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To: Idaho Corporate Team

From: Branch Chief, Resources and Sciences

Subject: National Recreation Forum

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a National Recreation Forum in Las Vegas, Nevada, from January 27 through 30, 2004, to meet with representatives of groups that focus on recreation opportunities and visitor services on public land managed by the BLM. During this forum, the BLM will listen to ideas and concerns from recreation groups that will help us develop the future direction of our recreation and visitor services programs. The Forum will also encourage an ongoing dialog between recreation constituents and the BLM, and will provide the BLM with recreation constituent input that will be included in two reports on recreation access and management due to Congress in early 2004. Attached is a draft agenda, list of invitees, and talking points for individuals and organizations not invited to the Forum.

The Forum is limited by space and by the number of people that can effectively participate in working groups. Invitations were recently sent out to about 45 national organizations and 40 state, regional, and local organizations that are actively involved with BLM recreation opportunities, as well as those that represent a cross-section of the many different types of recreation activities that occur on BLM-managed land. In Idaho, the following agencies/organizations have been invited: Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation; Idaho Department of Commerce, Division of Tourism; Idaho Rural Partnership; Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association; and the Blue Ribbon Coalition.

If you are contacted by individuals or organizations that have not been invited to the Forum, please emphasize to them that we value their views on how human activities affect the health of the land and other users and ask them to submit any concerns and ideas they may have through one of the groups attending or through one of the following key representatives that have helped plan the Forum and would be willing to convey their message:

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Attachments

- 1 – Talking Points for Groups or Individuals Not Invited to the Forum.doc (1 p)
- 2 – Invitation List October 14.doc (3 pp)
- 3 – Forum Draft Agenda v4 10-14-03.xls (1 p)

Talking Points for Groups or Individuals Not Invited to the Forum

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We continue to value your views on how human activities affect the health of the land and other users, and ask that you submit any concerns and ideas you may have through one of the groups attending.

Three key representatives that have helped plan the Forum and are willing to convey your message are:

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Invitation List

October 14, 2003

National Groups

Access Fund
America Outdoors
American Automobile Association
American Birding Association
American Canoe Association
American Council of Snowmobile Associations
American Hiking Society
American Motorcyclist Association
American Recreation Coalition
American Rivers
American Trails
American Whitewater Association
Association of Partners for Public Lands

Back Country Horsemen of America
Blue Ribbon Coalition

Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

Defenders of Wildlife

International Mountain Biking Association
Izaak Walton League of America

Leave No Trace

National Association for Interpretation
National Association of Counties
National Association of State Park Directors
National Audubon Society
National Center on Accessibility, Indiana University
National Environmental Education and Training Foundation
National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council
National Recreation and Park Association
National Rifle Association of America
National Trust for Historic Preservation
North American Grouse Partnership

Outdoor Industry Association

Public Lands Foundation

Rails to Trails Conservancy
Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Round Table Associates

Scenic America

Take Pride in America
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Lands
Tread Lightly
Trout Unlimited

Western Governors' Association
Western States Tourism Policy Council

Selected State Nominations

Trails and Recreation for Alaska
Alaska Recreation and Parks Association

Arizona Trail Association
Arizona State Association of 4 WD Clubs
Arizona Strip Interpretive Association

Walton County Tourist Development Council

California Off-Road Vehicle Association
Off-Road Business Association
American Sand Association
California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs
Shasta Cascade Wonderland Association
Coalition for Unified Recreation in the Eastern Sierra

Colorado State Parks*
Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition
Rocky Mountain Recreation Initiatives
Colorado Counties

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation
Idaho Department of Commerce, Division of Tourism
Idaho Rural Partnership

Travel Montana

Montana Recreation and Parks Association

New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
New Mexico Council of Outfitters and Guides

Nevada Commission on Tourism
Friends of Red Rock
Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association
Friends of Black Rock/High Rock, Inc.
Outside Las Vegas Foundation

Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation
Oregon Tourism Commission*
Oregon Outfitter and Guide Association
Wolf Tree, Inc.
Oregon Whitewater Association

Utah State Historic Preservation Office
Utah Trails Machine Association
Back Country Horsemen of Utah
Wasatch Mountain Club

Wyoming State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides
State of Wyoming Trails Program Manager
Oregon and California Trails Association
National Outdoor Leadership School

*speaker

The BLM Recreation Forum -- Las Vegas, January 27-30

Start Times	Tues. Jan 27	Wed. Jan 28	Thurs. Jan 29	Fri. Jan 30	Start Times
8:30		<i>Welcome by Bob, Abbey, NV SD, (Housekeeping details, intro. for Dir. Clarke)Introduction, Purpose & Feedback on Pework (Dir. Clarke)</i>	Concurrent Breakout 1 <i>on 4 Issues (4 breakouts).</i>	Summary of Results <i>and general discussion</i>	8:30
8:50		<i>Welcome from Mr. Bruce Bommarito, E.D., NV Commission on Tourism (Intro. by Bob Abbey)</i>			8:50
9:00		Forum setup & instructions (CGC)	Group members pre-assigned based on preferences in reseeding.	Output: Proposal for group input on Congressional Reports 1 and 2	9:00
9:15		Expert Presentations-Overview			9:15
9:30		1. Ray Rasker (Sonoran Inst.)			9:30
9:45		Overview-cont'd			9:45
10:00		2. Glenn Haas (Co. State Univ.)	Concurrent Breakout 2 <i>on 4 Issues (4 breakouts).</i>	Requests & Offers	10:00
10:30		Director's Networking Break			10:30
11:00		Expert Presentation-Travel Mgmt, Access	Each group rotates to a new issue.	Next Steps (Dir. Clarke)	11:00
11:30		Lyle Laverty (?) (Dir., CO State Parks)			11:30
		Issue 1 Breakout	Lunch & Director's Networking (cont'd)	Closure (Dir. Clarke)	12:00
12:00		Max-mix groups all in big room			12:30
12:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understanding/Lay of Land ➤ Priorities & Summary 	Concurrent Breakout 3 <i>on 4 Issues (4 breakouts).</i>		1:30
1:30	Bus to Red Rocks (1:00pm)	Lunch & Director's Networking (cont'd)			2:00
2:00	Concurrent VIP Tour	Expert Presentation-Visitor Services	Each group rotates to a new issue. (3rd issue for each participant)		2:30
2:30	Red Rocks (1:00-5:00)	Todd Davidson (?) (Chair, W. States Tour. Pol. Cncl.)			3:00
3:00	(challenges focused: visotr's center & 2 stops)	Issue 2 Breakout	Concurrent Breakout 4 <i>on 4 Issues (4 breakouts).</i>		3:30
3:30	(Facilitator Training for BLM Staff)	Max-mix groups all in big room			4:00
4:00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understanding/Lay of Land ➤ Priorities & Summary 	Each group rotates back to initial issue.		4:30
4:30		Break			5:00
5:00	Room Setup	Expert Presentation-Fair Value, Fair Return	Dinner on own time		6:00
6:00		Margaret Bailey (?) (Price Waterhouse)			6:30
6:30		Issue 3 Breakout	Type up & summarize notes from groups — synthesize across groups		7:00
7:00		Max-mix groups all in big room			7:30
7:30		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Understanding/Lay of Land ➤ Priorities & Summary 			8:00
8:00		Dinner on own time			8:30
	Reception	Type up & summarize notes from groups — synthesize across groups			