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PLF's 2016 ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW MEXICO

The PLF's 2016 Annual Meeting will be held in Las Cruces, New Mexico during the week of September 12 to 16. The tentative schedule is a full-day Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, September 13; a field trip and barbecue on Wednesday; the General Session with luncheon speaker and banquet on Thursday; and a half-day Board of Directors meeting on Friday, September 16. The details on the theme of and dates for the meeting and the accommodations are being developed and will be reported in the Spring edition of the *Monitor*.

We are considering an optional 1½-day PLF Bird Watching event in the Las Cruces area for those interested. The Las Cruces area offers a unique mix of habitats with an impressive diversity of bird watching opportunities. Initial plans are that the event would begin Friday afternoon following the Board of Directors meeting with an afternoon birding outing and followed on Saturday, September 17, with an all-day guided tour. A local professional birder could be hired as a guide, with the cost being split among those attending. If you are interested or have suggestions, please contact George Lea at glea@publicland.org or 703-629-3166.

PLF ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

Sale of "unused" federal land to raise revenues The PLF, on July 14, 2015, sent the following letter to Chairman Harold Rogers and Ranking Member Nita Lowery of the House Committee on Appropriations, opposing proposed amendments by Congressman Poe that purport to sell unused federal land to raise revenues.

Dear Chairman Rogers and Representative Lowery:

The Public Lands Foundation (PLF) is opposed to Congressman Poe's proposed amendments to the Department of the Interior
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Ed Shepard

Happy New Year! I'm hoping you all had a great holiday season. Terry and I had a wonderful Christmas in Boise with our daughter and grand kids. It's hard to believe that 2015 is already over; the months go by faster and faster every year.

2016 is a leap year, which, in case you haven't noticed the political ads and debates, means we have a presidential election. I am already sick of the ads and the negativity and we still have ten months to go. I, personally, have not picked a candidate to vote for, but I am picking candidates to vote against. Regardless of who wins the election, it is certain that we will have a new president. With a new president comes a new secretary, assistant secretaries, and usually a new director. We've all been through this many times as BLM employees; this will be my first time as a "retired observer." All that change is a year away, so for now we need to watch what is happening in 2016. The last year of an administration is always interesting.

In early December, the Board held its second conference call with Director Neil Kornze and Deputy Director for Policy Linda Lance. Kristin Bail, the new Assistant Director for the National Conservation Lands and Partnerships, and new Chief of Staff Anita Bilboa, also joined us. The BLM raised several topics including the new Executive Order on Mitigation, Planning 2.0, the push by some states for Congress to move on Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), and the challenges BLM is facing with litigation. The BLM is establishing a two- to three-member communications strike team in Salt Lake City to help BLM communicate new initiatives with the public. PLF shared a draft of an

MOU with BLM for consideration, discussed our letters to Secretary Jewell on venting and flaring and BLM youth initiatives, the testimony that the Arizona Chapter presented on land transfers, and the need to make the National Conservation Lands more visible on BLM web sites. We also discussed how we could work together on the upcoming 40th anniversary of FLPMA and the 70th Anniversary of the BLM in 2016. Dates have already been set for 2016 quarterly calls on March 1, June 2, September 1, and December 1. These calls are proving to be an effective way of keeping the lines of communication open between the BLM and the PLF Board.

Congress finally passed the 2016 budget that had some pluses and minuses for the BLM. The new sage-grouse conservation strategy was funded at \$60 million and that should assist in getting the strategy from paper to implementation. Of course, the increase in funds comes at the expense of other BLM programs that also need money to avoid other resource issues. Another positive note is the reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, although it is not permanent. One major disappointment is that Congress did nothing to improve the fire funding issues. This is an issue that PLF weighed in on several times throughout the last couple of years and one that had bipartisan support in the House and Senate, and in the White House. Despite violent agreement, Congress could not get it over the finish line. Another can kicked down the road.

The wild horse program continues to consume a lot of time and energy. Tom Allen is doing a great job representing the PLF on the National Horse and Burro Rangeland Management Coalition. The Coalition is initiating a national information and education campaign on the excess horses on the National Public Lands. For
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- American Forest & Paper Association
- American Hiking Society
- Bureau of Land Management (liaison member)
- Independent Petroleum Assn. of Mountain States
- Izaak Walton League of America
- National Association of Counties

- National Environmental Education Foundation
- National Rifle Association
- National Wildlife Federation
- Public Lands Council
- Western States Tourism Policy Council
- Wilderness Society

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more information on this initiative visit the Coalition's webpage, <http://www.wildhorserange.org>, and like them on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/National-Horse-Burro-Rangeland-Management-Coalition-351258438412542/?ref=hl>.

Tom is also preparing to represent PLF at a meeting convened by the Humane Society to discuss rangeland issues caused by excess horses. Several PLF members continue to discuss this with Congressional staffers every time we visit the Hill. This issue is getting to the point where more people are beginning to realize that the increasing populations are not healthy for the land or the horses. Now we need to get people to focus on real solutions.

The PLF election results are finalized, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the directors and state representatives for stepping up and running and for your service to PLF. Thanks also to Jesse Juen for stepping up to run for vice president as Ed Spang steps down. Thank you, Ed, for many years of dedicated service to the National Public Lands as a leader in the BLM and the PLF. And finally, thank you to Beau, Glen, and Dwight. Your work as officers keeps PLF running.

I hope that all of you have a happy, healthy, and safe 2016.

PLF's BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The PLF Officers, Directors-at-Large and State Representatives listed on the front page of this *Public Lands Monitor* were elected/re-elected in the PLF's annual election that closed December 15, 2015.

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Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2016, which purport to sell unused federal land to raise revenues. We offer that these amendments would not achieve the purported outcome

of increased revenues, and there is already federal law that provides for the public interest-based sale of public lands.

First of all, when the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) was passed in 1976, retention of the public lands became the law of the land. And, these lands are to be managed for the long-term sustainable benefit of the citizens of the United States. Section 204 of FLPMA provided for careful planning and administrative steps so that public land meeting specific criteria could be sold at fair market value if found to be in the public interest. This mechanism has worked well for 40 years and does not need changing.

Secondly, we have observed over the last 60 years that whenever programs calling for the sale of public lands to raise federal revenues are attempted, the costs of administering these proposed sales exceeds the revenues generated from any actual land sales. In the 1960s, a proposal to sell federal land was put in front of the public to determine which public lands should be disposed and which should be retained and managed in the public interest. During this open public process in the Classification and Multiple Use Act of 1960 (C&MU Act), it was found that the concept of unused public land is inaccurate. These lands are not unused. The many values of public land that are now provided through the FLPMA, including open space, recreation benefits, minerals lands, livestock grazing, timber, and wildlife habitat, among others, remain valid uses today.

When programs to sell public lands as revenue assets have been proposed, the costs to administer the studies and sales have exceeded any revenue generated from actual sales. When the American public is given the opportunity to provide input on potential sales, they make it clear that they cherish their western public lands, and want them retained in the public interest of all America's citizens.

Over the past 200 years, the Congress passed numerous laws that authorized the use and disposal of most of the original public domain lands to help settle and develop the West. The debate over the ownership and management of the remaining 245 million acres is not a new one. It has been addressed by Congress, litigated in the Courts and dealt with administratively through published regulations. These 245 million acres,

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now known as the National System of Public Lands are already owned by the citizens of the United States, and administered by their federal Bureau of Land Management.

The Public Lands Foundation (PLF) is a national nonprofit membership organization that advocates and works for the retention of America's National System of Public Lands in public hands, professionally and sustainably managed for responsible use and enjoyment by American citizens. PLF endorses and embraces the multiple use mission of the BLM. Members are predominantly retired employees of the BLM from across the United States and as such have spent their careers dedicated to the sound management of these valuable lands and resources. Many of our members spent their careers managing the public lands located throughout the West. They have personal knowledge of these lands and unparalleled expertise in their management.

The Poe amendments are not in the best interest of the American public and we ask that they not be included in the FY 2016 Appropriations Act for Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, or any other legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Edward W. Shepard, President

Identical letters sent to:

Ken Calvert, Chair, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment & Related Agencies, and
Betty McCollum, Ranking Democrat, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment & Related Agencies.

Solar and wind energy development - The PLF sent an October 5, 2015 letter to BLM Director Kornze asking that BLM publish the final rule which BLM has developed for its solar and wind energy leasing program.

Venting and flaring rules - The PLF sent a letter on September 10, 2015 to Secretary Sally Jewell urging prompt action on the preparation of significant new

venting and flaring rules being developed by the BLM to reduce the waste of methane in oil and gas production. The letter pointed out that there is an immediate need for a new rule to address the issues nationwide. Wasted natural gas is a significant public health issue and has determinate effects upon climate.

Wildfire suppression funding - The PLF joined with a diverse set of 93 other State and nationwide conservation organizations in sending an October 27, 2015 letter to U. S. House and Senate leaders seeking and supporting a new wildfire suppression funding framework to pay for wildfire disasters on private, municipal, state and federal lands.

Youth Initiatives and Community Partnerships - PLF sent an October 27 letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell reporting on the Youth Initiatives and Community Partnerships discussions at the PLF's Annual Meeting in Arizona, and the work being done by BLM in Arizona to get urban, inner city youth informed, interested, and educated about natural resources and BLM public lands. We recommended that action be taken at the Departmental level to review roadblocks and barriers to hiring these young citizens into entry-level positions in the BLM and other agencies in Interior.

PLF Statement before the Arizona Transfer of Federal Lands Study Committee - On December 15, 2015, PLF Director-at-large Mike Ferguson presented the following statement before the Committee of Arizona State Legislators, which is considering the State's proposal to take back the BLM lands in Arizona.

Thank you Chair Barton, Vice Chair Allen, and members of the Committee for giving me an opportunity to make a statement.

My name is Mike Ferguson, and I am a Board member of the Public Lands Foundation.

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ly retired employees of the Bureau of Land Management from across the United States who have spent their careers dedicated to the sound management of these valuable National Public Lands and resources.

The Public Lands Foundation is **opposed** to the transfer of the lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management to the state of Arizona as is being considered by this Committee.

In 2015, approximately 245 million acres of the original public domain lands remain in the National System of Public Lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management; 12.2 million acres are located in Arizona. The original public domain lands were either ceded to the United States, or obtained through negotiation, conquest and treaty settlements, or purchase. They were never owned by the states or counties, as some have claimed.

These lands are owned by and used by all American citizens, and are important to the nation's public, not just state and local residents. The Federal government funds the majority of the cost of managing public use and protecting the resources on these federal lands. The BLM's budget for FY 2015 was \$1.1 billion; with \$57 million going to Arizona. And, BLM in Arizona manages these 12.2 million acres of land with 447 full-time employees who represent 447 taxpaying families with full-time jobs, most of which are located in rural communities across the state.

State and local governments share in much of the revenue generated on public lands. For example, in FY 2015, a total of nearly \$440 million was given to local governments under the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program; \$34.4 million to Arizona. A large part of this revenue would be lost to Arizona if the National Public Lands were transferred into state ownership.

The National System of Public Lands is a huge reservoir of public lands and resources that must be kept in public ownership to meet the current needs of the American people and to help meet the as-yet-unknown, and unknowable, needs of future generations. We must keep the options open for future natural resource needs and public uses that we cannot possibly envision at this

time. These lands are *posterity's property* and must be managed as such.

Transfer of the lands administered by the BLM in Arizona to the State would be a big mistake and an injustice to the American public to whom they currently belong.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

Cliven Bundy Family On January 5, 2016, the PLF and the National Association of Forest Service Retirees jointly sent a letter to the U.S. Attorney General, The Honorable Loretta Lynch, expressing concerns about the lack of progress being made to resolve a serious long-standing law enforcement and safety issue impacting Federal land managers across the West. The letter follows:

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

We are writing on behalf of the Public Lands Foundation (PLF) and the National Association of Forest Service Retirees (NAFSR) to seek your commitment to resolve a serious long-standing law enforcement and safety issue impacting Federal land managers across the West.

As organizations comprised of professionals who have successfully led the management of the public lands in the United States, the PLF and NAFSR have a deep and thorough understanding and appreciation for the challenges you face in light of the illegal actions by the Bundy family culminating in 2014. We are writing to express our well-considered concerns and to support you in taking actions we believe must be initiated as soon as possible.

For decades, the Bundy family has violated federal laws and flagrantly defied federal authorities that were enforcing the orders of the Federal Court and the law. These highly publicized actions included pointing powerful weapons at federal law enforcement officers and threatening to shoot. A recent article in the *Oregonian* quoted activist Ryan Payne as saying (referring to the Bundy standoff) "We had counter-sniper positions on their sniper positions. We had at least one guy - sometimes two guys a per BLM agent in there. If

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they made one wrong move, every single BLM agent in that camp would have died. The threats to public land managers and federal law enforcement have continued, with no consequences. Since the Bundy issue was made prominent in 2014, there have been other confrontations in Nevada, Utah, and Oregon. The current issue in Oregon involves the armed occupation of a National Wildlife Refuge headquarters.

As you know, the F.B.I. defines "domestic terrorism" as actions which have three characteristics: (1) Involve acts dangerous to human life that violate federal or state law; (2) Appear intended (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and (3) occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the U.S. The Bundy actions have these three characteristics.

Theodore Roosevelt, a champion of the public lands, said it best, "In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing to do, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing." In the current circumstances, doing nothing has allowed these domestic terrorists to act with impunity. It puts public land managers and Federal law enforcement officials at risk and has created an environment in which the American people are being cheated from the use and enjoyment of their public lands. The Rule of Law has been completely undermined by the lack of prosecution in these cases.

No one appreciates how difficult it is to deal with people of this type of mentality more than we do. Collectively, we have dealt with similar extremists throughout our careers. We remind you that this is not a new phenomenon. We have dealt with similar types during the so-called Sagebrush Rebellion, from the Posse Comitatus, the sovereign citizens, environmental extremists and a multitude of others who have abused the public lands and threatened public land managers. In our experience we have learned that lawbreakers must be held accountable in a timely manner or they will gain power and become more dangerous. We are very concerned that the longer that no action is taken, the current situation will deteriorate and become more and more dangerous for the dedicated people protecting the public lands and the public legally using these lands.

The PLF is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit, all volunteer membership conservation organization founded in 1987. Its mission is to advocate and work for the retention of America's National System of Public Lands in public hands, professionally and sustainably managed for responsible common use and enjoyment. PLF is an advocate for professional multiple use management and protection of the public lands administered by the BLM. Most of PLF's members are retired former BLM employees, and the Board of Directors serve as volunteers without compensation.

The **National Association of Forest Service Retirees** is a private, independent, non-partisan, non-profit association, whose members believe in the U.S. Forest Service and its Mission! Members dedicated their careers to protecting, developing and managing the nation's National Forest System lands and advising and cooperating here and around the world on such matters.

We appreciate that you face challenges, but we implore you to take appropriate action against those who are making a mockery of the U.S. law.

Sincerely,

Edward W. Shepard, President
Public Lands Foundation

C. L. Newman, Jr., Executive Director
National Association of Forest Service Retirees
cc:

The Honorable Daniel G. Bogden, USA for NV
The Honorable Billy J. Williams, interim USA for OR
The Honorable Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior
The Honorable Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture
Mr. Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management
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**SHARON WILSON
PLF VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

As was announced in the fall edition of the *Monitor*, Sharon Wilson was recognized as the PLF's 2015 Volunteer of the Year during the PLF Awards Banquet last September. Since she was not able to attend, her plaque was sent to her at her home in Homer, Alaska. Again, we wish to thank Sharon for the outstanding job of editing and producing "America's Public Lands: origin, history, future," and to share a photo of her with her plaque and the brochure she produced.



Sharon Wilson

BLM AND PUBLIC LAND NEWS

(taken from BLM National and State websites and news releases)

BLM Schedules Public Scoping Meetings on Proposed Minerals Withdrawal in Sagebrush Focal Areas and Extends Public Comment Period: In December, the BLM held a series of public meetings across the West in Lakeview, Oregon; Salt Lake City, Utah; Boise and Idaho Falls, Idaho; Sparks and Elko, Nevada; Malta, Montana; and Rock Springs, Wyoming to gather information on a proposal to withdraw public lands determined to be crucial to the survival of the greater sage-grouse from location and entry under the 1872 Mining Law for a period of up to 20 years.

Interior Department and the State of California Announce Innovative Strategy for Renewable Energy and Conservation on Public Lands in California Desert: On November 10, 2015, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and California Secretary for Natural Resources John Laird announced the final environmental review of an innovative landscape-scale blueprint to support renewable energy development and conservation on 10 million acres of federal public lands managed by the BLM in the California desert. The release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Phase 1 of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan is a major step forward, and a key part of the collaborative effort to streamline renewable energy while conserving unique and valuable desert ecosystems and promoting outdoor recreation opportunities.

The blueprint is part of a larger, comprehensive effort with California, covering 22 million acres in the State's desert region. Collectively, these lands contain the potential to generate up to 20,000 megawatts of renewable energy development, while meeting federal and state renewable energy and climate change goals through 2040.

BLM Director Unveils New, Interactive Mountain Bike Maps: On October 2, 2015, BLM Director Neil Kornze attended Outerbike 2015, one of the nation's most important mountain bike events, to introduce a new access tool for trail riders all across the country. Developed by the BLM in partnership with the Inter-

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national Mountain Biking Association and the MTB Project, the mobile-friendly online access tool features interactive maps for 20 of the nation's most popular trails on public lands. The maps can be accessed at www.blm.gov/mountainbike. The new suite of online maps will improve the visitor's experience by providing helpful information and eye-catching visual images of mountain biking recreation sites and trails. By making this information accessible to the public, the BLM aims to encourage more Americans to get outside and enjoy their public lands.

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE PROJECT

By Elaine Zielinski and Justin Robins

The Past and the Future: a BLM/PLF Partnership project gives retirees a chance to share their experiences with a student in the BLM Pathways orientation class held twice a year. The retirees also have an opportunity to learn from those new employees, hearing what challenges they face in their careers with BLM. We have completed about 40 matches so far.

The following thoughts come from BLM employee Justin Robins, an Outdoor Recreation Planner at the King Range National Conservation Area in California, who participated in the first offering of "The Past and the Future" in February 2015.

I have always enjoyed connecting with the past. Like many, I too enjoy good conversation and good company. Thanks to the Public Lands Foundation (PLF) I was able to connect with our public lands history while enjoying good company and conversation through PLF's "The Past and the Future" program. Back in February, I attended BLM's "Pathways" in Phoenix, Arizona, where I was given the opportunity to be partnered with a retired BLM employee for a dual interview. When I heard that Ed Hastey was still available I jumped at the chance. I knew that Ed had worked in the King Range National Conservation Area (where I currently serve) and helped to build its first recreation sites and public access roads.

A couple of months later, Ed and I met up in Sacra-

mento for our interviews. I enjoyed learning Ed's early history with BLM and how President Kennedy's administration pressed for the development and better management of recreation opportunities across BLM lands. Ed was showing me BLM's development into a true multiple-use organization. We talked extensively about the King Range Act, the former Eastern Mojave Scenic Area, and the Mono Lake Basin. Each piece helping to tell the story of where BLM is today. I want to thank Ed Hastey and the PLF for this opportunity and I'd like to encourage other BLMers and PLFers to participate in this important program.

There is a story of the land and the people who use it or have used it and each day a part of that story is leaving BLM. It may be soon that a very large number of the storytellers retire. We must, and I must, make an effort to learn from those who have knowledge of BLM's history, and how that knowledge applies to the land today and how it may apply in the future. We must help to transfer the knowledge and the know-how. Successful sharing of the stories of the land and its people create awareness and improved consciousness and leads to critical thinking from those who are listening. The more we listen, the more we understand and we are better able to connect with each other at BLM and from BLM to the public. The more we connect the better our land stewardship will become. Keep connecting.

The PLF and the BLM want to continue offering this program to new employees at the Pathways sessions in February and May of 2016. Retirees, we need you to sign up. It is easy and fun and we will be capturing part of the history that you lived while an employee at BLM. We have had a nice cross section of retirees participating so far; State Directors, archaeologists, planners, biologists, District Managers, Field Managers, Deputy State Directors for Administration, Deputy State Directors for Resources, Executive Assistants, to name a few. We need another 40 retirees to sign up so we can continue to give people like Justin a chance to hear your stories. Everyone in BLM has a story to tell, so share it!!

To sign up, or get a little more information, contact Elaine Zielinski by email at elaine.zielinski@gmail.com or phone at [480-292-0341](tel:480-292-0341) or Beau McClure at v pops@publicland.org. We hope to hear from you so we can "keep connecting," as Justin says.

ANDREW (ANDY) J. SENTI
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December 20, 2015

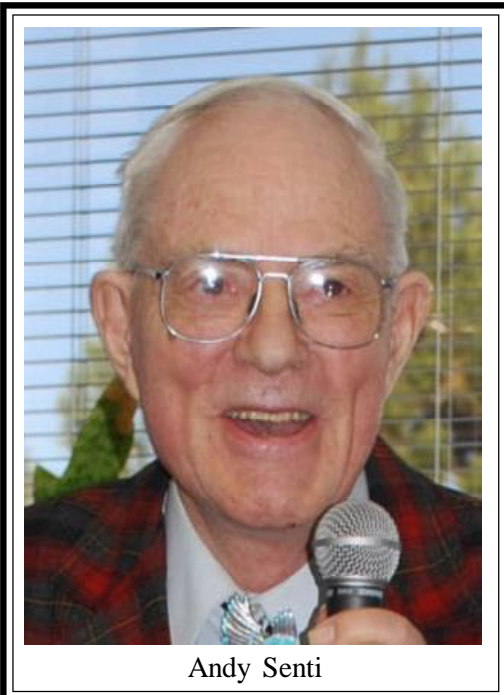
Everyone,

It is with a sad heart that I send this note. Yesterday, our beloved Andy Senti passed away peacefully at the Western Hills Health Care Center.

Andy touched numerous employees throughout the BLM and also with many folks in other agencies. His amazing career in federal service spanned 67 years. He was an iconic BLMer whose knowledge and advise was sought by many. Andy started his federal service in the Army during World War II and worked 63 years in the BLM. He will be greatly missed for his ready smile, his helpful attitude, and his unparalleled knowledge of BLM's lands program and history. Andy told me at my Swearing In ceremony that he has worked for every BLM Colorado State Director. I am honored to have had the opportunity to know and work with him.

Services have not yet been planned. We will pass along that information as soon as we have it.

Ruth Welch, State Director, Colorado
Bureau of Land Management



Following is the citation that accompanied the **Lifetime Service Award that the PLF granted to Andrew J. Senti in 2009.**

Andy J. Senti is a Realty Specialist in the Colorado State Office who has given a lifetime of service with integrity and honor. He exemplifies the dedication of a civil servant who puts mission ahead of personal gain. Andy has 60 years of federal service of which 57 years has been with BLM. During his 57 years with BLM he has been an employee averaging over twelve hours a day, seven days a week. Andy takes pride in his work and promotes the BLM mission. He is an iconic figure who has touched the careers of many employees and has served the public tirelessly.

Andy was born in 1925 in Kline, Colorado and attended a nearby country school. He started High School in Marvel, Colorado and finished in Durango. He attended Fort Lewis College and eventually graduated from Utah State University in Logan, Utah with a degree in Range Management. He began his Federal career with the Forest Service at Muddy Creek Ranger Station on the Grand Mesa National Forest. In 1951, Andy was hired as a Range Management Assistant in the BLM Regional Office for Utah and Colorado, located in Salt Lake City. He worked in this office until 1954 and worked on field examining individual tracts of land that were under homestead application. In 1954 he joined a number of other BLM employees from various regions and formed the Colorado State Office. He worked in resource inventory in the Arkansas River Basin as a precursor to some of the BLM's first real land use planning efforts.

Andy has served as a Land Law Examiner, Appraiser, Staff Supervisor, and as a Realty Specialist, all in the BLM Colorado State Office. His dedication, dependability, initiative, enthusiasm, integrity, and loyalty have been demonstrated time and again and he has touched the lives of countless BLM staff and managers. He has provided exceptional customer service to the general public and to many interest groups and stakeholders doing business with the Bureau of Land Management. His breadth of knowledge in understanding
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ANDREW (ANDY) J. SENTI

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the history of public land management is unsurpassed.

Many seasoned managers in the BLM can recall their first weeks on the job when they received orientation on public land management. He possesses a commanding knowledge of public land history and parcels of land in Colorado.

While his reputation is known throughout BLM Colorado, he is also well known throughout the Bureau. Andy often is called upon by offices nationwide, including other federal and state agencies to provide historical insight into complicated issues. He continues to demonstrate outstanding professional performance by sharing his vision, experiences, expertise, etc. to all interested in public land resource management.

In 1945, Andy received the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and the World War II Victory Medal. In 1978 he received the DOI Meritorious Service Award and in 1990 received the DOI Distinguished Service Award. In August 2009 he was awarded the DOI Lifetime Achievement Award for his 60 years of service.ö

**REPORT ON PLF’S ROLE IN 2015
NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY
PROGRAM**

In 2015, PLF contributed \$2,500 of its own money for NPLD projects to supplement \$2,500 each from the BLM and the National Environmental Education Foundation, for a total of \$7,500. A balance of \$2,118.27 from 2014 increased the total dollars available for 2015 to \$9,618.27.

A total of 31 requests for reimbursement were received from 12 statesö Alaska (2), Arizona (3), California (5), Colorado (10), Idaho (1), Montana (2), Nevada (2), New Mexico (2), South Dakota (1), Utah (1), Virginia (1), and Wyoming (1)ö for a total of \$9,920.00. However, several offices that made requests did not need the funding and other offices used less than requested. Thus, the total expended was \$7,782.31.

The balance of \$1,835.96 will be held over to use in 2016 NPLD projects.

Following is a listing of the 2015 reimbursements:

1. AKö Anchorage Field Office (FO); Campbell Creek Science Center; Campbell Tract Projectö \$400.00 helped with the purchase of food, beverages and live entertainment for more than 100 volunteers who helped cleanup and repair facilities at the Center and approximately 350 members of the public who attended the NPLD celebration and open house.
2. AKö Glennallen FO; Yakutat area public lands projectö \$400.00 for food for 45 volunteers who picked up marine debris and trash from a popular beach.
3. AZö Safford FO; Serna Cabin Recreation Site Projectö \$167.16 for food and drinks for 29 volunteers who stabilized the historic Serna Cabin and stenciled and placed garbage cans to help beautify various recreation sites.
4. AZö Safford FO; Dos Cabezas Wilderness Area Projectö \$81.42 for food and drinks for 12 volunteers who dismantled and removed a non-functioning wildlife guzzler, cleaned up over 200 pounds of trash around the site and hauled it out of the Wilderness Area.
5. AZö Tucson FO; Ironwood Forest National Monument Projectö \$300.00 for lunches for 20 volunteers who planted seed balls on a restoration site, did trail maintenance on the upper Watermanö trail, did erosion control on the lower Watermanö trail, marked off a path with rocks from the parking lot to the lower trail head, and installed portal signs around the National Monument.
6. CAö Arcata FO; King Range National Monument; Paradise Royale Bike Trail Projectö \$400 were requested, but none were needed or reimbursed since the project was cancelled due to community & fire events.
7. CAö Barstow FO; East Stoddard Valley OHV Area Projectö \$361.97 was used to purchase rakes and buckets used by approximately 200 volunteers who cleaned up trash in the area.
8. CAö Bishop FO; Alabama Hills Cleanupö \$325.58 was used to purchase food for 30 volunteers who constructed 1.5 miles of trail.
9. CAö Bakersfield FO; Carrizo Plain National Monument Projectö \$83.23 was used to purchase

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- snacks for 40 volunteers who provided a general cleanup of the Education Center, trimmed trees, planted native plants, repaired picnic tables, removed an old kiosk, and pulled weeds.
10. CAô California Desert District; Los Angeles County Fair-America's Great Outdoors Projectô \$223.46 was used to purchase food and supplies for volunteers who helped with demonstrations, tours, and education of over 110,000 members of the public who attended the Fair on September 26.
 11. COô Royal Gorge FO; Shelf Road Recreation Areaô \$342.69 was used to purchase food and work gloves for 18 volunteers who helped to close and restore 107 lineal feet of non-designated social trail, improve 44 linear feet of designated trail, construct rock retaining walls to reinforce belay platforms, and build a rock staircase of 12 steps on a key access trail.
 12. COô Royal Gorge FO; Gold Belt Tour Byway Projectô \$200 was requested, but no funds were needed or reimbursed.
 13. COô Royal Gorge FO; Garden Park Projectô \$400 was used as partial payment for renting a truck and for food for 45 volunteers who constructed 1.5 miles of new hiking and biking trail.
 14. COô Gunnison FO; Chance Gulch & Sagehen Gulch Projectsô \$189.89 was used to purchase food and ice for 17 volunteers who constructed six rock mulch structures, two rock run downs and one rock dam.
 15. COô Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area; Gunnison Gorge Wilderness Projectô \$200.00 was used to purchase lunches for 27 volunteers who constructed steps and helped improve hiking access into a very important archaeological site, Eagle Rock Shelter.
 16. COô Uncompahgre FO; Ridgeway Area Trails Projectô \$207.89 was used to purchase lunches for 13 volunteers who built a half mile of non-motorized trail.
 17. COô Tres Rios FO; Phil's World Projectô \$410.88 was used to purchase food for nearly 50 volunteers who collected about 2,000 pounds of trash.
 18. COô Kremmling FO; Wolford OHV Projectô \$392.66 was used to purchase food and supplies for volunteers who constructed 1,550 feet of Buck & Rail fencing and 600 feet of new single track trail.
 19. COô Kremmling FO; Upper Colorado River Cleanup Projectô \$391.95 was used to purchase food and supplies for 110 volunteers who picked up 32 bags of garbage and ¾ of a pickup bed worth of assorted large metal items.
 20. COô White River FO; Canyon Pintado National Historic District Projectô \$380.00 was used to purchase bridge decking which BLM staff and volunteers installed.
 21. ESô Lower Potomac FO; Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area Projectô \$400.00 was a partial payment for meals for 180 volunteers who enhanced Eagle Trail by constructing benches, a gazebo, interpretative signs, bird boxes, and tree trimming. They also weeded, seeded and mulched the Gunston Elementary school courtyard habitat area.
 22. IDô Shoshone FO; Little Wood River-Riverwood Ranch Projectô \$150 was requested, but no purchases were made and no payment was made.
 23. MTô Billings FO; Pompeys Pillar National Monument Projectô \$129.27 was used to purchase food for 20 volunteers who pulled weeds, planted native plants, and removed trash and debris.
 24. MTô Upper Missouri River Breaks NM; Wood Bottom Recreation Area Projectô \$118.74 was used to purchase food for 16 volunteers who painted fences and removed old, damaged fence materials.
 25. NVô Tuscarora FO; South Fork Reservoir State Park Projectô \$99.71 was used to purchase beverages, snacks and supplies for 60 volunteers who planted 130 trees, stained kiosks and collected litter.
 26. NVô Southern Nevada FO; Red Rock Canyon NCAô \$424.81 was used to purchase food and supplies for more than 100 volunteers who made major repairs to a boardwalk, which allowed the BLM to open a section that had been closed to the public since spring. In addition, volunteers trimmed vegetation around the boardwalk and spring area and completed trail maintenance on trails damaged by water erosion.
 27. NMô Farmington FO; Alien Run and Glade Run Recreation Areas Projectô \$400.00 was used to

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purchase porta-johns, sunscreen, bug spray and canopies for water stations used by approximately 500 volunteers that picked up 10.13 tons of illegally dumped trash, permanently marked 26 miles of bicycle/ATV/UTV trail and signed nine jeep trail-heads.

28. NMô Carlsbad FO; La Cueva Mountain Bike Trails Projectô \$400.00 was used to purchase food and supplies for 43 volunteers who cleaned up one illegal dump site, hauled off two truck loads of trash, trimmed vegetation along trails, built water bars, repaired washouts and installed signage.
29. SDô South Dakota FO; Deadwood Big Horn Sheep Water Guzzler Projectô \$129.53 was used to purchase food and supplies for 18 volunteers who installed a wildlife water guzzler.
30. UTô Cedar City FO; Thunderbird Gardens Projectô \$395.72 was used to purchase supplies and food for approximately 100 volunteers who built trail and cleaned up dump sites, shooting debris and bond fires.
31. WYô Kemmerer FO; Freedom Rock Projectô \$67.77 was used to purchase food for nine volunteers who picked up trash around the vicinity of Freedom Rock, an area known for illegal dumping and partying. Volunteers also posted carsonite signs along an illegal two-track heading up the hill behind the rock, and repaired eroded ruts in illegal trails.

**PLF'S 2015 LANDSCAPE STEWARDSHIP
AWARD AND CERTIFICATE**

In 2015, The Public Lands Foundation recognized one individual, a family, and two organizations that worked to advance and sustain community-based stewardship on landscapes that include, in whole or in part public lands administered by the BLM. Nominations came from the BLM. The organization receiving this year's Award, Gila Watershed Partnership, and the organization receiving a Certificate of Appreciation, the Arizona Resource Advisory Council Grazing Subcommittee, are recognized below. The other

two Certificate winners will be recognized in a subsequent edition of the *Monitor*.

The 2015 Landscape Stewardship Award was presented to the Gila Watershed partnership in Safford, Arizona. The Award Citation reads as follows:

AWARD

Gila Watershed Partnership (Arizona)

The Public Lands Foundation presents the Gila Watershed Partnership with its 2015 Landscape Stewardship Award and this Citation. The Foundation grants this recognition to honor private citizens and organizations that work to advance and sustain community-based stewardship on landscapes that include, in whole or in part, public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The Gila Watershed Partnership works to improve the health of the land in the 7,354 square-mile Gila watershed in southeastern Arizona on a mixture of land that is 47% federal, 28% tribal, 15% state, and 10% private. The watershed includes the Gila River and its tributaries between the San Carlos Apache Reservation and the Arizona-New Mexico state line.

The Partnership is a goal-oriented, success-driven visionary organization. It has set clear goals and a series of steps to accomplish them. The Partnership has made a substantial commitment of time ó likely thousands of hours ó and talent to sustain this community-based stewardship effort. Projects have been completed on BLM-managed public lands, but also on state and private lands. This demonstrates to participants how the watershed ties the community together and how all benefit from its enhancement. The individuals and organization partners saw a problem ó watershed health ó and took a leadership role to address it on a landscape scale through site-specific projects that resulted in overall watershed enhancement. The Partnership is comprised of local citizens that volunteer their time and expertise for the good of the community. There are only two part-time paid staff members that coordinate the group's efforts, track funding, and ensure that deadlines are met.

The Partnership has been a catalyst for demonstrating effective approaches that result in good stewardship of local lands and resources for the past 22 years. They do this by bringing together more than 20 federal, state,

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and local agencies; local businesses and national corporations; non-profits; educational institutions and private citizens.

The Gila Watershed Partnership designs programs and projects to address watershed issues and seeks funding to implement them. Past projects have included the sealing of saline wells, large- and small-scale erosion-control projects, a fluvial geomorphology study, river cleanup projects, a vehicle recycling program, an *E.coli* reduction research project, livestock exclusion from sensitive riparian areas and construction of off-riparian well projects, the Upper Gila Watershed Master Watershed Steward Program, economic development projects, and many, many more.

The Public Lands Foundation is pleased to present the Gila Watershed Partnership with its 2015 Landscape Stewardship Award and this Citation for invaluable contributions to the stewardship of America's public landscapes.

/s/ Edward W. Shepard, President
September 22, 2015



Steve Eady (center), Executive Director, Gila Watershed Partnership, receives PLF's 2015 Landscape Stewardship Award from Beau McClure, PLF Vice President for Operations, with Scott Cooke (left), Safford BLM Field Office Manager, who nominated the Partnership for the award

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
Arizona Resource Advisory Council Grazing
Subcommittee**

The Public Lands Foundation presents the Arizona Resource Advisory Council Grazing Subcommittee with a 2015 Landscape Stewardship Certificate of Appreciation and this Citation. The Foundation grants this recognition to honor private citizens and organizations that work to advance and sustain community-based stewardship on landscapes that include, in whole or in part, public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The formation of the Grazing Subcommittee started as a response to the fear of grazing permit renewal in the Kingman Field Office ending up in litigation and long-standing partnerships would be at risk at the local and regional level. Working with both the Mohave Livestock Association and the Arizona Cattle Growers offered a locally supported solution at a time when local grazing issues were quickly becoming national issues. In an era where management decisions can lead to environmental conflict, the Grazing Subcommittee decided to chart another course. Stakeholder buy-in for BLM-offered solutions is always a notable goal. The Subcommittee, through investment of time and commitment, created a workable, viable alternative. Through the extraordinary efforts of the team, an adaptive management alternative was embraced by the BLM.

To address grazing issues on a landscape scale, the Grazing Subcommittee regularly attended night meetings, field trips, and participated in training in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and adaptive management. One of the first tasks the Grazing Subcommittee accomplished was creating a purpose statement to develop an alternative that met the BLM's multiple-use mission while supporting a viable, local ranching operation. The leadership within the Subcommittee was bringing stakeholders together to develop a plan that could get consensus support from participants as well as the BLM. No matter how many meetings or field trips they needed to attend, their ultimate goal was to understand the issues and forge an agreement that everyone could accept at the end of the process.

The Grazing Subcommittee has shown commitment, leadership and vision in developing Arizona BLM's first
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ever adaptive management program for livestock grazing. The work of these community members has helped avoid protracted conflict over renewal of grazing permits and has brought the science of adaptive management to the Colorado River District and the Kingman Field Office.

The Public Lands Foundation is pleased to present the Arizona Resource Advisory Council Grazing Subcommittee with a 2015 Landscape Stewardship Certificate of Appreciation and this Citation for invaluable contributions to the stewardship of America's public landscapes.

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Gary Watson, Mohave County Supervisor (left); Jim O'Haco, President, Arizona Cattle Growers Association (2nd from right); and Patrick Bray, Arizona Cattle Growers Association (right) received a **PLF Landscape Stewardship Certificate of Appreciation and Citation** on behalf of the **Arizona Resource Advisory Council Grazing Subcommittee** from Beau McClure, PLF Vice President for Operations (3rd from left). Roxie Trost, BLM Colorado River District Manager (2nd from left) nominated the Subcommittee for the award; and Ray Suazo, BLM Arizona State Director (3rd from right), participated in the ceremony. Grazing Subcommittee members not present are Doug Traub, RAC member and Subcommittee Lead; Dawn Hubbs, RAC member and Subcommittee Co-Chair; Clay Overson, Mohave Livestock Association; Dee Kephart, Arizona Game & Fish Department; Jack Ehrhardt, private citizen; and Anita Waite, private citizen.

**CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR PLF'S
GEORGE LEA FOUNDER'S SCHOLARSHIP**

Attention students at New Mexico State University, Oklahoma State University, Texas A&M, Delaware State University, West Virginia University, and PLF members, BLM employees and others who know students attending these institutions. Full time students attending these institutions in a natural resource or public land policy curriculum, with an interest in public land management, are encouraged to apply for one of two \$5,000 George Lea Founder's Scholarships that will be granted in 2016.

Each of the two scholarships consist of the following elements: 1) \$5,000 to be used toward tuition expenses, 2) an invitation to attend the next PLF Annual Meeting with all transportation and living expenses paid, and 3) the opportunity to shadow a local BLM manager for a day.

An electronic copy of the application form can be found by clicking on "Scholarship Application" under "George Lea Scholarship" in the Directory of the PLF website at www.publicland.org.

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YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED! The PLF is seeking to raise \$10,000 through donations this year to finance the two \$5,000 George Lea Founder's Scholarship grants. Donations should be sent to the Public Lands Foundation, P.O. Box 7226, Arlington, VA 22207. In your transmittal, please make sure to mention that your donation is for the George Lea Founder's Scholarship Fund. PLF Past President Henri Bisson has again agreed to match the first \$1,000 that is donated to the Fund.

IN MEMORIUM

The PLF regrets to inform you that the following longtime BLM employees have passed on.

Arthur L. Burr, BLM Forester in the Salem District Office, on October 1, 2015, in Salem, Oregon.

Chuck Calkins, BLM Wyoming State Fire Officer for

many years, on September 30, 2015, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Robert (Bob) Lyle, Cadastral Surveying Technician for BLM in Arizona on December 4, 2015, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Hartly Hansen, who worked for the BLM in the Arizona Strip District at St. George, Utah, on October 13, 2015; in St. George, Utah.

William Huntington Jr., who worked as Safety Officer for the BLM at the Arizona State office in Phoenix, Arizona, on August 25, 2015.

Clair (Sam) Whitlock, BLM District Manager on the Arizona Strip in Arizona; Elko, Nevada and Boise, Idaho; and BLM State Director in Arizona and Idaho; on December 15, 2015, in Boise, Idaho.

Andrew (Andy) J. Senti, who had 57 years of Federal service in the BLM lands program, primarily in the Denver, Colorado Offices; on December 19, 2015, in Denver, Colorado.

Odeen Yeary, Stenographer and Land Law Examiner for the BLM in Idaho in the Idaho Falls and Boise Offices, on October 20, 2015; in Boise, Idaho.

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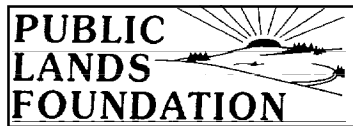
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