

## **The Partnership Series Progress Report January – December 2001**

Hello PSeries friends and supporters!

At the start of the new year we wanted to take a moment to share our progress with the people who have helped make it possible. 2001 has been exciting and busy with many changes.

### Training Updates

In the last year we have delivered 12 successful courses in 9 states. We went outside of our usual Western states area and delivered a CBP in Maryland and CBV in Tennessee.

**The Community - Based Partnership (CBP)** course was delivered in the following communities; Cody, WY; Quincy, CA; Lake Havasu City, AZ; Waldorf, MD; St. George, UT; Winnemucca, NV; and Parker, AZ. We currently have four scheduled for next year but expect many more to book. Two contracting hosts requested repeat deliveries, Lake Havasu and St. George.

**The Community – Based Volunteering (CBV)** course was delivered in Knoxville, TN, for the Cherokee National Forest and in Sunriver, OR, for the Deschutt National Forest. At least two more deliveries are expected in 2002 for the USDA Forest Service.

**Alternative Funding (AF)** course received redesign work in June and will continue to be revised in 2002. We intend to add content on how to work with nonprofit organizations. The course may evolve into more of a “friends group” product of interest to special management areas such as National Monuments.

**Learning Community (LC)** course was delivered in Socorro, NM; Elko, NV; and La Grande, OR. Elko was a return visit for the P Series; we delivered a CBP course there in 1998. Several more are scheduled for 2002.

**Community Economic Assessment (CEA)** course had an initial design meeting in June. Additional design work is planned for January 2002 with 3 or 4 deliveries before October with a focus on communities involved in new land use plans or revisions.

### PSeries Staff Updates

As most of you know we said goodbye to one employee, Mary Adalzadeh and added three, Diane A. Hartman, Pam Lange, and Christina Wittkamp. The addition of a financial person (Chris) and an additional coordinator, besides replacing Mary, is testament to preparing the PSeries for an expanded roster of classes and establishing the PSeries as a viable independent entity.

### Non-profit Partner Updates

The PSeries also changed its non-profit partner. San Bernardino National Forest Association had been the non-profit partner of the PSeries since its inception. San Bernardino will always have our gratitude for backing the effort from the beginning.

The PSeries had been approached by several nonprofit organizations in the last two years. We approached the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (NARC&DC; a national nonprofit headquartered in Washington, DC) to be our new partner. Many of the local RC&D councils are already working with BLM and the USDA Forest Service and have good communication networks in the communities. The organizational structure from the community level all the way up to a national nonprofit as well as their business and financial expertise make them an excellent choice as a partner.

### Finances

Most of our funding continues to come from a combination direct federal funding from BLM and USDA Forest Service plus class site sponsorship fees. We are actively pursuing additional funding sources via NARC&DC. The USDA Forest Service continues to indicate a desire for additional support including funding. Their interest is best documented in "Collaborative Stewardship Training Opportunities: A Report To the USDA Forest Service"; rev. Oct. 26, 2001; Pinchot Institute for Conservation; Washington, D.C.

### Acknowledgments

Our success would not have happened without the support of our site sponsors, instructors, and staff and the encouragement of our supporters. Specific individuals are too numerous to mention in this brief update but we could not have done it without you.

This year we extended our cadre of instructors so that more classes can be delivered without overly taxing the time and goodwill of the originating core. The instructors have been most helpful in suggesting additional instructors and cooperatively sharing the instructional duties. Thanks to you all!

### The Future

2002 holds many hopes and challenges for the PSeries. We look forward to an exciting new year in which we continue to partner and grow in order to promote community-based collaborative stewardship. We still intend to hold this year a "PSeries Gathering" with allies, instructors, partners and others to draw on your wisdom, vision and continued support for our future efforts.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending or sponsoring a course, please call or e-mail Heather Buckley at (602) 906-5514 or [Heather\\_Buckley@tc.blm.gov](mailto:Heather_Buckley@tc.blm.gov)