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## **National Public Lands Day draws area volunteers**

MILES CITY, Mont. --- The Bureau Of Land Management's Miles City Field Office hosted its 2006 National Public Lands Day event north of Terry, drawing over 50 volunteers from across eastern Montana, including Miles City, Terry, Baker and Glendive Sept. 30.

The annual event was held on the Calypso Trail, located on BLM-managed land. Volunteers installed a gate, erected an interpretive kiosk, picked up litter and performed trail maintenance. Over \$4000 in associated labor costs were donated as a result.

According to Harvey Wolff, NPLD event coordinator, volunteers gathered over 15 cubic yards of trash and rusty wire, later hauled to a nearby landfill for disposal.

"We are pleased to have these folks show up to take an interest to preserve and protect their public lands," said Wolff, "We appreciate all their hard work and effort."

Part of the project area included a foot-trail leading to the locally renowned "Natural Bridges", several horizontal sandstone monoliths exposed by erosion which span a ravine. The Natural Bridges were made famous in several photographs captured by Evelyn Cameron, British immigrant and photographer of Prairie County during the late 1800's and early 1900's.

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual 2006 NPLD event was predicted to see a record 100,000 volunteers, expected at over 1,000 sites coast to coast across the United States. National Public Lands Day is the largest volunteer, hands-on effort of its kind in the country and volunteers and sponsors annually contribute more than \$10 million worth of improvements to public lands country-wide.

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## Photos and Cutlines:

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(R to L) BLM employee Brian Lynnes steadies a gate for installation as volunteers Morgan Jacobsen and Phillip Estep assist, during National Public Lands Day held at the BLM-administered Calypso Trail in Prairie County Sept. 30. The Miles City Field Office-sponsored event was among around 1,000 other such events held nationwide.



National Public Lands Day volunteers pose for a group photo Sept. 30 prior to starting work on the BLM-administered Calypso Trail, located northwest of Terry. Volunteers represented Miles City, Terry, Baker and Glendive. Over \$4,000 in associated labor costs were donated on the behalf of public lands by the volunteers.



National Public Lands Day volunteers Morgan Jacobsen, Phillip Estep and Parker Schmitz pause alongside one of the Natural Bridges during National Public Lands Day held Sept. 30 on BLM-administered land in Prairie County. Volunteers installed a gate, performed trail maintenance, erected an interpretive kiosk and hauled away refuse during the 13<sup>th</sup> annual nation-wide event.



(L to R) Jon Seekins, Mike Wade and Parker Schmitz ready a section of fence prior to installing a gate as part of a National Public Lands Day project Sept. 30. The event was among over 1,000 other events held nationally, designed to promote public involvement and stewardship regarding public lands across the U.S.



National Public Lands Day volunteers tamp dirt and position an interpretive kiosk as part of several work projects conducted Sept. 30 on BLM-managed land northwest of Terry. Volunteers installed a gate, performed trail maintenance and hauled away refuse during the 13<sup>th</sup> annual nation-wide event.