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Volunteers sought for National Public Lands Day projects

SALIDA, Colo. – Are you looking for an opportunity to help in the conservation and preservation of public lands? The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, jointly managed by the BLM and Colorado State Parks, is seeking volunteers to help out with two National Public Lands Day (NPLD) projects on Saturday, Sept. 26.

The “Arkansas Headwaters Campsite Crackdown” is a Colorado State Park volunteer project. It involves removing user-created rock fire rings, picking up trash, and raking the area to restore dispersed campsites to their natural state. Volunteers will work in the Elephant Rock, Riverside, and Stone Cabin areas along the Arkansas River north of Buena Vista. Volunteers will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Railroad Bridge campground. The campground is located off County Road 371 about six miles north of Buena Vista.

The second is a BLM volunteer project to work on the T6034 trail in the Fourmile Recreation Area. Volunteers for this project will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Midland Trail Kiosk. The kiosk is located off County Road 304, which is accessed off Hwy 24/285 east of Buena Vista.

Volunteers will need to bring their own work gloves, sunscreen, and water and wear sturdy boots. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required for either project. To register or get more information call the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area office at 719-539-7289.

“National Public Lands Day is a special event that heightens public awareness about the conservation and preservation of our public lands. The volunteer services provided by individuals, clubs and organizations throughout the year augment our ability to improve and enhance public lands and facilities. If you have a desire to get involved in volunteering, NPLD provides that opportunity!” said Linda McGlothlen, acting Field Manager for the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with three federal agencies and 700 volunteers. Now eight federal agencies and many state and local lands participate in this annual event. Last year, NPLD had projects in every state engaging the services of more than 100,000 volunteers. The BLM and Colorado State Parks through the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area recognizes NPLD each year with a variety of volunteer opportunities. To find out more about NPLD go to www.publiclandsday.org.

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