

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY FORT DERUSSY CLEAN UP A SUCCESS...



Everyone did their part

In recognition of National Public Lands day Saturday, September 25, 2021, Park Rangers Jill Davis and Stephen Lawlor led the Honolulu District in the cleanup of Ft DeRussy Beach Park and the surrounding area. With staggered start times and separated target areas to clean, a whopping 82 people were able to participate in the effort while keeping in line with the State and County COVID safety mandates. MAHALO for the success POH OHANA!



This group is geared up and ready for instructions



Happy Participants!

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Wright Patman Lake

National Public Lands Day 2021

On September 26th, Wright Patman Lake staff and volunteers from the surrounding Texarkana area, gathered to work on cleaning up the emerging fairways of the brand-new disk golf course being created at Wright Patman's Spillway Park!

- 60 volunteers
- 199 volunteer hours
- 7 loads of brush



Center Hill Lake Staff and Local Volunteers Introduce New Fish Habitat to the Environment - (Sept. 17, 2021)

Event:

- Corps employees, TN Tech University Fishing Team, and Timothy Hill Retreat Center teamed up to create and introduce new fish habitat for the upcoming winter draw down on Center Hill Lake. The event took place 17 September 2021 at Hurricane Bridge Day Use Area in observance of 2021 National Public Lands Day.

Communication Objectives:

- Adding fish habitat to Corps lakes not only provides new cover for sport fish, but also creates habitat for forage species such as insects, crustaceans, and minnows that sport fish depend on in order to survive.
- Creating and maintaining a close relationship with our local volunteer groups allows events such as National Public Lands Day to display how Corps employees and volunteers can come together to make such an impact on our public waters.

Activities:

- Safety orientation and directions on how to complete project.
- Life jackets gloves and water were provided to the volunteer groups.
- Corps vessels shuttled groups to each designated fish attractor location site where they prepped and placed each structure.
- While no one asked the volunteers to pick up litter off the shoreline for this event, volunteers went above and beyond to pick what litter they encountered while prepping fish attractors.

Key Take-Aways:

- Local Volunteer groups worked hand in hand to help improve fishing and forage specie habitat to Center Hill Lake water ecosystem.
- This NPLD event provided an impacting image to our youth by showing them that coming together as a team can make a big impact on developing and sustaining our freshwater ecosystems.



WILMINGTON DISTRICT



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National Public Lands Day Event at W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir

On 25 September 2021, W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir hosted a National Public Lands Day event from 0800-1200. There were 58 staff and volunteers in attendance to work on three projects. 1) Northwest NC Mountain Bike Alliance completed sign installation and trail work on Dark Mountain trails system, completing 5 miles of work. 2) American Heritage Girls worked with WKS staff to spread two 18-ton truck loads of gravel on the walking paths at Fish Dam Creek and Dark Mountain parks. 3) American Heritage Girls and Project Lazarus helped staff remove mulch and unwanted plants from the native tree trail and backyard habitat behind the Environmental Education Center, pulling out 5 pounds of invasive plants and prepping the area for new seed to be planted this fall. Friends of WKS Lake provided lunch after a morning of hard work!

* Photos taken by WKS staff and volunteers.



Top Left: Volunteers raking mulch and weeds for ground cover to be planted.

Bottom Left: Volunteers pulling invasive species and Golden Rod out of pollinator plots to make way for more diverse native plants.



Below:
Volunteers spreading gravel on Fish Dam Creek Park's walking path.



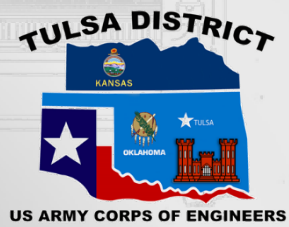
Above: Members of the NW NC MTB Alliance installing signs on Dark Mountain Trail system.



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Eufaula Lake Office

National Public Lands Day



Saturday, September 18, Eufaula Lake Office hosted its 4th Annual Eufaula Lake Trash Bash Event by clearing litter from Eufaula Dam fishing area, Off Road Vehicle Area and surrounding lake shoreline in a clean-up collaboration and day of service for National Public Lands Day.

- Eufaula Rangers, Team Up to Clean Up volunteers and the public helped clean up in Ladybird Landing, perform maintenance on Terrepin Trail, and remove refuse from the Dam Fishing area and off-road vehicle area.
- Eight 55-gallon bags of trash were picked up by volunteers below the Dam and Eufaula Lake office personnel filled a 30-yard roll-off with a large pile of debris that had been collected from the campgrounds, and various public dump sites on government property throughout the recreation season. Ragz Roll-Offs donated the bin to collect the refuse, and the Smith Foundation and Waste Management donated the waste disposal. The clean-up resulted in the removal of an estimated 4 tons of waste and open cell Styrofoam from public property and the environment.
- 27 hours were donated during this event. The event also gave Corps Ranger the opportunity to share lake information, water safety message and inform the public of the importance of our environmental stewardship mission.





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Volunteers Build New Trail at Falls Lake on NPLD

The Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail (FMST) had 72 volunteers out to celebrate National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on Saturday, September 25th. The volunteers split into two groups to tackle trail building and clearing at several sites along the 60 miles of trail that FMST maintains at Falls Lake. FMST and USACE collaborated in receiving a \$1,000 NEEF grant to support this event.



Ranger Ferrell recognizes FMST Lead Volunteer Jeff Brewer as a finalist for the Corps Foundation's Enduring Service Award.



Partnerships



FMST volunteers hard at work constructing a new section of trail along Panther Creek at Falls Lake.

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2021 WVP NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

OPERATIONS DIVISION, PORTLAND DISTRICT, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION



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WHO: Willamette Valley Project

WHAT: National Public Lands Day

WHEN: Saturday, September 25

WHERE: Pine Meadows Campground,
Cottage Grove Lake, Oregon

WHY: National Public Lands Day is a nation-wide event in which thousands of volunteers assist in projects to improve federal lands. 39 volunteers planted 93 trees and shrubs to improve the aesthetic and habitat in the campgrounds.

WHAT'S NEXT: Corps volunteers will water and care for the new plants until they are well-established. WVP rangers will continue to host NPLD events in future years, in a different location every year.



Park Ranger Jessica Corbett assisted a volunteer with his planting at the NPLD event.



How to properly plant trees and shrubs was demonstrated by Park Ranger Alena Kimble for Boy Scout Troop 60.



Group photo of the volunteers and Rangers who planted native trees and shrubs in Pine Meadows Campground.



Volunteers Mr. Oldham and grandson took a break from their hard work.

Summary:

On Saturday, September 25, a National Public Lands Day volunteer event was held at Pine Meadows Campground, Cottage Grove Lake. 8 Corps park rangers, 1 Corps botany tech, 4 Corps volunteers, and 35 community volunteers participated in the event. Volunteers planted 18 native trees and 75 native shrubs. The goals of the project were to add shade and visual barriers in the campground, improve aesthetic, and increase habitat for pollinators and wildlife. The value of service provided by the volunteers was about \$3995.



TRINIDAD LAKE NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

Albuquerque District 25 SEP 2021



SUMMARY: Trinidad Lake Project staff and volunteers completed a native plant pollinator garden in the office parking lot's center island as a part of National Public Lands Day.



Volunteers and staff with the completed pollinator garden and interpretive sign.



Planting trees and shrubs donated by the Arkansas Valley Audubon Society.

KEY TAKEAWAYS: Collaboration with the Arkansas Valley Audubon Society and the Trinidad Community Foundation resulted in this project coming to fruition. With a diversity of trees, shrubs, grasses, and forbs, as well as a dedicated volunteer base, a sustainable, environmentally-friendly interpretive area is ensured for years to come.

Operations Division

STORYBOARDS

Project Office Name: Woodruff- Seminole

Goal: Readiness

Narrative:

Lake Seminole hosted a National Public Lands Day volunteer event at Chattahoochee Park on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Nine volunteers assisted Rangers with enhancing the habitat for wildlife around the park. Bluebird boxes were checked for damage, then cleaned out or replaced. Cleaning of the boxes is done at the end of the nesting season which allows for a clean and safe box for the next season. Volunteers also assisted with spreading seeds for wildflower and food plots. These provide additional food sources for any wildlife that visits the park.



