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Corps of Engineers Sponsors National Public Lands Day Ft. DeRussy Beach Clean-Up

By Honolulu Engineer District Public Affairs

(HONOLULU – NR-22-05) The Honolulu Engineer District is sponsoring a beach clean-up at the Fort DeRussy berm and beach from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday September 24, 2005 as part of National Public Lands Day (NPLD).

The NPLD showcases our nation's public lands and the importance of protecting natural resources through responsible use and volunteerism. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been involved in NPLD since 1996.

Volunteers for the Ft. DeRussy beach clean-up are provided free gloves, trash bags, drinking water and a "fee free" one-day pass to any federal park or site run by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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Volunteers will meet at the ground floor entrance to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pacific Regional Visitors Center (RVC) at 8 a.m.

At the RVC, volunteers also receive a special data card to tally items collected. The collected data is placed into the Ocean Conservancy's international database, which identifies the sources of debris and helps devise solutions to debris problems.

Volunteers can receive free validated parking at the Hale Koa parking lot - located at the corner of Kalia and Saratoga Roads - by bringing the parking ticket to the Pacific Regional Visitor's Center.

To volunteer for the Corps' cleanup at Ft. DeRussy call Michael Wong at 438-8866. For more information, check out the event website at www.npld.com.

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