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Discover your surroundings through the updated Agents of Discovery virtual App
Educational play from home available for children and families

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. – Perfect for children and families alike who are looking to discover the “wild” closer to home, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service updated their educational and adventure themed mission game App called “Agents of Discovery,” so users could play at home.

Initially launched in 2017 to encourage activity and engage learning about the world surrounding its users, the Agents of Discovery game was only accessible from the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, but with so many people at home due to “shelter in place” orders, staff updated the game so users can now play from the comfort of their own backyards. Through the App, users assume the exciting role of a secret agent on a mission as they gain new insights into the natural world. Challenges are created by the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument staff, allowing users to explore their own surroundings. Fun prizes are awarded as “agents” complete their educational missions.

For instructions, visit www.blm.gov/SRSJMNM, scroll down the webpage to find the “Plan Your Visit” section, and click on “Agents of Discovery Game.” Directions will detail how to download the App and get going on the first mission.

For more information about the educational adventure game, contact Tracy Albrecht, also known as “Tracker,” at the BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 760-833-7127, or by email at talbrech@blm.gov. For more information about the augmented reality App contact Agents of Discovery at support@agentsofdiscovery.com.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM-managed lands generated \$105 billion in economic output across the country. This economic activity supported 471,000 jobs and contributed substantial revenue to the U.S. Treasury and state governments, mostly through royalties on minerals.

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