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West Box Elder Coordinated Resource Management Group Receives Public Lands Foundation Award

Salt Lake City—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah West Desert District is pleased to announce that the West Box Elder Coordinated Resource Management Group (WBECRM), is being recognized by the Public Lands Foundation for its outstanding work developing and implementing landscape management projects in northwestern Utah.

The WBECRM is a grassroots partnership of local ranchers; landowners; and state, county and federal resource managers that work together to develop a coordinated plan for projects benefitting the natural resources that make Box Elder County so unique and special. This collaborative effort strives to plan and execute projects across land ownership boundaries in order to achieve resource management goals for a balanced mix of public, state, and private lands.

“The West Box Elder Coordinated Resource Management Group is an ideal example of a community-based landscape stewardship group that is committed, engaged and successful,” said Kevin Oliver, BLM-Utah West Desert District Manager. “The lands in the group’s planning and project area are some of the most productive and critical sage-grouse habitat lands in the Great Basin ecosystem, and thanks to the group’s efforts, the future of healthy landscapes in northwestern Utah is bright.”

The WBECRM group will receive the Public Lands Foundation’s Landscape Stewardship Award on Nov. 20, 2013, during a Box Elder County Commission meeting. For more information about the project and the award, please visit:

<http://utahcbcp.org/files/uploads/boxelder/WBECRMPDraft2013Jan15.pdf>

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