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Free Entrance to Lava Beds National Monument and Tule Lake Unit, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument on January 21, 2013

TULELAKE, California— Superintendent Mike Reynolds announces that in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Lava Beds National Monument and The National Park Service announce fee-free entry on Monday, January 21, 2013.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a tireless advocate of civil rights and of equality for all Americans. This theme can be explored at both Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Unit, where the story of the Modoc War and the wartime treatment of Japanese-Americans both show us the painful journey to national racial equality that Dr. King fought for in his lifetime. The Tule Lake Unit is an example of a National Park Service site of conscience, addressing the ideals that Dr. King advocated in his lifetime and that he represents today.

“The holiday provides the perfect opportunity to visit a national park with a direct connection to Dr. King – a place where you could literally walk in his footsteps,” said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis. “Or, you could visit one of the many national parks or historic sites that honor the Civil Rights Movement or other African American accomplishments.”

The Tule Lake Unit can be visited by attending a scheduled tour – and is free all year long! The next scheduled tour is on Saturday, February 2, 2013 (To schedule a tour of Tule Lake, contact a Park Ranger at 530-260-0537). Superintendent Mike Reynolds invites one and all to take advantage of this fee-free day and experience the wonders of Lava Beds this Martin Luther King Day holiday, while the normal \$10 fee is waived.

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

For more information about visiting Lava Beds National Monument, call 530-667-8110, email labe_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/labe. Also, visit the park's Facebook and Twitter pages

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