

NEWS Release

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

28910 Hwy 20 West • Hines, Oregon 97738 • <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns>

Contact: Tara Martinak (541) 573-4400 • Release No. OR-BU-12-11 • June 7, 2012

BLM
Burns District Office

Annual Free Fishing Day Set for June 16 at Burns Pond

HINES, Ore. – The Annual Kids’ Free Fishing Day in Harney County is set for Saturday, June 16, at Burns Pond. Families are encouraged to celebrate Father’s Day weekend together and start their summer *outdoors* with this fun family event.

Participants should arrive early and register to receive a Fishing Starter Kit. Those signed-in will be eligible to win prizes in two contests – Biggest Fish Caught and First Fish Caught – which start promptly at 7:00 a.m. Awards will be presented around 11:30 a.m. to winning fishers in various age groups from 3-16 years of age. A Pocket Tackle Box workshop, fun Fish Quiz, and Casting Challenge will also be on hand for participants to enjoy and earn take-home rewards. And, in honor of our fishing fathers, dads who bring their families to the event will be entered into an hourly drawing for fishing gear.

“Free Fishing Day is a great time for everyone to share in one of the nation’s favorite pastimes,” said Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Biologist and event coordinator Shannon Hurn. “This is a great opportunity for families and friends to fish, practice casting, and share in an all-around good time together. Planning these activities in a single organized event creates a terrific atmosphere for passing the fishing tradition to Harney County’s youth.”

Those planning to attend should bring lawn chairs, fishing gear, sun block, a hat, insect repellent, and their favorite lure or bait. Drinking water will be on hand and extra fishing gear will be available for anyone who might not have their own. An inexpensive lunch provided by a youth fundraising group will also be on site.

To reach Burns Pond, travel 2 miles east of Burns on Highway 78 toward Crane. The pond is on the south side of the road.

Free Fishing Day is supported by local agencies and businesses with generous prize donations. Special thanks to ODFW, Bureau of Land Management, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Burns Paiute Fish and Wildlife Department, and the Burns Butte Sportsman’s Club for their continued support.

For more information on Free Fishing Day, contact the ODFW at (541) 573-6582.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. 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.

Come join the Oregon/Washington BLM on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr for the latest on outdoor opportunities, videos of your public lands, spectacular photos, and a whole lot more!

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/blmoregon

FLICKR: www.flickr.com/photos/blmoregon



YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/user/blmoregon

TWITTER: www.twitter.com/blmoregon

