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Dear Public Land Stakeholder:

I would like to encourage your attendance at two important conferences to mark the Bureau of Land Management's 200th anniversary.

The first event, "The Nation Possessed: The Conflicting Claims on America's Public Lands," is scheduled for September 12-14 at the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado-Boulder campus. This event will begin a meaningful and engaging conversation about the next century of public land management. Speakers include Walter Echo-Hawk Jr., former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, former Utah Senator Bob Bennett, former Deputy Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett, San Miguel County Commissioner Art Goodtimes, and other prominent thinkers and decision makers. A schedule of events may be found at www.publicland.org and at centerwest.org/events/the-nation-possessed. Please contact Mike Ferguson at 480-460-0357 to confirm attendance for this event.

In the second event, called the "Public Lands Commemoration Forum," former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt, retired BLM Director Bob Abbey, and I will discuss how the three branches of the Federal Government have influenced the development of the public lands and public land laws. Other sessions will provide insight into how the public land laws affect our daily lives. This forum will be held September 27 at the Black Canyon Conference Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Specific information about this event is available at www.publicland.org. Please contact Connie Gutierrez at 480-990-1887 if registration assistance is needed.

We hope you can join us to help celebrate this historic occasion.

Sincerely,

Mike Pool
Acting Director