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Special Events Coming to New River Area

BANDON, Ore. – The public is invited to come learn about plants, birds of prey, and shorebirds during a series of special events this summer at New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), south of Bandon, Oregon. The events are free of charge and open to all ages.

The events begin August 20 with a program on invasive plants and how to grow a more beautiful garden. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Storm Ranch at New River ACEC.

Additional events planned at New River include:

Oregon Shorebird Festival – August 26 to 28

A birding field trip to New River and Bandon Marsh is included in the schedule of activities for this annual festival. To register and for a full schedule of events, visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife website at www.fws.gov/oregoncoast/shorebirdfestival.htm

Talons & Beaks – Saturday, September 10 – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Storm Ranch

Watch live birds of prey and learn what makes these raptors such amazing hunters.

National Public Lands Day – Saturday, September 24 – 9 a.m to 2 p.m. – Floras Lake

Helping hands are needed to pull weeds and help with other projects to improve wildlife habitat at Floras Lake. Volunteers will receive a free lunch and a National Public Lands Day T-shirt.

New River ACEC and Storm Ranch are located approximately 8.6 miles south of Bandon off of Highway 101. No dogs please. To obtain additional information, contact the BLM at (541) 756-0100 or visit the New River ACEC webpage at www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/recreation/index.php

About BLM

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