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## **Crooked River National Grassland Seeks Input on Wildlife Project**

*Madras*— The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, a collaborative group of private citizens, the National Wild Turkey Federation and other groups are working with Forest Service professionals to improve wildlife habitat on the west side of the Crooked River National Grassland.

This effort is referred to as the "Westside Stewardship Project." The group has scheduled two meetings in January for the 2008 planning process. The meetings will be Wednesday and Thursday, January 9th and 10th from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m. The meetings begin on Wednesday at the Grassland office, 813 S.W. Highway 97 in Madras. They are open to the public and will include a field trip to visit possible juniper treatment areas for 2008. Participants should bring a sack lunch and dress for moderate walking over uneven terrain in cold weather. Please RSVP if transportation to the field trip is needed.

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The Crooked River National Grassland is the largest of three national grasslands west of the Rocky Mountains, and is the only grassland in the state of Oregon.

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