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Free Guided Overnight Hike to celebrate 20 years of National Public Lands Day and BLM's **Take It Outside**

ELKO, Nev. – The last in a series of free summer guided hikes in picturesque Lamoille Canyon of the **Humboldt-Toiyable National Forest** is being offered as part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Take It Outside program on Saturday, Sept. 21 for an overnight hike in Thomas Canyon.

The BLM's Elko District teamed up with the **U.S. Forest Service**, Cedar Creek Clothing, and the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group to offer three summer hikes which are culminating in this overnight backpack hike.

The 4-mile roundtrip overnight hike begins at 10:30 am Sep 21 from Thomas Canyon Campground in Lamoille Canyon. The hike ends on Sep. 22 around 1 p.m. The week prior to the hike, on Sept., 14 at 10 am, there will be a meeting at Cedar Creek Clothing to discuss the backpacking trip and answer questions before the hike. More information will be posted to the Cedar Creek Clothing's Facebook page.

As part of the trip, hikers only have to bring lunch for the first day as dinner and breakfast around the campfire will be provided by the Public Lands Foundation and Cedar Creek Clothing. Reservations are required as the amount of hikers is limited to 20.

Take It Outside is BLM's flagship youth engagement program. It was established to help ensure young people from all backgrounds have access to outdoor recreational opportunities on public lands while fostering future generations of public land stewards. Stressing health, family, fun, and stewardship, Take It Outside provides opportunities for young people to engage in outdoor recreation, non-formal education, and volunteer projects. More information on the program can be found at http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/content/wo/en/prog/more/Children_and_Nature.html.

Reservations can be made at the BLM office at 3900 Idaho St.; Cedar Creek Clothing at 453 Idaho Street; or the U.S. Forest Service at 140 Pacific in Wells. You can also call Zack Pratt at (775) 753-0212; Duane Jones at (775) 738-3950 or Nancy Taylor at (775) 752-3357.

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