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Federal Agencies Announce Greater Yellowstone Volunteer Day

Bozeman, Mont. (August 19, 2011) –

Federal land management agencies throughout the Greater Yellowstone Area plan to host a variety of volunteer projects in observance of National Public Lands Day, September 24, 2011. As part of this year’s celebration, volunteers are encouraged to participate in a coordinated Greater Yellowstone Volunteer Day.

Whether your interest is recreation, wildlife, or weeds, there’s a project for you. Trail maintenance, bat and bluebird box replacement, weed removal, and picnic table repair are just some of the volunteer opportunities being offered.

“National Public Lands Day is a great opportunity to gain personal satisfaction from lending a hand to improve America’s treasured lands,” said Joe Alexander, supervisor of the Shoshone National Forest. “Residents of the Greater Yellowstone Area feel strongly about the natural environment in which they live and work. They’re also passionate about caring for this landscape and spending time outdoors. Public lands need support now more than ever, and volunteers are an invaluable part of caring for these special places. This is an opportunity to meet other outdoor enthusiasts and enjoy some fresh air and physical activity, while doing something worthwhile,” said Alexander.

Those who participate in a National Public Lands Day volunteer activity will receive a coupon good for one day of free entry to federal public lands that charge entrance fees.

Partners such as REI, Friends of Pathways, Teton Science School, West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce, and local schools are just some of the organizations helping in what the federal agencies hope will become the first of many annual volunteer events across the Greater Yellowstone Area.

See the National Public Lands Day website for opportunity details www.publiclandsday.org/npld-sites. All Greater Yellowstone Area volunteer events will begin with “Greater Yellowstone Area.”

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Federal agencies in the Greater Yellowstone Area manage approximately 14 million acres of public lands, the largest essentially intact natural area in the lower 48 states. Managers of the three national parks, six national forests, and two national wildlife refuges that make up the Greater Yellowstone Area work together through the Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee to manage the core federal lands in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

Information about the Greater Yellowstone Area and links to Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee member agency websites are available at <http://www.fedgycc.org/>.

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