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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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

SUBJECT: Association of Partners for Public Lands Annual Convention

1. The Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) will hold its annual convention 14-19 February 2003 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has worked with this organization over the past several years to establish strong relationships with non-profit organizations that support Corps activities at the project level.
2. The APPL convention is an opportunity to learn more about how cooperating associations can assist the Corps in management and stewardship of its lands and facilities. The convention also provides an excellent opportunity for additional training in the management of cooperating associations and to develop networking ties to participants with similar interests and experience. A specially designed two-day cooperative association/partnership seminar for Corps participants and their partners is being offered 14 and 15 February 2003. This workshop will build on last year's efforts and will include an overview of our authorities, discussions on best practices, and working with project-specific and community based partnership. The core portion of the convention, 16-18 February 2003, features keynote sessions, concurrent workshops organized along educational "tracks," networking sessions, and a first-class trade show of items uniquely geared toward the public lands community. For these reasons, I encourage district and project level attendance at this event.
3. Specific conference information, transportation and accommodation details, and the registration form are available at: <http://www.appl.org/Convention-2003.html>. Please share this information with the projects for which you are responsible.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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This is a great way to learn about partnering with others to leverage resources for Corps projects i.e. the Challenge Partnership.