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(NEW!!) ABSTRACT: 2014 American State Litter Scorecard

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ABSTRACT: The 2014 American State Litter Scorecard: USA’s Dirtiest and Cleanest States

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ABSTRACT:

A NEW State Litter "Scorecard" is released for the 2014 ASPA Conference. Every three years, the Scorecard approximates each state’s overall public spaces environmental quality through tried-and-true, hard-to-publicly obtain objective and subjective measures, resulting in a total overall jurisdictional score. Readers gain a realistic "picture" of "what's going on" within one or all of the 50 states. Illegal littering and dumping, found frequently on or near transportation paths, creates danger to public safety and health, with 800+ Americans dying each year by vehicle collisions with unmoved roadway debris. Because policy makers, public administrators and citizens are ever more involved in effectuating “green” outcomes, satisfactory public spaces waste removals are vital. Since 2008, major publications (the Boston Globe; TRAVEL+LEISURE; National Cooperative Highway Research Program's "Reducing Litter on Roadsides" Journal) have referred to the Scorecard, an ever valuable, trusted standard for improving debris/litter abatement in states and localities.

RESULTS:

For 2014: Rounding out the topmost clean, or BEST, states are: #1 Washington, followed by California, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Oregon, Vermont, Iowa, Maryland and Missouri.

Bringing up the lower end of the rankings, in last place, and rated dirtiest of all WORST states, is South Carolina, preceded by Nevada, Indiana, Georgia, Kentucky, Wyoming, South Dakota, Louisiana, Michigan, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

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