



# Commerce Clean-Up

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The gauge for Commerce Ledges read only 850 cfs, and the weather on Saturday, March 19, 2005, was overcast and in the 30's. But that did not discourage Nate Hoogeveen, Derek and Lyle Danielson from conducting their idea of March Madness -- a riverside clean-up at Commerce Ledges. Iowa Whitewater Coalition members have previously conducted clean-ups at the site, but more junk keeps turning up.

The lack of vegetation exposed a wide array of rubbish: tires, a torque converter, a tent complete with foam insulation and a set of patio lamps -- all signs of the shameless, intentional dumping that plagues the area. The tent and its contents were recent deposits. Additionally the guys collected more than four large trash cans worth of cans, bottles, and other litter.

The Iowa Whitewater Coalition encourages all paddlers to lend a hand whenever possible to maintain or improve the appearance and quality of our paddling resources throughout the state.



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