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Media Alert: SOLVE and Clackamas Water Environment Services Wrap-Up summer-long Waterway Cleanup Series with cleanup at High Rocks Park, Gladstone

*****Media Advisory – All Media Are Invited*****

What: Waterway Cleanup Series Wrap-Up event at High Rocks Park

When: Wednesday, September 16, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: 2 82nd Drive Gladstone, OR 97027 | [Map Link](#)

Event Description: Join SOLVE for the concluding event of the *Waterway Cleanup Series*, a recurring and much-anticipated **initiative in collaboration with Clackamas Water Environment Services**. From **May through September**, SOLVE actively promotes and lends support to an array of litter cleanup projects across the region, all **dedicated to elevating the cleanliness of our rivers, streams, and creeks**. This **final event of the summer-long series** will help beautify the riverbanks of the Clackamas River and **celebrate the culmination of 55 cleanups** along various waterways, lakes, and recreational areas, **across Oregon such as the Willamette, Molalla, Rogue, Siletz, Clackamas, and Columbia rivers**.

Why: Oregon's rivers are renowned for their beauty, yet they face ongoing threats from litter and runoff from developed areas. The need to clean our waterways has never been more critical. SOLVE invites volunteers of all ages to participate in this final event of the summer initiative, aimed at removing litter from our rivers, streams, and creeks. Together, we can take meaningful steps to ensure our communities benefit from safe, healthy water for generations to come.

Media Crews: Arrive by 9:45 am on the pedestrian bridge crossing the Clackamas River located right next to the DMV to see approximately 50 volunteers of all ages checking in, collecting their cleanup supplies, receiving a safety speech and event debrief, and then heading out in groups to pick up litter along the Clackamas River.

This event will feature plenty of visuals of volunteers picking up litter along the Clackamas riverbanks and at High Rocks Park, making for great community packages, VOs, and VOSOTS.

Available interviewees:

- Kris Carico, Chief Executive Officer, SOLVE
- Ron Wierenga, Deputy Director, Clackamas Water Environment Services

Visit the [event registration page](#) or the [Waterway Cleanup Series landing page](#) on the SOLVE website for more information.

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 for more information or follow SOLVEPNW on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#).

About Clackamas Water Environment Services

Clackamas Water Environment Services produces clean water, protects water quality and recovers renewable resources. We do this by providing wastewater services, stormwater management, and environmental education. It's our job to protect public health and support the vitality of our communities, natural environment, and economy. Learn more at: <https://www.clackamas.us/wes>.

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