

Public Lands Day event coming to Lamoille Canyon

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ELKO — The Elko District Office of the Bureau of Land Management, together with the Ruby Mountains Ranger District of the U.S. Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, are seeking volunteers for a National Public Lands Day event to show appreciation for and to enhance public land in Elko County.

The event is Sept. 18 in Lamoille Canyon. Local supporting organizations include the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group and the Elko County Chapter of Backcountry Horsemen.

Volunteers are asked to gather at 8 a.m. at the Powerhouse Picnic Grounds in Lamoille Canyon to register and be outfitted with appropriate safety equipment and gear for the event.

Volunteers will perform maintenance and make other improvements to the trails, bridges and fences that enhance the experience of everyone who recreates in Lamoille Canyon.

Volunteers will be provided a hot lunch worthy of frontiersmen prepared by the Nevada Curlew Chapter of International Dutch Oven Society. The event is designed to be fun as well as produce visible and real improvements that participants can point to with pride.

Volunteers are advised to wear heavy clothing, including boots, and bring work gloves and safety glasses. Everyone should bring a canteen or jug of drinking water.

For the past 17 years, National Public Lands Day has been observed by individuals who treasure public parks, forests, wildlife preserves and other getaways. While National Public Lands Day officially falls on Sept. 25, events are planned throughout the month to help improve and restore public lands and facilities that Americans use for recreation, education, and enjoyment.

This nationwide effort is led by the National Environmental Education Foundation. Chartered by Congress in 1990, the National Environmental Education Foundation is a private nonprofit organization that develops and supports environmental learning programs to meet social goals.

Corporate sponsors include Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and Northrop Grumman. Nine federal agencies will participate along with over 250 state, county, and city partners and a host of nonprofit groups, including the Boy Scouts of America, The Girl Scouts of USA, Student Conservation Association, and The Corps Network. More NPLD events in Nevada online at www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/res/national_public_lands.html. BLM.