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Greetings:

You are invited to the 7th annual Public Lands Day (PLD) to be held **Saturday, September 18th, 2004, at the German Ridge Recreation Area of the Hoosier National Forest**. Join the Hoosier National Forest for the largest annual coast-to-coast, single-day volunteer restoration effort for America's public lands.

This is the first year the event will be held at German Ridge. We will organize volunteer groups to stain the historic buildings at German Ridge Recreation Area and rehabilitate the campsites there. This historic area was built by the Civilian Conservation Corp and is one of the most scenic sites on the Hoosier. Some environmental education will be available throughout the day on site.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the German Ridge picnic area at 9:00 a.m. Wear old clothes, and bring work gloves, drinking water, and a sack lunch. Please call the Tell City office if you plan to bring groups of 5 or more, to ensure that enough tools and supplies are available to accommodate everyone who attends.

Although the work project should be completed by mid to late afternoon, we encourage you to stay and explore the area. The 1.5 mile trail around German Ridge Lake is a beautiful short hike for visitors and another 24 miles of trail is available for biking, horseback riding, and hiking.

Volunteers are also invited to camp at German Ridge Friday and Saturday night at no charge. The German Ridge campground does not have showers or running water so campers who require more modern facilities might prefer one of our other facilities.

The Hoosier National Forest sponsors the PLD celebration in coordination with other land management agencies across the country to increase people's awareness of their public lands. Nationally, we expect over 90,000 volunteers to help at over 600 sites across the country. Together, these volunteers make a huge difference. We're hoping you will join them!

Contact me at 812-547-9241 for more information. We look forward to seeing you on Public Lands Day!

Sincerely,

/s/ Nancy A. Myers
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