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National Public Lands Day and Oregon Archaeology Celebration

Medford, Ore. -- The public is invited to “lend a hand” on Saturday, September 14, 2013, at a National Public Lands Day (NPLD) work party on Upper Table Rock, followed by an Oregon Archaeology Celebration talk and tour of the World War II Camp White site.

Registration for NPLD begins at 8:30 a.m. at the project area located on Antioch Road, approximately two miles north of the Upper Table Rock Trailhead. The Camp White talk and tour will start about 1:00 p.m.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to roll up their sleeves and help The Nature Conservancy and the Bureau of Land Management remove fence to benefit wildlife habitat on Upper Table Rock. The project will entail cutting and rolling wire fence and removing fence posts. Bring the whole family, as there will be activities for kids as well.

Following the fence pull, join BLM’s archaeologist and Camp White Museum personnel to learn about Camp White, known as the ‘Alcatraz’ of boot camps, and what those odd looking ‘pillboxes’ were used for during World War II training activities.

Tools and drinking water will be provided, and NPLD volunteers will receive lunch and a free NPLD t-shirt. Please come prepared with long pants, long-sleeved shirts, boots, gloves and sunscreen, and be able to hike on uneven terrain.

Participants are welcome to join one or both of the day’s events. To plan for enough tools and lunches for the NPLD work party, please RSVP to Trish Lindaman at (541) 618-2266, or tlindama@blm.gov.

More information about National Public Lands Day is available online at:

<http://www.publiclandsday.org/>

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