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Forest Hosts 11th Annual Pick Up the Pinchot, Public Lands Day Events

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Join us Saturday, September 26 for the Gifford Pinchot National Forest's Annual Pick Up the Pinchot (P.U.P.) clean-up events. Two P.U.P. events are part of [National Public Lands Day](#) events scheduled across the country in late September.

“National Public Lands Day is a great opportunity for all of us to contribute to the welfare of our public lands for this and future generations of Americans,” said Janine Clayton, Forest Supervisor. “Last year, more than 130 people participated in P.U.P. events, removing more than three and a half tons of garbage and a thousand pounds of recyclable material. We hope that people will continue to volunteer with us around southwest Washington this year.”

The [Mount St. Helens Institute](#) (MSHI) and the [Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument](#) (MSHNVM) in partnership with Washington Trails Association and will host a clean-up on the south side of Mount St. Helens. Volunteers will meet at Marble Mountain Snopark on Forest Road 83, just outside of Cougar, Wash. Projects will begin at 9:30 a.m. and last until 4:30 p.m. Projects include clearing overgrown vegetation, cleaning up popular areas, restoring dispersed campsites, as well as constructing and maintaining facilities on the south side of the Mount St. Helens. Following the clean-up there will be a volunteer appreciation barbecue/potluck and awards ceremony. RSVP at <http://npld.eventbrite.com/> or contact Rick Richards at 360-449-7887 for more details. Sponsors are Amboy Market, Turtle Island Foods, Waste Connections, Peets Coffee and Tea, Atlas gloves and the USDA Forest Service

Mt. Adams Ranger District will host a National Public Lands Day event at the site of the recently removed Hemlock Dam. Volunteers will work on various restoration projects around the site including: planting native plants, mulching recently seeded areas, and picking up litter around the site. Volunteers will meet at the Wind River Work Center (1262 Hemlock Rd., Carson, WA), located approximately 1.15 hours from Portland, Ore. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon and will include a short slide show about the Hemlock Dam removal project and barbecue lunch. Contact Gabrielle Snider with any questions about the event at 509-395-3390.

In recognition of National Public Lands Day, no fees will be charged on Saturday, September 26, at [Northwest Forest Pass](#) sites. Volunteers should come equipped with gloves, rain gear, water bottles and sturdy shoes or boots. Litter bags will be provided.

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For information on upcoming P.U.P. events visit the [Forest Web site](#) at www.fs.fed.us/gpnf or, contact:

- [MSHI](#): Hailey Heath at (360) 449-7883 or Rick Richards at 360-449-7887, <http://www.mshinstitute.org/>; <http://npld.eventbrite.com/>
- [MSHNVM](#): Mary Jean Dowell at (360) 449-7815, www.fs.fed.us/gpnf/mshnvm/
- Mt. Adams: Gabrielle Snider at (509) 395-3390
- [National Public Lands Day Web site](#): <http://www.publiclandsday.org>

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