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Team Up to Clean Up

Volunteers needed to help remove trash along local rivers and streams

Throughout the Eastern Sierra, trash fills our waterways – polluting rivers and streams, and creating hazards for birds, fish, and other wildlife. Now local organizations are teaming up to change this, and they are looking for volunteers to lend a hand.

On the morning of Saturday, September 16th, Bishop-based nonprofit Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) will be working in partnership with the Bishop Paiute Tribe Environmental Management Office, Friends of the Inyo, the Sierra Club, and volunteers in the community to make a difference.

Together, they plan to clean up three separate locations along the Owens River in an effort to keep the waterway healthy.

This community-wide volunteer day takes place in conjunction with the 9th annual Great Sierra River Cleanup – a coordinated statewide project to improve rivers and streams across the Sierra. Organized by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, the Great Sierra River Cleanup is the premier volunteer event focused on removing trash and restoring the health of waterways throughout the region.

This effort, in partnership with California Coastal Cleanup Day, serves to promote good stewardship on all of our waterways – from the Sierra to the sea.

The Great Sierra River Cleanup is about much more than picking up trash. It's a day for Sierra communities – and those from all over California – to demonstrate their desire for clean water and healthy rivers. It's an opportunity to learn about California's water source, and it's a time to come together with families, neighbors, and friends to accomplish something vital and worthy on behalf of our great Sierra rivers.

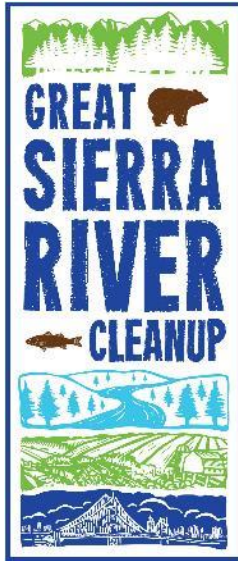
To learn more and sign up to participate in the Eastern Sierra cleanup day along the Owens River, please contact Indigo Johnson, ESLT Education Coordinator & AmeriCorps Member, at indigo@eslt.org, or Emma Hewitt, Bishop Paiute Tribe COSA Education Coordinator & AmeriCorps Member, at (760) 873-3584 ext. #223.

Eastern Sierra Land Trust works with willing landowners to protect vital lands in the Eastern Sierra region for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. To learn more about ESLT's work and how to get involved, visit www.eslt.org.

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Great Sierra River Cleanup Logo – please include with press release if space allows.



Image Caption:

The Great Sierra River Cleanup is a fun way to come together as a community to keep the Owens River healthy and beautiful. It is taking place this year on September 16th, and volunteers are needed!