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BLM Supporting National & Global Youth Service Day 2007

Roseburg, OR – For the second straight year, the Bureau of Land Management is working with other organizers to support National & Global Youth Service Day April 20-22 2007. BLM District Manager Jay Carlson made the following statement to encourage local youth: “Join millions of young people around the world tackling issues important in their community. America’s youth are dedicating their time to create and implement service projects focusing on disaster relief, literacy, health and hunger issues, and improving the environment. I challenge Douglas County residents to volunteer on National & Global Youth Service Day, the largest community service event in the world.”

Volunteer events can be planned with your family or group on April 20-22, 2007. Find community service projects in your area or start your own service project today. Project planning tool kits and other resources are available at Youth Service America’s web site located at: www.YSA.org. You can get involved and make a difference by contacting BLM’s Volunteer Program Coordinator Joe Ross at 440-4930.

National & Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world. The goals of National & Global Youth Service Day are: 1) To **MOBILIZE** youth to identify and address the needs of their communities through service, 2) To **SUPPORT** youth on a life-long path of service and civic engagement, and 3) To **EDUCATE** the public, the media, and policymakers about the year-round contributions of young people as community leaders.

On National & Global Youth Service Day is a public awareness and education campaign that highlights the amazing contributions that young people make to their communities 365 days a year. During the event, young people will design and lead service-learning projects in areas ranging from literacy and the environment, to healthcare, hunger, and help for the elderly. State Farm Companies Foundation is the Presenting Sponsor. National & Global Youth Service Day is coordinated by Youth Service America, in association with the National Youth Leadership Council and in partnership with PARADE Magazine.

Youth Service America is joined by a consortium that includes 115 of the nation's largest nonprofit and youth development organizations. In addition to the assistance from the National Partners, there are 50 Lead Agencies for National & Global Youth Service Day that are chosen and given grants to develop coalitions of community partners to plan local, regional, or statewide celebrations.



The Lead Agencies for this event engage hundreds to thousands of volunteers per celebration, as well as outreach to local media and businesses, and encourage hands-on participation by elected officials. By making the connection between volunteering and citizenship, youth involved in National & Global Youth Service Day educate their peers about maximizing the impact of their service through informed voting, youth-led advocacy, and other civic engagement efforts.

Youth Service America founded Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) in 2000 by adapting the successful model launched in 1988 in the United States of America. Youth Service America now organizes Global Youth Service Day with the Global Youth Action Network as its key partner and a consortium of international organizations and national coordinating committees.

Youth Service America (YSA) is a national nonprofit resource center that partners with thousands of organizations committed to strengthening the youth service movement. Founded in 1986, YSA envisions a global culture of engaged youth who are committed to a lifetime of service, learning, leadership, and achievement. Its mission is to expand the impact of the youth service movement with communities, schools, corporations, and governments.

YSA offers many programs and services that follow four core strategies: Organizing Public Policy and Awareness Campaigns, Convening the Field, Offering Incentives and Recognition, and Providing Information and Educational Resources. In addition to National Youth Service Day and Global Youth Service Day, which take place concurrently each April, YSA also hosts SERVENet providing the largest database of volunteer opportunities in America.

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