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GRANITE CREEK CLEANUP COMING APRIL 21 This Year's Event Offers More Activities for Participants

Prescott Creeks will be hosting the annual Granite Creek Cleanup Saturday, April 21. In what has become a rite-of-spring event in Prescott, the Cleanup brings out over 500 friends and neighbors to clean up our creeks, lakes, and trails and to celebrate our community's waterways and natural places. Now in its 12th year under Prescott Creeks' leadership, the Granite Creek Cleanup's approximately 5,000 participants have removed over 46 tons of waste materials from Prescott waterways, trails, and natural areas. As Cleanup participation continues to grow, Prescott Creeks is expanding this year's Cleanup offerings to include a stewardship activity in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve.

The <u>2018 Granite Creek Cleanup sponsorship group</u> features 38 local businesses and organizations, including Primary Sponsor: Arizona Eco Development. Please thank all the Cleanup sponsors for making it happen.

After over a decade of getting people out to take care of our waterways, Cleanup efforts are paying off. Last year's Cleanup drew over 550 participants of all ages, but saw a continuing trend of less litter and debris collected. This year, participants can choose to be involved in other activities including trail repair and trash cleanup in Watson Woods Riparian Preserve, along with the traditional trash and debris cleanup along our creeks in town. On the day of the event, participants will gather at Granite Creek Park to pick up their creek assignments, gear, and the event t-shirts, and then spread out near and far to explore and take care of our waterways, trails, and natural places.

To help facilitate getting everyone through day-of-event sign-in and out to the Cleanup activity of their choice, early registration is recommended for those interested in participating. More information and an online registration form are available (through Wednesday 4/18) on the Prescott Creeks website at www.PrescottCreeks.org/Cleanup, or by calling (928) 445-5669. All pre-registered participants will receive an email update on Friday, April 20th with relevant information about the event and volunteer assignments.

With ongoing support and participation of the community, we'll all work together to clean up the creeks!