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“Lend a Hand” to the Completion of Local Restoration Projects

Christmas Valley –The Lakeview Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking volunteers to participate in its 15th annual National Public Lands Day event on Saturday, September 20.

Maintenance projects will be completed throughout the Christmas Valley Sand Dunes and Lost Forest areas. Workers are needed to repair fencing, install a kiosk, replace signs, remove evidence of site disturbance and conduct general cleanup.

Individuals from Lakeview interested in volunteering must arrive at the Lakeview Interagency Office (1301 South G Street) by 7:00 a.m. on the morning of the event to be transported to the project site. All other participants must meet at Junipers Camping Area by 8:30 a.m. Following an informational and safety briefing, workers will perform assigned tasks at various locations. At noon, the group will reassemble at the camping area for a free lunch. The event will conclude with each participant receiving a complimentary National Public Lands Day t-shirt and “fee-free” coupon good throughout the next year at any site managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM or Army Corps of Engineers.

The following is a list of items volunteers should bring for their personal safety and comfort: sweatshirt or medium weight jacket, layered shirts, long pants, sturdy shoes, work gloves and a hat with brim. Optional personal items include insect repellent, sunscreen, lip balm, sunglasses and bandanna. Drinking water will be provided.

“I encourage everyone to participate in this proud tradition,” said Kim McLean, outdoor recreation planner. “It is an opportunity to enhance these recreation sites for everyone’s benefit and enjoyment. Remember.....It’s your land, lend a hand.”

National Public Lands Day is the largest volunteer hands-on restoration effort of its kind in the country. Held each September, 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 preserve and protect their favorite places for enjoyment by current and future generations.

Volunteers are asked to RSVP to Kim McLean by September 17, so food and travel arrangements may be finalized in advance of this event. For additional information and to signup, contact Kim at (541) 947-6185.

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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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