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George Washington Carver NM News Release

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NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY EVENT
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

George Washington Carver National Monument is hosting a volunteer-led effort to control invasive exotic plants identified at the park. This work will take place in the woodlands and on the prairie. Volunteers-In-Parks (VIPs) will remove these nuisance plants by pulling and cutting. The project also includes planting trees throughout the park. Please join the dedicated VIPs of George Washington Carver National Monument as they help protect America's treasures. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Registration will be place at the visitor center.

The park will also offer a special film presentation, entitled, Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring.* This 55 minute film documentary explores Carson as a fearless champion of the environment and her 1962 book, *Silent Spring.*

National Public Lands Day provides Americans with a dramatic and productive opportunity to pitch in and help improve their public lands. One-third of the land area of the United States is in public ownership. This includes federal, state, city and county lands. These 700 million acres are used and protected for water supply, timber, minerals, recreation, wildlife management, scenic beauty, environmental education, and much more.

George Washington Carver National Monument preserves the birthplace and childhood home of George Washington Carver. The park is located two miles west of Diamond, Missouri on Hwy V, then south ¼ mile on Carver Road. For more information, please call the park at 417-325-4151 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/gwca

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