

Volunteers keep the Smith River Watershed wild and scenic

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Hiouchi, CA – In the latest collaboration spanning a twenty-year partnership, the Smith River Alliance and Cal Poly Humboldt Natural Resources Club engaged local volunteers and Six Rivers National Forest law enforcement staff on March 29th, 2025. Participants removed one ton of trash and recyclables from a target shooting area off the South Fork Road. Meanwhile, a smaller team eradicated hundreds of noxious weeds at a separate location several miles upstream.

This cleanup and invasive plant removal was organized by Smith River Alliance, which educated participants on the harmful effects of microtrash and noxious weeds, and provided tools, supplies, and personal protective equipment. Special thanks to the Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority, Hiouchi Café, and the Del Norte County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for supporting this impactful stewardship project.

Smith River Alliance has various stewardship projects in the Smith River and Elk Creek watersheds planned for the coming field season. To learn about future opportunities and receive volunteer alerts, email

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