

## Shelter needs permanent facility

Three Rivers Humane Society (TRHS), a small animal shelter in rural Jefferson County, has launched an ambitious capital campaign aimed at funding construction of a permanent shelter facility. The shelter has set a \$400,000 target for the campaign, dubbed "Raise the Woof!"

Though located just outside of Madras on Southeast McTaggart Road, TRHS is significantly engaged with the Sisters community. Sisters residents volunteer there, and several animals have been adopted locally out of the shelter.

The Raise the Woof! campaign will fund construction of a permanent, heated and cooled, 6,000-square-foot shelter building on the Three Rivers Humane Society site.

Since obtaining the contract to operate Jefferson County Kennels, TRHS has overseen the care of 718 animals and found homes for them all over the Northwest and Canada.

Despite the shelter's success, and the ongoing efforts of countless volunteers, the shelter's outdoor kennels remain woefully inadequate to protect its dogs from the cold Central Oregon winters. In this winter season, Madras has seen temperatures drop to -23 degrees on several occasions. Last summer, the high temperatures were often 100 degrees or higher.

On especially cold days, the shelter has been forced to



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Three Rivers Humane Society is raising funds to improve its shelter facilities near Madras.

seek out volunteers to temporarily "foster" dogs that otherwise would have remained in outdoor kennels, protected only by small dog houses with heated kennel mats.

"With only 10 indoor kennels in our current facility, the majority of our dogs are housed in outdoor kennels," said TRHS Executive Director Steve Drynan, who runs the shelter along with his wife, Jerilee. "We need to put a permanent roof over these dogs' heads so they never have to worry about being terribly cold in the winter or over-heated in the summer again. We know this won't happen overnight but we are committed to this project being accomplished in a reasonable amount of time. We will construct a building we can afford to operate and maintain, while providing the quality care our dogs

deserve."

TRHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. Monetary donations can be earmarked for the building campaign and made through their website, mail, or at Three Rivers Humane Society. Donations of labor and/or building materials are appreciated as well.

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## Citizens asked to weigh in on natural hazards

Folks in Sisters Country are being asked to help identify the major natural hazards facing the community.

Deschutes County, in partnership with the cities of Bend, La Pine, Redmond and Sisters, is currently engaged in the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP) update. This plan update is being supported by the Oregon Partnership for Disaster Resilience (OPDR) at the University of Oregon. The existing plan was updated in 2010 and is due for update in May of this year. This update will also include city-specific addendums for each of the cities in Deschutes County, including Sisters, which is new for 2015.

The NHMP is a document submitted to and approved by Oregon Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This document helps communities identify risks and

associated mitigation strategies. An approved NHMP is required to receive federal pre-disaster mitigation funds to address known natural hazards in the community. Ultimately, the document aids communities in achieving higher levels of disaster resilience.

An important component of this process is public engagement regarding risk and community resilience. The NHMP Steering Committee in collaboration with OPDR has developed a survey. The county asks that citizens and property owners take a few minutes to complete the survey, which will assist planners in developing mitigation strategies and gauge community knowledge of risks in Deschutes County.

The survey can be found at [www.sheriff.deschutes.org](http://www.sheriff.deschutes.org) (Quick Links); [www.deschutes.org](http://www.deschutes.org) (Media Releases); <http://www.ci.bend.or.us> (Latest News).

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