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## **The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Project is looking for volunteers to participate in National Public Lands Day**

**MOBILE, Ala.--** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, needs volunteers to participate in National Public Lands Day (NPLD) which will be held at 8 a.m. on September 25, to celebrate service and recreation on public lands while educating volunteers about stewardship in our parks. NPLD engages a diverse audience of adult and youth volunteers to get outside and improve their parklands, whether at the grandest national park or at an urban park in their neighborhood.

NPLD inspires a new generation of volunteers committed to service on public lands. The event also encourages volunteers to explore and enjoy America's natural wonders through outdoor recreation. After working hard, volunteers can take a hike, a swim, a bicycle ride and get healthy in America's backyard.

### **Last September nationally, volunteers....**

- Removed an estimated 900,000 lbs of trash
- Collected an estimated 20,000 lbs of invasive plants
- Built and maintained an estimated 1,320 miles of trails
- Planted an estimated 100,000 trees, shrubs and other native plants
- Contributed an estimated \$14 million to improve public lands across the country

This year in Columbus, Miss., we are hoping to inspire our own new generation of volunteers that will be committed to stewardship on public lands. The event will focus on Lake Columbus and its tributaries. The Corps will be sponsoring this event at Stennis East Bank Boat Ramp. All volunteers are asked to pick up litter along Lake Columbus and its tributaries. All litter should be securely bagged and returned to Stennis East Bank Boat Ramp for proper disposal. First 100 volunteers to return a bag of litter back to Stennis East Bank will receive a free fee coupon good at any U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park that requires an entry fee. Please call Ranger Phil Leeser at 662-327-2142 for further information or to schedule a program.

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