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To: State Management Team
From: Deputy State Director, Division of Resources
Subject: BLM Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services

In order to work toward implementing several Departmental goals relating to recreation and visitor services, a strategic workplan has been developed for the recreation program. The attached "BLM's Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services (BLM Workplan Fiscal Years 2003-2007-May 2003)" was developed in response to the increased numbers of visitors to public lands; organized, commercial recreational activities; competing uses and flat budgets.

The Workplan is a blueprint to guide our efforts to implement goals, objectives, and action items that are identified in the document. Many of these action items reflect ongoing activities (coordinating with local governments). Other actions reflect critical work (i.e., developing guidance) to address changing visitor demands on public lands.

This Workplan will be presented to Congress to showcase the Bureau's efforts in responding to increased recreational activities on public lands and articulate the significant workload visitation places on the recreation program. At the end of each fiscal year, each State Office recreation program will be asked to provide an annual accomplishment report as to how we are implementing or working toward the actions identified in this document. Most of the information will be pulled from existing systems to minimize the workload to the field offices.

This document will be discussed in more detail at the Recreation and Wilderness Workshop to be held January 6-8, in Billings. If you have any immediate questions, you may contact Kim Prill at (406) 896-5038.

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1 Attachment

1-BLM Workplan Fiscal Years 2003-2007-May 2003 (34 pp in its entirety)

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