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Two National Public Lands Day Events on September 29

Medford, Ore. – This year the Bureau of Land Management is pleased to announce not one, but two National Public Lands Day events! National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands. In 2012, NPLD will be held on Saturday, September 29.

The NPLD began in 1994 with three sites and 700 volunteers. It proved to be a huge success and NPLD became a yearly tradition, typically held on the last Saturday in September. Since the first NPLD, the event has grown by leaps and bounds. In 2011, more than 170,000 volunteers worked at 2,067 sites in every state, the District of Columbia and in many U.S. territories.

Upper Rogue River Cleanup: Join the BLM, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Upper Rogue Watershed Association for collaborative riverbank and stream cleanup of the Upper Rogue River from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers should meet at the Upper Rogue Regional Park in Shady Cove (7660 Rogue River Drive, next to the Edgewater Inn) at 9:00 a.m. Teams will disperse from there to access points ranging from the fish hatchery to Taklema Park at Lost Creek Lake. Bring appropriate clothing and a snack. Gloves, bags, and water will be provided. There will also be a picnic lunch provided at the Upper Rogue Regional Park from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For those interested in learning more about the natural and cultural history of the Upper Rogue region, the McGregor Park Visitor Center at Lost Creek Lake, will be open for exploration from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Soda Mountain Wilderness Restoration: Come and help with the restoration of Soda Mountain Wilderness within the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument by removing unneeded fencing and other debris at the historic Box O Ranch! Monument biologists and resource specialists will be on hand to answer questions about the area and discuss the monument's spectacular biodiversity. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Cascade Siskiyou Information Center next to the Green Springs Inn on Highway 66 to carpool to the project site. Please wear sturdy boots or shoes, dress appropriately for the weather conditions, and bring a lunch and plenty of water.

More information about the NPLD is available online at: <http://www.publiclandsday.org>

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. 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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