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BALD EAGLE AND WINTER WATERFOWL FIELD TRIP JANUARY 15TH

*All-day driving tour will take bird enthusiasts through
Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge*

December 30, 2010, Dunsmuir, CA- On Saturday, January 15th, Mount Shasta Area Audubon and the River Exchange will present an all-day field trip to Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge, led by Chris Stromsness, Vice President of the River Exchange Board of Directors. The driving tour will start at 9am, and end at 4pm. Registration and a \$5 outing fee are requested.

The Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge is renowned for its wide diversity and abundance of bird life due to its diverse habitats including marshes, open water, coniferous forest, juniper woodlands, oak-chaparral, sagebrush-grasslands, grassy meadow and rocky cliffs. From December through February, the Klamath Basin hosts the largest concentration of Bald eagles in the contiguous United States. Some years, more than 1,000 of these majestic birds winter there.

During February and March, a multitude of other raptors and waterfowl use the basin as a staging area for migration. Some species likely to be spotted include the golden eagle, Northern harrier, red-tailed and rough-legged hawks, as well as Tundra swans, Snow geese, Ross geese, gadwalls, Northern pintails, owls, coyotes, pronghorns and many other species. The driving tour will provide the opportunity to observe an amazing variety and abundance of these majestic animals.

Field trip participants will meet at Highway 97 & A-12 (about 12 miles north of Weed) at 9:00 a.m., and will then car-pool to the driving tour destination. Attendees should be prepared with warm clothes, walking shoes, lunch, water, binoculars, and walkie-talkies (if you have them).

For more information or to register, call the River Exchange at (530) 235-2012, or email mail@riverexcchange.org. Information about the Mt. Shasta Area Audubon can be found at www.mtshastaaudubon.com.

For more information about the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge, visit www.fws.gov/klamathbasinrefuges/ or call (530) 667-2231.

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