



BLM News Release

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Shelf Road National Public Lands Day BLM volunteer opportunity

CAÑON CITY, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office and the Rocky Mountain Field Institute are looking for volunteers to help with a National Public Lands Day project; Shelf Road Volunteer Weekend scheduled for Oct. 9 and 10. This is an annual fall project made possible through a partnership with the Rocky Mountain Field Institute and the Access Fund's Adopt-A-Crag.

The project includes trail construction, repair, and maintenance on the trails at the Shelf Road climbing area. Volunteers will be working with BLM and RMFI personnel to construct rock steps, retaining walls, and other structures. This project is a great opportunity for folks who recreate in this area to participate in the maintenance and improvements of their public lands.

“National Public Lands Day celebrates service and recreation on public lands. This is the 18th anniversary for the Shelf Road volunteer weekend event and I want to personally thank all the volunteers, RMFI, and Adopt-A-Crag whose efforts over the years have made a difference in the quality of the recreational experience in this area,” commended Keith Berger, Royal Gorge Field Manager.

When: Oct. 9 and 10; 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Saturday & Sunday). Volunteers may participate in one or both days.

Where: Shelf Road recreation area north of Cañon City, Colo.

Directions: Will be provided upon registration.

Activities: Strenuous. Come prepared to move lots of rock and dirt.

What to bring: Water bottle, sack lunch, work gloves, and rain gear. Be sure to wear sturdy and weather-appropriate clothes, work shoes or boots (NO open-toe shoes), and sunscreen.

Eligibility: Open enrollment; age 16+.

Registration: Please register by phone at 719-471-7736 or email at rmfi@rmfi.org. All volunteers will need to fill out a release waiver through RMFI prior to the event. A copy of the release waiver for this event can be obtained at the RMFI Web site at <http://rmfi.org/?id=38>.

For additional information contact Kalem Lenard at 719-269-8538 or visit our Web site at www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/Recreation.html for this and other volunteer project opportunities.