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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**FOREST SERVICE PLANNING LITTER CLEANUP AT NORTH FORK OF POUND**  
**RESERVOIR**

**Wise, Va** – Join Central High School students, Wise County Litter Control Department and the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture in cleaning the shoreline of the North Fork of Pound Reservoir in Wise County, Virginia. Enjoy a day in the country, get some exercise, meet community members, make the lake safer for people and animals, and restore the lake's pristine beauty. Lunch, drinks, gloves, and litter bags are provided. Meet on Friday, March 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the parking lot of the North Fork Pound Reservoir.

Trash poses a health and safety hazard for people, pets, and wildlife. Children and animals are cut by broken glass and lost fish hooks. Pets and wildlife may eat or become entangled in trash. Some garbage, such as plastic bags, can cause animals to suffocate or starve when swallowed. Fishing line entangles legs or wings, sometimes keeping animals from seeking food. Small animals get trapped and die in bottles and other garbage. By picking up trash, volunteers are protecting people and animals, and enhancing the lake's beauty for locals and travelers. The lake is popular for fishing, swimming, and camping year-round.

Jorge Hersel, District Ranger of the Clinch Ranger District, explained, "The Forest Service is committed to caring for the Nation's resources and volunteers help the Forest Service accomplish important goals. People working together really make a difference."

The North Fork Pound Reservoir parking lot is located approximately one mile from U.S. Highway 23, just outside Pound, Virginia. Signs at the northernmost Pound exit on Highway 23 show the way to the reservoir. Cleanup includes the reservoir parking lot near the dam, Wise Boat Launch, Cane Patch Campground, and Phillips Creek Day Use Area.

For further information, contact the Clinch Ranger District at (276) 328-2931.

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