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Local Volunteers Clean Up Redmond Caves

REDMOND-In late September, over 30 volunteers took time from their weekend to help restore the Redmond Caves. The volunteer project accomplished some important restoration and clean-up work at the site, including graffiti removal, native seed sowing, weed removal, and trash pick up. The Redmond Caves are on a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) parcel located within the urban growth boundary of the City of Redmond.

This volunteer project was coordinated as a National Public Lands Day (NPLD) event. Every year, federal land management agencies such as the BLM and the Forest Service sponsor NPLD events throughout the nation. These events involve local communities in caring for their public lands by working on natural resource projects.

In accomplishing the work at Redmond Caves, support was provided through private businesses, government agencies, and two caving groups. Jefferson County Juvenile Community Justice Program supplied a hard working crew that picked up over 10 thousand pounds of trash. High Country Disposal provided a dumpster and trash disposal. RSC rentals donated a light system, generator, and several wheelbarrows. Members of the High Desert Grotto and Willamette Valley Grotto (caving enthusiasts) spent several hours scrubbing graffiti off rocks in the main cave area. In summary, over 30 volunteers worked for five hours on a beautiful fall day in Central Oregon to help restore the caves.

Working with the City of Redmond and other partners, the Prineville BLM plans to continue restoration projects and the development of the Redmond Caves into a natural community park that will have hiking trails and interpretive information for all to enjoy.

