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National Public Lands Day Volunteer Opportunity

Klamath Falls – The Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will host a local National Public Lands Day event on Saturday, September 15, 2007. It will involve the completion of maintenance projects at the Topsy Campground and other locations within the Klamath River Canyon. Local volunteers are needed to assist the BLM with repairing fences, installing bird and bat boxes, planting shrubs, painting picnic tables, raking grounds, and performing other maintenance tasks.

“This event is a great opportunity for volunteers from the general public, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and high school honor societies to assist the BLM in protecting and preserving local recreation and natural resource areas,” explained Scott Senter, BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner.

Individuals interested in participating should register with the Klamath Falls BLM office by September 13, 2007, so that an appropriate amount of food can be obtained and the work list prioritized. Volunteers must arrive at the Topsy Campground by 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the event. Topsy Campground is located approximately 20 miles west of Klamath Falls on Highway 66. Outdoor gear such as sturdy shoes, long sleeve shirt, pants, and a hat should be worn. Gloves will be provided. A free barbecue hosted by the 4-Runners 4-Wheel Drive Club will be served to all participants at approximately 1:00 p.m.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with about 700 volunteers refurbishing and maintaining public lands within only a few states. Last year nearly 100,000 volunteers worked in 1,100 locations across all 50 states. One of the main objectives of National Public Lands Day is to educate Americans about environmental and natural resources issues and the need for shared stewardship of these valued lands. Further, it promotes public sector and local community partnerships as volunteers and land managers identify mutual interests through the completion of hands-on projects that enhance and restore America’s public lands.

For more information or to register for this event, please contact the Klamath Falls BLM office at (541) 883-6916.

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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