinner in Charleston to thank Mr. Rahall for his support and to celebrate this milestone in developing the Hatfield-McCoy trail system.

Wild Horses Keep Inner City Youths “Down on the Farm”

By Joy Pasquariello, Office of
External Affairs, Eastern States

Wild horses provided by BLM, Eastern States to the Kentucky Horse Park are being carefully tended by youngsters who are part of a special program for at-risk youth sponsored by the Horse Park and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police Activities League (PAL). These 9-15 year-old boys and girls call themselves the “Mustang Troopers.” They are responsible for caring, feeding and grooming the mustangs stabled at the world famous Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. The Mustang Troopers work and train the horses on Saturdays during the school year and weekdays during summer vacation.

Under army-style discipline practiced by American cavalry units, the youngsters learn cavalry history and the necessary equestrian skills to meet the program’s ultimate goal—the formation of a precision



mounted drill team. As members of a nationally recognized mounted unit, these Mustang Troopers gain pride, skills, and self esteem.



Outdoor Writers

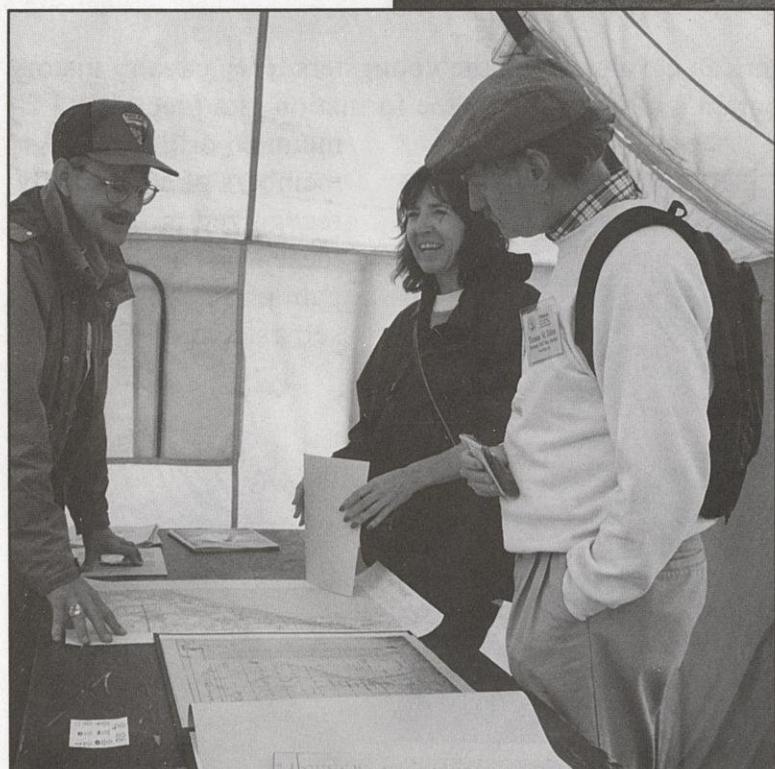
Rediscover Public Lands

by Cathy Applegate, Office of External Affairs, Eastern States

Conference attendees at the annual national conference of the Outdoor Writers of America Association in Duluth, Minnesota, took a brief walk through American history and BLM showed them the way.

BLM'ers from Eastern States took conference attendees back to the late 1800's, to the days when doing a "land office business" was standard operating procedure for BLM's predecessor agency, the General Land Office.

Eastern States' Cadastral Surveyors set up a mock survey camp complete with a fully staffed General Land Office.



Above: The General Land Office survey camp and land office goes up at OWAA's Breakout Day site.

Left: Using plats and field notes from townships in Minnesota, Corky Rodine explains to OWAA'ers how the rectangular survey system allowed for the orderly settlement of the public domain.

Acting as the GLO Register and the Receiver, BLM Eastern States cadastral surveyors greeted visitors to the Land Office and explained how pioneers filed claims and subsequently received title to the western lands being settled. To contrast the procedures of days past, a computer workstation was set up nearby to show the ease with which federal land title data can now be accessed.

With A Little Help From The BLM

Maybelle Montana reminisces about her days on the prairie.



At the campsite, BLM volunteer Rob Nurre, aka GLO Deputy Surveyor Orson Lyon, demonstrated some of the early instruments used to measure and mark the boundaries of the public lands.

In a makeshift theater set up adjacent to the land office, Joyce Hunsaker as Maybelle Montana entertained folks with a brief segment of the 50th anniversary living history presentation "Bloomers to Briefcases" which focused on the establishment of BLM and the importance of the public lands. The Outdoor Writers also received a reference copy of Opportunity and Challenge, a history of BLM.

This conference is a premier outreach event for BLM, Eastern States. More than 500 outdoor writers, broadcasters, and photographers from across the nation assembled together for the opportunity to discuss and improve their craft, test the newest in recreation related products and services, and interview notable public figures in the field of natural resources. Acting Director Mike Dombeck attended and helped BLM showcase the

Agency's 50th anniversary at various BLM-sponsored activities.

Since 1994, BLM, Eastern States has joined with Brunton USA in sponsoring a Hospitality evening at the conference. This year's OWAA conference in Duluth offered the opportunity to expand our relationships to other private industry partners such as Allegheny Power, Cabela's, Coleman, Ford Motor Company, and MPI Outdoor Products. Together with BLM, Brunton, and Manitok Wild Rice, Inc., and these five companies hosted an enjoyable hospitality evening complete with lively folk music.

The annual OWAA conference provides an excellent forum for BLM to educate our stakeholders through key media professionals about the value of the public lands, and the resources and opportunities they offer.

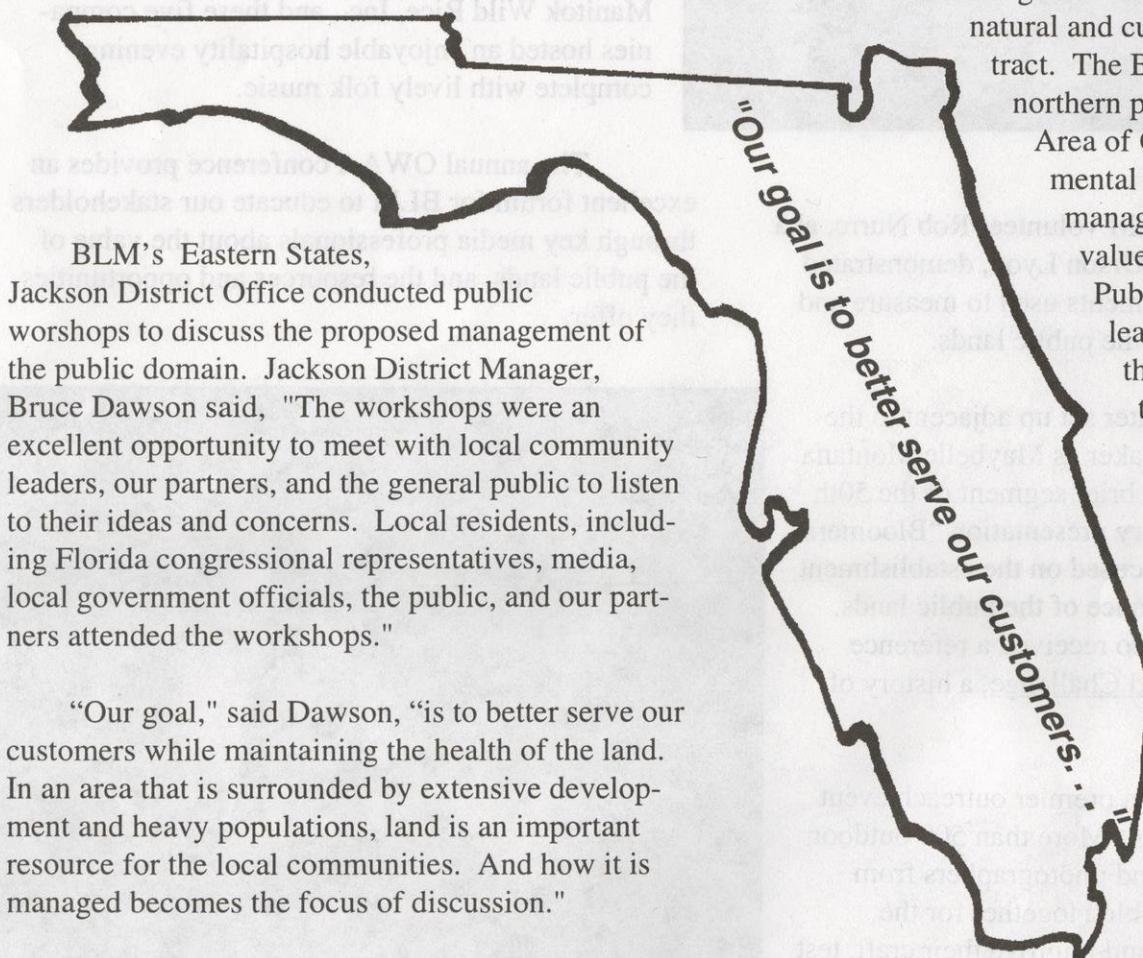


BLM's Acting Director Dombeck thanked Eastern States Cadastral Surveyors Corky Rodine, Steve Kopach, Steve Douglas and Tammy Bundy with 50th Anniversary Commemorative coins for their fine representation of BLM at the OWAA Conference.

Local Communities and the Federal Government Develop Plan for Managing Public Land

By Suzanne Chamow, Public Affairs Specialist, Jackson District Office

The fourth largest tract of coastal scrub habitat remaining in Palm Beach County, Florida, is being returned to the BLM. The 86-acre tract has been utilized by the U.S. Coast Guard to support the adjacent Jupiter lighthouse.



BLM's Eastern States, Jackson District Office conducted public workshops to discuss the proposed management of the public domain. Jackson District Manager, Bruce Dawson said, "The workshops were an excellent opportunity to meet with local community leaders, our partners, and the general public to listen to their ideas and concerns. Local residents, including Florida congressional representatives, media, local government officials, the public, and our partners attended the workshops."

"Our goal," said Dawson, "is to better serve our customers while maintaining the health of the land. In an area that is surrounded by extensive development and heavy populations, land is an important resource for the local communities. And how it is managed becomes the focus of discussion."

Palm Beach County is in the process of spending millions of dollars to acquire the remaining coastal scrub habitat lands. The Jupiter Inlet tract contains significant cultural resources and

18 special status species, including a breeding population of scrub jays, gopher tortoises, and two plant species listed as federally endangered.

Our partners will have a significant role in the management and interpretation of natural and cultural values of the tract. The BLM has designated the northern portion of the tract as an Area of Critical and Environmental Concern (ACEC) to be managed for its natural values. A Recreational and Public Purposes (R&PP) lease will be issued with the Town of Jupiter for the southern portion of the tract.

The draft Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) outlined BLM's management for the tract of public domain. The final plan is expected to be released in the summer of 1996 after review of the concerns submitted by the public. The CRMP is in accordance with the BLM's Florida Resource Management Plan (RMP) signed in June 1995.

Hammer Award Goes to "America's Outdoors"

by Jim Boylan, Public Affairs Specialist, Milwaukee District Office

America's Outdoors, Center for Conservation, Recreation and Resources, has received Vice President Al Gore's "Hammer Award" for its contribution to building a government that works better and costs less.

The honor was bestowed upon the Center by Department of Agriculture Undersecretary James R. Lyons in a ceremony with representatives and co-workers from the three involved agencies.

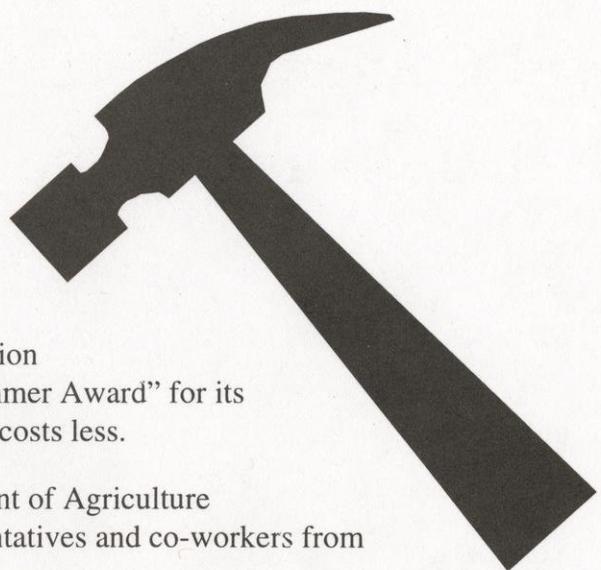
On March 3, 1995, a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Park Service (NPS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Forest Service (FS) Region 9 established a charter for "America's Outdoors." The goal of this cooperative venture is to promote outdoor recreation on Federal lands; encourage conservation and stewardship of all lands; support the effort of teachers and others in providing environmental education programs; and to provide a single, convenient location for our publics to obtain services and information from three Federal natural resource agencies.

Visitors to the Center can obtain a variety of resource information such as maps and directories of Federal, State and locally administered recreation areas, posters, books and videos focusing on environmental education and recreation. Travelers can obtain Golden Eagle, Golden Age and Golden Access Passports and get reservation information for many Federal recreation sites.

Wink Hastings (NPS), Chris Hanson (BLM), and Renee Vandlick (FS) accepted the award on behalf of the Center. Secretary Lyons also presented certificates and Hammer Award replica pins to those individuals who are part of the day-to-day operations of the Center.



Proudly displaying their "Hammer Award" are left to right: Chris Hanson, Lucille Tamm, Jim Boylan (BLM), Gail Grosenick (USFS), Diana Banta, Wink Hastings (NPS), Laura Jones, Sunny Johnson (BLM), & Renee Vandlick (USFS)



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September 11, 1996

Mr. Mike Dombeck
Director
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Dear Mr. Dombeck:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the significant contribution you have made to ensuring the protection of Yellowstone National Park. Your investment of time and your desire to seek a positive outcome for all parties was essential to reaching this historic agreement. Yellowstone is more precious than gold, and you have played a critical role in ensuring Yellowstone will be protected for future generations.

As you know, Yellowstone was entrusted to our care more than 120 years ago. This Administration is committed to ensuring that we honor that trust. With your help we can say that we have been worthy of that trust.

When we initiated the "Yellowstone Dialogue" last year, we renewed our commitment to our continued responsibility for this wonderful treasure. I appreciate the hard work and dedication you have devoted to this effort. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al Gore".

Al Gore

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October 1, 1996

The Honorable Michael P. Dombeck
Acting Director
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Dear Mike:

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to be part of the "Showcasing the West" panel during the Western Summit on Tourism and Public Lands. Your presentation contributed markedly to the success of the session and, in fact, the success of the entire summit. Let me also say that working with you and our other distinguished guests as moderator was an absolute pleasure. I particularly appreciated your willingness to accommodate the constraints placed on our panel, especially the time limitations.

On behalf of all the summit attendees, my thanks to you for a job very well done indeed.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Derrick A. Crandall
President

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The Honorable Michael P. Dombeck
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Dear Mike:

Thank you so much for breaking away from your busy schedule to join us at yesterday's Recreation Exchange. We enjoyed your thought-provoking presentation, especially your insights into the challenges facing land managers -- who must expand their decision-making horizons while reaching out to and uniting their local constituencies -- and your exhortation to the recreation community to "tell its story" to policy makers in a more credible fashion. In addition, we all appreciated your very sound advice on how to deal with the future, where change will be the norm. The recreation community is certainly fortunate that someone already so well equipped with a "prepared mind" is directing the Bureau of Land Management.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Derrick A. Crandall
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Resources
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October 9, 1996

Mr. Michael Dombeck, Director
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Dear Mike,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Natural Resources Council of America and the entire membership of the Council, please accept my warm appreciation for your presentation at the Conservation Round Table Luncheon.

It is apparent that your numerous constituent meetings in Washington and across the country have given you some excellent ideas (and quotes!) for incorporating into your vision statement for the agency. It was truly a great speech, Mike. You were hard-hitting, animated and magnanimous in your reach. Your use of the economic argument for BLM as a revenue generator was extremely effective.

The participants really enjoyed your talk, evidenced by the plethora of questions and comments. I am very glad that the Council could be of help promoting your first annual "State of the Public Lands" report. We are honored that you chose our forum as the place to discuss the future challenges facing your agency.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mike:

On behalf of the Western Tourism Policy Council, I want to take this opportunity to extend a most gracious thank you for addressing the delegation at the Western Summit on Tourism & Public Lands. Your expertise contributed much to the outstanding quality of the Summit.

This forum, with its mutual exchange of ideas and development of strategies, has set the stage for positive resolution of the many intractable issues confronting tourism and public lands' officials.

The Final Proceedings, including summaries of the track breakout sessions, will be completed in the next several weeks. Upon publication, we will be pleased to forward a copy of that report to you.

I hope your participation in the Western Summit on Tourism & Public Lands was as enjoyable and productive for you as it was for us. Thank you again for taking your valuable time to become part of our program.

Sincerely,

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THOMAS G. TAIT
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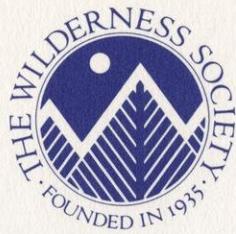
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December 19, 1996

Mr. Michael Dombeck
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Dear Mike:

It was great seeing you at the reception for Jack Ward Thomas earlier this week. As you know, I will be out of town for the holidays, but will be back full time at The Wilderness Society in early January.

I look forward to having an opportunity to spend more time with you personally. In the interim, have a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

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Babbitt Lauds Selection of New Forest Service Chief

Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt issued the following comment in response to the selection of Michael Paul Dombeck to head the U.S. Forest Service

"I am exceptionally pleased that Mike Dombeck has been selected to serve as the new Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. He has an impressive background, and a unique array of management and advocacy skills that will serve the Forest Service well.

"He is no stranger when it comes to Forest Service issues, and especially those dealing with federal lands and recreation. This is a return home for Mike. He worked early in his federal career, in the trenches of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, where he was recognized for his outstanding leadership in developing and implementing fisheries programs and forging partnerships with the recreation industry.

"Over the past few years as Acting Director of the Bureau of Land Management, Mike helped shape the President's forest plan, implemented a new management strategy to protect and restore salmon and steelhead habitats on public lands, and led the interdepartmental wildland fire policy review. It has been a pleasure working with Mike and having him as a member of the Interior team. He has demonstrated a deep commitment to protecting our environment and our economic health, and has a solid reputation as a problem-solver and a consensus builder.

"I am proud of Mike and the work he has done for the Interior Department."

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The public lands have made a significant contribution to the American way of life. In our Nation's earliest years, the Federal Government and Congress became the legal guardian of the public lands. Public land policy generally provided for the disposal of the public lands. The land disposals built the country's economic foundation, opened the West to settlement, and united the vast expanses of land into one Nation.

In 1812, Congress established the General Land Office to administer the public domain. The passage of the Taylor Grazing Act in 1934 established the U.S. Grazing Service to provide active range management on public domain lands. In 1946, the Grazing Service and the General Land Office merged to become the Bureau of Land Management. "With that date," notes historian E. Louise Peffer, "there opened a new chapter in the history of public land administration in the United States."

To meet today's changing and diverse demands, BLM is changing its management of the public lands. To

maintain the health of the public lands, BLM is taking a "big picture" or landscape approach to land management. This promotes both biological diversity on the public lands and sustainable development of their resources. BLM's mandate under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 requires the agency to manage the public lands to accommodate many uses, while protecting the long-term health of the land.

The Nation's public lands and their wealth are administered by BLM for the benefit and enjoyment of all Americans. Today, public lands are recognized as a rich legacy for the people of the United States — both a link with our past and a bridge to our future.

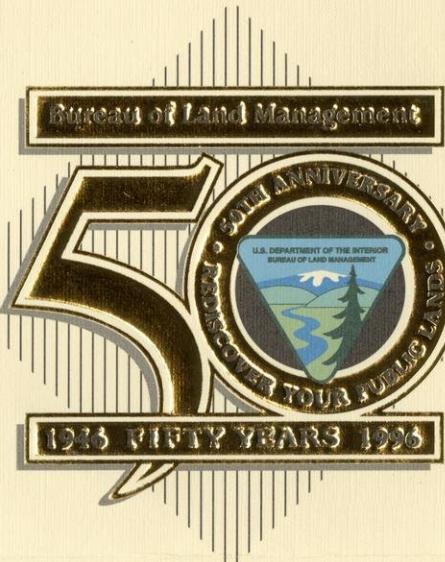
BLM, celebrating its 50th year, administers what remains of the Nation's vast land holdings — the public domain. The public domain once stretched from the Appalachian Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. Of the original 1.8 billion acres of public lands owned by the United States, two-thirds went to private citizens, corporations, and the States, or became Indian reservations. Many of the remaining lands were set aside for national forests, wildlife refuges, parks, and monuments.

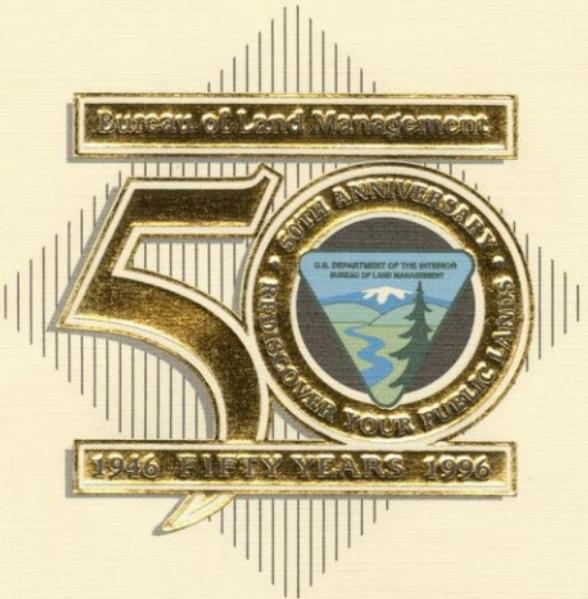
BLM manages the remaining 270 million acres — about one-eighth of America's land surface, or 41 percent of the lands under Federal ownership. Most of BLM-managed lands are located in the 11 Western States, including Alaska, although small parcels are scattered throughout the eastern United States. BLM also manages 570 million acres of subsurface mineral estate.

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Leadership, Improve Business Practices, Improve Human Resource Management Practices.

To the young Nation, the public domain represented challenge and opportunity. Use and management of the public lands has changed throughout our Nation's history and continues to evolve. The public lands continue to be a source of livestock forage, timber, and energy and mineral resources. Today, public lands are also valued for their environmental resources, the recreational opportunities they offer, the cultural resources they contain, and in an increasingly urban world, their vast open spaces.





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DIRECTORS WASHINGTON OFFICE U. S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

On the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Bureau of Land Management in the U. S. Department of the Interior, the PUBLIC LANDS FOUNDATION has prepared this historical record of the leaders who have guided this office in its mission to protect and manage the public lands of the United States.

Presented to the Directors Office on July 16, 1996, by the
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in recognition and remembrance of these Directors.

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