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## Volunteers Rock the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cow Creek Byway Clean-up!

*Roseburg, Ore.* Over 60 volunteers this year turned out to support the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cow Creek Byway Cleanup effort, in conjunction with National Public Lands Day. Volunteers removed over 2,400 pounds of garbage, 15 tires, three TVs, one couch and one air conditioning unit. Materials were collected south of Riddle, Oregon along the Cow Creek Back Country Byway, managed by the Roseburg District Bureau of Land Management.

“This year was simply fantastic,” said Ariel Hiller, Volunteer Coordinator for BLM. “We had such a wonderful turnout from the community. I want to especially thank Jake Eyre with the South County Teen Leadership Project, Holly Lawton, Thomas Condra, Dwayne Hicks and Raven Pool who worked as student leaders that ran the cleanup and did an excellent job!”

Special thanks also goes to Robert Paul, Director of Douglas County Public Works for donating disposal fees for the cleanup effort, Randy Gunn and Russell Hobson with Riddle High School and Noel Schaak with Canyonville Christian Academy for bringing enthusiastic students that brushed out trails, removed invasive species and picked up litter. Marty Warner, Boy Scouts of America volunteer coordinator facilitated involvement of two Boy Scout Troops. We also had local prospectors, and residents that came out to help.

“It’s really something that this group was able to pick up 2,400 lbs of garbage in just four hours, covering over 20 miles of the Byway.” Said Hiller, “I can’t wait to see what we can accomplish next year with such great community leadership from our youth!”

To see a video short of this year’s cleanup effort, check us out on YouTube at the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgIgE1RnjEk>

For more information about the Roseburg BLM, please visit the following site:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/index.php>

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