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**Bear Yuba Land Trust participates in the 2014 Great River Clean-Up**

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September 12, 2014 - Bear Yuba Land Trust is teaming up with SYRCL and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the 2014 Great River Clean-up at 9 a.m. Saturday, September 20.



Independence Trail

During this volunteer supported event, the Land Trust will oversee cleanup at two important and beautiful locations - Independence Trail and Black Swan.

At Independence Trail, volunteers will demolish and dismantle an old, deteriorating and unsafe wooden platform. Once the platform is taken down, volunteers will remove it from the forest. Bear Yuba Land Trust partners with State Parks to manage this trail founded by Naturalist John Olmsted. In 2013, Sacramento Bee named the Independence Trail as the paper's number one trail pick of the year.

At BYLT's Black Swan property, physically fit volunteers will hike down a fisherman's trail and remove trash along the Yuba River. This is a great opportunity to see a remote stretch of the river that few people have seen. Due to the geologic material that is present at this location the river narrows and the water moves fast offering breathtaking views.

Wear closed-toe shoes, work clothes and gloves and sunscreen. Bring water, a snack and a positive attitude.

Contact Jenn Tamo or Andrew Collins-Anderson for more information: jenn@syrcr.org or andrew@syrcr.org or (530) 265-5961 ext. 201 or ext. 203

**Black Swan**

**Directions to site:** Turn onto Smartsville road, one mile past Mooney Flat road off of Highway 20 if coming from Penn Valley. Smartsville road turn off is right by the fire station. Take Smartsville road .4 miles and bear right through a green gate. There is a cattle crossing at this gate as well. .3 miles in you will pass a monument for Sucker Flat. At .45 the pavement ends and stay straight. At .5 you will pass a trailer on the left hand side. Just pass the trailer turn Left up the hill. At .6 near the top of the hill there is a three way intersection, turn Right and go through the stone wall. Park anywhere up on the flat.

**Important Site Information:** This site will need able bodied volunteers who can hike over a mile with a load. Start time for this site is 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are asked to bring tarps to this site.

**Independence Trail**

**Directions to site:** Highway 49 leaving from Nevada City going north towards Downieville/North San Juan. Drive about 5.5 miles and park in one of the two lots that are on your right. If you make it to the Bridge you went to far.

**Important Information:** This site will involve the removal of an old rotten platform on the Independence Trail. Only able bodied volunteers comfortable using tools should signup for this site. There will be a mile hike to this site. This is not a good site for children. Please bring a wheelbarrow, tools (pry bar, sledge hammer), and gloves if you are able.

To register: [yubariver.org](http://yubariver.org) and click on Yuba River Cleanup.

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