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## **National Public Lands Day:** ***Rogue River Corridor Enhancement***

Medford, Ore. -- Volunteers of all ages are invited to participate in the 2010 National Public Lands Day. The Grants Pass Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is hosting a volunteer workday to enhance the Recreation Section of the Rogue River on Saturday, September 25, 2010. Volunteers, in partnership with the BLM, Josephine County Parks, SOLV (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism), and Clean Forest Project will roll up their sleeves and spend the day sprucing up the Rogue River Corridor.

Not only is the BLM celebrating the 17<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Lands Day, but also the 10th birthday of the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System. The Rogue River is a unit of the National Landscape Conservation System which encompasses more than 27 million acres and includes 886 Federally-recognized areas.

With the help of volunteers, the BLM will work to improve many of these features through trail maintenance, campsite cleanup, day use area enhancements, litter pickup, and noxious weed removal. Registration and project sign-ups begin at 9:00 a.m. the day of the event at the Sims Picnic Shelter, Indian Mary Park, approximately 11 miles from I-5 out Merlin Galice Road.

Tools, snacks, and refreshments will be provided. All volunteers will receive a NPLD T-shirt, "Take It Outside" ball cap, and other giveaways for participating! Everyone is also invited to attend the volunteer appreciation luncheon afterwards. Volunteers need to bring gloves and sunscreen. For safety reasons (poison oak, thorny brush, ticks, etc.) volunteers are recommended to wear long pants, long sleeve shirts, and boots.

### **Schedule for the day:**

9:00-9:30 Registration and project assignments  
9:30-9:45 Orientation and safety briefing  
9:45-1:30 Enhancement projects  
1:45-2:00 Project wrap up and return to Sims Shelter  
2:00-3:00 Volunteer appreciation luncheon & raffle

### **Driving Directions:**

- From I-5 North or South bound take Exit 61.
- Turn on to the Merlin Galice Road.
- Travel 11 miles to the park entrance on right.
- Follow the National Public Lands Day signs.
- Registration will take place at **Sims Shelter**.

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Additional information regarding recreation in Medford is available online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/recreation/activities.php>



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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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