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## **Alabama Hills Artist-in-Residence showcase to be held Aug. 20**

**BISHOP, Calif.** — The Bureau of Land Management in partnership with the Alabama Hills Stewardship Group and Friends of the Inyo, are pleased to invite the public to a talk and opportunity to participate in a hands-on collage postcard activity with artist Heather Heckel. The event, located at the Forum Theatre at 141 N. Jackson St. in Lone Pine, CA, takes place Saturday, Aug. 20, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. This event is part of the BLM's [Artist-in-Residence](#) program and will be Heckel's 16th event.

Heckel will provide a 15-to 20-minute presentation of her artwork and her experience in the Alabama Hills, with time for questions afterward. She will then welcome the public to join in a watercolor postcard making project. All ages are welcome. Refreshments and art supplies will be provided by our partners.

“The Artist-in-Residence program is a great opportunity to bring artists to our communities,” said Acting Bishop Field Manager Jeff Starosta. “We hope that Heather’s art will inspire visitors to enjoy, care for and protect the Alabama Hills.”

The Alabama Hills National Scenic Area was designated by Congress in 2019 and is the only National Scenic Area managed by the BLM. The Alabama Hills provided Heckel with a creative and uniquely rugged environment in which to generate artistic works and share her art with the public. For more information about Heather Heckel, please visit <http://heatherheckel.com>.

The Bureau of Land Management Artist-in-Residence program encourages artists to use their observational skills in portraying a variety of cultural and natural resources through images, objects, and performances that bring others enjoyment and forge a deeper understanding of our nation’s public lands. To learn more about the program, please visit: <https://on.doi.gov/3HZcGBG>.

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