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Volunteers Needed to Help Clean up Douglas Creek Canyon on National Public Lands Day

WENATCHEE, WA – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking volunteers to help pick up litter, do trail and sign maintenance in Douglas Creek Canyon. The cleanup will occur on National Public Lands Day, **Saturday, September 26, 2009.**

Volunteer projects will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 pm. Tools, project materials and lunch will be provided. Volunteers are advised to wear shoes that can get wet, long pants, and sunscreen.

Located east of Waterville, Washington, the Douglas Creek area can be reached by turning south off of Highway 2 onto the “H” Road, just east of Waterville, near Douglas. Continue along this gravel road for approximately 7 miles to the gravel parking area on your right.

Volunteers at Douglas Creek will join over 120,000 Americans who are expected to celebrate National Public Lands Day, on Saturday, September 26, 2009, with a day of volunteer work in America’s parks, mountains, streams and hiking trails. National Public Lands Day is sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. for the eleventh 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.

“Thousands of volunteers across the country, including those in this area, will gather on National Public Lands Day and prove how much they care about these wonderful public places,” said Karen Kelleher, Wenatchee Field Office Manager with the Bureau of Land Management. “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 sixth 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.

For more information about the Douglas Creek National Public Lands Day event, please contact Diane Priebe at (509) 665-2100. To see a list of all Oregon/Washington BLM National Public Lands Day projects please visit www.blm.gov/or or for a complete listing of events nationwide visit www.publiclandsday.org.

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The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 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, cultural, and other resources on public lands

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