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BottleDrop customers helping support the Owyhee Canyon

Donation to Friends of the Owyhee will aid litter removal, promote recreation in area

Clackamas, Ore. -- The Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC), parent organization to BottleDrop, announced a \$1,000 donation to Friends of the Owyhee, an Ontario, Ore. based nonprofit promoting conservation advocacy, stewardship, and responsible recreation in the Owyhee region. The donation, generated through BottleDrop's Containers for Change program, will be used by the nonprofit to support their ongoing litter removal and recreation promotion efforts in Owyhee Canyon.

"The Bottle Bill is hard at work in every corner of Oregon, keeping our rivers, roadways and special places beautiful for all to enjoy. We're very excited to support Friends of the Owyhee, whose work helps protect one of Oregon's special treasures while enhancing people's access to appreciate it," said Eric Chambers, director of external relations at OBRC.

BottleDrop's Containers for Change program provides Oregonians with an easy way to donate funds from their bottles and cans to excellent nonprofits operating in communities around the state. BottleDrop customers can participate by simply leaving their bag tag stickers off of their Green Bags, and dropping them off at any BottleDrop facility, like the Redemption Center in Ontario, Ore.

"We are excited to use this funding for our efforts in in the Owyhee Canyonlands," said Tim Davis, Executive Director of Friends of the Owyhee. "These funds will support our work in the Owyhee Canyon below Lake Owyhee, focusing primarily on cleaning up trash along the river and creating recreation information about the Lower Owyhee to create a better visitor experience."

BottleDrop customers can visit <u>bottledropcenters.com/containersforchange/</u> to learn more about this program, and how they can use their beverage containers to support excellent nonprofits, foundations, and advocacy organizations in Oregon.

BottleDrop account holders can also donate funds from their online balance directly to Friends of the Owyhee <u>here</u>.

About OBRC

The Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) is the industry steward of Oregon's nationally recognized beverage container redemption system. Headquartered in Clackamas, OR, OBRC is a statewide not-for-profit cooperative, formed by the beverage industry. OBRC helps keep Oregon beautiful by providing outstanding services to partners, distributors, retailers and the public for the

recovery, reuse and recycling of beverage containers. Through OBRC's BottleDrop Redemption Centers and container pickup service for more than 2,500 retail partners, the co-op recycles around 2 billion beverage containers annually, protecting the Oregon we love, supporting the causes we cherish and inspiring innovation beyond our borders – all without a single penny of state funding. To learn more, visit BottleDropCenters.com or OBRC.com.

About Friends of the Owyhee

Friends of the Owyhee exists to promote conservation advocacy, stewardship, and responsible recreation in the Owyhee region. They work collaboratively with conservation and recreation grops, landowners, ranchers, Indigenous tribes and nations, sportsmen and women, and government agencies to help ensure the Owyhee's unique ecological, cultural, and recreational resources are protected for future generations to experience and enjoy. To learn more, visit https://www.friendsoftheowyhee.org/.

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<u>Here</u> you will find photos of Oregonians processing or bringing Blue or Green Bags filled with redeemable containers to facilities to benefit nonprofits around the state. Photos should be credited to Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative.

Below you will find photos submitted by Friends of the Owyhee.





