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BLM Director Clarke to Tour Tillamook Native Plant Nursery

SALEM—Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Kathleen Clarke will be in Tillamook on Tuesday, October 26 to tour the Camp Tillamook Native Plant Nursery.

The Tillamook County Soil and Water Conservation District (TCSWCD) is party to a memorandum of understanding developed in 2002 with Salem BLM and the Oregon Youth Authority, Tillamook County Estuary Partnership, Tillamook Watershed Council, Nehalem Watershed Council, Nestucca/Neskowin Watershed Council, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council, Tualatin River Watershed Council and Yamhill Watershed Council to restore riparian habitat throughout Tillamook County.

TCSWD and BLM together support a nursery facility and education efforts at Camp Tillamook, an Oregon Youth Authority facility, to grow riparian planting stock. The nursery at Camp Tillamook has received about \$30,000 in county payment funds through BLM for soil amendments, fencing, pots, tools and irrigation. TCSWD under an intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon Youth Authority provides training, development and educational opportunities to youth crew members while accomplishing a successful native plant nursery

BLM also provides riparian plant materials through the Horning Seed Orchard in Colton. Volunteers, including employees of TCSWCD, produce several thousand plants annually through these two nurseries for use in stream restoration (15-20 miles of stream per year). To date, about 60 miles of stream have been planted, in part through \$180,000 in Challenge Cost Share Funds from BLM appropriations or NFWF along with equal matching donations (including TCSWCD contributions) provided by the other partners in the MOU.

Who: Kathleen Clarke, BLM Director
Krysta Harden, Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Conservation Districts
Deb Bogar, National Association of Conservation Districts
John McDonald, Executive Director, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
Johnny Sundstrom, President, Oregon Association of Conservation Districts

When: Tuesday, October 26, 2004 - Noon

Where: Camp Tillamook Native Plant Nursery
Port of Tillamook Office
6415 Signal St., Tillamook, OR

Itinerary: Noon Welcome and introductions
Paul Hanneman, Tillamook County Commissioner
Denis Williamson, Salem BLM Dist. Mgr.

12:10 Overview of Tillamook BLM and SWCD Projects

1:00 Tour Camp Tillamook Native Plant Nursery

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