



News Release



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Public Invited to Celebrate National Public Lands Day September 28

Bishop, CA – The Bishop Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Inyo National Forest invite you to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on Saturday, September 28th 2013 by participating in a choice of volunteer opportunities. Both agencies and partners will host a trail maintenance day at Lower Rock Creek trail, leaving from the Paradise trailhead at 9:00 am. The BLM will also host a cleanup in the Alabama Hills, leaving from the information kiosks on Whitney Portal road at 9:00 am. Join friends and family on one of these volunteer projects, or mark the day by recreating in a favorite outdoor spot on the millions of acres of your public land near your community.

The Lower Rock Creek Trail maintenance project will address three miles of trail popular with hikers and mountain bikers along a shaded streamside at the base of steep canyon walls, with some spectacular views of the Owens Valley. Meet at the lower parking area (at the former Paradise Lodge) at 8:30 am. Coffee and bagels will be provided before heading out on the trail from 9:00 am to about 1:00 pm. Volunteers will cut back brush, clear tread, maintain wooden bridges, and remove trash from along the stream. For your safety, wear hiking shoes or boots, long pants, and long sleeve shirts. Water and snacks will be provided. Volunteers are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles. The project is being coordinated in partnership with Friends of the Inyo, the International Mountain Bike Association and Fat Bike Mammoth. Parking is limited, please carpool if possible. For further information about the Rock Creek event, contact Kirstin Heins, BLM recreation planner, at (760) 872-5034.

The BLM Bishop Field Office and Alabama Hills Stewardship Group will also sponsor a cleanup of the Alabama Hills on Saturday, Sept. 28th. The event will prepare the area for the Lone Pine Film Festival, October 11-13th. Participants should meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Lone Pine McDonald's for a volunteer orientation breakfast courtesy of McDonald's or at the Alabama Hills information kiosks on Whitney Portal Road at 9:00 am. Please bring gloves, a hat and sunscreen. Refreshments will be provided. For further information about the Alabama Hills event, contact Chris Langley, Inyo County Film Commissioner, at (760) 937-1189 or Richard Williams, BLM recreation planner, at (760) 872-5033.

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