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## Lassen National Forest Celebrates Wildflower Week

Blooming wildflowers are a sure sign that spring is finally here. The Lassen National Forest is "Celebrating Wildflowers" the week of May 18 through May 22. In honor of this special week, the Forest Service is promoting the importance of native plant conservation with an emphasis on the beauty and value of wildflowers. Celebrating Wildflowers also highlights how the nation's forests and millions of acres of public lands are America's wildflower gardens.

Kirsten Bovee, Assistant Forest Botanist, will lead a Wildflower Walk along the Bizz Johnson Trail on Thursday, May 21 at 5:00 p.m. This walk will showcase local wildflowers and plants, as well as educate residents about plant conservation. The walk will begin at the Hobo Camp parking area.

A display depicting a variety of wildflowers common to our area is available from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Lassen National Forest Supervisor's Office, located at 2550 Riverside Drive in Susanville. A variety of free materials will be available, including wildflower posters, magnets, frisbees, and guides to some of the wildflower viewing spots within the Lassen National Forest. For more information about wildflowers, see the website at: <u>www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers</u>

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