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To: District Managers
ATTN: Field Volunteer Coordinators, Outdoor Recreation Planners, and Idaho
Public Affairs

From: Cheryle C. Zwang, External Affairs Chief

Subject: Designation of National Public Lands Day (NPLD) as a “Fee-Free” Day at
Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Recreation and Visitor Sites; New “Fee-
Free” Coupon for Use as NPLD Volunteer Recognition Item

Attached is Instruction Memorandum (IM) No. 2004-234 announcing that NPLD, Saturday, September 18, 2004, is a “fee-free” day for the visiting public at Interior-agency recreation and visitor sites nationwide. Site entrance fees and individual day-use fees will be waived on that day; however, other fees, such as those for group day use, overnight camping, and cabin rentals will remain in effect. The fee-free designation applies only to September 18, 2004.

Available for the first time this year are “fee-free” coupons which will be given to NPLD volunteers, 16 years or older, in recognition of their invaluable service to public lands. These coupons may be used within the year following NPLD at any participating federal recreation or visitor site of their choice. Coupons may be used where we accept Golden Eagle, Golden Age, Golden Access, National Park Service passes with a hologram, and daily/annual passes, e.g., South Fork Snake River and Payette River. The coupons will be distributed to NPLD site coordinators by the Washington Office.

Please review the attached IM for additional details on coupon distribution and redemption. Due to size restrictions, the attachments to IM No. 2004-234 are not being transmitted, however, they are attached to the IM located on the WO IM Internet site. See <http://www.blm.gov/nhp/efoia/wo/fy04/im2004-234.htm>.

Should you have any questions, please contact Shelley Davis-Brunner, State Volunteer Coordinator, at (208) 373-4020.

Cheryle C. Zwang

1 Attachment (3 pp)

Signed
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EMS TRANSMISSION 08/25/2004
Instruction Memorandum No. 2004-234
Expires: 09/30/2005

To: AFOs

From: Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning

Subject: Designation of National Public Lands Day (NPLD) as a “Fee-Free” Day at BLM Recreation and Visitor Sites; New “Fee-Free Coupon” for Use as NPLD Volunteer Recognition Item

I am happy to report that in celebration of National Public Lands Day (NPLD), Secretary Gale Norton has once again designated NPLD (Saturday, September 18, 2004) as a “fee-free” day for the visiting public at Interior-agency recreation and visitor sites nationwide. Site entrance and individual day-use fees will be waived on that day; however, other fees, such as those for group day use, overnight camping, and cabin rentals, will remain in effect. The fee-free designation applies only to September 18, 2004, although we realize that some BLM sites will hold NPLD events on other dates.

Additionally, for the first time this year, the Federal NPLD participating agencies, in conjunction with the Take Pride in America program and the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, have developed a “fee-free coupon” that will be presented to NPLD volunteers in recognition of their invaluable service to our nation’s public lands. The coupon, a facsimile of which is attached for your information, will entitle the recipient and his/her family or vehicle companions to one “fee-free” day at a participating federal recreation or visitor site of their choice within the year following NPLD.

Coupons will be issued only to those volunteers who are 16 years or older participating in a registered NPLD event. Event coordinators will fill in the volunteer’s name and instruct them that they can use the coupon at any of the participating agencies’ recreation fee sites (Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service,

and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers). If the volunteer intends to use the coupon at a Forest Service recreation fee site which is generally unstaffed (i.e., trailhead, day use site), the volunteer should use the coupon just like cash

and turn it into a fee tube, District Office, or fee booth for a daily pass. If there is no alternative, the volunteer can fill in the date that he/she intends to use the coupon and leave it on the dashboard of their vehicle. The coupons are non transferable and if lost will not be replaced.

Coupon Distribution and Presentation

Supplies of fee-free coupons will be distributed directly to all of BLM's NPLD site coordinators (please see the attached chart for names and locations) by the BLM Printed Materials Distribution Section. Site coordinators should note the following in their records: the quantity of coupons received; the range of the coupon numbers (upper right corner of the face of the coupon); and the quantity distributed to NPLD volunteers at their sites. Volunteers at sites with NPLD events on dates other than September 18 are eligible to receive coupons as recognition for their contributions.

In all cases, the coupon supply must be under the control of the site coordinator or his/her designee at all times, as recognition items must be accurately accounted for. After completion of an NPLD event, any surplus fee-free coupons, bundled and clearly labeled as "unused," should be mailed to Bibi Booth at BLM Environmental Education & Volunteers, 1849 C Street, NW, LS-406, Washington, DC 20240.

Coupon Redemption

The coupons will be accepted at any fee site where the National Park Pass, National Park Pass with hologram, Golden Eagle, Golden Age, Golden Access passports or daily/annual site passes are accepted. At the time of redemption, the holder of the coupon should surrender it to the appropriate BLM recreation or visitor site staff member, who should then record it as "one coupon redeemed." After September 24, 2005, the used coupons, bundled and clearly labeled as "redeemed," should be mailed to Bibi Booth at the address above.

Please share the information in this Instruction Memorandum with your field employees, particularly those who are directly involved in NPLD, such as NPLD site coordinators (again, please see the attached chart) and State Volunteer Coordinators (please consult the list at <http://www.blm.gov/volunteer/contacts/index.html>).

We also request that you promote both "fee-free NPLD" and the new NPLD volunteer recognition fee-free coupon via news releases and web postings in order to encourage local populations to volunteer at one of BLM's many NPLD sites this year. Interested parties may be directed to BLM's NPLD 2004 web list at <http://www.blm.gov/volunteer/news/september.html>, or referred to local NPLD site coordinators.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bibi Booth of the BLM Environmental Education & Volunteers Group at (202) 452-5093 or Lee Larson, Senior Recreation Specialist, at (202) 452-5168.

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Renewable Resources and Planning

Authenticated by:
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Policy & Records Group, WO-560

2 Attachments

- 1 – Facsimile of NPLD “Fee-Free Coupon” (1p)
- 2 – NPLD 2004 Site Coordinator/Activities Chart (5 pp)