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## **National Public Lands Day September 26, 2009 Volunteers Needed This Saturday At: The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center**

**BAKER CITY, OREGON-**This Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would like to invite the public to participate in a National Public Lands Day event at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (NHOTIC) from 08:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. National Public Lands Day is an annual event for individuals, families and groups of all ages to volunteer to help care for America's public lands.

“One of the highlights of this event is the participation of volunteers,” Sarah LeCompte National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Manager, said. “The quality and amount of work that gets done by volunteers on this day is remarkable. Volunteers can and do make a difference on our public lands.”

BLM staff have identified several work projects, from easy; low to moderate physical exertion and skills that can be easily taught to and done in an hour to the more difficult; requiring strength and ability to work with hand tools and wheelbarrows taking from one hour to several hours.

Volunteers will gather at the NHOTIC wagon encampment site near the parking lot at 8:00 a.m. A BLM staff member will register you for the event. Volunteers will be able to choose their task, pick up any tools, safety equipment and materials for their projects and receive a safety briefing. Snacks and water will be provided throughout the day. The dedicated partner group, The Trail Tenders, will provide lunch at noon for all volunteers. In addition, on Saturday fees will be waived for admission into NHOTIC

For further information about this planned event contact Mark Wilkening at the Vale District at 541-473-6218 or Sarah LeCompte at NHOTIC at 541-523-1825 or visit the Vale District website at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale).

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The BLM manages more land – 258 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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