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## Big Bend National Park News Release

### **BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY SEPTEMBER 27**

Big Bend National Park is sponsoring an opportunity to volunteer and have fun while helping the park on Saturday, September 27, in celebration of National Public Lands Day. Volunteers will be making a contribution by planting grass in the Rio Grande Village area. The work involves digging with shovels, planting small grass plugs and one gallon pots, transplanting grasses from other areas, and running irrigation lines. Activities will begin at 10:00 AM so pack a lunch and plan on meeting at the Rio Grande Village Store parking lot. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Jane Brown at 432-477-1195 or emailing [Jane.Brown@nps.gov](mailto:Jane.Brown@nps.gov)

Over 120,000 Americans are expected to celebrate National Public Lands Day on September 27<sup>th</sup>, and honor the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) with a day of volunteer work in America's parks, mountains, streams, and hiking trails. National Public Lands Day is sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc., for the tenth consecutive year.

Part of the work will be an effort to plant one million trees on public lands, according to Robb Hampton, Program Director for National Public Lands Day.

More than 120,000 volunteers across the nation, including those from nine federal agencies, are expected to be involved at 1,500 sites. Clean ups, fix ups, and other volunteer events will take place in parks, forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, cultural and historic sites and other public lands.

Hampton said, "Our nation has benefited immensely from the impressive work performed by the Civilian Conservation Corps 75 years ago. The Civilian Conservation Corps is one of the driving forces that has inspired National Public Lands Day for the past 15 years, and National Public Lands Day volunteers work together to achieve the same common goals and mission. This includes planting more trees, removing invasive plants, building trails, and many of the other activities that your National Public Lands Day site is working on. For this reason, in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are launching our initiative to plant one million trees across the country. Now is our opportunity to honor the legacy of these CCC environmental heroes by continuing to improve, protect and maintain our nation's public lands."

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