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### **Camp Tillamook to receive BLM's Landscape Stewardship Award**

Since 2003 scores of Camp Tillamook youth offenders have participated in riparian habitat restoration projects on seven watersheds in the Tillamook Resource Area.

Camp Tillamook Director Denessa Martin will be in Salem Thursday to accept the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Landscape Stewardship Award recognizing the work, which has been done in an area encompassing 11 miles, 50 acres and 25 landowners.

The work not only improves riparian habitats but also benefits youth by strengthening their work ethic, promoting their understanding of how to conduct themselves on the job and supporting their commitment to protecting the environment. Camp Tillamook is a 25-bed transitional facility serving male youth.

The BLM award recognizes groups and individuals who promote collaboration to achieve shared natural resources protection and enhancement goals. Camp Tillamook is a member of the Tillamook Resource Area Riparian Restoration Partnership, all of whose 10 members received the award.

Restoring streamside vegetation is done to reduce pollutants, stabilize river and stream banks, lower stream temperatures and improve habitat for the four types of salmon that inhabit Tillamook Resource Area waters. Youth participation in the work helps OYA fulfill its mission to protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

OYA has custody of approximately 900 offenders ages 12 to 24 in correctional and transitional facilities in Albany, Burns, Florence, Grants Pass, La Grande, Salem, Tillamook, Warrenton and Woodburn, and the agency supervises approximately 1,100 offenders on parole and probation in communities throughout the state.

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