DNR: September 29 is National Public Lands Day

Local News

Posted by: David Haviland

Posted on : September 24, 2012 at 7:15 am

Olympia, WA - National Public Lands Day is a time for people across the country to rally together for one common cause: to lend a hand on public land. With nearly one-third of America’s land in public hands, it is an opportunity to maintain and support some of the natural resources that serve us all.The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has volunteer events scheduled across the state to celebrate National Public Lands Day. Some volunteers will be building sustainable mountain bike trails on Tiger Mountain State Forest, while others may be restoring native shoreline in Woodard Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area (NRCA). There is something for everybody!

Please join us at one of the following events and help maintain public lands on September 29!

Tiger Mountain State Forest – near Issaquah, WA – Contribute to efforts to create a sustainable network of mountain bike trails…the first in over 20 years!Capitol State Forest – near Olympia, WA – Grab your quad and ‘rock the loop.’ Volunteers will move gravel into place along the Lost Valley Loop Trail.Yacolt Burn State Forest – Near Vancouver, WA – Clean up Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) trails as you ‘pick up the burn.’ Bonus: enjoy lunch by Piston Wild Motorsports.Cattle Point NRCA– San Juan Islands – Protect sensitive bluffs around Cattle Point by installing a split rail fence.

Woodard Bay NRCA– near Olympia, WA – Spend the day restoring native habitat by removing invasive weeds. At the end of the event, learn about the area by joining a guided, interpretive trail walk. Camas Meadows NRCA– near Ellensburg, WA – Event canceled do to wildfire in area. **NEW!** Mailbox Peak - near North Bend, WA - Keep hikers safe by building a new sustainable trail to Mailbox Peak.Reiter Foothills Motorized Trails – near Gold Bar, WA – Build motorized trail and break new ground on ATV trails. **NEW!** September 30 Reiter Foothills Non-Motorized Trails– near Gold Bar, WA – Continue the spirit of National Public Lands Day and layout new hiking, equestrian, and mountain biking trails at Reiter Foothills!*Not only is National Public Lands Day the nation’s largest hands-on volunteer effort on public lands, it is a chance to encourage your family to get outside, be active, and make new friends!*