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PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION AWARD

GLENN HARKLEROAD

In recognition of Glenn Harkleroad, Bureau of Land Management, for demonstrating outstanding conservation achievements that protect, enhance, and restore the Nation's natural, cultural, and heritage resources, increasing collaboration among the region's partners and demonstrating excellence in communicating effectively with a broad range of audiences.

Mr. Harkleroad, the Bureau of Land Management's Coos Bay District Restoration Coordinator, serves as a role model for fostering numerous successful public-private partnerships to accomplish on-the-ground restoration and enhancement projects. He has worked with the Coquille Indian Tribe to protect and enhance a culturally significant resource, partnered with county government and local landowners to fight noxious weeds in the region, and developed a collaborative relationship with a watershed council and private landowner to restore a degraded stream channel. In 2008, Mr. Harkleroad spearheaded an agreement between the Tribe and the District that allows the Tribe to manage the bear grass patch and the surrounding forest stands to protect and perpetuate the bear grass. In exchange for its active management, the Tribe is able to harvest the bear grass to restore part of its aboriginal heritage. Many private landowners did not have the tools or the capacity to deal with the sometimes enormous and costly task of controlling noxious weeds on their properties. Through Mr. Harkleroad's efforts, the Coos Bay District is now a partner with the Coos County Weed Advisory Board, Curry County Weed Advisory Board, numerous watershed councils, and others in a pesticide cost-share program. Private landowners can now apply for and receive partial funding for pesticide applications on their properties to control noxious weeds. Mr. Harkleroad forged a partnership with the South Coast Watershed Council and a private landowner to restore nearly five miles of stream on the southern Oregon Coastal plain. Three streams were realigned and woody debris installed to increase habitat quality and diversity on private property. Mr. Harkleroad is able to nurture these diverse partnerships through his perseverance, knowledgeable, accommodating, and generous demeanor. He is a model for all who believe that the Bureau's work is more effective and meaningful when done with partners. The protection, enhancement, and restoration of the public's natural and cultural resources are greatly improved due to his efforts with Bureau partners. For his outstanding commitment to furthering the Department's partnership initiatives and achieving conservation outcomes, Glenn Harkleroad is granted the Department of the Interior's Partners in Conservation Award.