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# News Release

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## ***International Forest Landscape Restoration Seminar to Visit John Day***

**JOHN DAY, OR** –A group of land management professionals from around the world will be visiting John Day May 6-8 as part of an International Seminar on Forest Landscape Restoration. The visit is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service International Programs, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and the World Resources Institute.

Oregon is an ideal location to learn about innovative approaches to forest landscape restoration, with its diverse ecosystems and range of natural resources and benefits, from recreation opportunities to water purification. Attendees will learn about tools and best practices for assessing forest landscape restoration opportunities, developing and implementing landscape restoration plans, and fostering collaborative partnerships. They will interact with forest and land managers, research scientists, conservancies, grazing communities, municipalities, and local organizations and share their cultural perspectives.

While in John Day, Seminar participants will have the opportunity to go on field visits to the Camp Creek Restoration Area, Oxbow Conservation Area, and the Marshall/Devine project area to see a range of restoration activities in action, from stream restoration to the economic benefits of restoration. They will also get to meet many of the people who are leading these efforts, including members of the Southern Blues Restoration Coalition and other community leaders.

It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase the area's forest landscape restoration successes and lessons learned, made possible through partnerships and community support. Malheur Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin is delighted to be able to host the group, "this is a wonderful opportunity for the Malheur and our partners to showcase the integration of resource resilience and community sustainability. We are helping educate other natural resource professionals around the world with our efforts."

To learn more about the International Seminar on Forest Landscape Restoration visit [http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/2015/flr2015\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/global/is/2015/flr2015_brochure.pdf).

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