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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### FREE FISHING DAY PLANNED AT THE BURNS POND

In conjunction with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (MNWR), the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District would like to announce the scheduling of Free Fishing Day for June 7, 2003, at the Burns Pond. Casting and fishing contests will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a free picnic lunch to follow. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers in various age groups for the biggest fish caught, first fish caught, saddest fishing story, and casting accuracy. Other prizes may be awarded and all participants will receive, at minimum, a "Fishing-is-Fun" kit during registration.

Things to bring include lawn chairs, fishing gear, sun block, a cap or hat, insect repellent, and your favorite lure or bait. Drinking water will be on hand and extra fishing gear will be available for anyone who might not have their own. To reach the Burns Pond, travel 2 miles east of Burns on Highway 78 toward Crane. The Pond is on the south side of the road and is stocked with plenty of fish for a fun-filled day. Seniors, kids, and parents are encouraged to come out and make Free Fishing Day a fun family event.

The event is held in combination with National Fishing and Boating Week and is supported by local agencies and businesses with generous food and prize donations. For those interested, free camping will also be offered at all BLM Burns District campgrounds, as well as on all Forest Service (FS) campgrounds in the Emigrant Creek Ranger District, on Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7.

In addition to the ODFW, BLM, MNWR, and FS, the Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Burns Butte Sportsman Club, and the Burns Paiute Fish and Wildlife Department are assisting the event.

For further information on Free Fishing Day, visit the Burns District Office at 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon, call (541) 573-4400, weekdays, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or contact Angela Sitz at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge at (541) 493-2612.

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