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## **Do Your Part to Preserve and Protect the Wood River Wetland**

**Klamath Falls, OR** – The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Klamath Falls Resource Area is seeking volunteers for its 16<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Lands Day event that will be held on Saturday, September 26.

This event will involve the completion of multiple restoration projects throughout the Wood River Wetland. Volunteers are needed to plant native vegetation, maintain bird boxes, remove weeds, install trail markers and clear vegetation surrounding native cottonwoods for their protection.

Volunteers should arrive at the Wood River Wetland by 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the event. The Wood River Wetland is located approximately 30 miles north of Klamath Falls on Modoc Point Road, at the north end of Agency Lake.

Following an informational and safety briefing, volunteers will perform assigned tasks at various locations. At approximately 1:00 p.m., the group will reassemble for a free barbecue. The event will conclude with each participant receiving a complimentary National Public Lands Day t-shirt and a “fee-free” coupon good throughout the next year for admittance to one recreation site managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM or Army Corps of Engineers.

Volunteers should bring the following items for their personal safety and comfort: sweatshirt or medium weight jacket, layered shirts, long pants, sturdy shoes, work gloves and a hat with brim. Optional items include insect repellent, sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses and bandanna. Work gloves, drinking water and snacks will be provided.

“This year’s National Public Lands Day theme is water,” said Scott Senter, Outdoor Recreation Planner. “This event presents a great opportunity for the general public to assist the BLM in protecting and preserving local wetlands we all benefit from and enjoy.”

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with approximately 700 volunteers refurbishing and maintaining public lands within a few states. Last year nearly 120,000 volunteers worked at 1,800 event locations across all 50 states. One of the main objectives of National Public Lands Day is to educate Americans about environmental and natural resource issues and the need for shared stewardship of our public lands. Further, it promotes public sector and local community partnerships as volunteers and land managers identify mutual interests through the completion of hands-on restoration projects.

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Individuals interested in participating in these activities should register with the BLM by September 22. For more information about the Wood River Wetland National Public Lands Day event, please call the BLM at (541) 883-6916.

#### 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.

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