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BLM's National Public Lands Day a success

Craig, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management's recognition of Public Lands Day, held September 29, 2012, was heralded a success by the volunteers and employees who participated in the event held in the Sand Wash Basin Herd Management Area northwest of Maybell in Moffat County. BLM thanks the participants who spent much of the day removing over 2,500 lbs. of trash from the HMA.

“Not only did this event show the support of the local community and visitors from the Denver Area, but it helped in the health and safety of visitors who recreate in Sand Wash and to the wild horses that occupy this very unique area. Without volunteer support, we would not be able to accomplish the maintenance and improvements to our public lands,” said Wendy Reynolds, BLM Little Snake Field Manager.

Approximately 60 volunteers contributed their time this year, making it the largest turnout ever for the Little Snake Field Office NPLD. BLM provided cultural and other presentations along with raffle prizes and refreshments.

NPLD is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands that attracts over 170,000 volunteers across the United States. NPLD began in 1994 with three sites and 700 volunteers. This year's NPLD event was the largest in history with more than 2,100 sites participating. Events were held in every state, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and Guam. For the fourth year in a row, President Barack Obama issued a proclamation recognizing National Public Lands Day.

More information on this year's event is available on the BLM Little Snake website at: <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/lisfo/news.html> .

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