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**SUBJECT: ECS – Black Mesa Ecological Academy**

**Purpose:** To transmit 2004 Black Mesa Ecological Academy applications and news release to county offices.

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2004

Coordinated by members of the Oklahoma Section of the Society for Range Management, the Black Mesa Ecological Academy is for high school students, and will focus on range and wildlife management, GIS/GPS, speaking, planning, leadership, and conflict resolution. The Black Mesa Ecological Academy will be held June 20-25, 2004, near Kenton, Oklahoma. Last year's academy resulted in three students competing in the High School Youth Forum at the Society's international meeting held in Salt Lake City. Next year's Forum will be held in Fort Worth.

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.

Attached is the electronic version of the application form for the academy. The application form is legal size. If possible, print copies on the color printer. Also attached is a news release for your use. This news release is also posted on the Oklahoma intranet website. Both attachments may be printed as needed. The application form 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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