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**Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge - Visitor Center and Salmon Creek Unit
Construction and Closure & Save the Date!**

Beginning Tuesday, September 6, 2016, and continuing through Saturday, October 15, 2016, the entire Salmon Creek Unit, including the Visitor Center and Shorebird Loop Trail will be closed to the public 6 days per week (Monday through Saturday).

The Shorebird Loop Trail at the Salmon Creek Unit will be open on Sundays ONLY during this time, from 8a.m. to 5p.m., however the Visitor Center will remain closed.

These areas of the Refuge will be closed as two important projects are under construction. The Visitor Center will undergo necessary repairs to the exterior and interior portions of the building. Additionally, the second phase of the White Slough Living Shoreline Project will be underway during this time. The entrance road and trail will be utilized as very busy haul routes for dump trucks transporting soil from areas near the Visitor Center to the White Slough Unit of the Refuge (Tompkins Hill Road area). The Living Shoreline Project is a multi-year project creating additional salt marsh habitat within southern Humboldt Bay and providing necessary Sea Level Rise protection to important infrastructure, such as Highway 101. Visit https://www.fws.gov/cno/newsroom/featured/2016/Humboldt_Bay_Shoreline/index.html

The Hookton Slough Unit and the Ma-le'l Dunes Unit of the refuge will remain open 7 days/week, sunrise to sunset. We regret any inconvenience and hope you will visit the Salmon Creek Unit on Sundays during the closure or after October 15, 2016.

Save the Date! Join us on October 16, between 1-4pm to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week and the opening of a new section of trail leading to The Flight Deck, an elevated area with beautiful views of Table Bluff and all the habitat, and birds in between. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please visit www.fws.gov/refuge/humboldt_bay/ or call 707-733-5406.