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## Public Comments Welcome on Trinidad Head Lighthouse Environmental Assessment

ARCATA, Calif. - The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comment on the Environmental Assessment for the historic Trinidad Head Lighthouse and the 13 acres surrounding the structure. The Environmental Assessment is available on the BLM website <a href="http://blm.gov/2smd">http://blm.gov/2smd</a> or printed copies can be found at the BLM Arcata Field Office.

The BLM will accept comments from June 15 through July 22. Comments can be mailed to: attention Trinidad Lighthouse Plan, Bureau of Land Management, 1695 Heindon Rd. Arcata, CA 95521. Comments may be sent via email to Dave Fuller at <a href="mailto:dfuller@blm.gov">dfuller@blm.gov</a>.

"The Environmental Assessment has been a cooperative effort between the Trinidad Rancheria, Yurok Tribe and the City of Trinidad," said Molly Brown, Field Manager for the BLM Arcata Field Office. Brown is pleased with the collaborative outcome of the plan and looks forward to hearing community input.

Trinidad Head Lighthouse will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, for the Trinidad Fish Festival. Copies of the Environmental Assessment will be on hand.

Working with its partners, the BLM plans to preserve the historic integrity of the lighthouse, maintain and improve onsite facilities, and provide safe public access. The Environmental Assessment also addresses the protection of natural and cultural resources.

Public comments will be used in the final management decision.

The 144-year-old lighthouse was transferred from the U. S. Coast Guard into public ownership and BLM management in 2014. The BLM has been managing the facility in coordination with the Trinidad Museum Society, City of Trinidad, Trinidad Rancheria and the Yurok Tribe. It continues to operate as a navigational beacon.