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National Public Lands Day at Shasta Dam was a great time once again. I also participated last year and thoroughly enjoyed it. I hike or bicycle on the Sacramento Ditch Trail and the Sacramento River Rail Trail near Shasta Dam numerous times throughout the year, so I definitely feel the need to contribute in some way to show my appreciation for having this recreational gold mine in Redding's backyard.

All of you who work at Shasta Dam are so friendly and so generous at these events. Thank you. I know this must involve lots of work for all of you. You thought of everything we needed - from bags to gloves, to safety vests, to T-shirts, to "picker-uppers". I thought the three-hour time period for cleanup was ideal, especially because of the hot weather predicted for later in the day.

What I found most moving about this event was all the children participating with their parents. It is so inspiring to see parents show their children how to express reverence toward nature in this way. I suspect many of these children now will teach, through example, other children - and adults, too - how to respect the Earth.

How blessed we are here in the North State to have so many public lands in which we can hike, kayak, canoe, bicycle and in other ways enjoy the beauty of the Earth. By picking up litter or in other ways participating in events such as National Public Lands Day we can show our gratitude for these boundless riches. How bereft we all would be without the beauty and peace of nature.

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