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Community Can Lend a Hand at Home for National Public Lands Day Event

(Heflin, AL) September 14, 2011 ---- Volunteers, school groups, businesses, and organizations are invited to team up with Forest Service employees in a one-day effort to keep the Talladega National Forest beautiful. On September 24, everyone is invited to a hands-on, enhancement project to beautify the Shoal Creek Ranger District, Talladega National Forest. The event, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. at the Shoal Creek Ranger District office in Heflin, is a celebration of National Public Lands Day.

“Public lands belong to the people, and we’re asking everyone to help us take care of the land that we all love,” said Karen McKenzie, Shoal Creek District Ranger. “This is an excellent opportunity to come together and make a difference on your national forest,” said McKenzie. The public will enjoy a day of teamwork, lunch and fun. For those planning to attend, please contact the Shoal Creek Ranger District at (256) 463-2272 before September 22.

National Public Lands Day is a day set aside where millions of volunteers throughout the nation come together to improve and celebrate the use of public lands.

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Directions: The Shoal Creek District Office is located in Heflin, Alabama. From Interstate 20, take exit 199 and turn toward Heflin. When you reach the t-intersection at the junction of Highway 9 and Highway 78, take a left onto Highway 78 (away from the city of Heflin). Follow this road for approximately 2 miles until you see the signs for the Shoal Creek office on your right.