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NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGER JOINS PARKS & RECREATION/JACKSON BOTTOM WETLANDS PRESERVE

Hillsboro, Oregon – Ed Becker has joined the City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation department as Natural Resources Manager.

Based at the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve's Education Center, Becker's main focus will be to manage all operations and programs associated with the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, a 725-acre wildlife preserve located within the city limits of Hillsboro, Oregon. Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve joined the Hillsboro Parks & Recreation family recently as part of an overall City of Hillsboro restructuring that began in 2006.

"Ed's thirty two years of experience in various challenging natural resource management positions made him a great choice for this position," says City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Director Steve Greagor, "He will be a great asset to The City of Hillsboro and to the team at Jackson Bottom."

In addition to managing Jackson Bottom, Becker will work on natural resources projects and environmental matters affecting natural areas and park properties throughout Hillsboro's parks and open space system.

Becker comes to the City of Hillsboro with many years of natural resource management experience from an extensive Forest Service career. Prior to retiring from the Forest Service in 2004, Ed served as the District Ranger of the Central Oregon Coast Ranger District and Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

"Jackson Bottom is a treasure that should be both enjoyed and preserved," says Becker, "My goal is to work with the resources and the talented and dedicated Jackson Bottom staff and find ways to strike a balance of both so that the Hillsboro community can benefit from this wonderful place for many, many years to come."

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve is a 725-acre wildlife preserve located within the city limits of Hillsboro, Oregon. Managed by the City of Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department and operated through partnerships between the City of Hillsboro, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve non-profit, and Clean Water Services, Jackson Bottom offers a wide range of education and involvement programs for children, families, adults and educators. A talented staff of seven full-time individuals and an Americorps volunteer, as well as more than 150 volunteers provide resources for over 25,000 people annually who visit the Wetlands Education Center, participate in programs and events, or hike the trails in the Preserve.

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