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Learn how you can help preserve Oregon beaches

Come to Beachcomber Pub, 1355 Bay St., on Wednesday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m., when Surfrider Oregon Field Coordinator Ryan Cruse will be speaking about the Surfrider mission and how the community can become leaders in protecting the local coastline.

The Siuslaw Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation covers the Florence region and the chapter's work is focused on monitoring water quality through the Blue Water Task Force Program, organizing rapid response beach cleanups, running a monthly marine debris monitoring program and developing education and stewardship activities related to the recently established Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve.

People can also consider becoming a member of the

chapter's executive committee. Siuslaw Chapter is currently seeking interested individuals who want to be involved with the leadership and development of programs and events.

Positions available include vice chair, secretary and volunteer coordinator.

Visit the chapter's event calendar for meeting details or contact Lisa at chair@siuslaw.surfrider.org.

The Surfrider Foundation is a nonprofit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches through a powerful activist network.

Founded in 1984 by a handful of visionary surfers in Malibu, Calif., the Surfrider Foundation now maintains more than 250,000 supporters, activists and members worldwide.

Siuslaw National Forest approves grants for local restoration projects

CORVALLIS — Employing youth for restoration, eradicating noxious weeds on private and public lands and improving roads and fish habitat were among 20 projects approved for funding recently by the Siuslaw National Forest's Resource Advisory Committee (RAC).

The RAC is responsible for distributing funds authorized by the federal Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

Thirty-two proposals requesting an accumulative \$1.1 million vied for \$584,287 allotted to the Siuslaw National Forest under Title II of the act. While Title II proposed projects don't need to occur on National Forest System lands to be eligible for funding, they must demonstrate a direct benefit to national forest resources.

A proposal by the Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District to eradicate noxious weeds on private and public lands received the largest distribution of \$65,050.

It was followed by the Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District's request for \$55,000 to improve water

quality and fish habitat by restoring streams on private land.

"Funding through the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act benefits national forests and communities," said Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor Jerry Ingersoll. "Projects promote collaboration between public and private parties, provide jobs to local economies and improve natural resources beyond what the agency could do on its own."

The RAC comprises a cross-section of national forest stakeholders from tribal and government agencies, non-profit organizations, industry, recreation and environmental groups.

The Siuslaw National Forest is currently recruiting new RAC members.

Eligibility and responsibilities can be found under the "Highlights" section on the agency's homepage at www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw.

Among the projects that were approved for funding, the following were in Lane County (amounts do not include seven

SUMMER SOFTBALL STANDOUTS



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The Siuslaw 18B Fast-Pitch summer softball team won the Father's Day Classic High School Division Bronze Tournament last weekend in Newberg. Team members and coaching staff include (back row from left): Coach Sean O'Mara, Claire Waggoner, Jenicah Ecker, Chehalis Stinger, Katlin Meskimen, Audrey Lowder, Katherine Dodson, Taryn Larson, Heidi Jones and coach Jodi O'Mara; (front row from left) Auriel Hager-Tolle, Sara Keel, Nikki Launius, Candice Eurlon and McKenzie Murphy.

percent overhead approved by the RAC to be retained by the Forest Service to support RAC coordination and project logistics):

- Lane County Crazy Creek

Road/Stream Crossing: \$50,000

- Lane County Dunes Restoration: \$9,720

- Lane County Fiddle and Bill Moore Creeks Enhance-

ment: \$55,000

- Lane County Five Rivers Road Reconstruction \$44,034
- Lane County Northwest Youth Corps Employment: \$33,302.

Aquarium seeks volunteers

NEWPORT — This summer, the Oregon Coast Aquarium is seeking concierge volunteers to connect visitors to attractions both inside and outside its grounds.

Concierge volunteers welcome guests, offer insider tips and knowledge about the aquar-

ium and its exhibits and answer questions.

The position lasts throughout the summer, and consists of shifts between 2 to 4 hours long.

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