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BLM seeks public comment on proposed gas well development

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.— The Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO) is asking for public comment on a gas well development proposal submitted by Delta Petroleum Corporation of Denver, Colorado. The proposed activity is located about 13 miles east of Collbran, Colorado and two miles southeast of Vega Reservoir. An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and is now available for public review.

“This proposed drilling activity showcases the latest in drilling technology,” Supervisory Minerals Lead David Lehmann said. “BLM encourages companies to use directional drilling to minimize resource impacts.”

Delta is proposing to directionally drill, from only three new well pads, a total of 27 wells to extract federally leased minerals. While the project area encompasses about 200 acres of public lands managed by the BLM and about 350 acres of private lands with federal mineral leases, only about 20 acres will be directly impacted. Under the proposed plan, drilling would start in the fall of 2007 and continue for about one year.

Public concerns, issues, or comments on the EA will be considered by BLM before completing the environmental review. The EA is available for review on the GJFO web site at <http://www.co.blm.gov/gjra/gjra.html> (select link “EA for Vega Plan of Development, Phase I”). Copies are also available for review at the GJFO, located at 2815 H Road in Grand Junction. Written comments should be sent to BLM, attn: Aleta Powers, c/o ERO Resources Corporation, 29844 Stingley Gulch Road, Hotchkiss, Colorado 81419. The public may e-mail comments to apowers@eroresources.com. Comments need to be received by October 1, 2007. Questions can be directed to David Lehmann at (970) 244-3021, or Julia Christiansen at (970) 244-3093.

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Editor’s Note: Map available upon request.

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Prescribed burns scheduled for region

MONTROSE, Colo. – Crews from the Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office and the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests will be conducting several prescribed burns in west-central Colorado throughout the coming weeks. Burning could begin as soon as September 4 and will continue as long as weather permits. The six areas slated for treatment are:

Norwood/Nucla Area

Columbine: 715 acres, project area located 12 miles northeast of Nucla
Coal Canyon: 200 acres, project area located 6 miles north of Nucla

Uncompahgre-North Fork Valleys

Dave Wood: 400 acres, project area located 12 miles southwest of Montrose
Escalante: 350 acres, project area located 18 miles southwest of Delta
Sand Mountain: 900 acres, project area located 3 miles east of Crawford
Paxton: 300 acres, project area located 9 miles west-southwest of Montrose

Fuels being treated in these areas range from mechanically treated pinyon-juniper at the lower elevations to ponderosa pine with a mountain shrub understory at higher elevations. The main objective of these prescribed fires is to reduce dense vegetation to lessen the chance for catastrophic wildfires. These burns will also improve wildlife habitat, regenerate new growth and discourage pine beetle infestation in affected areas.

Weather conditions will be closely monitored, and burns will only be initiated if conditions are within established parameters for safe and effective fires. Each prescribed burn conducted by the agencies has gone through an environmental analysis and has a detailed burn plan developed in advance, along with appropriate smoke permits obtained from state agencies. For additional information, contact Dan Huisjen at (970) 240-5339 or Steve Ellis at (970) 240-5350.

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BLM's "Seeds of Success" Program Aimed at Improving Health and Productivity of Public Lands

In its ongoing effort to improve the health and productivity of the public lands, including those recently affected by wildfire, the Bureau of Land Management has initiated a native seed collection effort that is part of an interagency "Seeds of Success" program. Starting with 12 collecting teams that quickly grew to 35 teams nationwide, the BLM and numerous partners carry out the Seeds of Success (SOS) initiative, which is the core of a National Native Plant Materials Development Program. SOS provides seeds from many species of plants to growers, researchers, and administrators of seed in the United States.

The BLM's collecting partners include the Chicago Botanic Garden, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, U.S. Forest Service, and the Center for Plant Conservation, along with others. The collection effort complements measures the BLM is already taking to fight noxious and invasive weeds, as well as sustain healthy riparian, range, and wildlife habitat on public lands.

“In the midst of an intense wildfire season in our Western states, this partnership enhances the BLM's ability to protect and rehabilitate the public lands under its management,” said BLM Deputy Director Henri Bisson. “Through Seeds of Success, our agency's field offices will have greater capability to re-establish native species when restoring the land.”

Seeds of Success gathers between 400 and 600 wildland seed collections annually for both long-term

conservation and immediate restoration needs. This October, 500 collections will be transferred from the U.S. Forest Service's Bend (Oregon) Seed Extractory to the Department of Agriculture's National Plant Germplasm System to join 1,300 existing collections in the system. Seeds of Success material within the germplasm system is freely available to researchers working on native plant materials development.

More information on Seeds of Success can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/plants/sos>.

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Media Advisory: BLM Hosts Live Broadcast on Preparation of Documents Relating to Oil and Gas Development

WHAT: The Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service are hosting an interactive satellite broadcast for those parties involved in preparing documents related to oil and gas development on Federal public lands.

WHEN: 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Mountain Time, Thursday, September 13, 2007

WHERE: BLM State and Field Offices

BACKGROUND: The Bureau of Land Management, an agency of the Interior Department, and the Forest Service, an agency of the Agriculture Department, are hosting a live satellite broadcast to inform any and all interested parties about recent revisions to a set of regulations collectively known as Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1. Those responsible for preparing related documentation, such as Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs), will find the broadcast most useful; however, all members of the public are invited to attend. Information on new APD processing timelines, off-lease access, and geospatial databases – as well as information on how BLM and Forest Service rights-of-way work – will also be covered during the broadcast, which will include an interactive question-and-answer session.

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BLM offers mustangs & burros for adoption

Cortez, CO — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will offer 35 hand-picked mustangs and several burros for adoption on Saturday, August 25, at the Montezuma County Fairgrounds. Most animals offered for adoption will be under five years of age.

The mustangs offered for adoption will be gathered the week prior from BLM lands in the Spring Creek Basin Herd Management Area where their populations have exceeded the capacity of the land. The Spring Creek Basin mustangs are known for their trainability and unique coloring, which includes pintos, duns, grays, and roans. All of these animals are certified healthy, have been wormed, vaccinated (including West Nile), and come with a complete set of health care records. The burros offered for adoption will be transported from the BLM Canon City holding facility.

Adoption registration will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 24 and from 8 – 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 25. The silent-bid adoption will take place on Saturday from 10 – 11 a.m., with the minimum adoption fee at \$125. Mustangs and burros that are not adopted during the silent bidding will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Professional horse trainer, James Morgan will host free training clinics Friday, August 24 from 9 - 11 a.m., 1 - 3 p.m. and 5 -7 pm. The clinics will focus on how to approach a mustang safely, how to interpret its body language and behavior, and how to determine if training techniques are effective. The training demonstrations are provided courtesy of the National Mustang Association.

Adopters must be at least 18 years old, have the ability and financial means to care for a mustang or burro, and have corrals that meet BLM specifications: Fully grown horses must be kept in a corral with a minimum of 400 square feet (20 feet by 20 feet) per animal that is surrounded by a six-foot pipe or board fence. Five-foot fences are allowed for trained horses and those less than 18 months of age. Four-and-one-half-foot fences are required for all burros. Wire fencing is not allowed because it endangers the animals. Animals cannot be released into large pastures until they can be approached, handled, haltered, and led.

Mustangs and burros are well known for their inherent traits of intelligence, loyalty, stamina, sure-footedness, and soundness. Throughout the 36-year BLM Wild Horse and Burro program, adopted mustangs and burros have found their way into the hearts of thousands of recreational riders and show arenas in both Western and English specialties, dressage competition, endurance rides as well as ranch work.

Applications for adoption are available at www.cijvp.com, by contacting the Dolores Public Lands Office at 970 882-7296, or any BLM office.

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For Immediate Release: August 14, 2007
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WASHINGTON – Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Deputy Director Jim Hughes today announced the winners of the 2007 Oil, Gas and Geothermal Development Environmental Best Management

Practices (BMP) Awards. The awards recognize oil, gas and geothermal operators or right-of-way grantees and their partners who are demonstrating leadership and creativity in reducing the impacts of developing natural gas, oil, and geothermal resources on public lands.

Three operators were honored for their use of BMPs:

For Distinguished Integration of Environmental BMPs into Geophysical Exploration, BP America Production Co. and Dawson Geophysical Co. for a 2005 seismic project in the New Mexico portion of the San Juan Basin. The use of vibroseis machines, helicopters, pedestrians and/or ATV crews allowed BP and Dawson to minimize impacts to vegetation and wildlife in the area.

For Most Improved Environmental Practices in a Highly Developed Oil & Gas Field, EnCana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc. for recent enhancements to its natural gas operation in Wyoming's Jonah Field. EnCana laid down wooden oak mats on well sites in the field to minimize soil disturbance, and integrated "flareless flowback" systems into its operation that eliminated most of the NOx emissions from its wells.

For Integration of New Technologies to Reduce the Environmental Footprint of Development, Williams Exploration and Production Co. for its design and introduction of a rig in the Colorado's Piceance Basin that allows it to drill and complete 22 natural gas wells on a single pad. Use of the rig enables Williams to shorten its production cycle, minimize impacts to wildlife and noise disturbances, and reduce truck traffic.

The BMP awards are given on an annual basis. Operators, regulatory authorities, surface management agencies, Indian tribes or individual Indian landowners, other private landowners, trade organizations, or members of the general public may nominate operators. Company officials or staff may also nominate their own operations. A panel composed of BLM representatives, the energy industry, and representatives of conservation groups reviewed the nominations.

Environmental BMPs are innovative, dynamic, and economically feasible mitigation measures applied on a site-specific basis to reduce, prevent, or avoid adverse environmental impacts of energy development projects. By reducing the area of disturbance, adjusting the location of facilities, and utilizing various other techniques to minimize environmental effects, oil, gas, and geothermal operators are significantly reducing wildlife habitat and scenic quality impacts associated with new energy development on public lands. More information about BMPs is available at www.blm.gov/bmp.

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BLM Colorado's August 2007 oil and gas lease sale nets \$8.1 million

DENVER -- Today the BLM Colorado State Office sold 98 parcels of 99 offered at its quarterly oil and gas lease sale, or about 69,504 acres out of the 71,184 acres of public lands offered. The lease sale

earned \$8,124,868.50 in proceeds, of which 50 percent will go to the State of Colorado.

BLM manages more than 8 million acres of public lands for multiple uses in Colorado, as well as over 27 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate. The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 and the 1987 Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing Reform Act authorize leasing of federal oil and gas resources; the 1987 law, which amended the Mineral Leasing Act, requires each BLM state office to conduct oil and gas lease sales on at least a quarterly basis where there is an interest in such sales. The degree of interest is driven by market demands. In addition to overseeing mineral leasing on BLM public lands, the Bureau also administers mineral leasing on all other federal lands.

"Natural gas production from Colorado's federal lands continues to play an important role in meeting the nation's energy needs," said Lynn Rust, BLM Colorado Deputy State Director for Energy, Lands and Minerals. "Our focus is on smart up-front planning, solid implementation of best practices and working with industry to reduce environmental impacts."

Land-use plans, which govern all BLM-managed lands, involve an extensive environmental-review process that determines which lands will be available for specific uses, and what conditions will be applied to minimize impacts. The public has opportunities to provide input throughout the process. BLM also consults with other federal, State and local agencies, environmental groups and industry throughout the land-use planning process.

When preparing or revising land-use plans, or when parcels are nominated for leasing, the BLM considers available new information to determine whether any significant new circumstance or impact has occurred since the completion of the most recent land-use plan. The parcels offered for lease in this sale were analyzed individually to determine whether the existing environmental analysis was adequate.

Leases for oil and gas development come with general requirements to protect the environment from adverse impacts; additional site-specific stipulations are also included, such as limits on seasons when drilling can occur and restrictions on surface occupancy by oil and gas operators. These stipulations protect resources and values such as wildlife habitat and scenic vistas. Once an operator proposes exploration or development on a BLM-issued lease, the Bureau conducts further environmental analysis to determine what impact-limiting measures are needed.

"Protections are in place to minimize potential impacts from oil and gas exploration, development and production." said Rust. "It's important to remember that energy development and protection of natural resources are not mutually exclusive. BLM ensures that the development of energy resources is done in an environmentally sound manner on all lands we manage."

BLM Colorado notifies the public of each land sale through the media, internet and other means. Anyone may file a protest on a parcel nominated for inclusion in a lease sale; however, all protests must be received by mail or fax at the Colorado State Office by 4 p.m. (Mountain Daylight Time), 15 days prior to the date of the sale to be considered. This policy allows the Bureau to review protests in advance of the sale, provides for an appropriate announcement of protests at the sale, and helps the agency meet its statutory deadline for issuing leases. Protested parcels may still be offered, although bidders are notified that BLM will not issue a lease until the protests are resolved.

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Alaska. The Bureau also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the Nation.

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Attachment: [August 2007 Oil & Gas Lease Sale](#) (pdf)

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BLM Announces Appointments to Three Key Leadership Positions

The Bureau of Land Management today announced the appointment of three career professionals to key leadership positions in the agency's Washington, D.C., headquarters office.

Edwin L. Roberson, currently serving as manager of the BLM's Las Cruces District in New Mexico, will be the new Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning; Michael D. (Mike) Nedd, who was Director of the agency's Eastern States Office in Springfield, Virginia, is now Assistant Director for Minerals, Realty, and Resource Protection; and Celia Boddington, who headed the Bureau's Washington, D.C., Public Affairs Office for more than a decade, becomes Assistant Director for Communications.

"I am very pleased to announce the appointment of these high-caliber individuals to key positions in our agency," said BLM Deputy Director Jim Hughes. "All three bring with them proven management skills of the highest order and years of experience with the Bureau."

During his tenure as manager of the Las Cruces District, Roberson has overseen the completion of the Otero and Sierra Counties Fluid Minerals Resource Management Plan Amendment. Roberson also serves on the BLM's national budget strategy team. While in the Roswell Field Manager position, Roberson was named 2001 BLM New Mexico Manager of the year. His office received the 2002 President's award by the Wildlife Management Institute. In his 27-year BLM career, he has served at the project, field, district, state, and national office levels of the Bureau.

Nedd holds a Master's Degree in Information and Systems Management from Strayer University, as well as undergraduate degrees in Information and Systems Management and Business Administration. He has held numerous positions at the BLM, including State Director, Associate State Director, and Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO)/Deputy Assistant Director.

Boddington was born and educated in the United Kingdom, where she earned an M.A. in Medieval and Modern History from the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. She immigrated to the United States in 1982 and joined the BLM in 1995.

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BLM Grand Junction accepting comments on two Special Recreation Permits

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.—The Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office is currently accepting public comment on two Special Recreation Permit (SRP) applications. Cat Track Outfitters and Lazy 3X Ranch Outfitters are applying for renewal of their permits. Both SRP applications are available for review at 2815 H Road in Grand Junction. The BLM requires SRPs for commercial activities, as well as for competitive and organized group events on BLM public lands.

“We are seeking comments from the public on such issues as compliance history, potential conflicts with other users, and health and safety,” SRP Administrator Chris Pipkin said. “Comments can also help us determine whether these SRPs support Bureau objectives in recreation management and resource protection.”

Cat Track Outfitters, LLC operates a commercial mountain lion hunting business on public lands in western Colorado. Cat Track has operated under a BLM SRP for the past two years and is now applying for a five-year permit.

The current owners of Lazy 3X Ranch, Mark and Polly Hill, have operated a commercial big game hunting business on public lands in western Colorado with a BLM SRP for the past three years and are applying to renew their permit through the 2008 hunting season.

Please direct inquiries or comments to Chris Pipkin at 970-244-3024 or chris_pipkin@blm.gov prior to August 20, 2007.

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BLM Defers Parcels in Conejos County for August Lease Sale

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has made a decision to defer nine parcels in Conejos County for its August 9, 2007 oil and gas lease sale, in order for further cooperation and public outreach with the County and the community.

Acting San Luis Valley Public Lands Center Manager Roxanne Falise said “we acknowledge that, with

the lack of any Federal oil and gas leasing in Conejos County in recent years, the citizens and Board of County Commissioners would benefit from additional outreach and education on the Federal oil and gas lease sale process. To facilitate this educational outreach, I have decided to defer the parcels from the August 2007 oil and gas lease sale.”

Falise cited the fact that the original decision to offer these proposed lease parcels in the August competitive oil and gas lease sale was not undertaken lightly. Consistent with regular practice, BLM thoroughly analyzed the Resource Management Plan and documented that the planning decisions regarding oil and gas leasing are still valid in this area.

In the near future, BLM will work with Conejos County, as well as the local Congressional Delegation offices, to facilitate outreach meetings with the interested public.

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For Immediate Release: August 6, 2007
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BLM seeks local input on Travel Management Plan

(Monte Vista, CO) The San Luis Valley Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is holding three public meetings to seek public input on a travel management plan for the San Luis Resource Area.

“We want to hear from the people who are out using our roads and trails,” said Roxanne Falise, Acting Forest Supervisor / Center Manager for the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center. “Ensuring our analysis is accurate is the first step in developing an effective and comprehensive travel management plan.”

The travel management plan will modify the 1991 San Luis Resource Area Resource Management Plan (RMP). The goal of the plan is to provide public access while sustaining the health and diversity of the public land resources. The travel management plan clarifies user area designations, develops a clear route designation system, addresses objectives raised by the public through the scoping process, and defines a travel management policy for the area.

The public has three opportunities to review and comment on this plan:

August 13, 5:00 – 7:00
Alamosa Family Recreation Center
2222 Old Sanford Road

August 15, 5:00 – 7:00

Saguache Community Center
7th Street

August 16, 5:00 – 7:00
Monte Vista Manor Movie Restaurant
2830 W Hwy 160

The San Luis Valley Public Lands Center will accept public comments through September 17, when the 30-day public comment and review period ends. Comments may be submitted via e-mail to: Mark_Swinney@co.blm.gov or mailed to:

San Luis Valley Public Lands Center
Attention: San Luis Valley Resource Area Travel Management Plan
1803 West Highway 160
Monte Vista, CO 81144

Planning documents may be reviewed at any SLV Field Office or on-line at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/slvplc.html> For further information contact Mark Swinney at 719-655-2547.

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Wild horse gather scheduled for Little Book Cliffs

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.—The Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO) plans to remove approximately 75 horses from the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range, located north of Grand Junction, starting Sept. 15, 2007. The Friends of the Mustangs (FOM), a local wild horse volunteer group, will assist BLM with the gather and subsequent adoption of these horses. Youth from the James P. Beckwourth Mountain Club, which mentors urban youth, are helping with set up for the gather. GJFO previously hosted the club in 2005, teaching them about public lands stewardship.

The BLM manages the Little Book Cliffs herd to ensure a balance between horse numbers and rangeland health guided by the established Appropriate Management Level (AML), or the number of horses that can thrive on the range while maintaining a healthy plant community. Rangeland health is determined by vegetative monitoring studies. An increase in horse numbers has created the need for this gather, which is scheduled regularly to ensure adequate forage for sustaining a healthy herd of up to 150 horses.

As required by law, a public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., Thu. Aug. 9, at the BLM office located at 2815 H Road in Grand Junction to discuss using motorized vehicles and helicopters for this gather.

Around 50 of the horses will be available for adoption, as well as a few burros, with bidding from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Sat., Sept. 22, at the Mesa County Sheriff's Posse Grounds located at 25 and F½ Roads in Grand Junction. Horses may be viewed from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday evening, Sept. 21, at that location. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and provide adopted animals with a corral at least 400 sq. ft. (20 x 20) in size with 6 ft. high fences constructed of pole, pipe or plank, as well as a shelter for protection from severe weather.

To promote the adoption of wild horses, FOM is holding a free open house from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Sat., Aug. 18, at the Sheriff's Posse Grounds. Riders will demonstrate the potential of wild horses, as well as Parelli Natural Horsemanship Techniques. Individuals interested in adopting a horse should visit the BLM GJFO at the above address to initiate the adoption procedure and ensure their holding facilities meet BLM requirements. Gather activities will impact access to the Range Sept. 15-20. Access to Coal and Main Canyons will be closed on Sept. 15. For further information, contact Jim Dollerschell, BLM rangeland management specialist, at (970) 244-3016.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media photo ops/interviews are scheduled for September 15. Space is limited & gather schedule is contingent upon weather. Media should arrive at 6:15 a.m. & can expect to remain for >3 hours at the observation point. Shuttle & additional guidelines will be provided. RSVP required to Mel Lloyd by 9/12.

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Local volunteers needed for trail restoration project
Plan to lend a hand for America's lands

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – On September 15-16, 2007, you can join in what has become the largest annual coast-to-coast volunteer restoration effort for America's public lands—the 14th annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD). The event gives everyone a chance to give back to the very lands they use to hike, bike, climb, explore, picnic or relax. Join Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC), Williams Production and the Bureau of Land Management in restoring a portion of an interpretive dinosaur trail, the Trail Through Time. This trail is located in a nationally recognized archeological site in Rabbit Valley of the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area (NCA).

“One in three acres of land in the U.S.—600 million acres in all—belong to the American people,” said Matt McGrath, outdoor recreation planner for BLM's McInnis Canyons NCA. “Working to improve the Trail Through Time is a great way to spend the day with the family and do something good for the land that belongs to you.”

For the fourth year in a row, volunteers who participate in an NPLD event will earn a one-day pass good for free entry into public land sites managed by the BLM, USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The goal for 2007 is to increase from last year's 100,000 volunteers by at least an additional 10,000 participants. Every 100,000 volunteers who participate in National Public Lands Day represent an additional \$1.8 million worth of labor for American lands. The estimated dollar value of volunteer time is \$18.77 per hour for 2006, based on data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Independent Sector.

Visit voutdoors.org and enter the keyword “McInnis” to get more information about the project and to register. For those planning to volunteer, wear durable work clothes, gloves and a hat, and bring plenty of water, snacks and sunscreen. Contact Matt McGrath at (970) 244-3029 for additional information.

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