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The first full moon of April – called the “Pink Moon” – shone over the Three Sisters, beckoning to early-rising photographers.

## Public to weigh in on growth issues

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

With Sisters’ growth a common topic of conversation around town, a public meeting on Thursday, May 2, 5:30 p.m., at City Hall will be of interest to everyone, whether a proponent or opponent of growth.

City staff will be on hand to provide information about the findings of the draft Housing and Residential Land Needs Assessment (HNA) and answer questions (see sidebar, page 17).

The assessment compares

the current inventory of available lands for residential building to the projected housing needs by 2039, according to Portland State University population estimates of 2.6 percent growth each year. The estimated housing units are based on potential entitled units of remaining parcels. State law mandates that all cities have a 20-year supply of buildable lands.

Sisters’ inventory of buildable lands is impacted by the number of acres of

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## Sisters man arrested for encouraging sex abuse

A 32-year-old Sisters man was arrested on Thursday, April 18, on charges including encouraging sexual abuse of a minor.

Bend Police report that the department was provided information pertaining to Jon Beavert, who was allegedly seeking a sexual relationship with a juvenile who resides in Bend.

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## Earth Day participants collected over A TON OF TRASH

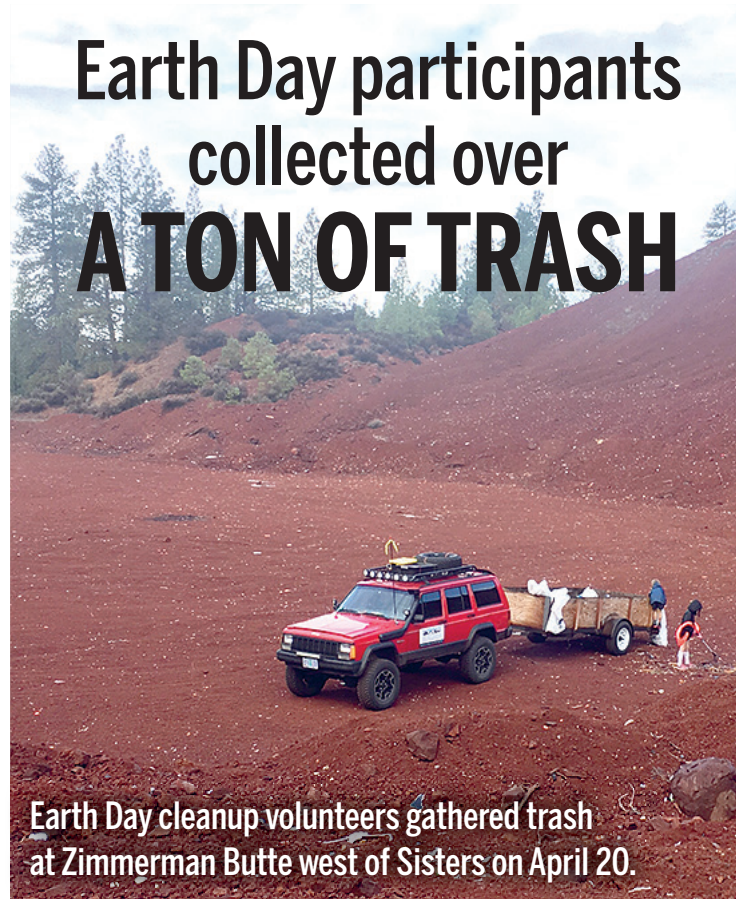


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Earth Day cleanup volunteers gathered trash at Zimmerman Butte west of Sisters on April 20.

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

Fort-five adults and 10 children collected over a ton of trash during the Earth Day Community Cleanup last Saturday organized by Mande Seeley of Sisters Park & Recreation District.

With supplies donated by SOLV and three dumpsters provided by the Sisters Ranger District, 136 bags of trash are no longer littering

Sisters and the surrounding forest.

Zimmerman Cinder Pit yielded the largest collection of trash, including a discarded electric dishwasher, picked up by Mande’s husband Ryan and their two children. The residents of the Clear Pine subdivision collected trash from the 20 acres surrounding their neighborhood and brought in

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## Sisters enters burning season

By Jim Cornelius  
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As Sisters Country enters the season of spring burning, the specter of the destruction of the mountain town of Paradise, California, looms like a pall of wildfire smoke over the community.

While Sisters is well-schooled in the terrible effects of massive wildfire, the

community is better prepared than many to face the threat. That is, in large part, thanks to a long campaign of thinning and prescribed burning around vulnerable parts of Sisters Country to build resilience and to give firefighters a chance to make a stand.

Prescribed burning mimics the historical role of fire in the ponderosa pine forests of Sisters Country, cleaning out

underbrush and small growth that chokes overgrown forests, making them less healthy and fueling explosive wildfires.

“We’re working on building resilient forests,” Sisters Ranger District Assistant Fire Management Officer Jinny Reed told *The Nugget*. “We’re trying to go back to

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