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Hi all, see attached for the finalized agenda for tomorrow's meeting. I made a couple of additions based on your feedback.
I've also attached a few more documents to help with the discussion:

- A short presentation about the budget process
- Last year's funding table for the 1711 program
- A discussion paper I put together about 1711 funding allocation
- A one-pager about a partnerships toolkit under development by the Washington office.

Looking forward to talking to you all tomorrow,
Mike

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On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 2:24 PM, Sintetos, Michael <msintetos@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi everyone- In advance of our quarterly managers' call next Wednesday, I've put together the following draft agenda. I think it'll give us plenty to discuss, but please let me know if there are other topics or aspects of these topics that you'd like to make sure we cover. I'll send out a finalized agenda a couple days before the call.

- Budget
  - What to expect for FY 18
  - Program priorities discussion
  - Budget allocation discussion

- Outside sources of funding
  - BLM Donations policy
  - Partnerships toolkit
  - Funding success stories (from those willing to share)

- Communications/Messaging
  - National Conservation Lands and the Departmental priorities
  - Small group messaging report-out
  - Visitation/economic information

- Updates
  - National Monuments review
  - Managers' charter

- Next meeting

National Monument/National Conservation Area Managers' Quarterly Call
July 26, 2017 10-11:30am

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Agenda:

- Budget
  - What to expect for FY 18
  - Program priorities discussion – what is our core function?
  - Budget allocation discussion (see attached discussion paper)

- Outside sources of funding
  - Donations policy
    - General Departmental guidance, DM Part 374 Chapter 6, https://elips.doi.gov/ELIPS/DocView.aspx?id=1202
    - BLM step-down policy – status update
  - Partnerships toolkit
  - Funding success stories (from those willing to share)

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- Updates
  - National Monuments review
  - Managers' charter status
  - Example of NEPA documents that analyze impacts to resources/objects/values?
  - Reminder – Managers' reports

- Next meeting – Wednesday, Oct. 25?

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BLM's Draft Friends Partnership Toolkit

Among the BLM's diverse partners, the growing number of Friends groups plays a vital role in helping to build visibility and support for the BLM sites, facilities, and/or programs they seek to assist. These community-based organizations – formed and managed primarily by local citizen volunteers – provide vital support and services to the BLM, such as:

- providing volunteer services;
- engaging youth;
- assisting with stewardship and other resource conservation activities on public lands;
- developing and delivering educational, interpretive, and other visitor programs;
- coordinating special events;
- conducting fundraising and generating other revenue that benefit public lands;
- building important community relations; and
- advocating and increasing visibility and support for BLM sites, facilities, and/or programs they support.

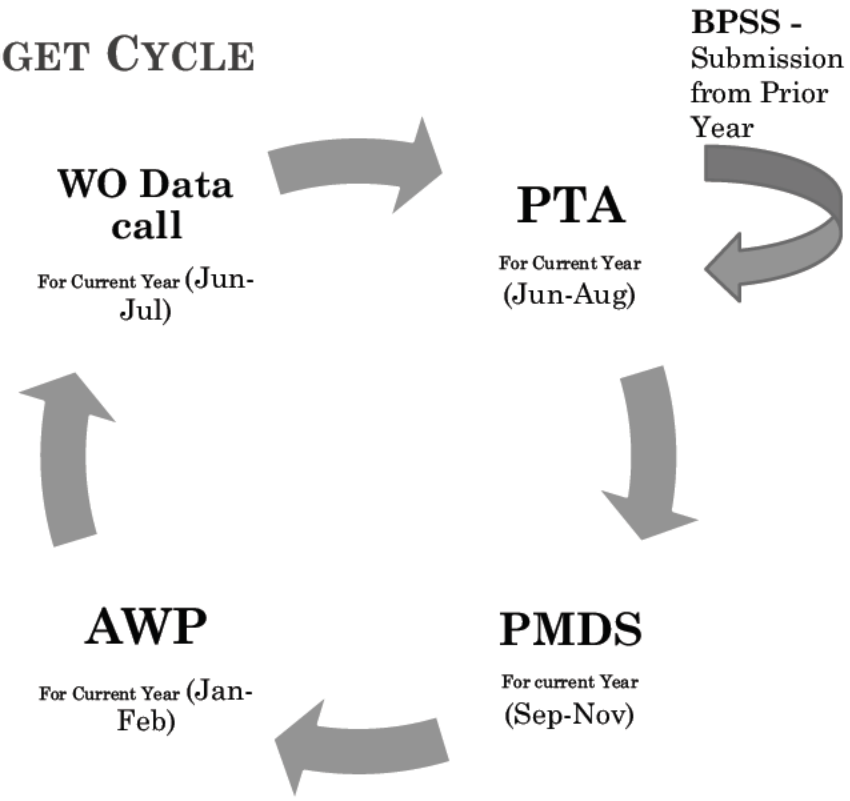
Many of the 50+ groups supporting the National Conservation Lands, for example, are well established and provide far-reaching assistance; others are just getting started.

To encourage these important local partnerships, the BLM has developed a Friends Partnership Toolkit to address and clarify emerging issues and needs. The toolkit provides guidance on working with Friends groups. In addition, a number of tools are included, such as tip sheets for building effective partnerships, a template agreement for establishing a BLM/Friends group partnership, and a decision tree and guide highlighting other commonly used partnership agreements within the BLM. Specific components of the toolkit include:

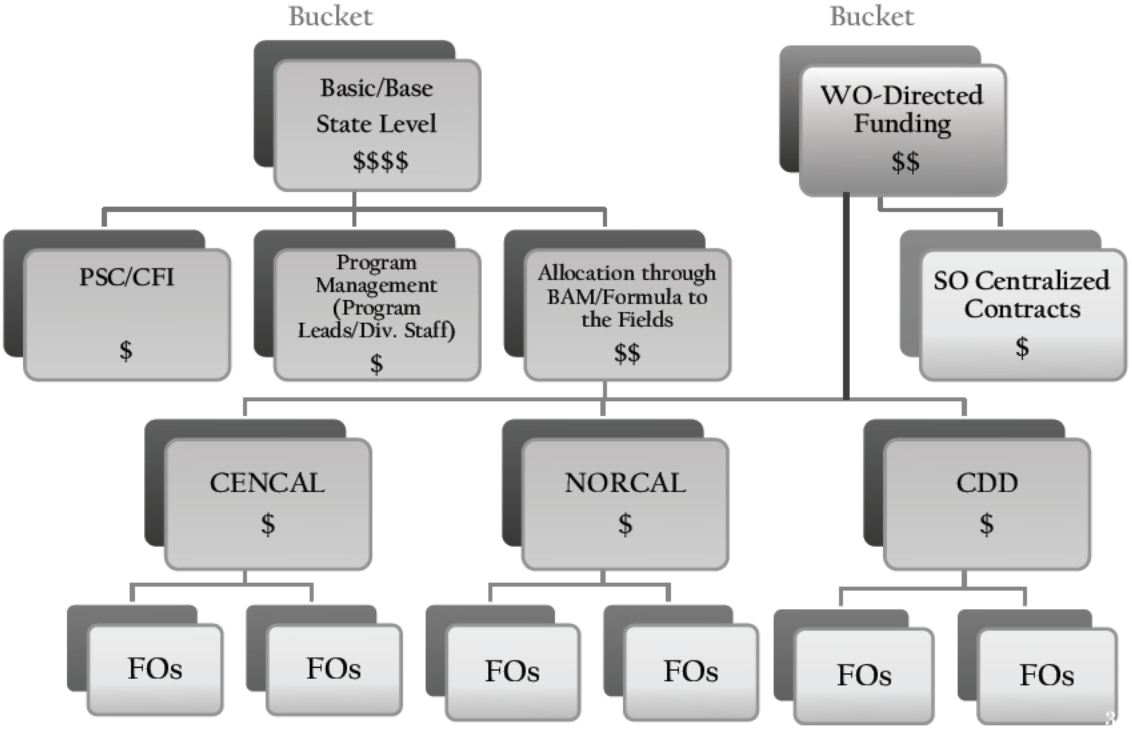
- **BLM Instruction Bulletin** – Provides guidance on working with Friends groups and transmits toolkit to the field.
- **Tip Sheets** – Highlights key success factors for developing and sustaining partnerships with Friends groups.
- **Q's and A's** – Addresses key questions and clarifies issues related to developing and sustaining partnerships with Friends groups.
- **Guiding Principles for BLM/Friends Group Relationships** – Highlights suggested principles for developing and sustaining effective partnerships with Friends groups.
- **Template Friends Group Partnership Agreement** – Provides a new template agreement recommended for use when formalizing a partnership between the BLM and a Friends group.
- **Guide to Commonly Used Partnership Agreements** – Provides a short guide and decision tree that highlights commonly used partnership agreements within the BLM.

1711 Budget Discussion
July 26, 2017

CA BUDGET CYCLE



CA Allocation Process – Two Buckets (Cont…)



FY 17 PTA – 1711

Total Allocation	$5,134,000
Program Support Costs	$895,000
Centrally Funded Items	$90,000
Program Management	$121,000
Directed Funding	$135,000
Allocations to Offices	**3,893,000**

FY 18 Total Allocation: $3,879,000

Notes Summary:

No speaker notes are contained in this presentation.

Discussion Paper – 1711 Subactivity

Background
The 1711 (National Monuments and National Conservation Areas) subactivity was created in 2009 by re-programming funding from other programs Bureau-wide. The intent at the time was to provide the bare minimum funding for essential positions and functions for each national monument and National Conservation Area out of the 1711 subactivity. No additional re-programming of funds has been done since 2009, and BLM California has not received additional funding in 1711 as new national monuments have been designated.

The result is that there is a significant funding imbalance between many of the pre-2009 designations (King Range, Headwaters, Santa Rosa San Jacinto Mountains, and Carrizo Plain) and the post-2009 designations (Fort Ord, Berryessa Snow Mountain, Mojave Trails, and Sand to Snow). The California Coastal National Monument has also been expanded to include onshore lands without an increase in program funding. This means that the newer national monuments are more reliant on other subactivities and field office staff for day-to-day work, and/or that they provide fewer services to the public

This allocation imbalance is further complicated by the FY 2018 Planning Target Allocation, which includes a 26% cut for the 1711 subactivity.

Discussion
Given next year's anticipated funding cuts, should the 1711 budget allocation be adjusted to provide more even funding across the national monuments and National Conservation Area?

If a re-allocation were to be done, several factors could serve as a basis:

- Acreage
- Visitation/use
    - Could be based on visitation data, which is often inaccurate, or characterized on a light/moderate/heavy scale
- Presence of facilities/infrastructure and maintenance needs
    - E.g. miles of trail or roads, campgrounds, picnic areas, visitor center, etc.
- Current staffing/table of organization
- Presence of other funding sources
    - From other subactivities or other agencies/partners
- Public expectations
    - Could be defined many ways – presence of an active Friends group, congressional attention, commitment from partner agencies, etc.

All of these methods are imperfect. Regardless of the method, any changes should be phased in to minimize year-to-year funding swings and should be transparent.

(1 Attachment- FY 2017 PTA NLCS Funding Table)