

BLM has new public map, data library

Maps, ownership, and orientation are increasingly important in a complex world. The Bureau of Land Management



Areas to hunt and search for minerals are part of the BLM's data library.

agement in Oregon and Washington recently announced a new data library that's available to the public.

It has access to geospatial data for such diverse land management programs as wildland fire, hydrography, minerals, range, vegetation, and wildlife.

Also available is an interactive data viewer that will help the public determine if they're on BLM land or to determine the correct township/range of an individual location.

The interactive data viewer allow the public to print custom maps for their needs.

In addition, the BLM also is releasing free maps associated with the Dingell Act (Public Law 116-9), showing the designation of 200 miles of wild and scenic rivers in the Coos Bay, Medford, and Northwest Oregon Districts.

Oregon now has 34 of the 81 wild and scenic rivers managed nationally by the BLM, or over 1,010 of the roughly 2,700 total miles across the country.

To learn more

The data library- can be found on the BLM's website, blm.gov/services/geospatial.



A volunteer removes Scotch broom at North Coast Land Conservancy's Reed Ranch Habitat Reserve in Warrenton in 2016.

Time for a Scotch broom party

North Coast Land Conservancy usually hosts a Scotch broom eradication party in May.

But Broom Buster Month won't be held this year because of coronavirus-related restrictions.

The group encourages coastal property owners to bust broom on their own property instead and May is the ideal time because the plant is so easily identifiable, thanks to its bright yellow blooms.

Widely planted and admired in the early 20th century, Scotch broom out-competes native plants and is

turning open coastal prairies into a monoculture of dense, weedy shrubs, destroying the habitat wildlife need to survive.

Small plants can be removed easily with hand tools. The most effective way to get rid of mature Scotch broom is to cut it with loppers, hand saw or chain saw below the photosynthetic stem (at or below ground level and brown stems, not green).

For more information about how and why to remove Scotch broom from your property, visit nclctrust.org/bust-broom-in-your-backyard.

Gearhart plans cleanup event

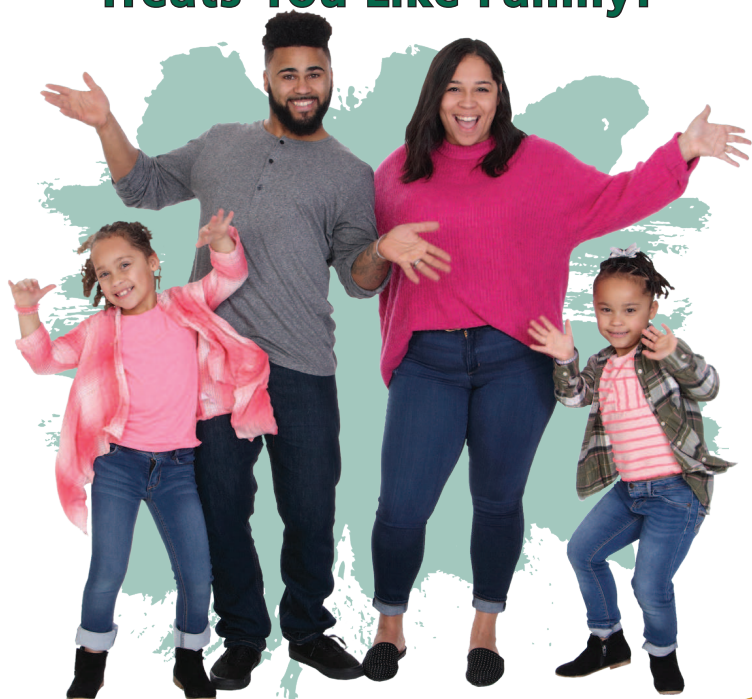
The city of Gearhart has its free cleanup event from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, with drop boxes at Gearhart City Hall.

Unwanted junk and other trash should go in the drop boxes. A separate dump bin will be on site for discarding electronics.

Participants should ensure they can lift items from their vehicle to the dump bins; due to social distancing, city employees won't be able to assist as in prior years.

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