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Big Bear Greenthumbs Native Plant Restoration Program to Host National Public Lands Day September 30, 2006

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands American's enjoy. In 2005, nearly 90,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, planted trees and plants, and removed trash and invasive plants. Join us **Saturday, September 30, 2006** for the 13th annual National Public Lands Day and help us care for our land. The San Bernardino National Forest invites everybody to participate in our local event of planting native shrubs and trees and removing trash and invasive plants on forest lands behind the town of Sugarloaf. Volunteers will meet in front of the Big Bear Ranger Station flagpole at 9:00 a.m. and will caravan out to the planting site. If you or your organization are interested in volunteering for this date, or any additional dates or times, please contact **Ann Wyatt at (909) 382-2827**. Volunteers should bring water, sunscreen, hat, jacket and work gloves if you have them. Lunch will be provided in honor of National Public Lands Day. The Big Bear Ranger Station is located in Fawnskin, 3 miles east of the town, on North Shore Drive/Hwy 38. **Please call ahead to verify participation and to reserve your free lunch. Hope to see you there!**