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Free Fishing Day Returns to Cooper Creek Reservoir!

Roseburg, Ore., - The reputation of the Land of Umpqua is based, at least in part, on the legendary fishery that resides in the Umpqua River, its tributaries and the regional 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. The Umpqua Fishing Committee plans to educate and celebrate its fishing heritage by sponsoring the 11th Annual Cooper Creek Free Fishing Day near Sutherlin on **Saturday, June 10**. The event coincides with National Fishing Week to increase awareness and enjoyment of sport fishing across the nation.

The fun starts at 9:00 in the morning and runs to 3:00 in the afternoon. Although a state 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 Free Fishing Day.

Free Fishing Day activities will include a kids' spin casting contest, fly casting, two fishing pools for children four years old and under, an hourly big and small fish contest and hourly door prizes. For more event information, contact **Laura Jackson at (541) 440-3353**.

Contributions and services are being provided by: The Umpqua Fishermen's Association, Umpqua Valley Fly Fishers, Larry's City Sporting Goods of Sutherlin, Ray's Food Place, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Paul Jackson Wholesale, Bi-Mart, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Umpqua Community College Educational Talent Search Program, and Douglas County Ice. Local agencies include: the Douglas County Parks Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Umpqua National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service.

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