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Bob Abbey, Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
1849 C Street NW, Rm. 5665  
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Abbey,

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is organizing National Archaeology Day to be held on October 20, 2012. Last year, the inaugural National Archaeology Day was recognized by Congress and more than 14,000 people participated in over 100 events across the US and Canada. We would like to increase participation in the event this year and are actively seeking out other groups that are committed to archaeology such as the Bureau of Land Management.

The Archaeological Institute of America, founded in 1879, is North America's oldest and the world's largest organization devoted to the world of archaeology. The Institute's mission is to promote a vivid and informed public interest in the cultures and civilizations of the past, support archaeological research, foster the sound professional practice of archaeology, advocate for the preservation of the world's archaeological heritage, and represent the discipline in the wider world.

This year the AIA is looking to expand National Archaeology Day and we are actively seeking Collaborating Organizations. Collaborating Organizations agree to hold events and/or promote National Archaeology Day to their members (more details available on our website: [archaeological.org/NAD/CollaboratingOrganizationInfo](http://archaeological.org/NAD/CollaboratingOrganizationInfo)).

We would love to see federal agencies participate in National Archaeology Day. There are a few different ways your agency could get involved. If you would like to become an official Collaborating Organization, we would appreciate it if you would pass information about National Archaeology Day to relevant employees within the BLM and encourage participation. If you do not feel it is appropriate to join at an agency-wide level, we would be grateful if you would use your internal communication networks to help us reach relevant offices around the country with information about how appropriate local branches of the BLM might participate in National Archaeology Day.

If you have any questions about National Archaeology Day, please do not hesitate to contact AIA Senior Programs Coordinator Meredith Anderson Langlitz ([mclanglitz@aia.bu.edu](mailto:mclanglitz@aia.bu.edu); 617-358-5909).

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Peter Herdrich'.

Peter Herdrich  
CEO

CC: Robin Hawks, Preservation Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 2005LM, Attention: Robin Hawks, WO-240, Washington, DC, 20240