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BLM Free Fishing Day

Roseburg, Ore. – The 15th Annual Cooper Creek Free Fishing Day near Sutherlin takes place on Saturday, June 12. The event coincides with National Fishing Week to increase awareness and enjoyment of sport fishing across the nation.

The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and runs until 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Although a State fishing license is not required, other State regulations such as the five trout fish limit will apply. For those not bringing their own equipment, a limited number of fishing rods, reels, hooks and bait will be available for anglers going after some of the large number of trout that will be released into Cooper Reservoir just prior to Free Fishing Day.

Free Fishing Day activities will include a kids' spin casting contest, fly casting, two fishing pools for children eight years old and under, an hourly big and small fish contest, hourly door prizes, and the hilarious bumbling fisherman skit. For event information, contact Greg Huchko at (541) 440-3353.

Contributions and services are being provided by: *Oregon State Marine Board, Pepsi, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, Umpqua Community College, Bi-Mart, Berkley, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Douglas County Parks, Larry's City Sporting Goods, U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Umpqua Fisherman's Association, Pure Fishing, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Ray's Food Market, Sherm's Thunderbird, and Durham Bus Service.*

Please contact the BLM office in Roseburg for information at (541) 440-4930. Additional information about the BLM's Roseburg District is available online at:

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