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BLM Encourages Volunteers to Lend A Hand “Down By The Riverside”

Roseburg, OR – The Bureau of Land Management's Roseburg District Volunteer Program is encouraging communities throughout Douglas County to get involved in SOLV's annual, statewide event Down By The Riverside, on Saturday, May 19, 2007. BLM District Manager Jay Carlson says, “BLM and SOLV are strong partners throughout the year. We hope that hundreds of Douglas County residents will join in for a day of fun and volunteerism to remind all of us about the importance of clean water in our communities. BLM will even provide the bags, gloves and other materials needed to help organize your own community cleanup.”

Down By the Riverside includes watershed and community beautification and enhancement projects. It has evolved to embrace a wide variety of projects to help maintain the watersheds where we all live. One Douglas County project will occur on Thursday, May 17. Three additional projects in Douglas County are on Saturday, May 19 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

The entire list of projects in Oregon and registration information can be viewed at the following website: http://solv.org/programs/down_by_the_riverside.asp. Additional information is available by calling 1-800-333-SOLV (7658) or email sara@solv.org.

Within Douglas County, the four projects include:

Thursday, 5/17/07 - Scottsburg Park Cleanup

Time: 9 AM-1 PM Site Address: Hwy. 38 between mileposts 15 and 16

Directions: State Highway 38 between mileposts 15 and 16 along the Umpqua River

Coordinator: Eleanor Blanton Email: blanton51@harborside.com Phone Number: 541-587-4354

Saturday, 5/19/07 - Cow Creek – Riddle

Time: 9 AM-1 PM

Coordinator: Jane Mitchell Email: janemitchell@umpquabank.com Phone Number: 541-839-4273

Saturday, 5/19/07 - Colliding Rivers Boat Ramp

Time: 9 AM-1 PM Directions: Hwy 138, East of Roseburg

Coordinator: Bill Blodgett Email: info@umpquarivers.com Phone Number: 541-496-3333

Saturday, 5/19/07 - Annual Pre-Memorial Day Scottsburg Cemetery Cleanup

Time: 10 AM-1 PM Site Address: Hwy 38 between mileposts 19 and 20

Coordinator: Eleanor Blanton Email: blanton51@harborside.com Phone Number: 541-587-4354

SOLV is a non-profit organization that brings together volunteers in projects to enhance Oregon's livability. Governor Tom McCall and others established SOLV in 1969. They saw the need for community action to address growing problems in the state. SOLV is working to preserve this treasure called Oregon as they annually provide resources to more than 250 Oregon communities for cleanup, beautification and enhancement projects. SOLV creates an average of 85,000 volunteer opportunities across the state. Since 1997, SOLV has provided an estimated \$60,000,000 in service to Oregon. For more info, call SOLV at 1-800-333-SOLV (7658) or email sara@solv.org. For service-learning projects, email Debbie at debbie@solv.org.

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