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GOVERNOR KITZHABER DECLARES JULY 15, 2013 “OREGON JOURNALISM DAY”

July 10, 2013 – By [signing a proclamation](#) declaring July 15, 2013 “Oregon Journalism Day,” Governor Kitzhaber adds to the historic significance of an upcoming statewide event. On July 15, 2013, more than 140 photographers and videographers around the state will participate in a historic statewide project by documenting a “day in the life” of Oregon.

The event commemorates the 30th anniversary of the Project Dayshoot event that took place on July 15, 1983. Additionally, Governor Kitzhaber’s proclamation echoes a similar [proclamation made by former Governor Victor Atiyeh](#) declaring July 15, 1983 “Oregon Photojournalism Day.”

Brian Burk, photographer and University of Oregon graduate student, is organizing the project. “This project is important because it captures the whole state as it exists on one day in 2013,” Burk said. Burk has connected with dozens of photographers who were part of the project in 1983, including Mosier photographer John Maher.

Maher took part in 1983 by photographing the small neighborhood of Bonny Slope in Washington County. This year, he plans to come full circle by photographing small town life in Mosier, his home for the last 13 years.

“I want to show the community of people that make Mosier what it is,” Maher said. “By showing the diversity and individuality of our smaller communities, I hope we can increase our feeling of inter-connection that will show we are, as Oregonians, all part of a much bigger community.”

Burk has also recruited many photographers new to the project, like Janet Loughrey. “I have never participated in a documentary project, so I thought it would be a unique and fun way to stretch my creativity,” Loughrey said. “I plan on capturing various aspects of agriculture, from personal gardens to commercial horticulture.”

For Burk, the project is about capturing a piece of Oregon history. “We’re making a time capsule. Things that seem ordinary or mundane today will gain significance over time,” Burk said. “There’s so much going on all over Oregon on any given day, and this project will give us a little glimpse of it.”

The Oregon Project Dayshoot 30th anniversary event will take place from midnight to midnight on July 15. Images collected will be displayed online and in a physical exhibit, and will become part of the permanent collection of the Oregon Historical Society.

The public is encouraged to participate on July 15 by posting photos and video to Flickr, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter or Vine using the tag #dayshoot30.

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ABOUT THE OREGON PROJECT DAYSHOOT 30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

On July 15, 2013, photographers and videographers from around Oregon, in partnership with the Oregon Historical Society, will participate in a 24-hour project to capture a single day's worth of images across the state. This historical event will take place 30 years to the day after the original Project Dayshoot, in which 92 Oregon photographers collected thousands of photographs. This year's event will include many of the same photographers who participated in the original project.

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