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Coos Watershed Association Plans Restoration Projects Site Tour for Isthmus Landowners

Coos Bay, OR (Coos Watershed Association), September 15, 2009 – Are you gearing up for the wet season and hoping your land won't wash away in the winter rains? Ever wonder what young salmon do during their life stage in and around the bay? Come see how these questions are related, and see what others have done to improve conditions.

The Coos Watershed Association (CoosWA) will be holding a FREE tour of projects at 1:00 Sunday, September 27th. The tour will visit a small sampling of grant-funded watershed restoration projects on Larson Slough featuring stream-bank erosion control, and road-related sediment and drainage control features. The tour is specifically being held in conjunction with the Isthmus and Coalbank Slough sub-basin assessment and restoration planning process, but all landowners in the Coos county area are invited to attend this FREE educational event. The tour bus will depart from and return to Ferry Street Park in North Bend.

This site tour is a continuation in the series of coffee klatch meetings with Isthmus and Coalbank area residents that began in June. The purpose of the site tour is to share a variety of on-the-ground watershed restoration project types, familiarize residents with the CoosWA approach to restoration, and discuss potential ways to improve local conditions. The site tour will feature stops to look at a riparian or streambank stabilization project in a rural residential area, rural road drainage features, and a salmon life-cycle research project based at the tide gate.

Meeting with landowners and managers provides an important link between sub-basin data collection and the feasibility of actually improving watershed conditions. Anyone interested in attending is invited to meet us at Ferry Street Park (near the North Bend McCullough Bridge) at 1:00 on Sunday September 27th. A bus will take us to the tour sites and return to the park by 3:30. For more information or to register for the FREE site tour, please call 888-5922, e-mail cooswa@cooswatershed.org, or learn more on our website at <http://www.cooswatershed.org>. Please register by Friday the 25th.

About the Coos Watershed Association – The Coos Watershed Association is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1994 as a way for people with a wide range of interests to get together and discuss the “big picture” of the conditions of the Coos watershed. The Association implements restoration, monitoring, and outreach projects throughout the Coos watershed with the goal of restoring and maintaining healthy, functioning ecosystems.

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