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Volunteers needed for river cleanup

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The confluence of Yuba and Feather rivers in Yuba County has been added to the more than 30 sites that volunteers will clean from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 17 during the 19th annual Yuba River Cleanup sponsored by the South Yuba River Citizens League.

Volunteers are needed for the local site off North Beale Road between Marysville and west Linda at the Highway 70 crossing.

The area in Yuba County is the "largest site for the cleanup," said Jenn Tamo, SYRCL community engagement manager. "We can use all the help we can get."

Volunteers will clear micro-garbage like cigarette butts, bottle caps, shards of glass and dog waste, to large items such as washers and trailers, according to a statement from SYRCL.

Volunteers are asked to bring sturdy gloves and reusable containers to gather garbage.

A free lunch for registered volunteers follows from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at Pioneer Park in Nevada City.

Registration, due by Sept. 12, is available online at yubariver.org or contact Tamo for assistance at jenn@syrc.org or 265-5961, ext. 201.

In fall 2015, 761 volunteers removed nearly 15,000 pounds of recyclable material from about 90 miles of river, creek and lake shoreline at sites within the Bear and Yuba River watersheds, according to a statement from the South Yuba River Citizens League.

About 195,000 pounds of trash and recycling have been removed since the cleaning effort began in 1998.

Supporters of the cleanup effort include the departments of State Parks, the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, the Army Corps of Engineers; the Nevada Irrigation District; the cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City and Nevada and Yuba counties; and businesses, clubs and school groups.