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Conservation District Moves into Dean Creek Building

REEDSPORT, OR – Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District (USWCD) has moved into the East End Ranch House at the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area. The Conservation District will maintain and utilize the house for their headquarters for at least the next five years.

Prior to USCWD moving into the building, the facility sat vacant for several years while the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) explored various options for its use. When USWCD inquired about occupying the building, the BLM and the Conservation District recognized a unique opportunity to provide enhanced public service.

“The ranch house has provided USWCD with a visible and easily accessible location for local residents and landowners to visit,” said Dustin Williams, Conservation Technician with USWCD.

USWCD has agreed to maintain the structure in lieu of paying rent. “It’s a neat piece of property and I’m glad we’ve found an organization that can maintain the house and provide natural resource services to the local community,” added Dave Wash of the Coos Bay BLM District. “It’s a win-win.”

The USWCD office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact USWCD at (541) 271-2611 or the BLM at (541) 756-0100.

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