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Free Fishing Day Returns to Cooper Creek Reservoir!

Roseburg, Ore., - The 13th annual Cooper Creek Free Fishing Day near Sutherlin will take place on **Saturday, June 7**. The event will coincide with National Fishing Week to increase awareness and enjoyment of sport fishing across the nation. Much of the reputation of the Land of Umpqua is based on the legendary fishery that resides in the Umpqua River, its tributaries and the lakes scattered throughout the region. Not only does the local fishery have a significant impact on the local economy, it also serves to connect families to the great outdoors.

This year's Cooper Creek Free Fishing Day begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. in the afternoon. Although a State of Oregon fishing license is not required, other State regulations such as the five trout fish limit will apply. For those not bringing their own equipment, a limited number of fishing rods, reels, hooks and bait will be available for anglers going after some of the large number of trout that will be released into Cooper Reservoir just prior to the event.

Free Fishing Day activities will include a kid's spin casting contest, fly casting, two fishing pools for children five years old and under, an hourly big and small fish contest, hourly door prizes and the hilarious bumbling fisherman skit. For additional event information, contact **Greg Huchko**, Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife at **(541) 440-3353**.

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