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VALE DISTRICT BLM SOUNDS THE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Vale, Ore. – In observance of National Public Lands Day (NPLD) the Vale BLM District is seeking volunteers to join us at the Leslie Gulch Special Recreation Management Area for an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and experience what our public lands have to offer.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of projects including weed mapping and removal, light trail brushing and general recreation site maintenance at several trailheads and Slocum Creek Campground and Boat Ramp.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Slocum Creek Campground at 9:00 a.m.

Leslie Gulch is home to volcanic ash tuff formations, rare plants and wildlife such as bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain elk, bobcats and a variety of bird and reptile species. Volunteers are encouraged to explore the area following the cleanup.

Volunteers are advised to bring long sleeve shirts, long pants, boots, hat, sunscreen, leather gloves, and insect repellent. Water will be available, but volunteers are advised to bring their own container. Bringing a lunch and snack is also highly recommended as the site is far from any stores or restaurants.

- **Who:** Bureau of Land Management, Vale District
- **What:** National Public Lands Day Volunteer Opportunity
- **Where:** The Leslie Gulch Recreation Management Area
- **When:** Saturday, September 27th, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Directions: Head south on US 95 for 27 miles from Homedale, ID to Leslie Gulch Recreation Area turnoff (McBride Creek Rd.), then west for 25 miles to the Leslie Gulch Recreation Area and Slocum Creek Campground.

For more information on National Public Lands Day visit <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>.

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