

# **Tusquitee Ranger District**

**Nantahala National Forest**

**Upper Tellico Off-Highway Area , Tellico River and Area**

## **Clean-up Day March 8, 2003**

**Once again the die-hard, dedicated OHV club people have shown up in force to clean up an array of garbage, trash, vehicle parts. This clean-up day is necessary to clean-up after non-caring litter bugs. We are fortunate to have people who continue to care enough to keep our areas clean and pleasant to look at. Our cleanup consisted of more than cleanup along the river. We started at the stateline and cleaned up trail 1 to intersection of trail 5 and up trail 5 for a total of 1 ¼ mi., then 4 miles of trail 6, trail 2, trail 11, trail 9 trail 4 and another section of trail 1, for a total of about 15 miles.**

**They picked up the usual beer bottles, beer cans, diapers, array of paper products, tin roofing, stove pipe, batteries, coolers, plastic plates, old clothes, vehicle parts, tires, 4 wheeler tires, mufflers and tail pipes, fenders, and a number of other items I can't really describe!**

**We took about 125 bags, and another volume of stuff that wasn't bagable, to the land fill, which weighed about 2100 lbs. There was 2 pick-up truck loads, and 1 , ton truck load. I believe about 25 to 30 bags were taken back down to the Tennessee side and disposed of there.**

**There were 13 different clubs and 65 people from Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, and Florida for a total of 390 hours worked. This does not include travel time that took these folks to get here nor the use of their vehicles. I figure the value benefit of this clean-up to Approx \$ 5500.00 .**

**Right along with the workers were Bob Yarbrough, Stefan Roth, Gary Parsons, who are the officials with Southern Four Wheel Drive Association, picking up trash and not standing pointing ( like I do).**

**I want everyone to know that their efforts do not go un-noticed, not only does the Forest Service sees the results, but other users as well. Sometimes this**

can “rub off “ on other people and cause them to change their ways. We most whole heartedly appreciate these people and the work they do.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
Larry Downey	Ga. Cruisers
Bob Jackson	TNT 4wd
Bobbi Jackson	TNT 4wd
Eric Wracker	Plum Crazzed
Sandra Braves	“
Tasha Braves	“
Hal Hall	Central Ala OHV Society
Jason Bishop	“
Milt Webb	Southern Jeeps
Beau Ames	“
Ken Mercer	“
Gardner Strauch	“
Paula Strauch	“
Chris Fish	“
Ken Kaughman	“
Chandra Jackson	“
David Hertzler	“
Josh Hertzler	“
Jorge Bui	“
Zac Bui	“
J. McNicholes	“
Josh Fulson	“
Liz Paige	“
Keith Manis	Rattle Rock
Randy Carmley	“
Darrell Roberts	“
Chuck Davis	Tellico Cabins
Ed Chalker	Ocala Jeep Club
Greg McCracken	“
Bill Lanman	“
David Cassister	Flatlanders
Neilden Miller	Ocala Jeep Club
Bob Yarborough	Rock Solid
Gary Parsons	“
Steve Turek	Renegade 4wd Club
Dave Logan	Ga. Bounty Runners
Elain Cooke	“
Doug Edgeman	Rattlerock

<b>Gerald Henderson</b>	“
<b>George Clamser</b>	<b>Southern Jeep</b>
<b>Linda Clamser</b>	“
<b>Jim Rousseau</b>	“
<b>Myra Clamser</b>	“
<b>Eric Potts</b>	“
<b>Seth Sellers</b>	“
<b>Dan Barlotto</b>	“
<b>Jean Barlotto</b>	“
<b>David Walker</b>	“
<b>Billy Walker</b>	“
<b>Joe Mingledorf</b>	“
<b>William Pitts</b>	“
<b>Tony McMahan</b>	<b>Rattlerock</b>
<b>Sean McLeod</b>	<b>Volunteer 4wd</b>
<b>Brad Miller</b>	“
<b>Tim Wilson</b>	<b>Rattlerock</b>
<b>Roy Stroud</b>	<b>Atomic City</b>
<b>Wayne Kickles</b>	<b>E. Tenn 4wd</b>
<b>Stefan Roth</b>	<b>Renegade 4WD Club</b>
<b>Ken Braswell</b>	“
<b>J C Oliver</b>	<b>Scenic City</b>
<b>Mike Brooks</b>	<b>Heart of Dixie</b>
<b>Daniel Parker</b>	“
<b>Eric Hester</b>	“

**Ages ranged from 5 yr to 57 yrs old. Most were in the 40 to 50 yr range.**

**I don't mean to take the wind out of your sails, but, I was back in the area the following Monday, and ¼ mi up trail 5 on the river, where the campsites are below the road, the first thing I saw was a bunch of trash left by a camper. I know for a fact the river was cleaned up there, cause I walked thru the site Saturday. There wasn't even as much as a cigarette butt, and just like magic,, come Monday morning low and behold the signature of a litter bug in action. Someday, these people will be caught, and fined, they got away with it this time, but it will catch up with them sooner or later. Sorry to report bad news, but it also is part of life. See attachments.**

**Larry Fox**



**Campsite on Trail 5**



**Trash: 1 load of 3**