PORTLAND, Ore. – As part of the Let’s Move! campaign, First Lady Michelle Obama has launched the Let’s Move Outside! initiative to encourage youth and their families to participate in outdoor physical activities both on public lands and close to home. The 18th annual National Public Lands Day is a perfect opportunity to come out and experience what our nation’s public lands have to offer!

On Saturday, Sept. 24, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is hosting numerous National Public Lands Day events across the region. All ages and abilities can get involved helping to restore, beautify, and improve the wild lands and recreation areas we all benefit from and enjoy.

“Project leaders have done a great job planning for a variety of work, fun and environmental education activities”, said Ed Shepard, BLM State Director. “The BLM is committed to providing opportunities for Americans to connect or reconnect with our nation’s outdoors.”

All tools, safety equipment, and materials needed for the projects will be furnished by the BLM. In addition, volunteers who pitch-in at a National Public Lands Day project will receive a commemorative t-shirt and a “Fee-Free Coupon,” good for free admission to a federal site. The coupon can be used anytime during the following year at sites including those managed by the BLM, the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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.

Please note that some events may occur before or after September 24, due to a conflict or another overlapping event. A complete listing of BLM events is attached. In addition, volunteers are encouraged to visit www.publiclandsday.com or www.blm.gov/or for complete information on events planned near you.

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about $1 billion, the bureau 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.

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OREGON

Coos Bay
New River
River clean-up, noxious weed removal, trail and meadow maintenance.
Kip Wright (541) 756-0100

Eugene
(October 15)
Shotgun OHV Trail System
New trail building, fence construction, sign installation.
Liz Aleman (541) 683-6600

Medford
Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Day
Fence and water trough removal in wilderness, trail rehabilitation, invasive plant eradication.
Nick Schade (541) 618-2200

McGregor Park and Visitor Center
Build and install Bluebird nesting boxes; light trail maintenance, site clean-up, nature walk.
Molly Allen (541) 618-2200

Salem
Quartzville Creek - Wild and Scenic River
Riverside clean-up, trail maintenance, campsite improvements.
Adam Milnor (503) 375-5646

Yaquina Head - Outstanding Natural Area
Beach and lighthouse clean-up, educational activities.
Jay Moeller (541) 574-3145

Roseburg
29th Annual Umpqua River Clean-up
(September 17-18 and 24-25)
Self-directed river clean-up activities.
Ariel Hiller (541) 440-4930

Burns
(Contact office for dates/times)
Steens Mountain Wilderness
Fence removal in wilderness
Tara Martinak (541) 573-4400

Wildland Juniper Management Area
Trail construction, bench and interpretive sign installation.
Tara Martinak (541) 573-4400

Radar Hill
Remove scrap metal, garbage and other debris at site; assist with OHV route maintenance, rehabilitation, and boundary marker placement.
Tara Martinak (541) 573-4400

Lakeview
Paisley Flat
Remove illegal dumping debris including appliances, scrap metal and electronic devices.
Chris Bishop (541) 947-2177

Klamath Falls
(Contact office for rescheduled date)
Bear Valley/Hamaker Mountain
Wood cutting for senior citizens; riparian enhancements and aspen tree restoration; fence and gate repairs; clean-up and beautification of area.
Mike Bechdolt (541) 883-6916

Baker City
National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center – Trail Maintenance, weed control/removal, repair and repainting of visitor benches
Sarah LeCompte (541) 523-1843

WASHINGTON

San Juan Islands
Lopez Island- Watmough Bay Trailhead
Trail and recreation site maintenance, beach clean-up and environmental education activities.
Nick Teague (360) 468-3754