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# News Release

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## **Annual Tellico River Clean-Up**

**TELLICO PLAINS, TENN – February 16, 2016 ...** U.S. Forest Service Officials at the Cherokee National Forest say the annual **Tellico River Clean-Up** is set for Saturday, March 12, 2016. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 10:00 a.m. at the Tellico Ranger Station. This year the number of volunteers will be limited to 150. You must be registered to participate in this event.

Last year's clean up included over 125 participants and nearly 1 ton of trash was collected along Tellico River, North River, and Citico Creek. Forest Service representative, Mary Jane Burnette said, "Everyone is encouraged to wear long sleeve shirts, sturdy shoes or boots, and gloves. Garbage bags will be provided as well as the garbage pickup. This is always a fun and rewarding event."

Clean Up participants will be treated to a cookout at the North River Checking Station located on Tellico River below Green Cove. The Chattanooga Trout Association will be grilling hot dogs for participants from 10:30am to 12:30pm and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will provide homemade chili and other side dishes. TWRA will also offer tours of the Pheasant Field Fish Hatchery for those participants who are interested.

This event is being sponsored by the Forest Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority, Trout Unlimited, Chattanooga Trout Association, Keep Monroe Beautiful, and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

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