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Trail Mix for Sept. 14: 'Chasing Niagara' film screening; Great Sierra River Cleanup

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Great Sierra River Cleanup – Volunteers are needed Saturday to help remove trash and restore waterways throughout the Sierra Nevada for the annual Great Sierra River Cleanup – a coordinated effort across the state coinciding with Coastal Cleanup Day.

Last year, volunteers pulled more than 800 tons from across the state, including nearly 3,000 pounds of junk from multiple sites along a 16-mile stretch of the San Joaquin River. Helpers pulled out small trash and big trash, including a plastic dinosaur, a car fender and old mining machinery.

There will be a variety of cleanup events in the Fresno area.

The River Tree Volunteers will meet at 8 a.m. at the McDonald's in the The Marketplace at El Paseo near Herndon and Highway 99 before heading out to Riverbottom Park. No sign-ups necessary, just meet on time and be ready to help. Gloves and trash bags will be provided.

On Sunday, volunteers will help clean up the island in the San Joaquin River at Woodward Park. Meet at the Starbucks across the street from the park at 7:30 a.m. or at the picnic kiosk down by the river at 8 a.m.

Details: www.facebook.com/RiverTreeVolunteers.