

PEDESTRIANS: Twilight can be a particularly dangerous time

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roadway (see related story, page 7).

While pedestrians have the right-of-way, it is wise for those on foot to be especially cautious this time of year. Don't assume that because you see a car coming that the driver can see you. If you are wearing dark clothing, you may be all but invisible, even under streetlights.

Carry a flashlight and

deploy it if you're going to be out at twilight or later, and stay alert to your surroundings. Distracted walking can be almost as dangerous as distracted driving.

Sisters' large population of deer are still moving around at twilight and they are particularly hard to see as darkness falls. Drivers should stay alert and above all slow down to give themselves plenty of stopping distance. The need to slow down becomes even more acute in rain or snow conditions, where visibility is further diminished and streets and roadways are wet and potentially slick.

State office focuses on outdoor recreation

SALEM (AP) — A newly created state office is hoping to take Oregon's recreational economy from good to great.

The Office of Outdoor Recreation was created by the state lawmakers last legislative session in response to the decline in the percentage of Oregonians who take part in outdoor recreation, the *Statesman Journal* reported Sunday.

While the recreational economy continues to be strong in cities such as Bend and Portland, Chris Havel with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department said the state is concerned about other regions that are falling behind and want to figure out what can be done about it.

The new office will begin by focusing on improving access and participation to outdoor recreation and the stewardships and sustainability of resources.

"The goal is to see outdoor recreation reach its full potential through a unified strategy," Havel said.

Some have called the new

office an unnecessary expense and doubt it will pay much attention to hunting, fishing and motorized recreation because its prominent supporters — Keen Footwear and REI — are known to primarily support hiking, biking and kayaking.

"Despite the fact that hunting is a longstanding and strong economic driver, Oregon's government continues to ignore it," said Dominic Aiello, president of the Oregon Outdoor Council, which promotes hunting. "Travel Oregon, the state's official tourism office, doesn't even list hunting under the 'Things To Do' for outdoor recreation in Oregon."

Havel denies that the office will prioritize select forms of recreation, but he did recognize that outdoor recreation is a vast industry to work with.

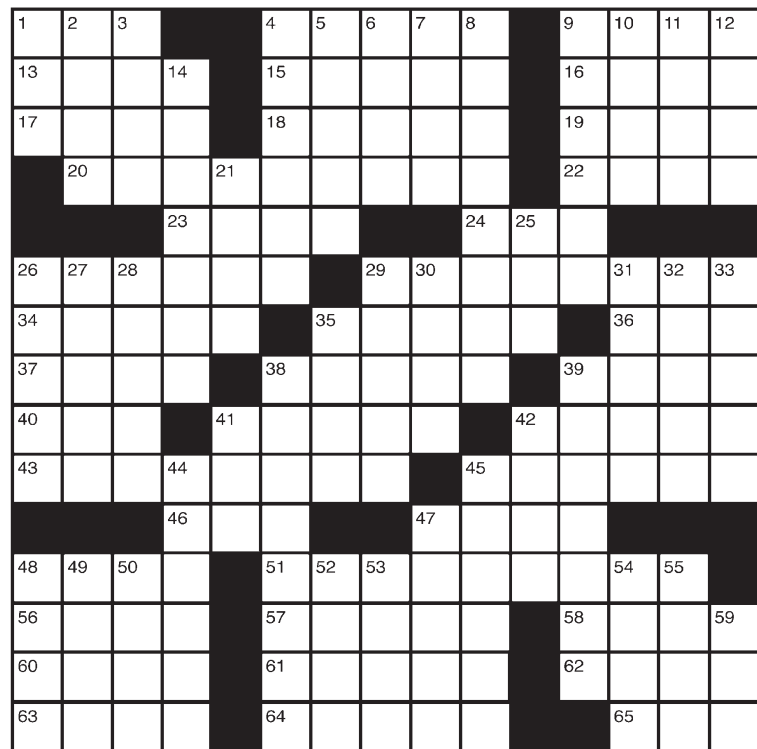
"The only comfort is there's a large community ready to help, and a hunger to find a better way forward," he said.

The state is still in process of finding a director to lead the unit.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Soft drink
 - 4 Blaze residue
 - 9 "There was an old woman who lived in a ___."
 - 13 Small fruit pie
 - 15 Sandbank
 - 16 Summon a cab
 - 17 Store away
 - 18 Yuletide visitor
 - 19 Skater's oval
 - 20 Cowardly
 - 22 Annoys
 - 23 Carry
 - 24 Rush
 - 26 Prickly plant
 - 29 Raincoats
 - 34 Funt or Ludden
 - 35 Like umbrella weather
 - 36 Feel miserable
 - 37 Rude slob
 - 38 Soviet labor camp
 - 39 One of the martial arts
 - 40 Trip stopover
 - 41 Modify
 - 42 West Point student
 - 43 Unnecessary
 - 45 Unser and Foyt
 - 46 Motorists' org.
 - 47 Tongue color
 - 48 As slippery ___ eel
 - 51 Fleeting; brief
 - 56 Ladder step
 - 57 Climbing plants
 - 58 Reclines
 - 60 Give a traffic ticket to
 - 61 Chutzpah
 - 62 ___ up; absorb
 - 63 Recipe verb
 - 64 Overwhelming desire for more
 - 65 "Love ___ neighbor..."
- DOWN**
- 1 Half-qts.
 - 2 Dobbin's dinner
 - 3 ___ up; support from beneath or behind
 - 4 Items listed in a will
 - 5 Layered rock
 - 6 Make sharp
 - 7 Dines
 - 8 Making rough wide cuts
 - 9 Wild shrill cry
 - 10 Barber's focus
 - 11 Pig's comment
 - 12 Forest animals
 - 14 Social media service
 - 21 Person, place or thing
 - 25 Like dangerous winter roads
 - 26 Home of logs
 - 27 Without assistance
 - 28 Duplicate
 - 29 Business transactions
 - 30 One not to be trusted
 - 31 ___ cologne; perfume
 - 32 Passenger
 - 33 Job openings
 - 35 Grooves



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- 38 Sparkling
- 39 Wild dogs
- 41 Montgomery's state: abbr.
- 42 Isn't able to
- 44 Hazard
- 45 Doused
- 47 Irritate
- 48 Rainbows
- 49 Clubs or hearts
- 50 Opposed to
- 52 Above
- 53 Wet spongy ground
- 54 Hilarious fellow
- 55 Slangy reply
- 59 Wild blue yonder

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