

# COMMUNITY

## Festival all-event passes sold out

The Sisters Folk Festival has once again sold out its all-event passes more than two months in advance of the event.

Passes for Sunday performances only are still available.

The festival runs September 9-11, featuring legendary singer-songwriters Richard Thomson, Ruthie Foster and Shawn Mullins and bands like Session Americana, Chuck Prophet and the Mission Express, The Brothers Comatose, Los Texmaniacs and many others.

Scottish fiddle master

Alasdair Fraser will perform with Natalie Haas, and the festival welcomes bluegrass and folk veterans Laurie Lewis and Tom Rozum with Nina Gerber.

About 4,000 people attend the Sisters Folk Festival, which has gained a national reputation for excellence. Performers and audiences alike especially appreciate its unique format where “all the town’s a stage” with venues scattered throughout town, many of them in local eateries.

For more information visit [www.sistersfolkfestival.org](http://www.sistersfolkfestival.org).



PHOTO BY JIM YUSKAVITCH

Illegal trails disturb deer at a time when they need to conserve energy to survive the winter.

## Hayden Homes withdraws application

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Last week, Hayden Homes notified Patrick Davenport, community development director, that they were withdrawing their current application to remove the eastern 18 acres from the original master plan for the 43-acre Village at Cold Springs subdivision off McKinney Butte Road.

During the Sisters Planning Commission’s public hearing on June 16 regarding the requested

modification to separate the parcels, Hayden’s attorney and several Hayden employees reviewed their proposed development of the separated 18 acres, which increased the number of single family homes and decreased the number of apartments. The division would also leave the already-finished portion of the subdivision with a density ratio well below that required in the original approved master plan.

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## USFS to decommission area trails

By Jim Yuskavitch  
Correspondent

Beginning in July, the U.S. Forest Service will begin decommissioning an extensive, illegal trail system in the Stevens Canyon area north-east of Sisters. Located within the Metolius Deer Winter Range, the trail system was begun about two decades ago by some off-road motorcycle enthusiasts who took it upon themselves to build a trail through public and private lands.

Over the years, this clandestine trail system has grown to about 20 miles as more off-road-vehicle users created additional trail segments. Since the Forest Service implemented its rule

in 2009 limiting off-road vehicles to designated roads and trails, illegal OHV use of the Stevens Canyon trails has declined. However, mountain bikers have since discovered the system and are riding it extensively.

All that activity in the Stevens Canyon portion of the Metolius Deer Winter Range — which stretches from the Metolius River east to the Deschutes River and includes National Forest, Bureau of Land Management and private lands — has Sisters Ranger District wildlife biologist Monty Gregg concerned.

“People think that because there is lots of forest then there is room for a trail,” said Gregg. “But it’s mule deer winter range that is significant

and critical habitat, and the trail goes through areas that are also important to other species of wildlife.”

A mule deer population of about 5,700 animals uses the winter range. They migrate down from higher elevations in November and December, then back up again in April and May, traveling through Stevens Canyon during the early part of the fall migration and later parts of the spring migration.

Sara Gregory, wildlife habitat biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, studied the Metolius deer herd from 2005 to 2012, putting radio and GPS collars on about 100

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## SISTERS AREA MEETING CALENDAR

### BOARDS, GROUPS, CLUBS

**Al-Anon** Monday, noon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Wednesday, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-8737 or 541-549-1527.

**Alateen** Thursday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. 541-549-1527.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** Thursday & Sunday, 7 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Saturday, 8 a.m., The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration • Monday, 5 p.m., Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Tuesday, noon, Big Book study, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church • Thursday, noon, Sober Sisters Women Meeting, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. 541-548-0440.

**Authors Support Group** 2nd Friday, 10 a.m., Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. 541-588-0081.

**Black Butte Macintosh Users Group** 3rd Thursday, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-1471.

**Black Butte Ranch Bridge Club** Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Black Butte Ranch community room. All welcome; partner required. 541-595-6236.

**Central Oregon Council on Aging Senior Lunch** Tuesdays, noon, Sisters Community Church. 541-678-5483.

**Central Oregon Fly Tyers Guild** 4th Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For location information: 541-549-2072.

**Central Oregon Spinners and Weavers Guild** 4th Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. Sisters Library. 541-639-3217.

**Central Oregon Woodworkers Guild** 1st Tuesday. 541-639-6216.

**East of the Cascades Quilt Guild** 4th Wednesday, September-June, Stitchin’ Post. All are welcome. 541-549-6061.

**Friends of the Sisters Library Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 9 to 11 a.m., Sisters Library. 541-977-8285.

**Heartwarmers** (fleece blanketmakers) 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Sisters City Hall. Materials provided. 541-408-8505.

**Hero Quilters of Sisters** Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. 541-549-1028 or 541-548-3304.

**Military Parents of Sisters** 2nd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., 17549 Knight Rd., Bend (Plainview area). 541-388-9013.

**Oregon Band of Brothers – Sisters Chapter** Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., Takoda’s Restaurant. 541-408-5594.

**SAGE (Senior Activities, Gatherings & Enrichment)** Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. at SPRD. 541-549-2091.

**Sisters Area Photography Club** 2nd Wednesday, 4 p.m., Sisters Library community room. 541-549-6157.

**Sisters Area SketchUp Users Group** 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Earthwood Timber Frame Homes. 541-549-0924.

**Sisters Astronomy Club** 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m., SPRD. 541-549-8846.

**Sisters Bridge Club** Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., The Pines Clubhouse. Novices welcomed. 541-549-9419.

**Sisters Cribbage Club** Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Ray’s Food Place community room. 541-923-1632.

**Sisters Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors** 4th Tuesday, 6 p.m. Location information: 541-549-1193.

**Sisters Kiwanis** Thursdays, 7 to 8:30 a.m., Brand 33 Restaurant at Aspen Lakes. 541-410-2870.

**Sisters Parent Teacher Community** 3rd Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., Sisters Elementary C-wing. 971-570-2405.

**Sisters Red Hats** 1st Friday. Location information: 541-279-1977.

**Sisters Rotary** Tuesdays, noon, Aspen Lakes Lodge. 541-977-6545.

**Sisters Trails Alliance Board** 2nd Wed., 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sisters Art Works. Public welcome. 541-719-8822.

**Sisters Veterans** Thursdays, noon, Takoda’s Restaurant. 541-903-1123.

**Three Sisters Irrigation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 4 p.m., TSID Office. 541-549-8815.

**Three Sisters Lions Club** 1st Thursday, noon, Ray’s Food Place community room. 541-419-1279.

**VFW 8138 & American Legion** 1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-903-1123 or 541-549-1132.

### CITY & PARKS

**Sisters City Council** 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

**Sisters Park & Recreation District Board of Directors** 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m., SPRD building. 541-549-2091.

**Sisters Planning Commission** 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sisters City Hall. 541-549-6022.

### FIRE & POLICE

**Black Butte Ranch Police Dept. Board of Directors** Meets monthly. 541-595-2191 for time & date.

**Black Butte Ranch RFPD Board of Directors** 4th Thursday, 9 a.m., Black Butte Ranch Fire Station. 541-595-2288.

**Cloverdale RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m., Main Station, George Cyrus Rd. 541-548-4815. See the agenda at [www.cloverdalefire.com](http://www.cloverdalefire.com).

**Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Board of Directors** 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 541-549-0771.

**Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD Drills** Mondays, 7 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St. 541-549-0771.

### SCHOOLS

**Black Butte School Board of Directors** 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Black Butte School. 541-595-6203.

**Sisters Christian Academy Board of Directors** 2nd Thursday, 8 a.m., RE/MAX Out West Realty office at Outlaw Station. 541-549-4133.

**Sisters School District Board of Directors** One Wednesday per month, SSD Admin Bldg. See schedule at [www.sisters.k12.or.us](http://www.sisters.k12.or.us). 541-549-8521 x4011.

