



# News Release

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## Women in custody at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility pilot a new tool to relax

Nature imagery has been introduced as a new way for incarcerated women at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility (CCCF) to relax. A pilot program is underway which broadcasts images of nature on a dedicated television channel throughout the institution. The videos alternately portray the four seasons, a weekend at the beach, sunset moods, sitting with fish, and ocean serenity. In addition to visual images, sounds accompany the videos.

Similar to the Blue Room at Snake River Correctional Institution in Ontario, the nature imagery channel allows women the opportunity to deescalate if they are experiencing a negative situation. Although there are no concrete statistics, preliminary research of the Blue Room shows that providing nature imagery to inmates is associated with a lower rate of violent infractions.



*A woman in custody at CCCF watches nature imagery videos.*

The Blue Room appeared on Time Magazine's 2015 list of best inventions. If the nature imagery program is successful at CCCF, the Oregon Department of Corrections will license the channel and have it appear in every prison within the state of Oregon.

CCCF is a multi-custody prison in Wilsonville accommodating all of Oregon's female inmates (approximately 1,260). The prison has cell and dormitory housing, inmate work programs, skills training, treatment programs, health services, religious services, physical plant, a central records unit, and administrative areas. CCCF participates in prison industries with Oregon Corrections Enterprises, including a contact center, auto CAD, and document scanning. In addition, CCCF houses the state's intake center, which provides intake and evaluation of all inmates committed to state custody by the courts. The intake center houses approximately 400 male inmates. CCCF's minimum facility opened in 2001, and the medium facility opened in 2002.

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