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NRCS SEEKS LOCAL INPUT ON FARM BILL PROGRAMS

Condon, OR, January 11, 2019— The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Condon Field Office will be holding its annual Gilliam/Wheeler Counties Local Work Group meeting on February 13, 2019. The meeting will be held from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm at the South Gilliam County Rural Fire Protection Hall on N. Main St. in Condon, OR.

This year the meeting will be held in conjunction with the Lower John Day Place Based Planning group. The group's meeting will commence at 11 am and conclude prior to the NRCS meeting at 1:00 pm. The Group is currently examining present and future instream and out-of-stream water needs in the Lower John Day Basin. They are seeking landowner input and feedback on solutions to meet those needs. The Lower John Day Place Based Planning group will be providing lunch for all those in attendance and would greatly appreciate your participation.

The Local Work Group provides input to the NRCS on local natural resource priorities and on the use of Farm Bill programs, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), to address those priorities. Participation in the Local Work Group is open to government agencies, non-governmental organizations, private landowners and the general public.

Topics of discussion at the February 13th meeting will include an overview on progress made toward implementing the current Conservation Implementation Strategies and discussion of potential funding requests for fiscal year 2020 Farm Bill funds. NRCS will also be soliciting input from attendees on current and future conservation issues within Gilliam and Wheeler counties. For more information regarding the Local Work Group or NRCS programs, please contact Damon Brosnan at 541-384-2671 extensions 107 or visit the USDA Service Center at 333 S. Main St. in Condon. A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Damon Brosnan at 541-384-2671 extension 107.

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