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SUBJECT: INF – EARTH TEAM – NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

To: All Employees

Purpose. To provide information on National Volunteer Week

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National Volunteer Week is April 18-24, 2010. This is the perfect time to recognize both our Earth Team volunteers and you for recruiting Earth Team volunteers and encouraging them to become active members of our conservation team. Thank you for helping to make the Earth Team program a success in New Mexico.

In 2010 we celebrate two important agency milestones: the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of SCS/NRCS and also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Team.

Volunteers allow us to do more. They truly are vital members of our conservation team. Last year 248 Earth Team Volunteers contributed 5, 150 hours in helping the Natural Resources Conservation Service and our partners in New Mexico. That's the equivalent of employing another two full-time staff members!

I am proud of the dedicated volunteers and employees in New Mexico, who have committed their time and talents to conserving and protecting our natural resources. Please take a moment to tell our volunteers how much we appreciate them and the help they give us. Then let's all join in celebrating national Volunteer Week and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the earth Team.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis L. Alexander", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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