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

**Tonasket, WA** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking volunteers to help restore the McLoughlin Canyon Trailhead that was damaged by wildfire in 2007.

The restoration work will occur on National Public Lands Day, Saturday, September 27, 2008.

**Volunteer projects will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 pm.** Tools, project materials and lunch will be provided.

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

In 2007, BLM and volunteers began restoration and rehabilitation work at the McLoughlin Canyon trailhead after the Tunk Grade fire burned through the area. This year, volunteers are needed to continue restoration efforts by helping plant trees, install an informational bulletin board, spread grass seed, re-sign the trail, pick up litter, and brush out the trail.

Volunteers who work at sites managed by the BLM, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and USDA Forest Service, will be rewarded with a pass good for free entry during the next year at public land sites managed by the participating agencies.

“Volunteers at McLoughlin Canyon will join over 120,000 Americans who are expected to celebrate National Public Lands Day, and honor the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) with a day of volunteer work in America’s parks, mountains, streams and hiking trails,” said Robert Towne, District Manager for the Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management.

National Public Lands Day is sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. for the tenth consecutive year. The National Public Lands Day 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.

To see a list of all NPLD sites, activities, contacts, and downloadable photos from past events, please visit the Media Center section of [www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org)

For more information about the McLoughlin Canyon National Public Lands Day event, contact Diane Priebe at (509) 665-2100, or visit the Spokane District web site at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/index.php>

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The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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