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Tide Pool Volunteers Needed at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area

Newport, Ore.— The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area is recruiting for volunteers to assist with educational groups and the general public in their unique intertidal environment.

Tide pool volunteers who enjoy working with youth will share their talents as educators, working side-by-side with rangers, and assisting with school children during April, May and early June. More than 4,000 students from kindergarten through high school participate in the Monday through Friday programs. Education volunteers are requested to work at least one day (4-6 hours) per week.

General tide pool volunteers will share their enthusiasm for tide pooling informally with visitors of all ages. Volunteers help visitors safely explore Yaquina Head's incredible tide pools, practice low impact tide pooling and discover some of the colorful and diverse tide pool inhabitants. Volunteers, able to commit to at least four hours each week, are needed from now through the summer months and possibly longer.

Candidates must be enthusiastic, have excellent customer service skills and be physically capable of climbing and descending 134 stairs as well as walking across cobbles and slippery algae-covered rocks. An extensive training workshop is planned for March 31 – April 4, 2014, for all those interested in volunteering.

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