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BLM Designates National Public Lands Day as a “Fee Free Day”

The Bureau of Land Management will waive recreation-related fees for visitors on Saturday, September 26, 2009, which is National Public Lands Day. Site entrance/standard amenity and individual day-use fees will be waived on this day; however, other fees, such as those for group day use, overnight camping, and cabin rentals, will remain in effect.

Five of the Federal NPLD participating agencies (the BLM, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and Army Corps of Engineers), in conjunction with the Take Pride in America Program and the National Environmental Education Foundation, will also present “fee-free coupons” to NPLD volunteers in recognition of their invaluable service to the nation’s public lands. The 2009 coupon will entitle recipients and their families or vehicle companions to one “fee-free” day at a participating Federal recreation or visitor site of their choice within one calendar year beginning on September 27, 2009.

Coupons will be issued to any NPLD volunteers, age 16 years or older, who are participants in a registered NPLD event. The coupons will be accepted at any fee site where the America the Beautiful-National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands pass (Interagency Annual Pass, Senior Pass, and Access Pass), Golden Age passport, Golden Access passport, or daily/annual site passes are accepted. At the time of redemption, the holder of the coupon must surrender it to the appropriate BLM recreation or visitor site staff member.

The BLM manages more land – 256 million 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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