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To: Field Office Managers

From: Deputy State Director, Resources

Subject: Wildlife/Fish/T-E/Botany Workshop DD: 7/1/02

As mentioned in the FY02 Annual Work Plan Directives, the subject workshop will be held in Flagstaff during the week of July 29. Specifically, we will begin the workshop Monday, July 29, at 1:00 p.m., Arizona time. The workshop will end around noon on August 2.

The main goal of the workshop is to introduce new colleagues to existing personnel and develop a bit of camaraderie, which in turn, will enhance our working relationships and efficiency. BLM wildlife program policy and objectives, past and present, will be reviewed, and tweaked where necessary, for use in upcoming Land Use Plans, and for a proposed five-year budget strategy. The strategy will also identify training and research needs. Information will be presented regarding the BLM national program meeting held in Albuquerque two weeks earlier.

We are encouraging all personnel spending a substantial amount of their time working in the wildlife, t-e species, fisheries and botany programs to attend. We realize higher priorities may preclude people from attending, but please make every effort to encourage attendance of your wildlife program-related staff at this important workshop. Please inform this office of the number of planned participants from your respective offices by COB July 1.

The workshop location is the Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station at the Southwest Forest Science Complex, 2500 South Pine Knoll Drive, which is on the Northern Arizona University campus (NAU). We will meet in the Ponderosa Room

Directions: From the intersection of I-40 and I-17, go north on Milton a short distance to a red light. There is a sign for NAU traffic to turn left. Turn left and make another quick left on Beulah Blvd., then another quick left on McConnell Dr. Follow McConnell under the freeway to a 4-way stop. Turn right and follow the road to another stop. This is in an area of expansive parking lots. Continue on and around a broad curve. The Research Station is on the left, on top of a hill. Go through a small entrance to the left of the main double doors and tell the receptionist you are attending the BLM workshop.

Parking: As you know, parking on college campuses is a hassle, and NAU is no different. We are required to park in the lots mentioned above (it is a short walk). If you drive a vehicle with government plates, no permit is needed. If you drive a private vehicle you will need to purchase a permit and get reimbursed on your travel voucher. Permits can be obtained by calling (928) 523-9066.

The tentative plan is for introductions, training opportunities' presentation and other messages on Monday afternoon. Planning and budget strategy development will occur for the remainder of the time. If there is sufficient interest, we will plan a barbecue picnic one of the evenings we are there. A more detailed agenda will be forthcoming.

It was not possible to reserve a block of rooms at any of the hotels in the immediate area of NAU. Ted Cordery and Bill Grossi will be staying at Embassy Suites, a bit further away. There are still two smoking rooms available at the government rate. If you wish to stay there, contact Bill Grossi and he will make the reservation on a first come, first served basis. Do not contact Embassy Suites and attempt to alter the group reservation. Not that there will be much interest but, there are lots of rooms available at this hotel at an "elevated government rate" of \$97. There is a possibility of more rooms becoming available at the \$67 price. The following hotels are very close to the route described above and offer rooms at the \$67 government lodging per diem rate for Flagstaff in the summer. Make your reservations as soon as possible, even if you aren't sure you can attend. It is easier to cancel a reservation than to make one at the last minute!

AmeriSuites	800-833-1516
Hampton Inn & Suites	(928) 913-0900
Comfort Inn	(928) 774-2225
Days Inn	(928) 779-1575

If you desire additional information, please contact Bill Grossi at (602) 417-9241.

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