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Subject: Nomination for the BLM's 2012 "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Award

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Pat Bruce, Field Project Coordinator with Friends of Nevada Wilderness, has dedicated six (6) years to personally and directly coordinating and supervising wilderness volunteer projects within the BLM Black Rock Field Office (BRFO). He and his motivated volunteers (Photo 1: far right beneath arrow) have undertaken countless resource rehabilitation projects such as trespass route rehabilitation and site clean-ups. He has also taken on the challenge of tracking and documenting any developments and disturbances within the BRFO's ten (10) Wilderness Areas and four (4) Wilderness Study Areas (totaling approximately one-million acres). In addition to weeks of hiking into remote areas, his efforts have resulted in the digitizing of all routes, ways and WSA boundary features for use with Geographic Information Systems, in accurate inventorying of current conditions of all boundary features, routes, and physical developments and disturbances related to livestock grazing, wildlife management, vegetation treatment, valid water rights, mining activity, and recreation use. Mr. Bruce has consistently provided timely, precise, and useful information to the BLM including informing pertaining to potential violations. Monitoring data collected through

the developments and disturbances assessment will be compared with initial wilderness inventory data and future monitoring data to evaluate changes in the use and condition of the WSAs, and to evaluate the effects of management activities. In the current fiscal environment, these inventories would not have been completed without Pat's diligence and effective efforts.

Mr. Bruce has been an outstanding coordinator and supervisor with projects outside wilderness as well. He and his volunteers have participated in numerous restoration, protection, and education projects for the Black Rock Desert High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area (NCA). In addition to his on-the-ground efforts, Pat has coordinated extensively with volunteer groups in the area to provide education, to conduct training, to coordinate travel to remote locations, and to arrange supervised children activities so that their parents could participate in volunteer projects.



Pat has spent countless hours working with a diverse community group to obtain wilderness designation for a wilderness study area in Nevada. He has provided both labor and insight to the group which includes not only wilderness advocates but OHV clubs, local ranchers, hunters, fisherman, and other local residents.

Mr. Bruce has worked diligently coordinating volunteer events for the collaborative partnership between Friends of Nevada Wilderness and the BLM. He has successfully planned and implemented dozens of volunteer events in the Black Rock NCA and contributed over 500 hours of volunteer service to our District. Pat is held in high regards amongst his peers and seeks to provide best practices in all of his event planning and implementation, in accordance with BLM priorities. He works closely with BLM employees to ensure all projects are in compliance with the resource management plans, NEPA and other government requirements. He is a true asset to our team and more than worthy of recognition.