



Woodpeckers Get New Homes

by Clark, Jeff on 3/3/2016 9:04 AM
Category: BLM Bulletin



National Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) biologist, Jeff Jones, moved to eastern Washington from Burns, Oregon where he was familiar with a successful Lewis's Woodpecker nest box project being done by the East Cascades Audubon Society. Jeff saw the success in eastern Oregon, so he volunteered to organize Boy Scouts from Pack 764 in Davenport, WA to build ten nest boxes and contacted the [Spokane Audubon Society](#) for assistance on site selections. All the sites were at [BLM's Telford Recreation Area](#) in the Spokane District so they contacted [Border Field Office Wildlife Biologist Jason Lowe](#) who accompanied the work party. "I didn't know about nest boxes designed specifically for Lewis's Woodpecker before I met Jeff," Jason said "so I was excited to see the nests and help install them."

Named after [Meriwether Lewis](#), the beautifully colored green and pink Lewis's Woodpecker is a BLM sensitive species, and uniquely, is the only surviving animal specimen from the famous expedition. The preserved specimen is safely housed at [Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology](#). Back in Washington, the nest boxes are all up and the scouts are looking forward to using maps, compass and GPS to navigate back to the ten sites for monitoring.