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Fall Volunteer Projects Planned on Public Lands

Roseburg, OR – Every fall, the general public joins with federal agencies and private organizations to celebrate National Public Lands Day. The Bureau of Land Management's Roseburg District will participate in the 14th Annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on September 29, and they need your help. This nationwide event, sponsored for the ninth consecutive year by Toyota, is a day when individuals, family and groups of all ages volunteer to give back to the public lands where they hike, bike, climb, swim, picnic or just plain relax.

At the **North Bank Ranch Project**, volunteers will assist BLM resource specialists from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with camas flower planting, trail sign location, and bird box construction. Environmental education activities will be offered. All ages invited, and a T-shirt and lunch will be provided to volunteers. The North Bank area is a designated Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) for the Roseburg population of the Columbian White-tailed deer and several Special Status plant species. To help, call Chip Clough at 541-464-3369 or email Chip_Clough@blm.gov. Directions to the staging area are: Highway 138 east to milepost 15, left on North Bank Road, continue approximately 4.5 miles to main entrance of North Bank Ranch on the right.

As part of fall volunteer program efforts, the BLM will also be a partner on the **24th annual Umpqua Basin River Cleanup Day** that will take place on September 22, 2007 depending on the area to be cleaned. The Umpqua River Cleanup Committee organizes crews to clean up various Douglas County stream segments. To help with river cleanup, call Bob Hoehne at (541) 679-7077. Volunteers can pick what areas they would like to work in, and they will be fully briefed regarding potential safety hazards before starting a cleanup.

The BLM will host a **Tyee Cleanup** event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, October 4 at the Tyee Recreation Site. Following a safety briefing, volunteers will be provided bag and gloves to cleanup a one-mile stretch of bedrock that has been littered with broken bottles, cigarette butts, fishing line, and other debris. A potluck lunch is scheduled at noon. T-shirts will be provided to all participants. To help on October 4, please call Joe Ross at (541)464-3248. To get to BLMs Tyee Recreation Site, travel approximately 11.5 miles west of Sutherlin on Highway 138, cross the Umpqua River on the large Bullock Road bridge, and proceed one mile.

Past NPLD events in Douglas County have attracted many volunteers and accomplished projects throughout the County valued at over \$1.2 million. "Many of the projects would not be completed without the aid of dedicated volunteers who turn out on National Public Lands



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Day. “Volunteers are among our most respected and valued resources,” stated Jay Carlson, BLM’s Roseburg District Manager. “They pitch in and help whenever and wherever there’s a need. They bring enthusiasm and experience. Many are inspirational role models who demonstrate that citizens can truly make a difference in their communities.”

Volunteers who work at a site managed by any of five federal agencies (Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service or Forest Service) will also be rewarded with a free entry day during the next year at any public land site managed by those agencies that has a day use or entrance fee. Volunteers also receive NPLD T-shirts.

So roll up your sleeves and give a little back to your public lands. Any tools, safety equipment, or materials needed for the projects will be furnished by the BLM.

For other information or see a list of NPLD sites, activities, contacts, and downloadable photos from past events go to www.npld.com, or call 1-800-VOL-TEER (800-865-8337). Volunteer opportunities nationwide are also listed on-line at <http://www.volunteer.gov/gov>.

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