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## Volunteers Needed to Help Restore McLoughlin Canyon Trailhead on National Public Lands Day

**Tonasket, WA** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking volunteers to help restore the McLoughlin Canyon Trailhead which was damaged by a recent wild fire. The restoration work will occur on National Public Lands Day, Saturday, September 29, 2007.

When the McLoughlin Canyon area burned this summer in the Tunk Grade fire, several trail and trailhead improvements made by volunteers at last year's National Public Lands Day event were lost. Volunteers are needed to help re-establish the non-motorized trail, spread grass seed, replace burned fences, and re-sign the trail. *Volunteer projects will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m.* Tools, project materials and lunch will be provided.

Located southeast of Tonasket, WA, McLoughlin Canyon can be reached by turning right off of Hwy 97 onto the McLoughlin Canyon Road, just south of Tonasket, at Janis. Take the first left and continue along this road for approximately two miles to a parking lot on the left.

Volunteers at McLoughlin Canyon will join those at 650 other sites targeted for helping hands, coast-to-coast on National Public Lands Day (NPLD), which is the largest annual single-day volunteer restoration effort for America's public lands. Sponsored for the ninth consecutive year by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, the NPLD event gives Americans an annual chance to give back to the very lands they use to hike, bike, climb, swim, explore, picnic, or just plain relax.

"Thousands of volunteers, including those in this area, will gather on National Public Lands Day and prove how much they care about these wonderful public places," said Robb Hampton, director of National Public Lands Day. "Each year, more and more Americans come out to lend a hand on this special Saturday in September, and we invite all of you to join us."

For the fourth year in a row, volunteers who work at a site managed by any of five federal agencies will be rewarded with a pass good for free entry any day during the next year at public land sites managed by those agencies: Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and USDA Forest Service.

By educating volunteers at sites across the country, NPLD maintains the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps, an army of three million Americans who, in the 1930s, countered the devastation of the Dust Bowl and the American chestnut blight by planting more than three billion trees, building 800 state parks, and fighting forest fires.

**For more information about the McLoughlin Canyon National Public Lands Day event contact Diane Priebe at (509) 665-2100.** To see a list of all NPLD sites, activities, contacts, and downloadable photos from past events, go to the Media Center section of [www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org).

