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## BLM Seeks Volunteers for National Public Lands Day Event at Cowiche Canyon

*Wenatchee, WA* – In recognition of the 20th Anniversary of National Public Lands Day (NPLD), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Cowiche Canyon Conservancy (CCC) are seeking up to 20 volunteers willing to lend a hand on Saturday, September 27, 2014. Volunteers will help build and maintain trails, pick-up litter and perform sign maintenance at the new Summitview trailhead in Cowiche Canyon. Cowiche Canyon is located just west of Yakima, Washington and is cooperatively managed by the BLM and CCC.

Individuals interested in helping are asked to meet at 9 a.m. on Sept. 27 in the parking lot behind the Harmon Senior Center at 101 N. 65th Avenue in Yakima. Due to project logistics and needs, only the first 20 volunteers can be accommodated. Volunteers will be transported back to the Center by 1 p.m. Tools, project materials and refreshments will be provided. Participants are encouraged to wear closed toe shoes, long pants, and to bring gloves and sunscreen.

Volunteers lending a hand at Cowiche Canyon on Sept. 27 will join over 180,000 Americans who are expected to celebrate National Public Lands Day. This year's event marks the 20th consecutive year of establishing a designated day of volunteer work in America's parks, mountains, streams and hiking trails. The NPLD event gives Americans an annual chance to give back to the very lands they use to hike, bike, climb, swim, explore, picnic, or just plain relax.

"Thousands of volunteers, including those in this area, will gather on National Public Lands Day and prove how much they care about these wonderful public places," said Robb Hampton, with the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEETF). "Each year, more and more Americans come out to lend a hand on this special Saturday in September, and we invite all of you to join us."

As a thank you for their support, volunteers participating in any NPLD event at sites managed by the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or the U.S. Forest Service will receive a one-day pass waiving the entry fee to any public land site managed by those agencies.

For more information about the Cowiche Canyon National Public Lands Day event contact Diane Priebe with the Wenatchee BLM Field Office at (509) 665-2131. To learn more about NPLD, please visit the Media Center section of <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. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2013, the BLM generated \$4.7 billion in receipts from public lands.

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