National Public Lands Day

A National Environmental Education Foundation Program

Sept. 28, 2009 **www.publiclandsday.org**

Dear NPLD Site Managers, Partners and Volunteers,

America's largest one-day outdoor volunteer service event enjoyed a record-breaking day on Saturday, with more than 150,000 volunteers working coast to coast to improve America's public lands.

National Public Lands Day, a project of the National Environmental Education Foundation, drew volunteers to sites in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories for projects that included tree planting and weeding, garbage removal, trail renovation and mulching.

The record turnout for the event - now in its 16th year - can be attributed in part to the Administration's emphasis on service and a growing recognition of the importance of public lands for recreation, travel, rejuvenation and health.

President Barack Obama issued a proclamation, calling National Public Lands Day a time to "affirm our resolve to conserve...cherished spaces for our enjoyment and for that of future generations."

Of course another big reason National Public Lands Day has grown so much is the numorous site managers and volunteers that work hard to make each event as successful as they are.

Thank you for contributing to the enormous success of National Public Lands Day this past Saturday, September 26.

We want to share your success. Please share your National Public Lands Day accomplishments and volunteer stories by filling out a **Site Evaluation Form** and **submit your photos and videos** for the 2009 "Volunteers in Action" Photo and Video Contest.

Happy Volunteering!

Robb Hampton
Director, National Public Lands Day

Our Program

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve America's public lands. NPLD began in 1994 with three federal agencies and 700 volunteers. On Sept. 26, 2009, 150,000 volunteers lended a hand at more than 2,000 locations across the nation. Eight federal land management agencies along with many state and local agencies participate in this annual day of caring for shared lands.

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Photo and Video Contest 2009

Volunteers and site managers: send in those photos and videos!

Participate in our **Ninth Annual "Volunteers in Action" Photo and Video Contest**. This year, a new category for short videos has been created for those talented but undiscovered film directors out there.

The "Volunteers in Action" contest gives NPLD volunteers the opportunity to showcase their talents with the backdrop of our country's public lands. Start sending in those great photos and videos from your National Public Lands Day event.

All entires must be submitted by **Nov. 1, 2009.**

Click here to learn how to participate

No purchase necessary. All contest participants must be residents of the U.S. and meet all eligibility requirements. Void where prohibited.
Complete rules are available here.

NPLD Site Evaluation

Share volunteer accomplishments

Site managers, please help us keep track of the many public land improvements accomplished on National Public Lands Day by submitting a **Site Evaluation Form**. Share your volunteer stories, send in your photos and videos, and give your feedback about your NPLD experience.

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Become a fan of National Public Lands Day and help to spread the word to potential volunteers. Site managers and volunteers are encouraged to share their experiences, stories, photos, news and video clips of their National Public Lands Day events.

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