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## **VOLUNTEERS ROLL-UP SLEEVES AT CORPS' LAKES**

PITTSBURGH – On Saturday, September 18, 2004, local volunteers will roll-up their sleeves at locations within the US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District as part of the 11<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD). NPLD gives Americans an opportunity to give back to the very lands they use to hike, bike, climb, swim, explore, picnic or just plain relax.

As part of this largest annual coast-to-coast single day volunteer restoration effort for America's public lands, three projects within the District will participate with the following activities. At Shenango River Lake in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, volunteers will install playgrounds, clear trails and paint picnic shelters. Volunteers at Kinzua Dam and Allegheny Reservoir in Warren, Pennsylvania, will clean-up trails, recreation areas and reservoir shoreline while those at Tygart Lake in Grafton, West Virginia will spend the day making improvements to the Dam Trail and Dogwood Trail.

From building a footbridge along the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail in Rocky Mountain National Park, to preserving the National Monument to the Forefathers in Plymouth, Massachusetts, as many as 90,000 Americans are expected at 600 sites for NPLD in 2004, preserving and protecting their favorite public places for themselves and future generations.

By educating volunteers at sites across the country, NPLD maintains the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps, an army of three million Americans who in the 1930's countered the devastation of the Dust Bowl and the American chestnut blight by planting more than three billion trees, building 800 state parks and fighting forest fires.

This year, for the first time, volunteers who work at a site managed by any of five federal agencies (Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service and USDA Forest Service) will be rewarded with a free entry day during the next year at any public land site managed by those agencies.

For more information on NPLD activities at Pittsburgh District projects, contact the following Park Rangers at their respective lakes:

- Joe Arnett, (724) 646-1124 – Shenango River Lake
- Steve Lauser, (814) 726-0661 – Kinzua Dam and Allegheny Reservoir
- Mike Estock, (304) 265-1760 – Tygart Lake

For additional information about the NPLD Program visit the NPLD web site at [www.npld.com](http://www.npld.com) or call 1-800-VOL-TEER (800-865-8337).

National Public Lands Day is managed by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation. Chartered by Congress in 1990, the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation is a private non-profit organization that develops and supports environmental learning programs to meet social goals and builds partnerships among government, the private sector and non-governmental organizations.

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