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35285 Millard Road
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SUBJECT: NRCS Local Work Group Meeting – Columbia County

FROM: Don Mehlhoff (NRCS District Conservationist)

WHEN: January 31, 2019, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE: USDA Service Center – meeting room on bottom floor
35285 Millard Road, St. Helens, Oregon**

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) requests your attendance during the 2019 Columbia County Local Work Group meeting. This meeting will help define the future conservation needs and priorities in Columbia County as well as share our current focus. Your input is important to us to truly keep this a locally-driven effort. The Local Work Group provides suggestions to NRCS about where to prioritize local funding as made available from Farm Bill Programs.

Oregon NRCS has been developing implementation strategies to target important natural resource concerns throughout the state. We would like your input about where the priority conservation areas are in Columbia County, which are the most important resource concerns, what conservation practices will address those concerns, and what kind of conservation work is actively occurring in the county.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please feel free to send another representative from your organization or neighborhood, or contact NRCS at (503) 438-3146, or e-mail don.mehlhoff@or.usda.gov to share your concerns and ideas. All Local Work Group meetings are open to the public, and we welcome everyone's participation. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact me by January 23, 2019.

Thank you in advance for your time, your participation, and your interest in conservation in Columbia County. Please let me know if you or another representative will be attending so we have time to prepare the meeting room.

Sincerely,

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