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## NRCS SEEKS LOCAL INPUT ON FARM BILL PROGRAMS

*Moro, OR, February 1, 2019*— The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Moro Field Office will be holding its annual Sherman County Local Work Group meeting on March 7, 2019. The meeting will be held from 1:00pm – 3:00 pm at the Sherman County OSU Extension Office - 66365 Lonerock Rd. in Moro, OR. The Local Work Group meeting will be following the Lower John Day Local Advisory Committee meeting which will be held in the same location from 10:00am – 12:00pm. The Sherman County Soil and Water Conservation District will be sponsoring lunch from 12:00pm – 1:00pm.

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 March 7th 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 Sherman county. For more information regarding the Local Work Group or NRCS programs, please contact DelRae Ferguson at 541-565-3551 extensions 102 or visit the USDA Service Center at 302 Scott St. in Moro. A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to DelRae Ferguson at 541-565-3551 extension 102.

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