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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: Announcing Registration for National Public Lands Day 2007

- 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, 29 September 2007.
- 2. Registration is currently ongoing for this year's NPLD through NEEF's direct online site at <a href="http://www.publiclandsday.org/managers/register\_a\_site.cfm">http://www.publiclandsday.org/managers/register\_a\_site.cfm</a>. If there are problems with the online registration, the enclosed form may be faxed or emailed to them. 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 2006. 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:

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Major General, USA Director of Civil Works

## National Public Lands Day September 29<sup>th</sup> 2007

Site Registration Form

| Name of site:  |                  | ·<br>                     |
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| State of site:   | Host Agend       | cy where site is located: |
| Site manager contact information   | ո։ (No P.O. Boxe | es Please)                |
| Name:  |                  |                           |
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|  |                  | Zip:                      |
| Telephone #:   |                  | ·                         |
| E-mail:  |                  |                           |
| Name of nearest metropolitan are   | ea and approxin  | nate distance to site     |
| Website address for site:  |                  |                           |
| Estimated number of volunteers:  |                  |                           |
| How many commemorative posters would you like for volunteers as a giveaway?            |                  |                           |
| How many brochures would you like?(Packed in 25's)                                     |                  |                           |
| How many promotional posters v   | vould you like?  |                           |
| Work projects planned for volunteers: (Details will make website listing more useful). |                  |                           |

\*Please note: Girl Scout troop leaders should register with separate form

Please complete the form and return it to:
The National Environmental Education Foundation
Attn: Claudia Kessel
4301 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington, DC 20008 tel: (202) 261-6478

fax: (202) 261-6464 <u>kessel@neefusa.org</u> or log onto <u>www.publiclandsday.org</u> and register online