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**Media Advisory**  
**Volunteers sought for National Public Lands Day 2009**

**LOCATION-** Roseburg District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is looking for volunteers to participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Lands Day on Friday, September 25, 2009. In what has become the largest volunteer hands-on effort of its kind in the country, participants are invited to come together to lend a hand to the very lands they use to hike, bike, climb, fish, swim, explore, picnic, or just plain relax.

**What:** National Public Lands Day – Red Top Pond Clean-up, Trail Brushing, and Invasive Plant Removal

**When:** Friday, September 25, 2009

**Who:** You, your friends, your family, your neighbor, anyone who can bend and walk and carry five to ten pounds

**Where:** meet at the BLM office at 8:30 am to carpool to Red Top Pond or join us at the Pond at 9:30 am, (free maps to work site available at BLM office)

**Why:** A sense of accomplishment, a free T-shirt, a delicious lunch, an overall feeling of stewardship for our public lands

**What else:** Please bring a water bottle, wear sturdy shoes and weather appropriate clothing, and bring leather work gloves if you have them

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T-shirts, lunches, and environmental education activities will be provided for the volunteers at the project sites. All tools, safety equipment, and materials needed for the projects will be furnished by the BLM.

“We are calling on volunteers to help restore, beautify, and improve the habitats and recreation areas that we all benefit from and enjoy”, said Jay Carlson, BLM District



Manager. “The BLM is committed to promoting stewardship and increasing volunteer opportunities for the public.”

Volunteers at federal sites will not only receive free admission on the day of the event, but also a coupon to return for a “fee-free” day any time in the next year at any site managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Volunteers range from Girl Scouts and senior citizens to corporate executives and Members of Congress -- they all have one thing in common: enjoyment and appreciation for our public lands.

As part of fall volunteer program efforts, the BLM will also be a partner on the **26th Annual Umpqua Basin River Cleanup Day** that will take place on September 19, 2009. The Umpqua River Cleanup Committee organizes crews to clean up various Douglas County stream segments. To help with river cleanup, call Bob Hoehne at (541) 679-7077. Volunteers can pick what areas they would like to work in, and they will be fully briefed regarding potential safety hazards before starting a cleanup. Gloves and bags are provided.

Please visit [www.publiclandsday.com](http://www.publiclandsday.com) or [www.blm.gov/or](http://www.blm.gov/or) for a complete listing of events planned across the state or for information on events planned near you.

The BLM manages more land – 256 million surface 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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