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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RADAR HILL CLEAN-UP, SEPTEMBER 26

HINES, Oregon – Anyone interested in supporting healthy public lands in Harney County is encouraged to come out and volunteer on National Public Lands Day (NPLD) – Saturday, September 26.

For the second year in a row, the Burns District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is partnering with the Harney County High Desert Wheelers to celebrate NPLD at the Radar Hill Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) play area.

Dan Haak of the High Desert Wheelers said, “Last year we had 17 volunteers and we removed over 3,000 pounds of debris. We’re hoping for even more people and more success this year.”

Volunteers should meet at the Radar Hill OHV staging area at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 26. Projects for the day include trash removal, building rock cribs, posting boundary signs and learning about OHV safety and local riding opportunities. Refreshments and a fun work day are provided!

Those who participate in National Public Lands Day are rewarded with t-shirts and coupons for free entry into their favorite federal public land areas that have entrance fees. The coupon is good for a "fee-free" day at any site managed by Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or USDA Forest Service. The coupon is usable for one year-- from September 26, 2009 to September 25, 2010.

National Public Lands Day is the nation’s largest hands-on volunteer effort to enhance the public lands. In 2008, 120,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and planted over 1.6 million trees at sites throughout the country.

For more information about the Radar Hill OHV play area project, contact Dan Haak at (541) 495- 2429 or Brett Page at (541) 573-4534.

About the 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.

