



National Public Lands Day



August 22, 2013

Dear Partner:

Thank you for your interest in our 19th National Public Lands Day (NPLD) event in Grand County. This packet is being sent because you have participated in one or more previous events or have requested the information on our NPLD site. NPLD is **September 28, 2013** and we are hoping to recruit 200 volunteers to help “lend a hand and care for the land”.

What's New for 2013

Our committee is always looking on how to improve our NPLD event. This year we are trying to be more proactive in conservation and leaving less of a carbon footprint. With this in mind, we are asking our volunteers to bring along a cloth or canvas tote bag to collect our little “goodies” and a reusable water bottle to try and eliminate our need for plastic bags and water bottles.

Some of you may have seen our 2013 National poster displayed in our area and recognized one of our sites (Lake Granby) from last year. One of our 2012 volunteers, Myra Sommerville, won first place in the 2012 NPLD “Volunteer in Action Photo Contest” sponsored by National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF). Myra was awarded a prize from REI and her winning photo was used on this year’s poster. Congratulations Myra!

Water has always been a “hot topic” in western states with a constant request to meet communities’ need for water. Grand County is no exception. Our county has received increasing demands on the Colorado and Fraser Rivers. People are concerned about water quality in our lakes and protecting watersheds from damaging erosion due to mountain pine beetle epidemic. This year, we would like to challenge our younger participants in using a water monitoring kit donated by the Water Environment Federation. The simple test kit will allow our next generation an opportunity to discuss watersheds, runoff, lakes vs rivers, and pollution with our land agency managers either on the Upper Colorado River Cleanup site or the Colorado River Trail. Who knows, we may have a budding hydrologist in our future.

We are dedicating our 2013 NPLD event to Lou Tyler as a tribute to one of our greatest advocates. Lou was a a long-time volunteer for NPLD, adopt-a-trail program, Winter Park Resort and avid recreationist who challenged folks to give back to their public lands. In partnership with Lou’s family, a special memorial plaque will be placed at Junco Lake Trailhead for Lou’s dedicated service.

Projects

As one of 1,001 registered NPLD sites nationwide, Grand County has the unique qualifier of being one of the largest and longest continuous running event sites according to NEEF, the main program coordinator. Our success is because of you and others like you who have contributed tremendous support in donating time, money, materials, labor and food every year. We have accomplished so much in 18 years with your assistance. All of us here in Grand County extend our appreciation for your continued support and hope to see you again on September 28th.

One of the reasons our site is popular is because we provide a variety of work sites to accommodate everyone's passion. This year we have five (5) project work sites. A brief description of projects is listed below. Please indicate which project stirs your interest and record it on the attached confirmation sheet (last page in packet). **Then either mail, fax or e-mail it in to us by Monday, September 23, 2013.** Addresses and fax number are on the confirmation sheet. You may still choose another project site on event day at registration, but a few of our projects have size limitations. Early confirmation helps us to plan for work crew distribution and meals.

1. **Blizzard Pass Trail [USFS]:** Construction of two turnpikes on a popular motorized trail in the Stillwater Pass Area near Grand Lake, CO. Project will also include general trail maintenance and installing drainage structures. Site will accommodate 30 volunteers. Skill rating: MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
2. **Colorado River Trail [USFS]:** Rerouting a 100 yard section of a non-motorized trail to improve angler access along the Colorado River west shoreline below the Double A Bar Barn Interpretive Site. Work will also include installing water and erosion control structures. Site manager is requesting 20 enthusiastic people to assist with this project. Skill rating: MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
3. **Continental Divide Trail [NPS]:** Constructing two turnpikes, general trail maintenance, and installing water/erosion control measures along a national, non-motorized trail between the Onahu and Green Mountain Trailheads. Site will accommodate 35+ volunteers. Skill Rating: MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
4. **Idlewild Trail System [HTA]:** New trail construction (non-motorized) to increase accessibility and loop capability by Rendezvous subdivision near Winter Park, CO. Project includes: constructing a 50 foot elevated boardwalk and a small bridge, installing drainage structures, and routine tread maintenance. This is a family-friendly event that will have some age appropriate activities for young participants. HTA is asking for 20 to 30 volunteers. Skill rating: MODERATE TO DIFFICULT
5. **Upper Colorado River Cleanup [BLM]:** Join the BLM in the 5th Annual River Cleanup, clearing trash and debris along a 15 mile-three section stretch of the Colorado River, beginning at Pumphouse Recreation Area. Additional work may include constructing "privacy blinds" at two river camps and light trail work to access the blinds. All work is accessed by floating the river. Space is available for approximately 50 volunteers who do not have their own boats with pre-registration highly recommended. If you are providing your own boat, then pre-registration is not necessary. Volunteers can meet at Pumphouse Recreation Area instead of YMCA/Snow Mountain Ranch. Volunteers may choose between a volunteer appreciation BBQ at Pumphouse or the main party at Camp Chief Ouray at the end of the day. This is a family-friendly work site. Participants are encouraged to bring their own boats, PFDs, and/or paddles. For more information or to pre-register, contact Hannah Schechter at (970) 724-3008 or John Monkouski at (970) 724-3040. Skill rating: EASY TO MODERATE

Additional Information

The Interagency Fee Council has once again issued a special national, interagency free coupon in appreciation to all NPLD participants. The coupon is awarded to each volunteer, 16 years or older, upon registering at any participating NPLD event site on September 28, 2013. 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 coupon back). The coupon is not valid at any concessionaire managed sites that do not honor the Interagency 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 areas 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 coupon into the federal land agency to exchange for a normal daily pass for their favorite area. The coupon must be used by September 27, 2014.

Please confirm ahead if you are planning on bringing a large group of 20 or more people by contacting either the USDA Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or Headwaters Trails Alliance (HTA) at the numbers listed below. We look forward to seeing you at one of our work sites!

If you are unable to attend this year’s event, but would like to still contribute, donations can be sent directly to HTA at PO Box 946; Granby, CO 80446-0946, or by contacting Maura McKnight at (970) 726-1013. A donation form is attached for your convenience towards the end of this packet. 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. Thank you again for your continued support and contribution to enhance our public lands.

BLM Kremmling Office
John Monkouski
Phone: (970) 724-3040
Fax: (970) 724-3066
Email: jmonkous@blm.gov

Headwaters Trails Alliance
Maura McKnight
Phone: (970) 726-1013
Fax: (970) 726-3063
Email: hta@headwaterstrails.org

USDA Forest Service
BJ Duffy
Phone: (970) 887-4120
Fax: (970) 887-4102
Email: bjduffy@fs.fed.us





National Public Lands Day



Saturday, September 28, 2013
Granby, Colorado
Event Day Information

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

We are expecting a large number of people participating at 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 District 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 or the USDA Forest Service website at: www.fs.usda.gov/arp.

PLEASE NOTE: THE VENUE FOR THIS YEAR'S NPLD REGISTRATION AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER WILL BE HELD AT CAMP CHIEF OURAY (NORDIC CENTER), PART OF THE YMCA SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH FACILITY. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUESTED 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 for US Highway 40. Proceed through Empire, Berthoud Falls, over Berthoud Pass then through the towns of Winter Park, Fraser and Tabernash. Continue west on US Hwy 40 and turn left after mile post 220 onto the entrance road (CR 53) to the YMCA/Snow Mountain Ranch area. Travel on CR 53 or Just Lane (main road) past the 4 way stop for approximately 1.7 miles. Turn right onto CR 5361 at the Camp Chief Ouray sign and continue for another 0.4 mile to arrive at the Nordic center 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 you reach the intersection with US Highway 40 just west of Granby. Turn east (left) onto US Hwy 40 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 CR 53 or Just Lane (main road) past the 4 way stop for approximately 1.7 miles. Turn right onto CR 5361 at the Camp Chief Ouray sign and continue for another 0.4 mile to arrive at the Nordic center 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 lodge room and campsite prices for the nights of September 28 and 29. 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 28th)

07:00am	Registration at Camp Chief Ouray building and continental breakfast
07:45am	Buses or vans depart for work sites
08:30am	Buses or vans arrive at work sites
12:00pm	Lunch on the trail
04:30pm	Buses or vans 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 of 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	Sturdy work boots (no sneakers, or sandals)
Tote bag	Special food needs or medications (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.

NPLD 2014

2014 will be our 20th anniversary participating in National Public Lands Day events and the Grand County Committee will be planning and dedicating the event in honor of the Wilderness Act 50th anniversary. In addition, a new venue will be added to accommodate the anticipated increase in volunteers. Next year’s event will be hosted by the Inn at Silvercreek and will include special lodging rates for volunteers. Please make note of this change and pencil your calendars for Saturday, September 27, 2014!



Woodsy Owl



Woodsy Owl



Woodsy Owl



.....

Check us out on Facebook – Grand County National Public Lands Day! See all the photos after the event or participate in NEEF’s photo and video contests. Contest rules and other information can be found at www.publiclandsday.org under the Resources tab.

The following pages list some of our numerous contributors who are helping to build and protect trails in Grand County and are committed to good land stewardship in one of Colorado’s most beautiful settings....



National Public Lands Day



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:

- | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Acme Band | Full Circle Cyclery | Pepsi, Co. |
| Active Images | Grand Adventures | Pole Creek Golf Club |
| Alco | Grand Lake Art Gallery | Poncho & Lefty's |
| Arapahoe Lodge | Grand Lake Hardware | Power World Sports |
| Bistro 28 at Pole Creek | Grand Pizza | R & J Liquors |
| Blue Water Bakery | Grand River Coffee Company | Radio Shack |
| Bob Scott's Indian Jewelry | Guest Guide Publications | Randi's Grill & Pub |
| Camp Chief Ouray | Hernando's Pizza Pub | Republic National Distributing |
| Carver's Bakery | Humphrey's Cabin Fever | Rise & Shine Café |
| Cascades Book Shop | Inn at Silvercreek | Rocky Mountain Roastery |
| Channel 17 | John Florkiewicz | Rudi's Deli |
| City Market | Kentucky Fried Chicken | Safeway |
| Colorado River Outfitters | Lucy Lozar | Sagebrush BBQ & Grill |
| Crooked Creek Saloon | McDonald's | Sani-King |
| Cyndi McCoy | Mountain Mongrels | Smokin' Moe's Ribhouse |
| DeAntonio's Pizza | Mountain Parks Electric | Spirit Lake Traders |
| Devil's Thumb Ranch | Natl Sports Center for Disabled | Subway |
| Fat Cat Cafe | Never Summers Mtn Products | Wildhorse Gourmet |
| Fontenot's Seafood Grill | O-a Bistro | Winter Park Optical |
| Frito Lay | Pearl Dragon | Winter Park Resort |

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

- | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Andrew McElwee | Jack Dugwyler | Ken Rybkiewicz |
| Andy Borek | Jean Miller | Louise & Graham Powers |
| BJ Duffy | Jeni Ellis | Marty Ferguson |
| Brad Orr | Jim Mills | Maura McKnight |
| Cindy Kleh | John Monkouski | Miles Miller |
| Diana Lynn & Charlie Rau | John Simmons | Ted & Lynda Parker |
| Hannah Schechter | Kathy Stanish | Todd Holzwarth |

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

Arapahoe Lodge	Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District
Don Bergstrand	High Rockies Hikers
Echo Zoyiopoulos	Home James Transportation – Roger Hedlund
Fraser Valley Recreation District	Penny Dibble
Granby Recreation District	Reid Armstrong
Grand Adventures, LLC	Teri Parvin

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

ARP Foundation	Grand County Wilderness Group
Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs	Mile Hi Snowmobile Club
Colorado Mountain Club	Rocky Mountain Nature Association
Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition	Trout Unlimited
Fraser Valley Lion’s Club	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
Fraser Valley Partnerships for Trails	Town of Grand Lake
Grand County Board of Commissioners	Town of Winter Park
Grand County Road & Bridge	Water Environment Federation
Headwaters Trails Alliance	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 Lake Chamber of Commerce
Colorado Division of Parks & Wildlife (DPW)	Kremmling Chamber of Commerce
Colorado State Forest Service	Kremmling Field Office (BLM)
East Grand Fire Department	Natl Environmental Education Foundation
East & West Grand Schools	Rocky Mountain National Park (NPS)
Granby Chamber of Commerce	Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
Grand County EMS	Winter Park/Fraser Chamber of Commerce
Grand County Search & Rescue	



National Public Lands Day



Saturday, September 28, 2013
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 Monday, September 23, 2013 to:

USDA Forest Service
PO Box 10
Granby, CO 80446-0010
Telephone: (970) 887-4120; Fax: (970) 887-4102; E-mail: bjduffy@fs.fed.us