



News Release

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Volunteers Needed for Lamoille Clean-up

Wells, Nevada...In celebration of National Public Lands Day on September 27, 2008, local, state, federal, and county agencies and organizations are seeking volunteers to clean-up and restore the Lamoille Canyon Scenic Area for this year's project. A coalition of partners is pooling resources to:

- Remove hazardous fencing;
- Provide dispersed camping cleanup and maintenance;
- Sand and refinish benches; and,
- Perform trail maintenance.

The partnership sponsoring the event includes Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group, Nevada State Parks, U.S. Forest Service, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

"Just 30 minutes from Elko, Lamoille Canyon Scenic Area provides a green respite from the surrounding area's sparse desert ecosystem," said David Ashby, Acting District Ranger. Ashby added, "Along the scenic byway's 12 miles, you'll pass by granite cliffs, sweeping vistas, and a well-preserved ecosystem. This is a great opportunity for people to get involved in protecting one of the National Forest's finest designated scenic areas."

Volunteers are asked to meet at the Powerhouse Picnic Area covered pavilion at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 27. Volunteers should bring rakes, shovels, pruning shears, loppers, and gloves, if they have them. All participants will get a National Park Pass Gift Certificate, tee-shirt, and Dutch oven lunch arranged by Elko Bill Roach, Elko Interagency Dispatch Center Manager.

Scouts, 4-H, civic and youth groups, sportsmen's groups, and church groups are invited to participate and sign-up early. The public is also encouraged to sign-up. For more information, look at the National Public Lands Day website at <http://www.publiclandsday.org>, or, to sign-up, contact Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Project Coordinators Troy Armstrong at 775-752-3357, or Doug Clarke at 775-778-6127.

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