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Free Camping Day to Honor Forest Volunteers

Yreka, CA – In recognition of, and to honor all National Forest System volunteers, the Klamath National Forest has proclaimed Saturday, September 18, 2004 as a free camping day at all campgrounds within the forest. This recognition is in conjunction with the 11th annual National Public Lands Day.



Each year, National Public Lands Day, the largest volunteer, hands-on effort of its kind, draws volunteers from every state to provide "Helping Hands for America's Lands." This year, an estimated 80,000 volunteers will take part in a variety of activities across America. To honor these volunteers, the Klamath National Forest is waiving all entrance fees at pay facilities.

"This is not only a great opportunity to visit the forest, but also an opportunity to say thanks to the hundreds of volunteers that annually help the Klamath National Forest," said Brian Harris, public affairs officer for the Klamath National Forest. "If you spend time in the forest this weekend, just take a brief look around. Chances are that volunteers have played a helping hand in maintaining and preserving the area that you are visiting."

Volunteers are the heartbeat of the Forest Service. The types of work performed by volunteers are many and varied. "We match the talents and skills of our volunteers with their preferences to best satisfy them and to help fulfill the mission of the Forest Service," added Harris. Persons interested in volunteering can contact our district offices to learn of available opportunities. Volunteer applications may be requested by calling (530) 842-6131. For more information on National Public Lands Day, please visit <http://www.npld.com>