

# NEWSRelease

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

1103 N. Fancher • Spokane Valley, WA 99212 • <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane>

For Immediate Release  
October 6, 2009

Contact: Cheyne Rossbach (509) 536-1200  
Release No: OR134-FY2010-001

## Volunteers Help Clean up Douglas Creek Canyon and Escure Ranch on National Public Lands Day

**SPOKANE, WA** – Volunteers turned out for National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 26, 2009, to lend a helping hand replacing fence, building horse corrals, performing trail maintenance, and helping pick up litter at two Bureau of Land Management (BLM) managed sites, Douglas Creek Canyon and Escure Ranch Recreation Areas.



Volunteering as part of National Public Lands Day is a great way to give back to the public lands we all share.

the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, Backcountry Horsemen, and students from Eastern Washington University's Experiential Programs Inspiring Confidence (EPIC) program, helped remove old barbwire fencing, built two horse corrals, established over 180 feet of wood



Volunteers from the Backcountry Horsemen and the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council helped build two horse corrals and put in new fence at Escure Ranch Recreation Area, managed by the BLM, as part of National Public Lands Day, 2009

In Douglas Creek Canyon Recreation Area, located east of Waterville, Washington, volunteers received a presentation on railroad and pioneer history of the area before participating in a litter cleanup and maintenance of a historic rail trail. "A great time was had by all," said Diane Priebe, Recreation Planner with the Wenatchee BLM Field Office. "The work these volunteers do is really important and is a great way to give back to the public lands we all share."

At Escure Ranch Recreation Area, 25 miles southeast of Sprague, Washington, roughly 30 volunteers, some associated with



Volunteers at Escure Ranch Recreation Area helped build wood fence as part of National Public Lands Day, 2009

fence, 190 feet of wire fence, and performed trail clearing and maintenance on a road

and trail leading to Towell Falls. "The volunteers who turned out today were very enthusiastic and did excellent quality work," said Steve Smith, Outdoor Recreation Planner with the Spokane District BLM.

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.

"Each year, more and more Americans come out to lend a hand on this special Saturday in September, and this year



# NEWSRelease

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

1103 N. Fancher • Spokane Valley, WA 99212 • <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane>

Spokane District Office  
BLM



Volunteers pick up litter at Douglas Creek Canyon Recreation Area, managed by the BLM as part of National Public Lands Day, 2009.

**For more information about the Douglas Creek or Escure Ranch National Public Lands Day event, please contact Diane Priebe at (509) 665-2100 or Steve Smith at (509) 536-1200 respectively.**

To see a list of all Oregon/Washington BLM National Public Lands Day projects please visit:

[www.blm.gov/or](http://www.blm.gov/or)

or for a complete listing of events nationwide visit:

[www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org)

To view and download pictures from the Escure Ranch Recreation Area or Douglas Creek Canyon Recreation Area NPLD events, please visit the Spokane District Newsroom at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/newsroom/index.php>.

was no exception,” said Robert Towne, District Manager for the Spokane BLM.

Volunteers who work at a site managed by any of five Federal agencies as part of National Public Lands Day are rewarded with a pass good for free entry any day during the next year at public land sites managed by the following agencies: BLM, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service.



Eastern Washington University students involved with Experiential Programs Inspiring Confidence (EPIC) turned out to help clear a roadway and trail at Escure Ranch Recreation Area, managed by the BLM, as part of National Public Lands Day, 2009.

-BLM-

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

