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144 Tons of Trash Gone!

Great Truckee Meadows Community Cleanup volunteers nearly double last year's effort

Reno, Nevada. Volunteers removed 144 tons of illegally dumped trash from local outdoor recreation areas during the Great Truckee Meadows Community Cleanup on Saturday, May 12.

“I am completely overwhelmed,” said Christi Cakiroglu, Executive Director of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful. “More sites, a greater sense of collaboration, and more volunteers than last year. This is a trend we’d like to see continue for future cleanups.”

Over 500 volunteers worked at 15 sites from Cold Springs to Jumbo Grade. In all, 962 yards of trash were removed, including 38 and a half cars, 1,000 pounds of hazardous waste, close to a thousand tires, and six tons of heavy metal.

“This is an impressive effort that is sure to have lasting impact,” Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Director Doug Doolittle said. “As a community, we can be thankful to the organizations and volunteers who took part in this year’s Community Cleanup and proud of their spirit of giving, collaboration and accomplishment.”

Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, Washoe County, the cities of Sparks and Reno, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Solid Waste Reduction Services, Clean Harbors Environmental, 1-800-GOT-JUNK, Waste Management, Scolari’s and others were instrumental in implementing this community-wide event.

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