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Taking Care of Oregon Day-Deep Creek Watershed Project

PAULINA-The Paulina Ranger District of the Ochoco National Forest will be hosting a ***“Take Care of Oregon Day”*** (TCO) project on Saturday, May 16, 2009. TCO is a statewide celebration of Oregon’s 150th Birthday and an opportunity for Oregonians to come together in an outdoor setting, working with one another to help the environment.

The volunteer project in the Ochoco National Forest includes a variety of activities to help restore and enhance the Deep Creek Watershed, a beautiful area to spend the day giving something back to Oregon. Volunteers can choose the area they wish to participate in for the day, such as campground maintenance and cleanup, planting willows and caging them to protect them from browsing deer, mending fences around aspen stands and helping to eradicate noxious weeds. Volunteers should wear boots, long-sleeved shirts, pants and gloves. Hardhats and safety glasses are provided if needed; please bring these items if you have them.

Volunteers are to meet with rangers at Six Corners at 9:00 a.m. (see attached map) to be directed into the project area; travel on gravel roads may be required. Be prepared by allowing for adequate travel time to arrive at the project site. From Prineville, take US 126 approximately 13 miles northeast to Forest Road 42 (the road to Ochoco Ranger Station), travel east for approximately 28 miles on Forest Road 42 to Six Corners (the junction of Forest Road 42 and Forest Road 12).

After the project work, a free barbecue dinner will be provided at 3:00 p.m. in appreciation of the volunteers’ time and efforts. We hope that you, your family (recommended minimum age is 12 and children must be accompanied by an adult) and friends can join us for this fantastic opportunity to participate in caring for your local National Forest. For more information and registration forms, go to:

**http://www.solv.org/volunteers/volunteer_county.asp#Crook
Select “Deep Creek Watershed Restoration”**

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