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Come Help Improve the North Umpqua Trail

Roseburg, Ore. – Join us on September 24, 2016, to help improve the North Umpqua Trail near Bob's Butte in celebration of National Public Lands Day. This event is part of hundreds of events occurring across the nation in celebration of National Public Lands Day.

Volunteers will gather at the Susan Creek Day Use Area at 8:30 a.m. and begin hiking at about 9:00 a.m. to the work site. The trail into the work site is about two miles and relatively flat. We anticipate returning to Susan Creek by 1:30 p.m.

The Susan Creek Day Use Area is located about 29 miles east of Roseburg, on Highway 138. "Volunteers will get the chance to learn about trail maintenance techniques" said Suzanne Shelp, Outdoor Recreation Planner for the Roseburg District. "We will be removing excess vegetation and improving the trail using hand tools."

The BLM will provide all necessary equipment and water. Please wear sturdy shoes; sunscreen and long sleeved shirt and long pants are recommended. Each volunteer will receive a t-shirt and lunch for their participation.

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the 70th anniversary of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The FLPMA is the act which gives the BLM its authority to engage volunteers. In 2015, more than 25,000 volunteers nationwide served over 1 million hours with the BLM.

Information on the North Umpqua Trail can be found at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/recreation/umpquatrails/>

Please contact Suzanne Shelp at 541-464-3291 or sshelp@blm.gov for further information.

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