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Free Admission for All Park Visitors

TULELAKE, California- In honor of those men and women who served and currently serve in the United States Armed Forces, National Park units across the country, including Lava Beds National Monument, will be offering everyone fee free entry during Veteran's Day weekend. The fee-free period begins Saturday, November 9 and runs through Monday, November 11, and applies to entrance fees.

The National Park Service has the honor of preserving many battlefields, military parks, and historic sites commemorating and honoring the service of American veterans. The ideals and freedoms they fought for are remembered throughout the National Park System in areas as diverse as Fort McHenry National Monument in Maryland, Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania, USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and here on the battlefields of the 1872-73 Modoc War in Lava Beds National Monument. Take a walk through the deep lava trenches of Captain Jack's Stronghold, visit the site of the army headquarters at Gillem's Camp, take in the expansive views of the Tulelake Basin and Medicine Lake Highlands from Hospital Rock, or hike 1.1 miles to the Thomas-Wright Battlefield while learning about the war from the perspectives of the Modocs and the U.S. Army.

"We invite you to take reverence in the quiet solitude of the park's battlefields and enjoy a landscape that has changed little since the war was fought over 140 years ago. While you are here you can also enjoy the other natural and cultural wonders the park preserves," says Superintendent Mike Reynolds.

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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!

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

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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