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Dear CRPCA Tour Participants,

October 2, 2010 is soon approaching, which means that it's time to start preparing for your tour to the Bull Run watershed and Columbia South Shore Well Field! I am enclosing the itinerary for the day and a list of reminders for tour participants so you can adequately prepare for the trip.

**The bus will depart at 9:00 am sharp** from the Fred Meyer Hollywood West parking lot at NE 30<sup>th</sup> & Broadway, Section A7, located on the east side of the store complex. This meeting location has been used safely and conveniently for a number of years, but I must remind you that parking is at your own risk – Fred Meyer and the City of Portland do not assume liability for your vehicle.

Please allow sufficient time for arrival, parking your vehicle and loading the bus so that we may depart promptly at 9:00 am. There is a lot to see and do throughout the day and a prompt departure will allow you to have plenty of time to enjoy it all and still arrive home on time!

Be aware that there are various reasons that the tour could be cancelled or the itinerary changed at the last minute. Cancellations are not common but situations including high fire hazard levels and increased security alerts have been known to cause cancellations in the past.

I am very much looking forward to sharing a day in the Bull Run watershed with you and the rest of the group. It is a beautiful place to visit, whatever the weather. Be sure to prepare for whatever weather that we might be having, rain or shine, heat or cold.

Please remember to pack a lunch and any snacks you may need for the day. I will bring a cooler of drinking water available for refilling water bottles. If you prefer soda or juice, please bring that yourself.

**Please bring your driver's license or other official photo identification with you on Oct 2, along with your waiver.** Checking photo ID is one of the security measures taken for all visits to our critical facilities. Additionally, please sign the liability waiver enclosed here. Complete all information on the TOP portion of the form. Note that by signing the bottom optional form, you are **DECLINING** consent for treatment in the event of a medical need for administration of epinephrine.

If you can no longer attend please notify me as soon as possible. There is a waitlist of people eager to fill your seat. Please note that only cancellations made 10 days in advance will receive a refund.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions at all. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Briggy Thomas  
Education Program Manager

Jody Burlin  
Water Resources Educator

# **Bull Run Watershed Tour**

## **Reminders for Tour Participants**

The Portland Water Bureau, in cooperation with the Forest Service, permits a limited number of public tours annually in the Bull Run Watershed. Your tour has been carefully planned and will be guided by a professional Water Resource Educator. During the tour you will ride through a great expanse of forest, see wildlife, lakes and streams, and learn about Portland's primary water supply. Tours usually last about eight hours from time of departure to return.

To be most prepared for your tour, please consider the following:

- **Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather**--it tends to be colder and wetter in the watershed than in Portland so bring extra layers and be prepared for rain. Most of your tour will be inside a vehicle with some opportunities to walk on rough trails or primitive roads.
- **Please bring adequate food and beverage to last the entire day.** There are no places to purchase food or drink. Tour schedules usually do not allow time to stop in surrounding communities for food or drink. We do carry a 5-gallon cooler of drinking water for you to refill bottles.
- **Restrooms are few and far between. Restrooms (ADA compliant) are provided at two locations only:** Bear Creek House and Bull Run Lake. The Water Bureau tour bus is equipped with onboard facilities.
- **Please bring your own epinephrine kit if you are an individual who is known to have a severe allergic reaction.** Though not common, bee stings are always a possibility in the watershed.
- **Please bring official photo identification with you on the tour.** To ensure the security of critical water facilities all visitors are required to sign a liability waiver and provide home address and photo identification.
- **The watershed is located in a remote area.** Cell phones will not receive service during the majority of the trip. The tour guide will carry a radio in the case of an emergency. Please note emergency services may have a delayed response time due to travel distance and conditions.

**To help protect the watershed please remember the following:**

- ◆ **No smoking during tours.**
- ◆ **Body contact with the water is not permitted.**
- ◆ **Use only the provided sanitation facilities.**
- ◆ **Be prepared to take home any trash you may generate during the tour.**
- ◆ **For your safety please remain with the group: steep or unstable slopes are not always fenced, and bear and cougar are known to inhabit the watershed.**

If you have questions prior to your watershed visit please contact the person(s) from your group who is responsible for coordinating the tour. If you need other assistance you may contact Briggy Thomas, Education Program Manager at 503-823-7407, or Jody Burlin, Water Resources Educator at 503-823-7437.