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### **Volunteers Needed For National Public Lands Day**

*Salt Lake City joins partners in community service project on Mormon Trail*

SALT LAKE CITY – Mayor Ralph Becker is pleased to join the U.S. Forest Service, Salt Lake County and non-profit groups Save Our Canyons and the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation in issuing a call for volunteers to celebrate National Public Lands Day with a local trail restoration project on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers will help refurbish sections of the Mormon Pioneer Trail by repairing treads and clearing out vegetation overgrowth. The popular pathway is not only historically significant but also crosses through several critical Salt Lake City watershed areas – areas the Wasatch Water Legacy Partnership, made up of representatives from Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, the U.S. Forest Service, Save Our Canyons and the Cottonwood Canyons Foundation, is working to preserve and protect.

The Partnership's mission is to *“undertake creative and effective actions that conserve and sustain critical resources, create resilient ecosystems and enrich the quality of life for the region, its residents, businesses and canyon visitors.”*

Mayor Becker's Chief of Staff David Everitt said the goals of the new group are of critical value not just to Salt Lake City residents, but the entire Salt Lake Valley.

“We are extremely fortunate to benefit from the natural resources and recreation our nearby mountains and canyon lands provide,” Everitt said. “It is imperative that we continue, as partners, a strong stewardship ethic to protect our watershed for future generations.”

Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older and should register for the project through the Public Lands Information center at 801-466-6411 or at [pllc@xmission.com](mailto:pllc@xmission.com).

EVENT: 2011 National Public Lands Day Trail Project

WHERE: Mormon Pioneer Trail  
(Volunteers should meet at Affleck Park in Dell Canyon. To access Dell Canyon, volunteers should exit 134 on I-80 and travel north on State Highway 65 for six miles. Travelers coming from Emigration Canyon follow the road to Highway 65 and then turn north. Carpooling is encouraged.)

WHEN: 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24

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