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Partnership's Vision Becomes Reality

Plush, OR – Efforts are currently underway to install a water pump and fish screen on land in the Warner Wetlands administered by the Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Work on this project was initiated September 15 and is anticipated to take four to six weeks to complete. Traffic in the area will not be interrupted, as this activity will involve drilling under roadways, rather than surface disturbance.

This is a cooperative effort involving the Lakeview District BLM, Ducks Unlimited (DU), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Hunters Association and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. All partners have provided financial contributions to fund the new structure. DU is the implementation lead and was responsible for the completion of all engineering design work.

Multiple benefits will be derived from the installation of the new system. The fish screen will prevent the Warner Sucker from entering the internal components of the equipment. The pump will make the BLM's water right to Hart Lake more accessible, providing a dependable water source to be used to improve wildlife habitat on more than 2,000 acres of public land.

“Installation of the pump will enhance BLM's ability to be effective public land stewards,” said Vern Stoffleth, wildlife biologist for the Lakeview District BLM. “It will decrease labor demands placed on BLM staff and improve the manageability of Warner Wetland levees.”

“The collaborative nature of this partnership has resulted in resources being effectively pooled and leveraged across organizational boundaries,” said Michael Shannon, regional biologist for DU. “Together we have been able to accomplish more than we could have individually.”

For more information about the Warner Wetlands pump and fish screen project, please call the BLM at (541) 947-2177.

About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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