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Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

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Bear River Refuge Plans Aerial Spraying to Treat Invasive Plant Phragmites

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge plans to conduct aerial spraying August 19—22, 2015 on the wetland units near the Refuge Auto Tour Route. The treatment will require 1-2 days, with the actual days of treatment to be determined by weather conditions, that provide for an optimum result. The purpose of the pesticide treatment is to decrease the invasive plant, phragmites. The treatment area will include wetland areas open to the public—Due to the location, the Auto Tour Route will be closed on the day(s) of spraying. Please plan your visit and call the refuge at (435) 723-5887 during business hours for the specific date(s) of the closure. Also, check our website frequently for updates.

According to Bob Barrett, Refuge Manager, “The Refuge is implementing aerial spraying to apply an herbicide treatment to the highly invasive plant, phragmites. Phragmites treatment will result in enhanced habitat productivity for the long term. Phragmites often displaces more desirable native plant species that provide food and cover to wild birds.” The public is invited to call the Refuge prior to making a trip, to check on status of the aerial spraying.

The Wildlife Education Center is located at 2155 W. Forest St., Brigham City, one block west of I-15 at Exit 363. The Center offers interactive exhibits, wetland diorama, 2 miles of outdoor trail, and is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. The Auto Tour Loop is open daily from sunrise to sunset and is FREE. For more information call (435) 723-5887.

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