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### Documentary: Cornet / Windy Ridge aftermath filmed

 LOCAL FIRES ARE THE FOCUS OF **VIDEOGRAPHER** 

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This Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jon Scott Hart of Sound Image Productions, filmed three days of footage and interviewed Baker County residents who are still dealing with the aftermath of the 103,000-acre Cornet/

Windy Ridge Fire that consumed much of Burnt River Canyon, most of Dooley Mountain and beyond, and the other fires that affected Baker County.

According to Haines' Lorrie Harvey, who helped coordinate a portion of the filming, "We want to relay that 'This is Not Working' and will happen over and over again until something changes."

Bill Harvey, Baker County Commission Chair, was interviewed by Hart in Baker City, while Com-

missioner Mark Bennett appeared on camera from Bridgeport where Baker County Republican Party Chair Suzan Ellis Jones helped set up that schedule.

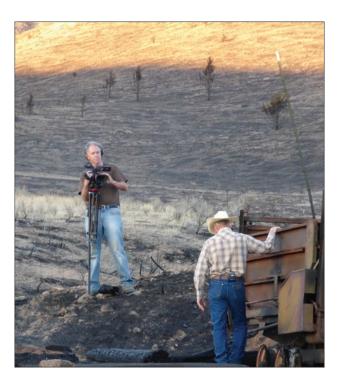
Bennett said, "As I have traveled through the five fires that struck the county, it occurred to me that our forests are truly a national treasure and we collectively are not caring for them."

Hart also interviewed local forestry expert Arvid Andersen and Bridgeport rancher Dennis Kiely

while interviewing Bennett, then on another day captured Baker Rural Fire Chief Dan Weitz, President of Forest Access for All Tork Ballard, a number of local miners, ranchers Dan Morris, Lance Cosby and Kody Justus, and a variety of landowners who were affected by the fires.

"It's important to get these stories captured on film," said Jones. "There are so many of them."

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Submitted Photo

Jon Scott Hart films Bridgeport rancher Dennis Kiely at the site of his burned haystack.

## Fuji TV in Baker City



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Production assistant Kenji Nakajima quietly pointed out one tiny camera mounted on the television set on the far wall of the Geiser Grand's most famous suite.

### JAPAN'S BIGGEST TELEVISION **NETWORK FILMS NEW PRIME TIME** SHOW AT THE GEISER GRAND

BY KERRY McQUISTEN News@TheBakerCountyPress.com

This week wasn't the first time Japan's biggest national television network, Fuji Television, has filmed in Baker City—but it just may be the most exciting.

For the second time, the Geiser Grand and owner Barbara Sidway will appear on the network, garnering millions of viewers in Japan and across Asia.

"We're big in Japan," Sidway jokes.

The Geiser Grand will serve as the feature location for Fuji's newest "golden hour" or prime time series, which translates most accurately as "Mysteries of the World."

On Tuesday, a seven-person crew checked into the hotel, fresh off a flight from Tokyo, and began staging the filming areas prior to the arrival of the segment's star, actor Shun Yatabe.

"Tsukareta," said camera assistant Takumi Fuda as she tore off a strip of tape and quickly left the room. Tired.

Production assistant Kenji Nakajima said a surprise is planned for Yatabe. "He thinks he's coming for a threeday beer festival in Baker City," Nakajima said.

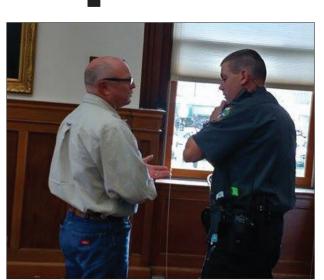
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Cameras, mics, wires and tape were spread across the room as it was being prepped for the actorcomedian who would be the star of the show.

# County passes **NRAC** plan



Gina K. Swartz/ The Baker County Press

L-R: John Creighton speaks with Sheriff Travis Ash following a brief altercation with local resident Gary Dielman during the Commissioners' session.

#### DIELMAN BRINGS UP PRAYER ISSUE AGAIN, BRIEF ALTERCATION IN **AUDIENCE ENSUES DURING MEETING**

BY GINA K. SWARTZ Gina@TheBakerCountyPress.com

Last Thursday, the Baker County Board of Commissioners met to vote on approval of the County's Natural Resources Plan, sent to them for the second time by the Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC). Commissioners looked out on a packed room as the meeting began with disagreement.

Emily Braswell, a member of the NRAC, addressed the Commissioners, advising them that the copy of the Weeds printout was one "the NRAC Committee has not seen yet."

Commission Chair Bill Harvey replied to Braswell stating, "It was sent. This is the copy that we voted on. It was discussed, and they were asked if they wanted to wait and vote on it at the next meeting and they chose not to. They voted on it at that time."

Braswell disagreed, stating, "We did not vote on it to be brought to the Commissioners, though."

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Mostly sunny with highs in the lowers 70s Mostly clear and cool at night, with lows in the



Partly cloudy skies with a chance for rain showers after noon. Highs in the mid 60s, chance of precipitation is 30%. Lows near 40.



Chance of rain showers before 11 AM, otherwise mostly sunny with a high near 70. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Lows near 40.

### Your weekend weather forecast for Baker County.



Our forecast made possible by this



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