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SUBJECT: ECS – Black Mesa Ecological Academy

Purpose: To transmit applications and a news release to county offices.

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Attached is the electronic version of the application form for the Black Mesa Ecological Academy to be held June 22 - 27, 2003, near Kenton, Oklahoma. The application form is legal size. If possible, print copies on the color printer. Also attached is a news release for your use.

Coordinated by members of the Oklahoma Section of the Society for Range Management, the academy is for high school students, and will focus on range and wildlife management, GIS/GPS, speaking, planning, leadership, and conflict resolution. Last year's workshop resulted in two students competing in the High School Youth Forum at the Society's international meeting held in Casper, Wyoming. Next year's Forum will be held in Salt Lake City.

The Academy has been funded by a grant from the Oklahoma Regents for Higher Education; therefore, the attending students will not have to pay any tuition. This is an excellent opportunity to get youth involved in conservation and leadership. Several past students have made presentations to outside groups on the subject matter taught at this academy.

The attached electronic application form and news release may be printed as needed. The application can also be accessed on the internet at <http://www.agr.okstate.edu/OKSRM/range.htm>. Our best recruiting has come from counties where local field office personnel have made direct contact with students in FFA, science and 4-H clubs, and through science teachers.

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Attachments

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