

Kevin Keown will be Acting Ranger for Sisters District.

KEOWN: Long-time Forest Service man is a Bend native

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has been on the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests, though he has also worked on the Malheur and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests. During his career he has taken four significant leadership assignments, serving as a District Ranger on three separate occasions, and as the Deschutes National Forest Natural Resources Staff Officer. He has a bachelor's degree in wildlife science from Oregon State University.

In his current position, Keown serves as the Blue Mountains Elk Initiative Coordinator, Region 6 Wildlife Center of Excellence for Elk, and Forest Service liaison with the Rocky Mountain Elk representing the Ochoco National Forest and Crooked River National Grassland. He actively participates in wildfire suppression activities, including serving as the lead Resource Advisor for the Ochoco National Forest, and as a Base Camp Manager for the Pacific Northwest Region Incident Management Team 8.

Foundation. He is a board

member of the Crooked

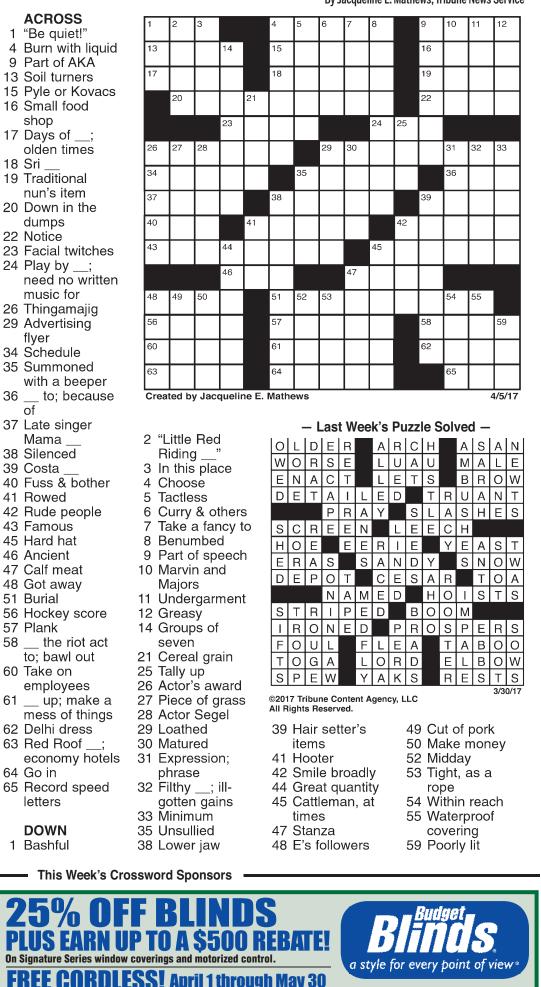
River Watershed Council,

Keown is a Central Oregon native and lives in Bend with his wife, Lisa, and two sons, Joshua and Ben.

He loves the outdoors and enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, backpacking, hiking, skiing and mountain biking with his family. His most rewarding pastime has been teaching his boys the love of the outdoors and coaching their youth basketball and football teams.







Stability of Ochoco Dam

PRINEVILLE (AP) — The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will begin collecting soil samples in early April at the Ochoco Dam in Prineville to ensure the stability of the dam in an earthquake.

The Bend Bulletin reports that the work is part of the federal bureau's Safety of Dams program, which is focused on the integrity of its dams.

Dam safety drew nationwide attention in February when nearly 200,000 people were evacuated due

) to the threat of a breach f at the Oroville Dam in - California.

> Crews will work in April near the toe of the dam's downstream face. Crews will collect soil samples from the embankment and foundation at six drill sites to refine existing Ochoco Dam studies for seismic stability.

> The dam holds back Ochoco Creek water and stores winter snowmelt for the Ochoco Irrigation District, which provides irrigation to the surrounding area.



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