



## **Making a Difference One Bullet Shell at a Time**



Over 20 volunteers gathered on April 11 in the Hillockburn Rd. area to celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up areas where inappropriate target shooting and dumping activities have occurred. The project came as a result of a vibrant partnership between the Northwest Firearms online forum, the Dumpstoppers organization affiliated with Clackamas County, and the Mt. Hood National

Forest. Altogether nearly 3,000 pounds of trash was hauled off the Forest lands.

This project was a part of a larger effort to educate the public on proper use of forest lands while target shooting. Over the past couple of years, the Mt.



Hood National Forest has partnered with the SOLVE organization among many other groups to address this pressing issue.

Every year thousands of pounds of waste are dumped on the Mt. Hood NF lands. Beyond it ruining the natural feel and character of forest lands, this waste could lead to safety concerns and damage to habitat and wildlife. That's why projects like the Earth Day event are of vital importance.

Through collaborations like these, we can all work together towards a cleaner, safer environment while welcoming all kinds of recreational opportunities.

