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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS; CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTIONS-OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Announcing National Public Lands Day 2008 Registration

1. National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is an opportunity to showcase our Nation's public lands and the importance of protecting natural resources through responsible use and volunteerism on lands managed by Federal agencies. This event, held throughout America and sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), will be on Saturday, 27 September 2008.
2. Registration is currently ongoing for this year's NPLD through NEEF's direct online site at: http://www.publiclandsday.org/managers/register_a_site.cfm. By registering, sites will receive free materials including promotional posters, brochures, and manager's guide.
3. Nearly 100,000 volunteers pitched in to build trails and bridges, restore wetlands, and remove invasive plants that threaten fragile native vegetation, as well as numerous other projects in 2007. Volunteers worked at 600 sites in all 50 States. It is estimated that volunteers and their community partners contributed \$11 million in improvements to their Federal, State, and local public lands.
4. Since 1996, I have been very impressed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers involvement in NPLD, and I encourage you to register your event with NEEF. My goal is to increase the number of participating sites and volunteers this year, and I am expecting participation from all districts. If you have any questions, my POC is Ms. Debra Stokes, Senior Policy Advisor for Partnerships. She may be reached at (202) 761-1736.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. L. Stockton".

STEVEN L. STOCKTON, P.E.
Director of Civil Works