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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DILLON – Individuals and groups are invited to assist with cleanup projects along the Madison River as part of a nationwide effort during National River Cleanup Week, May 15-23.

On Saturday, May 15, cleanup efforts will focus on an eight-mile stretch of the Madison River between the Bear Trap Wilderness and the Madison/Gallatin County line.

If you or your organization is interested in volunteering, please contact the Bureau of Land Management in Dillon by mail, or phone (406) 683-2337 by the end of March. BLM will provide a number of rafts, safety gear, trash bags, and organize event activities. The project will include both shore and float-based activities.

Details regarding the project, meeting times, and "what to bring" will be sent to all interested parties by mid-April.

This year marks the thirteenth year for National River Cleanup Week, a nationwide grassroots river and stream cleanup effort. Since its inception in 1992, these events have attracted over 430,000 volunteers who have cleaned up thousands of miles of waterways.

National River Cleanup Week is sponsored by America Outdoors, a national non-profit trade association representing 600 outfitting businesses and equipment manufacturers. Agency sponsors include the BLM, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation.