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## John Day Fossil Beds NM News Release

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### John Day Fossil Beds 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on July 25<sup>th</sup>

KIMBERLY – John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a full day of activities on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>.

“Not only is this the anniversary of the monument’s establishment, but it’s also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of the fossil beds,” said Monument superintendent Shelley Hall, “And we have lots of fun activities planned to celebrate!”

The schedule of events for Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>:

**9:00-10:30 am** Join a Paleontologist for a Special Hike in Blue Basin

**10:00-11:00 am** A special Tour of the Historic Cant Ranch

**At the Thomas Condon Center:**

**11:30 am** Anniversary Cake (of course!)

Announcement of Anniversary Art Contest Winners with free posters of the winning art entry and postcards of the runners-up

Unveiling of a New Exhibit about the history of paleontology

**1:00-1:30 pm** Presentation by the Park Paleontologist

**2:00 and 3:00 pm** Gallery Tours by Park Paleontologists

**2:00 to 4:00 pm** Practice Being a Fossil Preparator in a Simulated Laboratory

Saturday evening, beginning at **6:00 pm**, all current and former John Day Fossil Beds employees and volunteers are invited to a reunion and potluck dinner at the Community Hall in Dayville. Please come share stories and memories of the John Day Fossil Beds NPS “family”!

A series of “then and now” photos will be on display at the Thomas Condon Center throughout the summer. These show modern photos taken at the same location as historic photos from the monument’s archives.

Everyone is encouraged to come out for any of the festivities...or join us for the whole day! For more information, please contact the John Day Fossil Beds Thomas Condon Paleontology Center at (541) 987-2333.

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