BLM Welcomes Public to New River Open House

_Coos Bay, Ore._ – ‘Tis the Season… to celebrate the holidays at New River!

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites the public to a holiday open house with our rangers at the New River Nature Center on December 7, 2014, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Visitors will have a chance to make holiday ornaments from natural items found at New River, take a guided hike to the historic cranberry bog, and enjoy music and refreshments with your friends and neighbors.

“With the New River Nature Center closed during the winter, we still hope to keep visitors engaged year-round,” said New River Ranger Leslie Peters. “The holiday open house will be a great chance to explore the exhibits, hike the trails, and experience New River during the winter season.”

The New River Nature Center is located at 86342 Croft Lake Lane, Bandon, Oregon, nine miles south of Bandon on U.S. Highway 101.

New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) is home to many rare birds, animals, and plants that depend on the area’s estuary, forest, meadow, wetland, and shrub habitat for survival. Dedicated almost exclusively to watchable wildlife, the area remains secluded and primitive, providing nature enthusiasts with short, rustic, self-guided loop trails to view wildlife. For more information, visit [www.blm.gov/hs5c](http://www.blm.gov/hs5c).

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