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## **Boy Scouts Help River Partners Restore Del Rio Wildland Preserve**

Chico, CA – May 18, 2008 – To qualify for their Eagle Scout badges, Tyler Rice and Griffin Moran put together and managed work days for boy scouts from Troop #2 on May 10<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Thanks to their efforts, 30 scouts and parents installed more than 1,000 native plants at River Partners' Del Rio Wildland Preserve.

“Tyler and Griffin had been preparing for several months for their habitat restoration projects,” said Ruben Reynoso, River Partners' Senior Restoration Field Manager. “They visited the project several times and planned the logistics with River Partners to make sure their work days were successful.”

Organizing and implementing a public benefit project is one of the crucial final steps for a Boy Scout to obtain the Eagle Scout badge. According to scout master, BK Brooks, the process of becoming an Eagle Scout teaches important leadership and community service lessons. Several of Troop #2 members have collaborated with River Partners on their Eagle Scout projects, from constructing project signs and interpretative kiosks, to organizing planting days.

Moran's and Tyler's work at the Del Rio Wildland Preserve are part of River Partners' larger efforts to restore the final 136 acres on the site. Currently 96 acres at Del Rio are restored with native grasses, plants, and trees. In the future, Del Rio Wildland Preserve will be transferred to a public agency and dedicated to public use.

River Partners is a nonprofit organization that specializes in river habitat restoration. Since 1998 it has planted almost one million native trees, shrubs and plants and initiated restoration on over 6,000 acres along the Sacramento, Feather, Tuolumne, Stanislaus, Mokelumne and San Joaquin Rivers. Its mission is to create wildlife habitat for the benefit of people and the environment.

(See photo next page of Troop #2)

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