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Council to weigh in on paved trail

By Sue Stafford
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Judging from the number of letters to the editor and guest columns in *The Nugget* over the past many months, the subject of a paved trail between Sisters and Black Butte Ranch (BBR) is one of the most hotly debated issues here in Sisters Country over the past three years.

Now the matter is before the Sisters City Council, which is weighing some kind of letter of support for reopening the matter with the Forest Service.

The process surrounding the first proposal submitted to the U. S. Forest Service by the Sisters Trails Alliance in 2012 was fraught with controversy and stubbornly held positions both for and against the trail. As a result, Sisters

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Best friends on the run...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Dogs took off with their people in tow during the Doggie Dash on Saturday (see story, page 10).

Proposed rule change worries fishermen

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Local fishermen are worried about the future of the Metolius River fishery if the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife adopts a rule change in September.

ODFW is trying to simplify its rules and regulations by eliminating partial closures and making open fishing times more consistent. The proposed change for the Metolius would make the river open for fishing year-round above Allingham Bridge. The move would simplify the rules and also provide more fishing opportunities, according to ODFW.

That has local fishermen concerned about the impact on sensitive spawning beds.

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DA orders lacrosse records release

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

District Attorney John Hummel last week ordered that Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) must release records regarding the Outlaws Lacrosse program as requested by Mike Morgan of Sisters. The records have to do with allegations made by parents regarding the conduct last season of then-coach Andrew Gorayeb.

The DA required that SPRD must release the records by August 21 or determine to fight the order

in court. The release is really a moot point, since the letters from the parents detailing the allegations have been obtainable as a public record from City Hall since June.

SPRD Executive Director Liam Hughes said the district will comply with the DA's directive.

"I'm a little disappointed by it because I come from the school of management that employee records are confidential," he said. "But we will release the records."

SPRD had resisted the release of the records citing

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Youths spruce up Sisters Country

By Jim Cornelius
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All summer long a crew of Sisters youths has been fanning out across Sisters Country to rehab damaged forestlands, shore up heavily used trails and remove noxious weeds, graffiti, and illegal structures on the land.

Last week, the Heart of Oregon Central Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (COYCC) crew comprised of Chelsea Bradley, Madison King, Megan Calarco, Gary Jacques and Anicka Hicks were in the forest south of town planting willows and cottonwoods along restored channels of Whychus Creek to improve the riparian



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Rikki Heath, right, led a crew of Sisters students in a summer of work on the Sisters Ranger District.

habitat. On a previous visit, they laid down Idaho fescue.

"We try to give them a variety of projects," said Bob Hennings, Sisters Ranger

District coordinator for the COYCC work.

While the work is

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