PARTNERSHIP
FOR LINCOLN LANDS AND WATERS

LINCOLN COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCE TOUR 2026





The Partnership for Lincoln Lands and Waters fosters collaboration and uplifts the voices of the diverse producers, operators, and supporters of Lincoln County's farming, forestry, and fishing sectors. Together, we empower and support these vital industries by telling our authentic stewardship stories while forming positive relationships with the broader Lincoln County community.

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SUSTAINING LINCOLN COUNTY'S FUTURE THROUGH INNOVATION





Photo courtesy of Rob Wienert

Heritage

Lincoln County was founded in 1893. For generations, Lincoln County farmers, foresters, and fishers/fishmen have provided safe, high quality and affordable food and fiber products for the state of Oregon and beyond.

During the last 120 years, fishing, farming and forestry in Lincoln County have fluctuated. Though a smaller industry now, the three sectors are still a prominent part of our community.

Who we are

We are farmers, foresters, and supporters of the fishing industry who seek to preserve our thriving natural resources sectors in Lincoln County. Through our collective efforts, we work to tell our stories of stewardship and care of the land for the well-being of generations to come.

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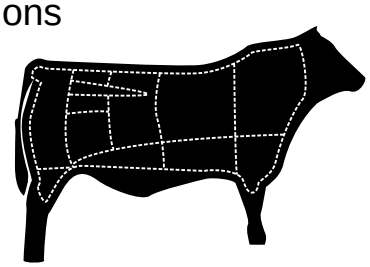
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AGENDA

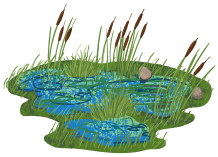
August 18th, 2025 8:00 am to 3:15 pm

Start Location: Oregon Department of Forestry
225 NE 73rd St, Newport, OR 97365

8:00 am	Guest Arrival - Registration, coffee, snacks, introductions
8:30 am	Load vans
9:15 am	Arrive at Joe & Cathy Steere's Farm
10:30 am	Load vans
10:45 am	Arrive at Road & Driveway Company/Cedar Creek Quarries
11:30 am	Load vans; Drive past view point; Head to lunch
12:00 pm	Lunch at Beach Crest Brewing
1:15 pm	Wrap up Lunch & Load vans
1:30 pm	Arrive at Lower Drift Creek Restoration Site
2:30 pm	Load vans and depart for ODF Office
3:00 pm	Tour conclusion with option tour of new ODF building







STOP ONE

STEERE FARM

“Humane Handling & the Beef Quality Assurance Program”



Joe & Cathy Steere

The Joe and Cathy Steere farm, at 3870 S Immonen Road, is currently operating as a Cow \Calf beef operation on pasture alongside the Siletz River. The farm was purchased by our family in 1960 from the Immonen’s who were the original family that established the property as a pastureland farm starting about 1909.





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STOP TWO



ROB WIENERT

Cedar Creek Quarries & Road & Driveway Co.

On this site, Cedar Creek Quarries operates a rock crushing operation, and sister company Road & Driveway Co. operates an asphalt plant. Together they produce the crushed aggregates and asphalt mixtures used in road and highway construction, building foundations, drainage, and slope armoring throughout the central Oregon coast.

We've operated here since the early 1990s, with the lease carried forward through several property ownership changes. That's a working partnership with this land spanning more than three decades. What makes the site so valuable is the rock itself. It yields a dense aggregate ideally suited to asphalt mixtures meeting ODOT and federal specifications, a quality of rock that is genuinely rare in the Coast Range.

Responding When It Mattered: Highway 101 at Cascade Head
Earlier this year, when a landslide closed a section of Highway 101 over Cascade Head, material from this site went directly into the repair. Beginning over the winter holidays and continuing into June, crews worked seven days a week, moving thousands of tons of rock and hundreds of tons of asphalt while the highway ran under 24/7 single lane traffic control, to reopen one of the coast's most critical travel corridors as quickly as possible. Having a proven rock source and asphalt plant just minutes away made that pace possible.

Four Generations on the Oregon Coast
Road & Driveway Co. and Cedar Creek Quarries are a fourth generation, family owned and operated business. The story begins in the 1930s with a family general store, grows into a lumber mill in Eddyville, and evolves over the decades into the quarrying, rock crushing, and asphalt paving companies operating today. The Lincoln City plant has its own local roots, established on property acquired through the 1989 purchase of Oceanlake Sand & Gravel.

What This Site Gives Back
Roads are the circulatory system of a community. They move goods, connect neighbors, and keep local business running. A local rock and asphalt source means lower material costs for the cities, counties, and residents who buy from us, fewer trucks hauling material long distances over coastal highways, and fast response when storms and slides hit. The operation also supports family wage skilled jobs, including equipment operators, truck drivers, and technicians, that stay right here on the coast.

By the Numbers

- ~200,000 tons of rock sold annually from this location
- ~30,000 tons of asphalt produced annually at the Lincoln City plant
- ~50 employees across both companies and all locations
- Customers include the cities of Newport, Depoe Bay, Lincoln City, and Tillamook; Lincoln and Tillamook County Road Departments; ODOT; the FAA; the U.S. Forest Service; land management companies including Hampton Lumber, whose partnership as our landlord here we greatly value; and commercial and private customers from Florence to Tillamook County



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STOP THREE



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LOWER DRIFT CREEK RESTORATION SITE

Cheryl Horton

MidCoast Watersheds Council

Kate Iaquinto

USFWS





Lower Drift Creek Tidal Wetland Restoration Project, Phase Two

Partners: MidCoast Watersheds Council, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, Wolf Water Resources, BCI Contracting

The Drift Creek Unit of Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge is undergoing a multi-year tidal wetland restoration aimed at rebuilding historic marshes, tidal channels, and spruce swamps that were lost after decades of diking and agricultural conversion. This summer, crews are restoring 37 acres by filling old ditches, carving new tidal channels, adding large wood, reconnecting floodplain surfaces, and preparing the site for fall planting. These actions will improve water quality, reduce flooding, and create safer, more productive habitat for salmon and other estuary-dependent species. By fall, machinery will leave, tides will reach farther inland, and native vegetation will begin to reestablish the marsh. The work builds on Phase I, completed in 2023, and is supported by a wide partnership of local, tribal, state, and federal organizations.

This tour is made possible by generous donations and contributions from the following companies and organizations

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