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Lending a Hand to Care for the Land: Forest Service partners with community for clean up

Woodsy Owl asks that forest visitors “Lend a Hand – Care for the Land.” On Saturday, May 17th community volunteers joined forces with employees of the Plumas National Forest’s Feather River Ranger District, to do just that. Cub Scout Troop # 138 (Den 2) and the Berry Creek Community Association worked with employees of the Feather River Ranger District, to remove trash in the Big Bald Rock Trailhead area, located near the town of Berry Creek. In addition, the morning marked the second annual Concow Community roadside clean-up, followed by lunch and a volleyball game to celebrate the accomplishment.

“On behalf of the Forest Service, I am so very grateful for all the hard work put in by volunteers,” said Karen Hayden, Feather River District Ranger. She noted that the Forest Service simply doesn’t have the resources or the budget to deal with the thousands of tons of trash deposited on public land throughout the country.

Cleanup projects such as the ones held on Saturday, educate participants about the value of forest land for recreation use and wildlife habitat. In addition, the project helps Forest Service employees to learn more about the people and communities they serve. The projects create a spirit of cooperation among community groups and increase community pride.

Kids today might be less familiar with the original slogan of Forest Service mascot Woodsy Owl, but many adults will remember, “Give a Hoot, Don’t Pollute.” Following that advice could go a long way towards keeping our communities beautiful and allowing Forest Service employees to focus on other beneficial services.

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Key points:

- 1) On Saturday, May 17 local residents joined Plumas National Forest employees for two successful clean-up events on the Feather River Ranger District.**
- 2) Thanks to the Berry Creek Community Association, Cub Scout Troop #138, and Concow community members for their national forest clean-up efforts.**



