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**MAKIKI WAI NATIVE FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT
SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY**

HONOLULU — Volunteers are invited to join the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in celebrating “National Public Lands Day,” on Saturday, Sept. 25 by helping to care for a two-acre forest area in Makiki Valley on land that has been replanted with native Hawaiian plants.

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) 2010 celebrates service and recreation on public lands while educating volunteers about the effects of climate change. NPLD engages a diverse audience of adult and youth volunteers to get to outdoors and improve their lands.

"We're looking for volunteers who enjoy being outdoors and making a difference to enhance our native forest project in Makiki," said Aaron Lowe, trails and access specialist for DLNR-Forestry.

"We can use the public's help, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., to water and fertilize native Hawaiian plants, move or install plant signs, clean up fallen leaves or branches, and weed around the native plants using weed wrenches," Lowe said.

Na Ala Hele will provide water, gloves, and tools. Volunteers should come with long pants and a long sleeve shirt, good traction shoes or boots, insect repellent, a bag lunch and motivation.

To get to the forest work site, go up Makiki St. and take a left at the fork on to Makiki Heights Drive. Before the first hairpin turn, go straight into the Makiki Forest Recreation area. Volunteers should meet at 9 a.m. at the Makiki Forestry Baseyard just above the Hawai'i Nature Center building.

In addition to this Saturday, the next volunteer work date this year is on October 23. There will be no work dates in November and December due to the holidays.

For base yard directions or more information call 973-9782.

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