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Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge Announces Spring Earth Fest Event

CHENEY — The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service), with the support of The Lands Council, will be hosting their annual Earth Fest event at Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) on Saturday, April 25 as a celebration of Earth Day. Like previous years, this event is a collaborative effort which focuses on shared mission priorities including conservation, habitat enhancement, and community engagement.

Earth Fest is a stewardship-focused event and invites public participation from all ages. Attendees will assist with potting bare-root trees for future restoration projects, working to remove exclusionary fencing from around previous years' plantings, and new for this year, a forestry project aimed at thinning a dense forest habitat.

The event is scheduled to last from 9:00 am through 1:00 pm. In between stewardship activities, attendees can explore informational booths and hands-on activities from partner agencies and non-profit organizations such as Spokane Audubon, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Ice Age Floods Institute, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and more. The event will conclude with a keynote presentation by local author and naturalist Jack Nisbet.

"Earth Fest reminds us that caring for the land isn't just a responsibility – it's a shared tradition," says Kat Hall, Restoration Program Director for The Lands Council. "Thoughtful forestry practices help keep our ecosystems resilient, and it's inspiring to see our community come together each year to strengthen the landscapes we all depend on."

"Each Earth Fest, we're energized by the enthusiasm of volunteers who show up ready to make a difference," says Refuge Manager Cassie Roeder. "Their dedication helps sustain the refuge's habitat and wildlife, and we're grateful for the ongoing partnership with the Cheney and Spokane communities."

A lunch of burgers and hot dogs is generously being provided by The Friends of Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge.

Attendees are asked to [register in advance](#), wear appropriate clothing (long pants, closed-toe shoes), and are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle with them. All equipment will be provided by the Service and The Lands Council. No prior experience is necessary to participate.

To RSVP for the event, please visit this link: <https://landscouncil.org/events/earth-fest-2025-2d2rh>.

For more information about volunteering at Turnbull NWR, please contact Ranger Josh, Visitor Services Manager, at joshua_contois@fws.gov or (509)-559-3034.

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To learn more about Earth Day, please visit <https://www.earthday.org/>.

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