

Hello OCRMC Officers, Directors & Club Representatives,

A reminder that the Oregon Council will again sponsor a work party at Hampton Butte on National Public Lands Day 2024. We will keep an eye on any wildfire conditions which may affect our plans and advise any changes as necessary. Details regarding the event are provided below.

OREGON COUNCIL TO PARTNER WITH THE BLM ON 2024 NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

After five very successful reclamation efforts in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, I am happy to announce that the Council will continue our remediation work at Hampton Butte in 2024. As you probably know, this collection area is famous for green petrified wood and has been extensively dug for many years. In cooperation with the Prineville Bureau of Land Management, and in an effort to demonstrate best rockhounding practices (AFMS Code of Ethics), the Oregon Council is again sponsoring a work party at Hampton Butte on Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. This date coincides with National Public Lands Day and this project is the Council's effort to promote good stewardship at our collection sites. We will be filling and leveling disturbed areas using shovels and rakes. Fortunately, the ground is soft and most of the digs are less than 24" deep. Let folks who are interested know they will need to bring their lunch, water, field gear (hats, gloves, boots) and be prepared for the variety of fall weather (hot or cold) you can experience in the high desert. There is limited dry camping at the site, probably space for six to eight rigs (campers, trailers). Meet at the Brothers Rest Area on Highway 20 (MP 42.8) east of Bend @8:00 am or at the site @9:00 am.

Attached is a flyer and two location maps which you can print and hand out to your club members at future meetings. We want to encourage as much participation as possible, so please forward the project information to your club's newsletter editor and field trip coordinator for email distribution.

As always, you can reach me by home phone @ 541-677-9341 or cell/text @ 541-733-8814 or by email at CougDog6@q.com. Participation Tee - Shirts will be distribute for those who can attend. Everyone had a great time at our 2023 event, so I hope to see you at Hampton Butte!

Thanks for your help with this effort,

Dave Williams
OCRMC President