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## **Earth Month in Central & Eastern Oregon: Volunteer Events Invite Community Action**

**Portland, Ore., April 8, 2026** – Earth Month is bringing volunteers together across Central and Eastern Oregon for hands-on cleanup and restoration projects throughout April. From hot springs stewardship and river cleanups to community-wide town beautification efforts, these events offer meaningful ways to care for local landscapes and shared spaces.

As part of SOLVE’s Earth Month celebrations, more than 200 volunteer projects are taking place across Oregon and Southwest Washington throughout April. In Central and Eastern Oregon, volunteers can help restore beloved recreation areas, clean up rivers and lakes, and prepare communities for the spring season.

### **Featured Earth Month Events in Central & Eastern Oregon**

#### **Sisters Community Cleanup**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 18, 9 am – 12 pm

**WHERE:** Fir Street Park, Sisters

Join neighbors to spiff up the town of Sisters for spring. Volunteers can clean assigned areas or choose their own favorite spots, with coffee, donuts, and family-friendly locations available.

[Link to register](#)

#### **2026 Earth Day Weekend at Breitenbush**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 18, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

**WHERE:** Lower Breitenbush Hot Springs, near Detroit

Be part of the tenth annual Lower Breitenbush Hot Springs Cleanup. Volunteers will help steward this unique natural soaking area by removing trash and improving conditions for visitors in partnership with Friends of the Breitenbush Cascades and the Detroit Ranger District.

[Link to register](#)

#### **Detroit Lake Spring Cleanup**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 18, 10 am – 12 pm

**WHERE:** Detroit, Oregon

Celebrate Earth Month with a community litter cleanup around Detroit Lake. Volunteers will help beautify the area and prepare the community for spring recreation.

[Link to register](#)

### **Umatilla River Cleanup (Pendleton)**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 25, 9 am – 12 pm

**WHERE:** Stillman Park, Pendleton

Help clean the 2.5-mile Umatilla River Parkway, including walking paths, levees, and riverbanks. Volunteers will spread out upriver and downriver to remove litter from this important community waterway. [Link to register](#)

### **Powder River and Downtown Baker City Spring Cleanup**

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 25, 10 am – 1 pm

**WHERE:** Geiser-Pollman Park, Baker City

Join a community cleanup along the Powder River followed by snacks and prizes. Volunteers will help remove trash from the river corridor and surrounding downtown area.

[Link to register](#)

### **How to Get Involved**

- **Volunteer:** Browse the event calendar for more events and register yourself or a group at [volunteer.solve.org/oregon-spring](https://volunteer.solve.org/oregon-spring)
- **Encourage participation:** Invite schools, workplaces, and community groups to take part in Earth Month action
- **Spread the Word:** Share local events with friends, neighbors, and your community

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For more information or to register, visit [solve.org/oregon-spring](https://solve.org/oregon-spring)

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### **About SOLVE**

SOLVE brings communities together to take care of our environment and enhance our waterways. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots initiative to a national model of volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon, and SW Washington, to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas, while empowering a community of environmental stewards for our state. Visit [solve.org](https://solve.org) for more information or follow SOLVEPNW on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#).

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