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ANNUAL PORTNEUF RIVER CLEANUP SCHEDULED
Volunteers Encouraged to Help from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The Portneuf River needs your help! Thousands of plastic bags, plastic bottles and other pieces of trash are caught in its riverbanks. Help us clean out the debris and improve this riparian habitat by joining numerous volunteers on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the Annual Portneuf River Cleanup.

The City of Pocatello is partnering with ISU Stream Ecology Center, Valley Pride and the Portneuf Watershed Partnership to sponsor this cleanup. Each agency is providing resources and recruiting volunteers.

Thanks to the efforts of hundreds of volunteers each year, the Portneuf River is looking better. This year our efforts will primarily focus on cleaning the river from Raymond Park north to the end of Kraft Road.

Participants should meet at the north end of Raymond Park (Carson Street) to get a trash bag and a spot on the river to clean. Volunteers must check-in at Raymond Park to sign a liability waiver and select a particular section of river to clean. Volunteers are asked to bring work gloves. Additional useful supplies include handsaws (no power tools), rakes, nets, boots, and pickup trucks.

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