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### **DENVER AREA VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP WEEK**

Denver, May 28, 2008 – Millions of tons of trash wind up in our nation's rivers and streams every year, and Denver area volunteers are among the thousands who are pitching in to make a difference. "This is the second time the Barr Lake & Milton Reservoir Watershed (BMW) Association has organized a volunteer group for National River Cleanup Week, and it is a great way to volunteer for a couple of hours to pick up trash. We expect a good turnout, including a local Boy Scout troop," said Board member Steve Lundt who's helping organize the event.

The Barr/Milton watershed encompasses over 850 square miles, beginning at Chatfield Reservoir and covering most of the Denver metropolitan area and portions of six surrounding counties. The river cleanup event promotes the BMW Association's mission of encouraging cooperation, involvement, and awareness of collaborative efforts to improve water quality within the Barr/Milton watershed. The volunteer group will meet at the river access point immediately behind the Army National Guard Armory at 5275 Franklin Street, at 9:45am on Saturday, June 7.

The volunteers will spend about two hours picking up trash that washes up along the banks of the South Platte River. "It's important for volunteers to do their part because there aren't designated agencies responsible for cleaning up trash along our rivers," said Lundt, who is also a water quality scientist with the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District. "I work along the South Platte, and I am amazed at how much trash there is."

National River Cleanup Week officially kicks-off May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 8<sup>th</sup>. This annual event began in 1991 and is sponsored by the American Rivers organization. The goal is to raise awareness about the magnitude of trash accumulating in American waterways. Over the years, according to American Rivers, more than 500,000 volunteers have participated in more than 4,500 cleanups across the country, covering more than 100,000 miles.