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## BE A PUBLIC LANDS DAY VOLUNTEER—SEPTEMBER 30 AT BLM'S ALSEA FALLS RECREATION SITE

SALEM—September 30 is National Public Lands Day. More than 100,000 volunteers across the United States will lend a hand to America's public lands. The Bureau of Land Management is hosting a Public Lands Day event at Alsea Falls Recreation Site, in Benton County, 20 miles southwest of Corvallis. Volunteers will spend the morning helping repair trails and other park maintenance.

8:30 AM Registration begins in the picnic area.

Volunteers will be assigned projects and the tools to do the job.

11:30 AM Barbecue for volunteers

## **Directions to Alsea Falls Recreation Site:**

From Corvallis: Take Hwy 99W south-15 miles. Turn west on Alpine Rd and drive five miles to Alpine Junction. Continue along the S. Fork Alsea Access Rd. (Back Country Byway) nine miles to Alsea Falls Campground.

*From Monroe*: Drive north on Hwy 99W one half mile, turn left on Alpine Cutoff Road and drive 1 mile to a stop sign. Turn left onto Alpine Rd. Follow the directions above.

From the town of Alsea: Drive south on State Highway 201 to S. Fork Rd. which connects to the S. Fk Alsea Access Road.

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Lands Day event. It is the largest annual volunteer, hands-on restoration activity of its kind, providing more than 10 million dollars in real improvements.

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, is the event's national sponsor for the eighth consecutive year. Nine federal agencies will participate along with 125 state, county and city partners and a host of nonprofit groups including Boys Scouts, Girls Scouts, 4-H, National Association of Service Conservation Corps, Wonderful Outdoor World and Garden Club of America. The National Environmental Education and Training Foundation coordinates National Public Lands Day.