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BLM Partners with Keep America Beautiful for 2006 Great American Cleanup Events from March 1 – May 31

ROSEBURG, OR. – Volunteers are needed to help clean and beautify Douglas County streets, waterways and other public spaces during the **Great American Cleanup**, March 1 through May 31. The Bureau of Land Management is currently recruiting volunteers to sign up in support of clean communities. Litter bags and other needed supplies will be provided to all volunteers. Anyone interested in helping out can, call Joe Ross, BLM's Roseburg District volunteer program coordinator, at (541)464-3248.

Local volunteer events include:

** A cleanup of the South Fork Deer Creek area (south of Dixonville) on the afternoon of **Sunday, March 5**. Crew Leader Dennis Johnson will head up a crew of students from Umpqua Community College's Small Group Class (taught by Paula Usrey).

** A cleanup of the Stewart Park bikepath from Noon-1 PM on **Wednesday, March 22**. A crew of BLM employees will be headed up by Natural Resource Specialist Jim Harvey. The public is invited to participate, or to stop by BLM's office to pick up bags and supplies for their own neighborhood cleanup.

** A cleanup of some stream segments in Douglas County during the **May 13-21** period that overlaps with National River Cleanup Week (see www.americaoutdoors.org/nrcw/natao10.htm) Ross says that groups are needed to "adopt a stream" during that period in May.

The **Great American Cleanup** is sponsored by the Keep America Beautiful organization and is expected to involve close to 3 million people in 2006, volunteering more than 8 million hours to clean, beautify and improve 15,000 communities during 30,000 events from coast to coast in all 50 states. Activities will include beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning seashores and waterways, handling recycling collections, picking up litter, planting trees and flowers, and conducting educational programs and litter-free events.

Last year, 2.4 million Great American Cleanup volunteers collected a record-breaking 208 million pounds of litter and debris; planted 4.2 million flowers and bulbs; cleaned 176,000 miles of roads, streets and highways; and cleaned 10,250 miles of rivers, lakes and shorelines.

America's companies support and sponsor efforts for the 2006 Great American Cleanup. National sponsors are: American Honda Motor Company, Inc., Firestone Complete Auto Care TiresPlus, GLAD ForceFlex Trash Bags from The Glad Products Company, Pepsi-Cola Company, SAM'S CLUB, Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, Sparkle Paper Towels from Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Troy-Bilt, Waste Management, Inc. and Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company. An educational partner is the Rubber Manufacturers Association.

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