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Expanding Native Plant Habitat At Yaquina Head ONA

Newport, Ore—Starting this summer, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be restoring native plant habitat at [Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area \(YHONA\)](#). Yaquina Head is located two miles north of the town of Newport, Oregon.

Two projects are being considered:

Project One: Students from Eddyville Charter School will collect native plant cuttings and seeds at Yaquina Head. They will propagate the cuttings and seeds at their school greenhouse in Lincoln County. When the plants become established and are vigorous enough to relocate, they will be transplanted to locations identified for restoration at Yaquina Head. The restoration areas include bare soils around the lighthouse and the interpretative center and areas currently being treated for Oregon-listed noxious weeds.

Project Two: Up to three acres of forested land currently dominated by shore pine will be thinned. Yaquina's forested areas tend to have a higher number of native species than areas dominated by grasslands. Shore pine is becoming established in several locations and encroaching into the grasslands. By decreasing the density of the shore pines, more sunlight can reach the forest floor and allow native shrubs and forbs to be re-established within the conifer habitat. Dense conifer stands adjacent to the paved roadways may also be thinned and/or pruned up to 12 feet to help reduce fire hazards. All woody debris will be removed or chipped and utilized for onsite trails and paths.

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About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

