



Malheur National Forest

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## News Release



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### **FREE FISHING WEEKEND OFFERS DERBY FOR ANGLERS**

John Day, OR - In celebration of National Fishing Week, the Malheur National Forest, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Oregon State Police is offering a free fishing derby Saturday, June 10, in Prairie City and Burns.

The event in Prairie City will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at McHaley Pond, approximately .6 miles east of Prairie City. Turn right (south) 0.6 miles east of Prairie City just east of the double red barns, drive towards the river, after approaching the river turn right and drive to the pond parking lot (approximately 0.4 miles) The event in Burns will take place at Burns Gravel Ponds, about 2 miles east of town on State Highway 78 from 7:00 am to 12:00 am.

Parents are urged to bring their children to this free fishing derby and a host of other family-oriented, fun activities. "This is an opportunity for kids of all ages to have a good time, catch a few fish and learn about their environment," Malheur National Forest Interim Supervisor Stan Benes said. "It's a fantastic opportunity to expose young people to the outdoors and have a fun family outing." This event is open to children age 14 and under and those participating are asked to bring their own fishing gear and must be accompanied by an adult. There will be a limit of five fish per child.

Besides the opportunity to learn how to catch fish, other activities are planned including a casting contest. Door prizes and awards will be given out at the conclusion of the event and lunch will be provided.

For more information or if you are interested in volunteering contact Linda Brown at 541-820-3568 or Tim Unterwegner at 541-575-1167 and Howard Richburg at Emigrant Creek Ranger District, 541-573-4322.

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