

NOMINATION CRITERIA
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC LAND'S PARTNERSHIP AWARD

PURPOSE - To recognize the accomplishments and contributions of cooperating associations and friends groups that have made a significant contribution to the BLM's interpretive, environmental education or public outreach programs. The award was created to stimulate and reward creative partnership in the BLM.

ELIGIBILITY - Cooperating Association or Friends Group that has a formal agreement with the BLM.

DEFINITIONS -

Cooperating Associations are private, non-profit corporations working in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management under an Assistance Agreement. Cooperating Associations enhance the BLM's interpretive program in many ways. The most common one is by selling educational material in BLM or interagency facilities and using some of the sales profits to support agreed upon educational projects. Cooperating Associations' close relationship with interpretive contractors and printers helps the BLM's produce high quality award winning interpretive and educational outreach programs and products.

Friends Groups are organized for many reasons. The Friends Groups to be considered for this award have a formal agreement with the BLM and as part of their role they provide support to the BLM's interpretive and/or environmental education program.

NOMINATION PACKAGES - The nomination package should include the following: Nominee's name, address and phone number, BLM contact, address and phone number, a full narrative justification not to exceed three single-space typed pages. This narrative is the nomination core and should stand by itself. If other documentation or backup materials are appropriate, four copies should be included with the nomination narration.

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1. The partnership has enhanced the public's awareness of public lands cultural and natural resources and increased the public's understanding of how these resources relate to their lives.
2. The partnership has helped the BLM accomplish projects which it would not have been able to do without the partnership.
3. The partnership has strengthened and increased the Bureau's management ability to provide good customer service and serve a diverse audience.
4. The products produced as a result of the partnership are of excellent quality.

5. The partnership has increased community involvement and understanding of the BLM's programs.

NOMINATION PROCESS

The application package will be forwarded to a selection committee consisting of representatives from the Washington Office Recreation Group, The National Landscape Conservation System Office and two representatives from the state offices.

The award recipient will be announced during the Awards ceremony of the Association Of Partners for Public lands workshop.