



August 23, 2011

Dear Participant:

Greetings from the 2011 Grand County NPLD Committee! You have received this packet either because you requested information regarding our National Public Lands Day (NPLD) Event on **September 24, 2011**, or you are on the mailing list from a previous event. We are hoping for 200 volunteers this year.

Can you believe it...this is our 17<sup>th</sup> year?!?! Our communities have pulled together for 16 years on this one special day to enhance our public lands with your assistance and generosity. Individuals and groups have donated materials, money, labor, food and door prizes in support of our NPLD events and have made our site one of the most successful events nation-wide year after year. All of us extend our appreciation for your interest and continued support in our program!

We have six project work sites. After you decide which project you would like to be involved in, please indicate your choice on the confirmation sheet (last page in packet) and mail it in. **Please confirm with us by mail or fax by Wednesday, September 21, 2011.** You may still choose another project site on event day when you sign in at registration. Early confirmation helps us to plan for work crew distribution and meals.

- 1. Blizzard Pass Trail [USFS]:** constructing 120 feet of turnpike on a popular motorized ATV trail. Work includes moving rock, logs, installing geotextile and backfilling. MODERATE TO DIFFICULT, 20-30 volunteers, all skill levels.
- 2. Bowen Gulch Connector Trail [NPS]:** trail connects the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail to the Arapaho National Forest on Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) west boundary. Project is requesting 30 volunteers to assist in installing log retainers, drains, causeway with foot Bridge, and trail narrowing from double to single track. MODERATE, all skill levels.
- 3. Colorado River Cleanup [BLM]:** collecting and removing trash along a small section of the Colorado River near Pump House. MODERATE TO DIFFICULT, this project needs only 15 volunteers with specific skills in rafting and personal protective equipment.
- 4. Flume Trail [HTA]:** constructing a turnpike or trail reroute, check dams and other water erosion control measures on a popular mountain bike and hiking trail. MODERATE TO DIFFICULT, looking for 50 enthusiastic volunteers, all skill levels.
- 5. Hurd Peak Trail [BLM]:** project consists of routine trail maintenance, fencing, seeding, slashing, construction of water erosion control measures and trash removal. MODERATE, 15 volunteers, all skill levels.

**6. Stillwater Tree Planting [USFS]:** planting approximately 200 lodgepole pine saplings in and around Stillwater Campground. EASY TO MODERATE, all skill levels and kid friendly.

In appreciation to all NPLD volunteers, the Interagency Fee Council has again designated a special national, interagency free coupon to be awarded to each volunteer, 16 years or older, when they register at participating NPLD sites on the actual event day. The coupons are valid for one day of entrance or day-use fees at participating federal land management agencies where the America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass is accepted (list of agencies are shown on back of coupon). The coupon is not valid at any concessionaire managed sites that do not honor the America the Beautiful Interagency Annual Pass and can not be used as a "discount" towards any annual or Interagency pass purchase. Volunteers may use the voucher as "cash" at day-use sites having an envelope/fee tube setup where they would normally purchase a daily pass. Coupon holders may also redeem the voucher at any District office, visitor center, fee or entrance station, or by mailing the vouchers in for a daily pass to be mailed back to them. The coupon must be used by September 29, 2012.

**Please confirm ahead of time if you are planning on bringing a group of 20 or more people. You may contact the USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management or Headwaters Trails Alliance at the numbers listed below. We look forward to seeing you!**

If you are unable to attend this year's event, but would like to still contribute, donations can be sent directly to Headwaters Trails Alliance at PO Box 946, Granby, CO 80446, or by contacting Maura McKnight at 970-726-1013. HTA is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization and all donations are fully tax deductible. Please make note for funds to be designated for NPLD.

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Volunteer Information  
Granby, Colorado  
Saturday, September 24, 2011

## **Welcome to Grand County's National Public Lands Day!!!**

We are expecting a large number of people participating in our work sites and it is important for everyone to do their part in preparing themselves and their gear for the day. Please read this information carefully. If you have any questions, please contact BJ Duffy at 970-887-4120 (USFS Sulphur Ranger District), John Monkouski at 970-724-3040 (BLM Kremmling Field Office) or Maura McKnight at 970-726-1013 (Headwaters Trails Alliance). You may also find general event information by visiting the national website at: [www.publiclandsday.org](http://www.publiclandsday.org).

**PLEASE NOTE: THE VENUE FOR THIS YEAR'S NPLD REGISTRATION AND PARTY WILL BE HELD AT CAMP CHIEF OURAY (NORDIC CENTER), PART OF THE YMCA SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH FACILITY. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO MEET AGENCY PERSONNEL AT CAMP CHIEF OURAY ON EVENT DAY AND NOT AT SITE LOCATIONS.**

### Directions to Registration at the YMCA Camp Chief Ouray building:

**From Denver:** Take I-70 west to exit 232 (US Highway 40), proceed through Empire, Berthoud Falls, over Berthoud Pass, through the towns of Winter Park, Fraser, and Tabernash. Continue west on US Highway 40 and turn left after mile post 220 onto the entrance road (CR 53) to the YMCA / Snow Mountain Ranch area. Continue straight on Just Lane (main road) past the 4 way stop for approximately 1.7 miles. At the Camp Chief Ouray sign, turn right (onto CR 5361) and continue for approximately 0.4 mile to arrive at the parking lot. Camp Chief Ouray is approximately 2 hours driving time from Denver.

**From Estes Park:** Travel west on US Highway 34, through Big Thompson Canyon, Rocky Mountain National Park and Grand Lake until the intersection with US Highway 40 just west of Granby. Turn east onto US Highway 40 (left) and drive about 8 miles to just after mile post 219. Turn right onto the YMCA / Snow Mountain Ranch entrance road (CR 53). Continue straight on Just Lane (main road) past the 4 way stop for approximately 1.7 miles. At the Camp Chief Ouray sign, turn right (onto CR 5361) and continue for approximately 0.4 mile to arrive at the parking lot. Driving time from Estes Park is approximately 2.5 hours (total distance from Granby is approximately 7 miles).

## Where to Stay

YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch is offering a 20% discount off their cabin, lodge room and campsite prices for the nights of September 23 and 24. For reservations contact Snow Mountain Ranch at (800) 777-9622. Other area lodging may not be available at a discount for this event, but it is off-season. To obtain information regarding other area lodging facilities and for any other questions, the following Chambers of Commerce will be happy to help you: Winter Park/Fraser Valley Chamber at (800) 903-7275; Granby Chamber at (970) 887-2311, Grand Lake Chamber at (970) 627-3402; or the Kremmling Chamber at (970) 724-3482.

## Campgrounds

The USFS and NPS campgrounds are usually open with reduced services and with some closures this time of year. **Timber Creek Campground** in Rocky Mountain National Park will be left open for Friday and Saturday nights. If a Park Ranger or campground host should stop by, the password for free camping is "**National Public Lands Day**". However, there will only be a few sites available and they will be on a first come, first serve, "reduced services" basis, since the regular season is over. This means that there will be no water, trash pick-up or regular toilet facility maintenance (for example, no toilet paper). Only campsite and restrooms will be provided. Campers will be responsible to "pack it in and pack it out" and be prepared with your own necessities. The gates may swing shut, but will be unlocked. Please leave gates closed so as not to invite non-NPLD participants to take camping spots free of charge. There are many other campgrounds and dispersed camping areas near this year's event sites. For more information call the Sulphur Ranger District at (970) 887-4100.

## The Day of the Event Schedule (Saturday, September 24th)

07:00am	Registration at Camp Chief Ouray building and continental breakfast
07:45am	Buses depart for work sites
08:30am	Buses arrive at work sites
12:00pm	Lunch on the trail
04:30pm	Buses leave work sites and return to the Camp Chief Ouray building
05:00-09:00pm	Appetizers, dinner, awards, door prizes, party and live music

## What You Will Be Doing

Volunteers will be divided into crews of approximately 15 people during registration, and a variety of physical tasks will be assigned. Each work site has a difficulty rating and crew bosses will be available to describe details of the work. Safety sessions will occur before any work begins. If you are interested in off-trail work or are unable to perform physical labor, please let us know. We may have some administrative and food preparation duties available. Arrive early at registration and a coordinator will try to accommodate your volunteer preferences.

## **What to Wear**

The work sites are in high, mountainous areas so be prepared for cold, warm, wet or dry weather!! NPLD will not be postponed or rescheduled unless weather conditions are severe. Dress in layers, avoiding cotton if you can. We suggest that you bring a change in clothing for the dinner and party. Shower facilities are available at the YMCA for a nominal fee.

## **What to Bring**

Rain gear/jacket	Sturdy leather gloves
Insect repellent	Sunscreen
Sun glasses	Cap or hat
Long-sleeved shirt	Sturdy work pants (no shorts)
Drinking water (one gallon minimum)	Sturdy work boots (no sneakers, or sandals)
Personal medications	Special food needs (if necessary)

## **Safety**

Safety is always our first concern. We will avoid putting you in hazardous situations, but please keep in mind our area has been decimated by a mountain pine beetle infestation. Be aware of your surroundings at all times while navigating our trails. In addition, we will have several people monitoring work throughout the day to spot and correct unsafe conditions.

The work sites are remote. All are at or above 8,500 feet in elevation. If you have a condition that restricts your activity, please let your crew boss know. There are a wide variety of tasks to be done. We will find something appropriate for you. If one of the Crew Leaders or Safety Officers feels that you are poorly equipped or are physically unsuited for arduous work, we reserve the right to ask you to perform tasks that minimize risk.

For safety and liability reasons, there are age limits for volunteers. For those over 18 years of age your signature at the time of registration is sufficient. For those 16 to 18 years old, we need a co-signature of a parent or guardian to work on the trails. Children between the ages of 12 and 16 may accompany their parents or guardians, but must be under direct supervision and will not be covered by any of the agencies in the event of illness or incidental injury attributable to the work project. Because access and parking are limited at most work sites, all participants must ride buses or vans to their work sites, or first check with agency Staff. Due to the nature of physical maintenance on the projects, we can not assume the responsibility for children under the age of 12.

## **Day Care**

We do not know of any Day Care Providers in the Valley that take drop-ins at this time. You can try either the Winter Park/Fraser Valley Chamber of Commerce to see if they have an updated list of local babysitters at (970) 726-4118 or the Colorado State Workforce Center at (970) 887-1857.

**Other Information**

Please leave your pets, horses, llamas or other animals at home for the day! Pets may create unsafe conditions at the work sites distracting the participants, and may not be welcome by other volunteers. In addition, please leave skateboards, roller blades and other recreational equipment at home, hotel or campsite. Even though it is fun to “play” during lunch with this equipment, the use also creates a safety hazard in some areas.

The Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Headwaters Trails Alliance and other partners will supply you with tools, hard hats, goggles, and other protective gear depending on your trail work duties.

All meals will be provided by several of our generous sponsors and partners. If you have **special dietary needs**, please let your crew boss know during registration, or you can make your own arrangements for your meals and snacks. We do have vegetarian options available for each meal, but they tend to go quickly.

Please be on time! We can not detain buses and other crews while waiting for late arrivals. If you are unavoidably delayed, there will be someone at the registration area who can assist you and make sure you get to a work site, but you may not have a choice of location. There is not enough space at the trailheads for volunteers to drive their personal vehicles to the work sites.



SEE THE NEXT PAGES FOR LISTINGS OF THOSE WHO ARE HELPING TO BUILD AND PROTECT TRAILS IN GRAND COUNTY AND WHO ARE COMMITTED TO GOOD LAND STEWARDSHIP IN ONE OF COLORADO’S MOST BEAUTIFUL SETTINGS.....



## SPONSORS, PARTNERS, AND CONTRIBUTORS

**These are our Major Supporters for National Public Lands Day. When in town, please support their businesses and thank them for their contributions to this important event.**

**We are proud to list some of the businesses and individuals that have a genuine concern for trails and generously offered their help and/or products this year to make this day a success:**

Active Images	Devil's Thumb Ranch	Power World
Alberto's	Fontenot's Grill	Randi's Irish Saloon
ALCO	Fraser Valley Ace Hardware	Remington's Restaurant
Alpine Sun Ski & Sport	Frito Lay	Rise & Shine Café
Arapahoe Lodge	Granby Ranch	Rocky Mountain Nature Assoc
Betty's Cafe	Grand Adventures LLC	Rocky Mountain Roastery
BJammin'	Grand Elk LLC	Rudi's Deli
Blue Water Bakery	Grand River Coffee Company	Safeway
Brand Connections	Hernando's Pizza Pub	Sani-King
Camp Chief Ouray	Highland Lumber	Sharky's Eatery
Carver's Bakery	Ian's Bakery	Showboat Catering
Channel 17	Icebox Mountain Sports	Smokin' Moe's
Christy Sports/Powder Tools	Kentucky Fried Chicken	Sol Vista Basin
Circle G Auto	Lou Landrigan	Sombrero Stables
City Market	McDonald's	Subway
Cold Springs Greenhouse	Mountain Munchies	Waldow & Daughter Trucking
Country Ace Hardware	Mountain Parks Electric	Wildfire Mitigation & Restoration
Crooked Creek Saloon	Native Earth Soap Company	Wildhorse Gourmet
DeAntonio's Pizza	New Belgium Brewery	Winter Park Resort
Deborah Carr	Pepsi, Co.	YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch

**In addition, these Individuals have made special commitments to National Public Lands Day:**

Andy Borek	Jack Dugwyler	Madeline Framson
BJ Duffy	John Monkouski	Marty Ferguson
Brad Orr	John Simmons	Maura McKnight
Cindy Kleh	Katie Block	Miles Miller
Dan Matthews	Ken Rybkiewicz	Ted Parker
Diana Lynn Rau	Lucinda Elicker	Todd Holzwarth

**We would like to acknowledge the following for their participation, transportation and/or educational efforts:**

Arapahoe Lodge	Hannah Sched
First Student Transportation	High Rockies Hikers
Fraser Valley Recreation District	Home James Transportation
Granby Recreation District	Mathew Clementi
Grand Adventures, LLC	Reid Armstrong
Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District	Tammy Williams

**There is an impressive list of Non-Profit Organizations that are helping:**

American Red Cross	Fraser Valley Lion's Club
Colorado 4wd Association	Grand County Wilderness Group
Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition	Mile Hi Snowmobile Club
Colorado Mountain Club	Rocky Mountain Nature Association
Continental Divide Trail Alliance	YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch

**We are thankful to the Local, State and National Organizations and Individuals that have given this event the necessary monetary funding, in addition to federal funds:**

Colorado State Parks	Town of Fraser
Continental Divide Trails Alliance	Town of Granby
Fraser Valley Partnerships for Trails	Town of Grand Lake
Grand County Board of Commissioners	Town of Kremmling
Headwaters Trails Alliance	Town of Winter Park
Public Lands Foundation	Wildfire Mitigation & Restoration

**There is a wide range of Government and Government-Related support from these Agencies also committed to the Trails Program in Grand County:**

Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest (USFS)	Grand County Search & Rescue
Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW)	Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce
Colorado State Forest Service	Kremmling Chamber of Commerce
Colorado State Trails	Kremmling Field Office (BLM)
East Grand Fire Department	Natl Environmental Education Foundation
Granby Chamber of Commerce	Rocky Mountain National Park (NPS)
Grand County EMS	Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
Grand County Road & Bridge	Winter Park/Fraser Chamber of Commerce



Saturday, September 24, 2011  
Confirmation Sheet

**Please print clearly:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of other people attending with you (including ages of children 12 and under):**

**Trail/area of interest or project site:**

**Special concerns, needs, medical awareness, disabilities, or food preferences that we should know about your party:**

**Optional: How did you find out about this event? May we have your permission to use any photos taken by our photographers on event day?**

**Please return this sheet by Wednesday, September 21, 2011 to:**

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