

## Search and rescue team helps dog on trail

A dog that developed paw problems got help from local search and rescue volunteers last week.

On July 18 nine members of the Camp Sherman Hasty Team responded to Square Lake in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness area to transport an injured dog back to the trailhead.

Mike Harding of Portland and his dog Leon — a 110-pound Rottweiler — were on a two-day camping trip on the east side of the Cascades when the pads on Leon's paws started to bleed due to the hot and rocky trail surface. Leon made it to Square Lake but could barely stand. Harding contacted the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for help.

The Camp Sherman Hasty Team hiked into Square Lake with a wheeled litter. Leon was loaded onto the litter and



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Leon got a sweet ride from Hasty Team volunteers.

transported to Round Lake where he was placed into a vehicle and transported to a veterinarian in Portland.

Hasty Team members believe Leon enjoyed the ride out more than the hike in.

The Hasty Team recommends considering the trail surface and temperature when you take your dog out hiking. Just like humans they need to be in shape for the adventure you have planned as well as prepared for any and all types of conditions and weather.

## Habitat plan on the table for basin

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service are working with The Deschutes Basin Board of Control and City of Prineville to develop a Deschutes Basin Habitat Conservation Plan to minimize potential impacts to five listed and nonlisted species that may result from the irrigation and related water management operations in the Deschutes Basin.

Members of the public are invited to attend four public meetings that are being held as part of the scoping process, an initial step in developing the Habitat Conservation Plan.

The aquatic species covered in the Habitat Conservation Plan include three federally listed species (Oregon spotted frog, bull trout, and steelhead) and two non-listed species (sockeye salmon and spring Chinook salmon). The plan covers the majority of the 10,000-square-mile Deschutes River basin, with the exception of the Metolius River basin.

"This planning process brings together partners to collaborate on a science-based strategy that will not

only conserve imperiled species in the Deschutes Basin, but also provide predictability to water users," said Bridget Moran, the Service's Bend Field Supervisor. "We want input from all interested parties to ensure the planning process is inclusive and has addressed all possible issues and concerns."

The primary purpose of the scoping process is to encourage Federal, Tribal, State and local governments, and the public to help the Service and applicants identify issues and alternatives related to the proposed action. Input will be used to prepare

a draft Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act.

The agencies developing the Habitat Conservation Plan will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, August 15, at the U.S. Forest Service office 63095 Deschutes Market Rd. in Bend from 2 to 4 p.m. and again from 6 to 8 p.m.

Written comments will be accepted until September 22, and can be submitted at the public meetings or by mail. For further instructions visit <https://www.fws.gov/oregonfwo/>.

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