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Explore New River this Summer
A Series of Special Activities are Planned at the Site

BANDON, OR – Come explore the New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) this summer as a series of special events and nature walks begin at the site. The Bureau of Land Management sponsored activities are free of charge and open to anyone who is interested in spending time outside exploring nature.

Activities begin on June 2nd with “**Qua-to-mah: People of the Inside Water**” from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants at this event will learn about the natural and cultural history of the New River basin prior to 1850 with Don Ivy, Coquille Tribe Cultural Resources Program Coordinator. A two-mile walk will follow the presentation.

Additional special events planned for this summer at New River ACEC include:

- **New River Raptors – July 7 – 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**
Join a biologist for a presentation and guided walk to learn the biology and behavior of the many raptors in the New River area.
- **From the Headwaters to the Sea – August 18 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
Experience life as a drop of water as you travel with a hydrologist from the headwaters to the Pacific Ocean, passing through marshes, streams and New River.

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A BLM naturalist will also lead a leisurely paced nature walk from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following dates at these New River area locations:

- **Floras Lake (by Boice Cope County Park) – June 16 & August 11**
- **New River at Croft Lake Lane (Storm Ranch) – July 21 & September 1**

Due to limited group sizes for all New River activities, the BLM asks visitors to reserve a space for the events they wish to attend. To reserve a space, email the name of the event(s) you wish to attend, your name, and the number in your party to *or_coosbay_newriver@blm.gov*. Visitors can also call and leave this information, along with their phone number at (541) 751-4225.

The Ellen Warring Learning Center located at New River will also be open every Saturday and Sunday this summer for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can explore the many exhibits, read books in the resource library, and use microscopes to do some hands-on learning.

To reach New River ACEC, travel south from Bandon on Highway 101 for approximately 8.6 miles. Turn right onto Croft Lake Lane and follow the signs to New River and Ellen Warring Learning Center.

For more information about New River and the planned summer activities, call the Coos Bay BLM District Office at (541) 756-0100.

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