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NRCS SEEKS LOCAL INPUT ON CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Hines Field Office will be holding the annual Harney County Local Work Group meeting on March 2, 2021. The meeting will be held from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Public Meeting Room of the Harney ESD Office, 25 Fairview Heights, Burns.

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), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP), and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), to address those priorities. Topics of discussion at the March 2 meeting will include an update on the progress made toward implementing the NRCS Long Range Strategy in 2020, and discussion of priorities for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 Farm Bill funds. Participation in the Local Work Group is open to private landowners, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public.

This year, participants may attend in person or participate online or over the phone via virtual ZoomGov meeting. State requirements for masks and social distancing will be strictly enforced for those attending in person. Due to COVID restrictions, in person attendance will be limited to 15 people. Those wishing to attend in person, should contact Zola Ryan, 541-573-6446 ext. 107, to reserve a seat. To join the ZoomGov meeting online, go to <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1610340284?pwd=NktKQ0VVcHZIMUF0ZGRzVENwVnZRZz09>. To join by phone, call 1-669-254-5252 and enter Meeting ID 161 034 0284 and passcode 362199 when prompted.

A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Zola Ryan, District Conservationist, 541-573-6446 ext. 107.

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