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National Public Lands Day Call for Volunteers

Vale, Ore., September 21, 2015 – The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Vale District is asking for volunteers to help out at the 21st Annual National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 26.

This year, the volunteer activity will be cleaning up the Owyhee River corridor by removing trash and clearing debris. Bird houses will also be installed at the Watchable Wildlife Viewing Area. The volunteer activities will be concluded by a presentation on the recreation activities available in and around the Owyhee River.

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands.

On NPLD more than 175,000 volunteers and park visitors celebrated at more than 2,100 public land sites in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Make sure to connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram or sign up for our newsletter to stay posted!

NPLD began in 1994 with three sites and 700 volunteers. It proved to be a huge success and became a yearly tradition, typically held on the last Saturday in September. Since the first NPLD, the event has grown by leaps and bounds.

In 2014, about 175,000 volunteers worked at 2,132 sites in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Volunteers can meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 26 at the Watchable Wildlife Viewing Area on the Owyhee River below the dam. The area is about 80 miles west of Boise and 20 miles west of Adrian, Oregon. Gloves and bags will be provided for trash pickup as well as tools for installation of the bird houses, but volunteers are encouraged to bring water and snacks as desired.

Additional information about National Public Lands Day is available online at:

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 and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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