



Dear Friends:

You are cordially invited to help celebrate some of our national treasures on October 24th, 2009 during the National Public Lands Day celebration. This free event is family-friendly and is co-sponsored by the Army's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement Remediation Program (ESCA RP).

National Public Lands Day is a nationwide celebration where citizens can show their appreciation for public lands and parks, and lend a hand in improving their condition. At Fort Ord, this is the BLM's 8th annual event. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. and help us with one of the following volunteer projects:

- Restore maritime chaparral habitat with a straw and seed throw – Army lands
- Help conduct trail repairs – BLM lands
- Clean up illegal dumping and litter in the *Happy Trails Area* – FORA lands*
- Collect native seeds for the winter planting season – BLM lands

Gloves and water will be provided. Wear work clothes (maybe a hat). Please leave pets at home.

*Note – Volunteers interested in helping to clean up the *Happy Trails Area* should contact the FORA ESCA RP in advance to register for that work project – call the ESCA Hotline at (831) 883-3506, or send an interest email to esca@fora.org. Volunteer projects on the BLM lands and Army lands do not require advanced registration – just show up at 9:00 a.m.

Please refer to the attached map to see where to meet. Volunteers interested in helping with trail repairs, habitat restoration and native seed collection should meet at the intersection of 8th Avenue and Gigling Road for additional directions. Volunteers interested in helping to clean up the *Happy Trails Area* should meet at the eastern end of Inter-Garrison Road near the Schoonover Road intersection.

Following the volunteer work projects that last for three hours, please join us for lunch at the BLM picnic site located at the intersection of Jacks Road and Skyline Road. There will be food, entertainment and music from noon to 3:00 p.m. For further information on National Public Lands Day, feel free to visit: <http://www.publiclandsday.org/> or call the BLM at (831)394-8314. We hope to see you out there for a fun-filled day!



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Lend a hand to improve the lands!

