

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

It is my pleasure to present the 2000 Volunteer Annual Report for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This publication presents the highlights of your outstanding contributions to BLM public lands. As growing populations in the West place greater demands on public lands, the role of volunteers has become increasingly important. And you have been up to the challenge. As individuals, couples, and groups, you have donated your time and talents to help us manage more than 264 million acres. From campground host to archaeologist to educator, your talents are as diverse as BLM resources.

The 25th anniversary of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) in 2001 gives BLM an opportunity to celebrate our multiple-use mission and our longstanding commitment to cooperation and communication with the public. By serving as “ambassadors,” volunteers like you play a particularly important role. You are often the public’s first point of contact with BLM. And you also serve as an inspiration to those who say, “I don’t have time,” or “Why should I care?” Because you care about our nation’s natural and cultural treasures, you manage to find the time to serve in many capacities. For your service to public lands and for your inspiration, we thank you. You are indeed “making a difference.”



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Volunteers at the annual Environmental Education Camp worked with campers from Pinery Woods School near Jackson, Mississippi, on a trust-building exercise.



Student volunteers from Jackson, Mississippi, area high schools learned about career opportunities at their local BLM Field Office and then helped some youngsters get "up close and personal" with wild horses.



At the newly dedicated Urban Tree House site in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, tree planting was just one of the projects undertaken by National Public Lands Day volunteers.