

Success Story

National Forests in Mississippi

De Soto NF "Team up to Clean up" day

Families, individuals, and many large groups such as the Mississippi Geo Cache Association, the US Navy's 169th Engineering Battalion, and Mississippi Hunting Dog Association, all teamed up to clean up different parts of De Soto National Forest. This event coincided on September 15th, with "National Clean-Up Day." Some volunteers brought trucks and trailers to haul trash, while others brought their muscles to pick it up and load it. Together they removed a tremendous amount of waste, cleaning up unsightly household trash piles, tires, furniture & home remodeling materials from roadways, creek banks, and dead-end forest roads.

After a morning of collecting trash, the teams dropped truckloads off at dumpsters or designated drop locations for collection by the County Road Departments. Thank you to the Board of Supervisors for Forrest, Stone, and Harrison Counties and their road crews for being an invaluable part of the "Team Up." In the past, The De Soto National Forest welcomed volunteers to help clean the forest, roads, and waterways for one day but this was the first year to continue inviting groups to collect debris all summer long.

