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## Volunteers Needed for Local National Public Lands Day Event

**Lakeview** – The Lakeview District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Fremont-Winema National Forests will host a local National Public Lands Day event on Saturday, September 15, 2007. It will involve the completion of restoration projects throughout the Bullard Canyon area. Local volunteers are needed to assist the two agencies with posting signage along hiking trails and seeding roadsides disturbed by recent construction.

“I encourage Lakeview-area residents to be a part of this proud tradition,” said Kim McLean, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner. “It is an opportunity for them to give back to the lands they utilize for recreational purposes.”

Individuals interested in volunteering must arrive at the park adjacent to the Lakeview Public Swimming Pool by 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the event. Following an informational and safety briefing, workers will be transported to various locations to perform assigned tasks. At noon, the group will reassemble at the park for a free catered lunch. The event will conclude with each participant receiving a complimentary National Public Lands Day t-shirt in recognition of their efforts.

The following is a list of items volunteers should bring for their personal safety and comfort: work gloves; sturdy shoes, such as hiking boots, with built in ankle support; long pants; layered shirts, including a short and long sleeve t-shirt; sweatshirt or medium weight jacket; and a hat with brim. Optional personal items include insect repellent, sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses, and bandanna or handkerchief. Drinking water will be provided.

National Public Lands Day is the largest volunteer hands-on restoration effort of its kind in the country. Held in September of each year, the event brings together thousands of individual and organizational volunteers across the nation to refurbish and restore the country's public lands. It affords public land users the opportunity to get outside and engage in activities that will preserve and protect their favorite places for enjoyment by them and future generations.

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The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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