



BLM News Release

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Cañon City Foot and Bicycle Trail National Public Lands Day BLM volunteer opportunity

CAÑON CITY, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office is looking for volunteers to help with a National Public Lands Day (NPLD) project on Oct. 16 for the ongoing construction of a five-mile mountain bike and foot trail on BLM lands southwest of Cañon City.

This project was proposed and developed by the Lower Arkansas Mountain Bike Association (LAMBA). Volunteers from LAMBA and students from the Garden Park High School in Cañon City have been working on the construction of the three-mile lower loop portion of this trail since spring of this year. The lower loop trail upon completion will traverse through open piñon and juniper woodlands and provide users with a moderately challenging workout.

When the five-mile foot and mountain bike trail is completed, it will offer a fantastic view of the geologic features surrounding Cañon City.

“Volunteers expand our capacity to increase recreational opportunities on public lands. LAMBA’s proposal provided an excellent opportunity for the BLM to develop a trail that gives the public quick access to the outdoors, enjoy the scenery, and get a good workout,” noted Keith Berger, Royal Gorge Field Manager.

Date: Oct. 16

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: BLM Trail 527A; off Temple Canyon Road, Cañon City, Colorado.

Directions: Take Highway 50 West to Cañon City. From the first stoplight (MacKenzie Ave.), drive four miles to 1st Street and turn left (Veteran's Park); continue for one mile past the Greenwood Cemetery and turn right onto Temple Canyon Road; continue 1.5 miles past the junkyard and radio towers to the pull off on the right, which is the trailhead parking area.

Activities: Moderate. Work will include vegetation removal and trail construction.

What to bring: Gloves; appropriate clothing and footwear; hat; sunscreen; and a lunch. Water will be provided.

Eligibility: Open enrollment; age 18+. Youth under 16 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Registration: Either before or at the meeting site. All volunteers will need to fill out a volunteer agreement.

For additional information contact Linda Skinner at 719-269-8732 or visit our Web site at www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/Recreation.html.