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## Volunteers sought for National Public Lands Day 2007

PORTLAND- Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is looking for volunteers to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 29, 2007. In what has become the largest volunteer hands-on effort of its kind in the country, participants will come together to lend a hand to the very lands they use to hike, bike, climb, fish, swim, explore, picnic, or just plain relax.

Individuals, families, and community groups of all ages are encouraged to come together to give something back to their public lands. T-shirts, lunches, and environmental education activities will be provided for the volunteers at each of the project sites. All tools, safety equipment, and materials needed for the projects will be furnished by the BLM.

Day-use fees will be waived on Saturday, September 29 to encourage visitation to our nation's public lands, national forests, and grasslands as well as lands managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, and the Army Corps of Engineers. Fees for overnight camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions, recreation permits, and reservations will not be waived. In addition, all volunteers who pitch in on National Public Lands Day will be rewarded with a coupon good for a "fee-free" entry day during the next year at any public land site managed by the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service.

"We are calling on volunteers to help restore, beautify, and improve the habitats and recreation areas that we all benefit from and enjoy," said Ed Shepard, BLM State Director. "The BLM is committed to promoting awareness about citizen stewardship and increasing volunteer opportunities for the public."

National Public Lands Day is a unique public-private partnership involving many federal, state, and local land management agencies. These agencies work closely with business partners such as Toyota, and numerous non-profit organizations such as SOLV, OHV Trail Riders Association, local Watershed Councils, Oregon Natural Desert Association, and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation – to name a few.

Volunteers range from Girl Scouts and senior citizens to corporate executives and Members of Congress -- they all have one thing in common: enjoyment and appreciation for our public lands. For more information, volunteers are encouraged to visit [www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org) or for BLM specific events [www.blm.gov/or](http://www.blm.gov/or). Remember....."It's your land, lend a hand."

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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# National Public Lands Day

A National Environmental Education Foundation Program

## Oregon/Washington BLM Events September 29, 2007

### OREGON

#### Coos Bay

New River Area  
Historic site improvement and meadow restoration.  
Dennis Turowski (541) 756-0100

#### Eugene

Row River Trail/Harms Park  
Trail brushing, non-native plant removal, rehabilitation of erosion sites, sign installation.  
Doug Huntington (541) 683-6600

#### West Eugene Wetlands

Trail System  
(September 22)  
Trail maintenance, trash pick-up, weed removal, rehabilitation to erosion sites, sign installation.  
Doug Huntington (541) 683-6600

#### Medford

Cathedral Hills Trail System  
Trail/park/visitor amenity improvements, bridge construction, kiosk/sign installation.  
Barbara Zurhellen (541) 618-2200

#### Rogue River Greenway

Site restoration, weed removal, seed planting, trail work.  
Trish Lindaman (541) 618-2200

#### Salem

Upper Nestucca  
Off-Highway Vehicle Area  
(September 22)  
Sign installation, trail work.  
Debra Drake (503) 815-1100

#### Roseburg

North Bank  
Habitat Management Area  
Fence removal/placement, weed removal, instream log placement, trail work, landscaping, bird box construction.  
Evan Olson (541) 440-4930

#### Umpqua Basin Clean-up

(September 22-23, 29-30 and October 6-7)  
Clean-up of 10-15 stream, river, trail or road segments.  
Joe Ross (541) 440-4930

#### Burns

Dollarhide Aspen Exclosure  
Elk fence removal  
Tara Wilson (541) 573-4400

#### Steens Mountain Wilderness

(September 10-14)  
Fence removal  
Laura Dowlan (541) 573-4400

#### Lakeview

Picture Rock Pass  
(September 22)  
Build trail to petroglyphs site  
Kim McLean (541) 947-2177

#### Klamath Falls

Klamath River Canyon  
River clean-up, campground repair, riparian improvements, bird house construction, sign repair/painting.  
Scott Senter (541) 883-6916

#### Vale

Baker City - Virtue Flat  
Off-Highway Vehicle Play Area  
Posting trail/boundary signs, loading ramp maintenance, trash pick-up, rock crawl development.  
David Draheim (541) 473-3144

### WASHINGTON

#### Spokane

McLoughlin Canyon Historical Landscape  
Sign installation, trash clean-up, trail brushing, parking construction, overlook enhancement.  
Diane Priebe or  
Rich Bailey (509) 536-1200