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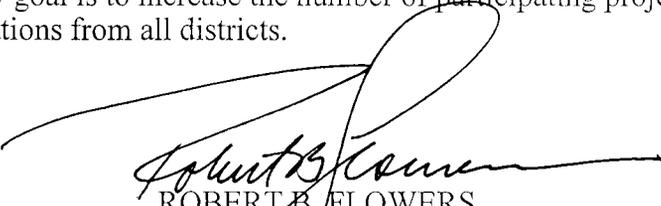
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTION-OPERATIONS DIVISIONS

SUBJECT: Request For Nominations - National Public Lands Day 2003

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, sponsored by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, Inc. (NEETF), will be conducted throughout America on Saturday, 20 September 2003.
2. Nominations are now being accepted for this year's NPLD. Applications for NPLD must be submitted through the Major Subordinate Commands to HQUSACE (CECW-ON) no later than 15 March 2003 (see Encl 1).
3. I have been very impressed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers involvement in NPLD since 1996. Every year, the Corps attracts more volunteers than any other agency. Thirty percent of the NPLD volunteers participated from the 77 Corps sites hosting the program (see Encl 2). I commend you for your active involvement in last year's celebration and encourage your participation again this year. My goal is to increase the number of participating projects this year, and I am expecting nominations from all districts.

2 Encls



ROBERT B. FLOWERS
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

National Public Lands Day 2003

September 20, 2003

Site Registration Form

Name of site: _____

State of site: _____

Agency: _____

Site manager contact information: (No P.O Boxes Please)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Fax #: _____

E-mail: _____

What is the closest metropolitan area? _____

Approximately how far? _____

Website address for site: _____

Estimated number of volunteers: _____

Work projects planned for volunteers: (Details will make website listing more useful.)

USACE note: This National Environmental Education & Training Foundation form has been modified for the use of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. All Corps applications must be sent through district/division offices to the following address

Please complete the form and return it via mail, fax or email to:

Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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National Public Lands Day Summary

Sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales USA, NPLD brings together the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, National Parks Conservation Association and thousands of other individual and organizational volunteers to refurbish and restore the country's public places. These are the lands and facilities Americans use for outdoor recreation, education, and just plain enjoyment. They encompass national parks, monuments, wildlife refuges, forests, grasslands, marine sanctuaries, lakes, and reservoirs managed by government agencies, but belonging to, and are enjoyed by, everyone.

"America's public lands -- our country's natural treasures -- need help," said Kevin Coyle, President of the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, which has managed and coordinated the all-day effort from its start in 1994. "On National Public Lands Day, we all have a chance to contribute to the improvement of these places for current and future generations of Americans, and we encourage everyone this year to consider doing so."

At least 70,000 volunteers are expected at 500 sites in September, making NPLD the largest volunteer, hands-on effort of its kind in the country. The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation estimates that the volunteers' work, along with community contributions of food, tools, and equipment, will result in more than \$8 million of improvements and provide the day's "Helping Hands for America's Lands."

For the fifth consecutive year, Toyota is the national NPLD sponsor. Sponsorship of national and regional environmental preservation projects is just one of many areas in which Toyota has proven environmental stewardship. Toyota operates under a global Earth charter that makes caring for the earth a priority. The company created the world's first mass-produced, clean-running gas/electric hybrid car, the Prius, which has received numerous environmental awards, most notably from the Sierra Club and National Wildlife Federation.

Volunteers will plant trees and beneficial plants, install signs, improve trails and campgrounds, clean up streams and waterways, clear weeds and overgrown brush, and build facilities. At Boston's African-American National Historic Site, debris from historic structures and grounds will be removed; the Ozark Stream will be cleared as volunteers float along its pastoral waters in Rolla, Missouri; fences and buildings will be repaired and repainted at the historic Rogue River Ranch in Medford, Oregon; and a pavilion will be erected at a horse ranch in Fort Hood, Texas.

By educating volunteers at work sites across the country, NPLD maintains the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps, an army of 3 million Americans who in the 1930's countered

the devastation of the Dust Bowl and the American chestnut blight by planting more than 3 billion trees, building bridges and 800 state parks, and fighting forest fires.

Since 1994, NPLD has dramatically demonstrated Americans' concern for their public lands. The first event was sponsored by three federal agencies and attracted 700 volunteers to three sites. Last year, nine federal agencies and 85 state and local partners supported the efforts of 65,000 volunteers at 375 sites.

The nine participating federal agencies are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Defense, Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, National Park Service, and Tennessee Valley Authority. Other event partners are the Outdoor Life Network, *Backpacker* magazine, and approximately 125 state, county, and city partners, including state parks departments in Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation, chartered by Congress in 1990, is a private nonprofit organization that develops and supports environmental learning programs to meet social goals, and builds partnerships between government, the private sector and non-governmental organizations.

For more information, including a list of NPLD sites, activities, contacts and downloadable photos, go to www.npld.com. Or call 800-Vol-Teer (800-865-8337).

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project NPLD Locations

District	Participants	Projects
LRB	5	1
LRL	535	4
LRN	976	6
LRP	50	1
MVR	100	2
MVS	2080	3
NAB	140	1
NAE	390	3
NWK	645	2
NOW	350	3
NWP	137	1
SAM	5800	6
SAS	763	3
SAW	40	1
SPA	550	2
SPF	1500	9
SPL	75	1
SPN	450	1
SPS	747	7
SWF	1500	9
SWT	122	7

Total number of participants 17,608
Total number of projects 77

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