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Yaquina Head Lighthouse to Close for Special Project Work

SALEM--The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area in Newport, will be closing Yaquina Head Lighthouse and the observation decks adjacent to the Lighthouse, to public entry from September 15th to 19th to undertake seasonal maintenance and special project work. The special project will involve removing soil, directly adjacent to the Lighthouse, contaminated by lead-based paint. The lead was derived from paint historically used on the lighthouse and other structures at the site.

Approximately 2,600 square feet of soil will be removed during the project. Uncontaminated soil will replace the soil removed. The disturbed area will be reseeded to reduce soil erosion and control the growth and spread of noxious weeds. Soils further from the base of the Lighthouse, containing low to moderate levels of lead, will be treated with a phosphate compound to immobilize the lead in the soil.

During the project, the rest of the park will be open as usual from dawn to dusk. The interpretive center, which features the area's cultural and natural resources, will be open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For more information about these and other activities at Yaquina Head, contact the BLM at 541-574-3100 between 8 AM and 4 PM daily, or visit the Yaquina Head web site at www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/yaquina/index.htm.

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