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To: Field Managers

From: Associate State Director

Subject: Statewide Protocol Training

The statewide annual protocol training with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will take place November 4-7, 2008, in Casper, Wyoming. As required by the State Protocol, Part II, all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming Field Managers and Associate Field Managers with responsibilities for cultural projects are required to attend; all cultural heritage specialists must attend as well.

This year's meeting will consist of a BLM only session, beginning at 1 p.m. at Casper College Wold Physical Science Building, Room 103. We understand that November 4 is Election Day and due to voting situations around the State, many people may not be able to arrive by 1 p.m. However, we would appreciate your attendance as promptly as possible. This session will be devoted to internal topics prior to BLM's training with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Wednesday, November 5 is crucial for all personnel. The training will be held in the conference room at Poor Boys Restaurant. The morning session will be dedicated to 4-hour Protocol refresher training. Several situations have occurred over the past year that warrant a detailed review of this critical tool. The afternoon session will consist of topics that you would like to discuss with the SHPO. The SHPO has also been invited to propose topics that they would like to discuss with BLM managers, such as information on the Human Remains legislation and how that may affect BLM.

Thursday's meeting, held at the Casper College Wold Physical Science Building, Room 103, is required only for the archaeologists, however, any manager is welcome to stay and participate. Topics have been solicited from the Field Archaeologists and will include such items as training possibilities, wind energy, CRMTracker, and visual contrast rating, among other items.

On Friday morning, Chris Arthur from the Casper Field Office will provide a tour of the Cedar Ridge traditional cultural property. Personnel from SWCA Environmental Consultants, Inc. will discuss the survey strategy and modeling that has occurred there over the past several years.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Ramada Plaza Riverside (the old Holiday Inn) under the name "SHPO State Parks Cultural Resources" at a government rate of \$70. Please call 307-473-3104 to make your reservations. Rooms on the block will be dropped if not reserved by October 21, 2008.

If you have personnel who will be unable to attend these meetings, please provide a written response to Bill Hill, Deputy State Director, Resources Policy and Management, indicating the reason why they will be absent. Since this is a required meeting under the protocol, we will need to justify absences to our partner, the State Historic Preservation Officer. If you have any questions, please contact either Ranel Capron, 307-775-6108, Ranel_Capron@blm.gov or Judyth Reed, 307-775-6017, Judyth_Reed@blm.gov. We look forward to seeing you in November.

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