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## NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY AT BERLIN LAKE

**BERLIN LAKE** – The Berlin Lake staff is seeking volunteers to join them in providing “helping hands for America’s lands” during the 13<sup>th</sup> annual [National Public Lands Day](#) on Saturday, September 30. Volunteers will join the largest annual coast-to-coast, single-day volunteer restoration effort for America’s public lands.

Individual volunteers and groups can roll up their sleeves and devote their day to shoreline cleanup, trail restoration and campground enhancement activities at Berlin Lake. “Hundreds of visitors enjoy coming to Berlin Lake to camp, fish, boat or picnic. Now they can give back to our public lands by lending a hand to help keep Berlin a great place to recreate,” said Resource Manager Rene' Berberich.

From building a footbridge along the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail in Rocky Mountain National Park, to helping preserve the National Monument to the Forefathers in Plymouth, Massachusetts, as many as 100,000 Americans are expected at 1,000 sites for National Public Lands Day this year, preserving and protecting their favorite public places for themselves and future generations.

“This will be the most fun you can have while helping the environment,” Berberich said. “Folks should bring their children, community group and friends and make a weekend out of it.”

On Friday, September 29, volunteers can camp for free at Berlin Lake including kicking-back and enjoying an evening campfire program lead by Corps of Engineers' park rangers. Registration will begin Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the Day Use Area. The first 50 registered volunteers will be rewarded with a “Fee-Free Day” coupon good for entrance or day use at any Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or U.S. Army Corps of Engineers site. The first 100 volunteers will also receive a National Public Lands Day baseball cap. Saturday activities will conclude with a free barbeque lunch and award presentation ceremony.

“Thousands of volunteers, including those in the Berlin Lake area, will prove on National Public Lands Day how much they care about their irreplaceable public places,” said Robb Hampton, director of National Public Lands Day. “Each year, more and more Americans come out to lend a hand on this special Saturday in September, and we invite all of you to join us.”

For more information, contact the Berlin Lake Office at 330-547-3781 between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.