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Roger Taylor, American Endurance Ride Conference, Receives Prestigious Departmental Award

(Fort Stanton, New Mexico) – Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management Director Kathleen Clarke presented Roger Taylor, Southwest Director of the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), with the prestigious Take Pride in America Award today in a ceremony near Fort Stanton, New Mexico. Mr. Taylor, who resides in Albuquerque, received this award for contributing over 5,000 volunteer hours leading numerous AERC volunteers in the development of a horse trails system in the Fort Stanton Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) managed by the Bureau of Land Management in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

In the ceremony, Director Clarke cited Mr. Taylor's and the AERC's many accomplishments in service to America by surveying and signing horseback riding trails on the Fort Stanton ACEC, by making improvements in providing water and power to the horse trails visitor area, and by planning and coordinating several endurance ride events held there. She also cited the national attention received by Roger and the AERC for their partnership with the BLM in national magazines like the Arabian Horse World.

About the Awardees

Mr. Roger Taylor

- Director of AERC for its first four years and is currently Southwest Region Director
- A rider for 30+ years with 5 children that have ridden thousands of miles
- Ride manager for many one, three and five day endurance rides, including a six day event scheduled for Fort Stanton ACEC this June.

About Take Pride in America

Take Pride in America is a national partnership that aims to seek, support and recognize volunteers who work to improve our public parks, forests, grasslands, reservoirs and wildlife refuges, as well as our cultural and historic sites, local playgrounds and other recreation areas. With 100 Charter Partners, Take Pride involves federal, state and local governments, conservation, youth and recreation groups, and top national corporations and organizations. Together, we protect and enhance the special legacy all Americans share – our public lands that cover one in every three acres across the nation. For more information visit: www.TakePride.gov.

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