



Media Advisory

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B-Roll Footage Spotlights Fascinating and Diverse Heritage Resources on America's Public Lands

This year the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is celebrating 100 years of historic preservation that began with the passage of the Antiquities Act of 1906, the legislative basis for the protection and preservation of cultural properties.

Two of the key messages, the BLM would like to foster among all Americans and public land users are: 1) public lands house a treasure of archaeological, historical and paleontological resources that have scientific, educational, recreational, and economic value, and 2) stewardship of these heritage resources is everyone's responsibility.

With these messages in mind, the BLM has produced a 30-minute beta tape containing video clips on a wide variety of historic, archaeological and fossil resources on public lands in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming.

The footage can be used to develop feature stories about the Antiquities Centennial – what it means to Americans, and the rich prehistoric, historic and paleontological legacy public lands in your state and the nation have to offer.

Because the BLM manages the federal government's largest and most varied and scientifically important body of cultural and fossil resources, the agency is eager to illustrate the fascinating and diverse array of heritage resources on America's public lands.

BLM's heritage resources include: scatters of prehistoric artifacts and fossils; ancient Paleo-Indian mammoth kill sites; stratified cave deposits; tantalizing, oversized ground figures etched in desert pavements (intaglios); awe-inspiring prehistoric complexes of Ancestral Puebloan villages and cliff dwellings; intriguing remnants of Spanish- and Russian-period exploration and settlement; lighthouses that guided ships at sea; evidence of mining and ranching, and even remnants of 19th and early 20th-century military activities.

In addition to this B-roll footage, the BLM has created a fun, educational and informational website to engage the media and the public in this centennial celebration, inviting the public to participate in the many events being held throughout the 11 BLM western states and Washington

D.C. The “*Adventures in the Past*” website is divided into four major categories – Heritage Education, What to Help?, Take a Vacation to the Past, and Research and Collections. You’ll find a wealth of information on this website to help with news features and weekly programming. The site can be found at www.blm.gov/heritage/adventures.

For more information on the Antiquities Act Centennial, B-Roll Footage, Adventures in the Past website, and upcoming local events, please contact XXXXXXXX.