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Volunteers in D1 and D2 tackle litter on Earth Day



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While many may plant a tree in commemoration of Earth Day, volunteers donated their time on Monday by picking up litter on Idaho's highways. Volunteers continue to be the driving force behind the [Adopt-A-Highway program](#) sponsored by the Idaho Transportation Department. These engaged citizens are the unsung heroes who truly make the program successful.

"The Adopt-A-Highway program allows citizens to demonstrate community pride by making a positive statement for the traveling public by maintaining and keeping our beautiful scenery along our state highways free of litter," Program Specialist Rebecca Montosa said. "ITD appreciates all the hours these groups put in to help with this commitment."

Because of the magnitude of this initiative, the highways are divided into smaller, more manageable areas of responsibility. Each stretch is typically just under a couple miles to be cleared. The sections of highways are adopted for a length of time and then cleaned on a regular basis by local groups across the state.

[Volunteer coordinators at ITD](#) educate communities about the program, enroll interested local groups and assist group leaders with scheduling cleanups. The foreman also connect with the volunteers and bring them anything they need such as trash grabbers, garbage bags, gloves, etc. When their work is complete, volunteers often stage their orange trash bags against delineators for pick up from ITD maintenance

crews in the region.

Fun fact: Did you know that the Adopt-A-Highway program has been around for decades? The program can be retraced to its launch in 1990!



Working in pairs for safety when next to the highway is an excellent buddy system.





12 volunteers from Coleman Oil worked their way down U.S. Highway 95 near MP 310. This was not too far from the District 2 main office.



15 volunteers from D1 HQ near Interstate 90 and US-95 filled numerous orange garbage bags.



District 2 volunteers picked up trash on the slope and kept an eye out for nearby traffic.



You never know what you may find like this welded smiley face on what seems to be a detached muffler in District 1.