

# International forest seminar returns to John Day

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June 12-13, a group of land management professionals from around the world will visit the Malheur National Forest for the fourth consecutive year as part of an International Seminar on Forest Landscape Restoration, sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service International Programs and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The international seminar is designed to stimulate interaction and learning on a broad spectrum of issues related to forest landscape restoration. Attendees will learn about tools and best practices for assessing forest landscape restoration opportunities, developing and implementing landscape restoration plans across a mosaic of land uses and be introduced to approaches for fostering collaborative partnerships across diverse stakeholders.



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**Bob Hassmiller of the Forest Service tells land management experts from 11 different countries about the importance of beavers in Oregon during a tour of the Camp Creek Restoration Project on the Malheur National Forest last year as part of an International Seminar on Forest Landscape Restoration. The event will be held here for the fourth consecutive year June 12-13.**

While in John Day, seminar participants will have the opportunity to go on field visits with Forest Ser-

vice staff in and around the Malheur National Forest to see a range of restoration activities in action, from

stream restoration to the economic benefits of restoration, including the Camp Creek Restoration project. They will also get to meet many of the people who are leading these efforts, including members of Blue Mountains Forest Partners and Harney County Restoration Collaborative at the Seneca Work Center, and restoration projects at the Silvies Valley Ranch. Attendees will interact with forest and land managers, research scientists, conservancies, grazing communities, municipalities and local organizations and share their cultural perspectives.

“This annual visit is a great opportunity for the participants as well as our local partners and staff,” said Malheur National Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin. “Shared learning expands our ability to value and manage the important public resources entrusted to us while providing insight to natural resource issues that occur worldwide.”

To learn more, visit [fs.fed.us/about-agency/international-programs/training-seminars](http://fs.fed.us/about-agency/international-programs/training-seminars).

# Forest Service launches regional recreation app

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The Pacific Northwest Region of the USDA Forest Service is excited to announce the launch of a new regionwide recreation mobile app: the Pacific Northwest Forests app. The specialized software program will help the public find hiking trails, camping, picnicking, boating areas and more by using their cell phone GPS capabilities, according to a press release.

National forests in the Pacific Northwest receive over 15 million visits each year, and recreation users contribute hundreds of millions of dollars to the local economies of both Oregon and Washington annually. According to Regional Forester Jim Peña, the Forest Service is focused on providing great visitor experiences in partnership with these local communities.

“This mobile app is one of many ways we are trying to do our part to be good neighbors and support both the communities we serve and the recreation users who visit,” said Peña. “We heard people want more mobile-friendly ways of getting their hiking, camping and other recreation information, and this app delivers just that.”

This mobile app allows visitors to easily discover recreational opportunities near them and serves as a complement to the Forest Service’s traditional website by providing a new way of connecting people to the outdoors.

Improving access to recreation opportunities and providing great customer

service are top priorities for the Forest Service. According to Chris Bentley, digital media specialist for the Pacific Northwest Region, nearly half of the people using the Forest Service website are visiting on mobile devices. Having all the recreation information in one convenient place helps meet both priorities.

The first of its kind on this scale in the agency, the mobile app is centered on a mapping interface that helps adventurers become more familiar with recreation opportunities near them by providing information about the 17 national forests and scenic areas in the Pacific Northwest.

Having all the recreation information within a single app means just one download instead of an individual app for every national forest people are interested in visiting.

“That’s one of the major reasons why providing our regionwide recreational information in a mobile app is so important,” said Bentley. “Many of our forests are adjacent to one another, and our visitors shouldn’t have to download multiple apps to connect more easily with their public lands.”

In addition to hiking, camping and other traditional recreation information, the app also provides information about current fires, current conditions of road and trail access and photo galleries to showcase beautiful areas in the region to give ideas for new places to visit.

The launch on May 21 was for Apple iOS users (iPhones and iPads) with an Android version coming soon.

**Silvies Valley Ranch is proud to announce the winners of our Educational Scholarships for 2018! This year we are awarding 7 scholarships to local Grant and Harney County graduates and want to extend our congratulations to this year’s recipients, as well as to all the 2018 graduates, on your great accomplishment!**

**2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

<b>ASHLEY MAE SINGHOSE</b>	<b>'18 Burns Union</b>
<b>LAYLE D. BENNETT*</b>	<b>'17 Burns Union</b>
<b>MAGGIE MAY JUSTICE</b>	<b>'18 Grant Union</b>
<b>JESSICA L. CARTER*</b>	<b>'17 Grant Union</b>
<b>BRIANNA M. ZWEYGARDT</b>	<b>'18 Prairie City</b>
<b>BAILEY FRANCES THOMAS</b>	<b>'18 Monument</b>
<b>DINORHA VIDRIO LANDIN*</b>	<b>'17 Monument</b>

*\*Multi-Year Recipient*

## A VISION FULFILLED - A TWO YEAR JOURNEY TO COMPLETION

I want to personally thank all of you who have helped me in so many different ways on this journey. Our hope is that the new museum sign will attract more attention to our very unique treasure and internationally acclaimed Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Site. I may have generated the idea, but it could not have been completed without the wide range of support that was received from all of you. I hope that it may provide a little boost to our local businesses and the county as a whole.

**Jerry Franklin,**  
Concept and project coordinator

**Tiger symbolizes: Strength, Courage, Leadership and Happiness**  
**Dragon symbolizes: Good Luck, Prosperity and Joy**

**THIS PROJECT IS BEING FUNDED FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND IN-KIND ASSISTANCE. ANYONE WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY MAY DO SO BY DELIVERY OR MAILING A CHECK TO THE KAM WAH CHUNG SIGN PROJECT (NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE) AT THE GRANT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE AT 301 West Main Street, John Day, Oregon 97845. ANY EXCESS FUNDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE MUSEUM FOR FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF THE SIGN. Look for the sign dedication coming soon.**

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*(My apologies to anyone who was inadvertently left out.)*