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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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7 May 2004

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

SUBJECT: Announcing Registration for National Public Lands Day 2004

- 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, 18 September 2004.
- 2. Applications are now being accepted for this year's NPLD. The enclosed registration form and more information can be found at: <a href="http://www.npld.com">http://www.npld.com</a>. Registration is being done directly through NEETF so application forms should be faxed or emailed to them.
- 3. Nearly 80,000 volunteers pitched in to build trails and bridges, restore wetlands, remove invasive plants that threaten fragile native vegetation, as well as numerous other projects. Volunteers worked at 550 sites in all 50 states. It is estimated that volunteers and their community partners contributed \$10 million in improvements to their Federal, State, and local public lands.
- 4. 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 at more sites than any other agency. In 2003, 18,328 of the NPLD volunteers participated from 86 Corps sites hosting the program. 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 participation from all districts. If you have any questions, my POC on this is Ms. Debra Stokes, Senior Policy Advisor for Partnerships, (202) 761-1736.

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ROBERT BIFLOWERS
Lieutenant General, USA

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## National Public Lands Day 2004 September 18<sup>th</sup> 2004 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 #:
E-mail:
What is the closest metropolitan area?
Approximately how far?
Website address for site:
Estimated number of volunteers:
Do you wish to receive commemorative posters for volunteer giveaway? Yes No
If so, how many?
How many brochures would you like?(Packed in 25's)
How many promotional posters would you like?
Work projects planned for volunteers: (Details will make website listing more useful.)

Please complete the form and return it to: The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation Attn: Robb Hampton

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