

**Dear Friends:**

You are cordially invited to help celebrate some of our National Treasures on **October 27th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.** during the National Public Lands Day celebration on Fort Ord National Monument. This free event is family-friendly and is co-sponsored by the Army's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office and Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is a nationwide celebration where citizens can show their appreciation for public lands and parks, and lend a hand in improving their condition. While this is the 10<sup>th</sup> annual event at Fort Ord, it is the 1st event since Fort Ord was designated as a National Monument. Here is what we have planned:

- **Native Seed Collection** – Great for all ages
- **Trail Fine-Tuning** – A bit of a hike up a new trail (Redrock)
- **Remove Black Mustard** - Manual weed removal on a beautiful ridge
- **Bike Ride and Clip** – Co-Hosted by Monterey Off-Road Cycling Association. Show up with your bike and go for a group “ride and clip”.

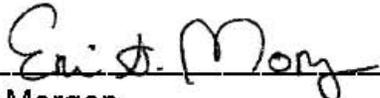


**Guided Hike into the Range Area** – Sneak peek tour of the Army range area. This isn't a work project, but we are offering this fun activity to inspire Monument Friends on what is still left to come. Registration for hike is appreciated (limited to 55 people, no dogs allowed) by signing up here: >[www.fortfriends.net](http://www.fortfriends.net) or [www.ftordbeta.org](http://www.ftordbeta.org)  
Hike is co-hosted by BETA and FORT Friends.

*Gloves and water will be provided. Wear work clothes (maybe a hat). Please leave pets at home.*

All volunteers and Guided Hikers should follow the “BLM Special Event” signs to the event venues that are shown on the map. These signs will be posted beginning at Light Fighter Drive (the main Fort Ord entrance from Highway 1), and the Imjin Road and Reservation Road intersection.

Following the volunteer work projects and guided hike that last for three hours, please join us for hosted lunch at the BLM picnic site located at the intersection of Jacks Road and Skyline Road. There will be food, entertainment and music from noon to 3:00 p.m. For further information on National Public Lands Day, feel free to contact Tammy Jakl, Park Ranger, at (831)394-8314. We hope to see you out there for a fun-filled day!

  
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