



**Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Partnership
Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning
Floodplain Restoration Project Tour (2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
April 19, 2023**

Approximate times are in red. Speakers are in purple. Directions are in green.
For questions call Dana Kurtz, cell: (509) 953-1804



Carpool (Optional): Hilgard State Park (2:30) Headed west on I-84, take exit 252 OR-244 toward Ukiah, continue for 0.3 miles and take a left. (Destination Hilgard State Park)

- Meet at the Hilgard State Park to carpool to McCoy Meadows



Stop 1: McCoy Meadows, McIntyre Creek Road at McCoy Cr bridge, 1st bridge on McIntyre Creek Road is Meadow Cr (3:00-3:45) Head north on OR-244 for 13.4mi, turn right onto McIntyre Rd, continue for one mile. (Destination coordinates 45.15'56.34"N, 188.24'50.16"W)

- Field trip introduction (Donna Beverage, County Commissioner; Jim Webster, Union Soil & Water Conservation District)
- Project Overview (Allen Childs, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation; Mike Knutson, Bureau of Reclamation; Jim Webster, Union SWCD)
- Questions/ discussion

Drive to Bird Track Springs— (3:45-4:00) Head southeast on McIntyre Rd toward OR-244, take a left on OR-244 E and continue for 7.9 miles, the destination will be on the right. (Destination Bird Track Springs)

- Park near the entrance to the new nature trail right across from the campground entrance.



Stop 2: Bird Track Springs (4:00-4:45)

- Project Overview (Allen Childs, CTUIR; Joe Platz, United States Forest Service; Jim Webster, Union SWCD)
- Questions/ discussion

Drive to Longley Meadows— (4:45-4:50) Continue on OR-244 for 2.7 miles. Use the ODOT pull off on the right-hand side of the road. (Destination coordinates 45°18'44.97"N 118°16'34.64"W)

- Park below old bear creek ranch, on the right-hand side of the road, at the ODOT pull off. This river access is harder to access; please wear closed toed shoes.



Stop 3: Longley Meadows (4:50-5:35)

- Project Overview (Allen Childs CTUIR; Joe Platz, USFS; Jim Webster, Union SWCD)
- Questions/ discussion



Drive to La Grande Rifle & Pistol Club (immediately downstream of Longley Meadows) (5:35-6:30) Continue on OR-244 for 0.06 miles and take a left at the La Grande Rifle & Pistol Club (Destination La Grande Rifle & Pistol Club)

- Discussion
- Dinner
- Those who carpooled will head back to Hilgard.

What to Bring:

- Sunscreen/bug spray/hat/sunglasses
- Comfortable clothes and closed toed shoes (areas of the tour may be wet)
- Water
- Rain jacket
- Restrooms will be available at Hilgard State Park, Bird Track Springs, and La Grande Rifle & Pistol Club

Field Trip Map:

