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Top Notch Umpqua Cleanup!

Roseburg, Ore. -- The Umpqua Basin Cleanup partners would like to thank the over 65 dedicated volunteers from throughout Douglas County who came together during the last two weeks in September to support the 29th annual Umpqua Basin Cleanup. Volunteers collected trash in over 20 sites in Douglas County ranging from The Narrows to Gaddis Park and from Canyonville to Elkton. Along Cow Creek alone, over 500 pounds of trash was removed.

This year marks the 29th time our community has gathered for the fall Umpqua Basin Cleanup.

“We estimate that this year about two tons of garbage-including 80 tires- were removed from our public lands due to the efforts of over 65 dedicated volunteers,” said Ariel Hiller with the Roseburg District BLM.

The Umpqua Community College Upward Bound Program, retired BLM Forester Lenny Dour, and Cub Scout Pack #143/Joe Keady deserve special thanks for their cleanup efforts.

Another partner critical to the success of the cleanup effort is Dave Schaan and Lauren Young Tire Centers who donated the cost of processing the over 80 tires collected during the cleanup. Nancy Geyer and Bridget Ayers Looby from Partnership for Umpqua Rivers, Emily Veale from the Umpqua National Forest, and Ariel Hiller with BLM were tireless organizers; meeting monthly for almost a year before the cleanup and working supply booths in the library parking lot on two Saturdays. Thanks to Thomas McGregor from Phoenix School and Richard Chasm from Umpqua Watersheds for their planning and booth hosting efforts.

Umpqua Watersheds (UW) had historically held the annual cleanup and UW members remain involved now that - Partnership for Umpqua Rivers is the coordinating entity. Other partners include the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Umpqua National Forest, Phoenix School, SOLV, and Dave Schaan/Lauren Young Les Schwab Tire Centers. Additional information about volunteer opportunities is available online at: www.blm.gov/or/volunteers/index.php

A short video on BLM National Public Lands Day events is also available online at: www.youtube.com/blmoregon#p/u/55/o0dS8-OVRZ8

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