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Yaquina Head Lighthouse Updated Hours & Tour Schedule

Newport, Ore. –On June 30, 2013, the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Yaquina Head Lighthouse will reopen for guided tours. The free tours will occur from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. Space is limited. Visitors will need to sign up at the Interpretive Center. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Interpretive Center and the Friends of Yaquina Head Lighthouse Interpretive Store will be open from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily.

Starting June 27, the site will open daily at 7 a.m. and the gate will close at 9 p.m. On-site visitors may linger until 9:30 p.m. to watch the sunset. As the days become shorter, the closing time will adjust. Call the Interpretive Center or check the website for updated hours. <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/yaquina/index.php>

On August 20, Yaquina Head Lighthouse will be celebrating 140 years of “Lighting the Way Since 1873.” In honor of this occasion, special events will occur throughout August. Each Wednesday, starting at 11:30 a.m., BLM staff will present “A Lighthouse Life for Me,” a 20-minute Puppet Show for all ages. At 12:30 p.m., a speaker series will cover a variety of topics on lighthouses and their history on the Oregon Coast. Special events are also scheduled on August 7 for National Lighthouse Day, and again on August 20 for the actual anniversary of lighting the light at Yaquina Head. A complete schedule will be posted online and available at the Interpretive Center.

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area has an entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle/\$3 per motorcycle, good for three days. The site honors and sells the Oregon Coast Pass and the America the Beautiful Annual, Senior, and Access passes.

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. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2012, activities on public lands generated \$4.6 billion in revenue, much of which was shared with the States where the activities occurred. In addition, public lands contributed more than \$112 billion to the U.S. economy and helped support more than 500,000 jobs.

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