

HIGH DESERT MUSEUM

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High Desert Museum Offers Free Admission to Federal Employees

Furloughed workers and immediate family welcome during shutdown

BEND, OR — Starting today, Monday, January 14, the High Desert Museum will offer free admission to furloughed federal employees and their immediate family for the duration of the government shutdown.

“During what is an undoubtedly challenging time for our public servants, we want to support our community and provide an opportunity to visit the Museum. They do so much for us. We’d like to provide some partnership,” said Museum Executive Director Dana Whitelaw, Ph.D.

Federal employees are asked to bring a form of government ID or badge to show at the admissions desk.

The Museum’s winter hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The Museum will be open on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 21. A full slate of programs takes place every day, including our Bird of Prey Encounter and Otter Encounter. Learn more about regular programs at highdesertmuseum.org/daily-schedule.

The Museum exhibition *By Her Hand: Native American Women, Their Art, and the Photographs of Edward S. Curtis* will close after Sunday, January 20. On Saturday, January 26, the Museum will debut a 40-year retrospective of nationally renowned artist Rick Bartow in the exhibit *Rick Bartow: Things You Know But Cannot Explain*, which will be on display through April 7.

Other temporary exhibits now on display include *Animal Journeys: Navigating in Nature* and *Desert Mystic: The Paintings of John Simpkins*. More information on the Museum’s temporary and permanent exhibitions is available at highdesertmuseum.org/exhibitions.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM:

THE HIGH DESERT MUSEUM opened in 1982 and brings regional wildlife, culture, art and natural resources together to promote an understanding of the natural and cultural heritage of North America's High Desert country. The Museum uses indoor and outdoor exhibits, wildlife in natural habitats, and living history demonstrations to help people discover and appreciate the High Desert. The Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a Smithsonian Affiliate. highdesertmuseum.org

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