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Local Volunteers Celebrate National Public Lands Day

MONTROSE, Colo. - On September 24, 2011, more than 180,000 volunteers at over 2,000 sites throughout the United States are expected to volunteer to help restore the beauty and vitality of our public lands as part of the 18th Annual National Public Lands Day. Local volunteers are invited to work with the Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office, based in Montrose, in the Dry Creek area and in the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area.

In Dry Creek, volunteers will plant riparian species, prepare and reseed areas, install a flat wire fence and move boulders to limit an ATV trail. Volunteers for the Dry Creek project will meet from 8-8:30 a.m. at the Montrose Public Lands Center, 2465 S. Townsend Ave for bagels and coffee before carpooling to Dry Creek.

In the Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area, volunteers and staff will remove an unnecessary fence and conduct trail maintenance. Volunteers for the Gunnison Gorge will meet at the Smith Mountain trailhead from 8:30-9 a.m. for bagels, coffee and orientation before heading to the project area.

All volunteers must register in order to participate by contacting Katie Grablander, Volunteer Coordinator, at 970-240-5308. Lunch and National Public Lands Day t-shirts will be provided for all volunteers at both projects.

One of every three acres of land in the United States—nearly 600 million acres—belongs to the public. These lands are the country's special, one-of-a-kind natural resources. Since 1994, on a Saturday in late September, thousands of volunteers visit their favorite public places for a day-long, coast-to-coast effort to preserve and improve the lands they love as part of National Public Lands Day.

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