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Volunteers Wanted for the 19th Annual Rogue River Cleanup

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Grants Pass, OR -- The 19th annual Rogue River Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011. The event brings volunteers together to clean trash and debris on the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River from Grants Pass to Grave Creek.

Registration begins at 9:00 AM at the Hog Creek Boat Ramp, located five miles west of Merlin on the Merlin-Galice Road. Cleanup will take place rain or shine, so come prepared. Volunteers are encouraged to bring snacks and extra drinking water. Trash bags, gloves, and volunteer t-shirts will be provided to those who register. At the end of the day, the BLM will host a barbeque for volunteers at Josephine County's Indian Mary Park with live music provided by a local band. A small raffle drawing wraps up the event.

As part of keeping our river and recreation sites clean and thriving, we will form a volunteer noxious weed cleanup group. Information and handouts on noxious weeds and how to treat them will be available. Please join us in keeping our native plant riparian communities along the river corridor healthy.

The cleanup project is part of a state and national effort to clean and enhance waterways. This fun, annual event is sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management's Medford District and in partnership with Josephine County Parks, Project Oregon, Clean Forest Project, and Josephine County Master Recyclers.

For more information on the Cleanup, contact David Ballenger, Project Coordinator, at (541) 471-6556.

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