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A sheriff's sergeant pulled a man to safety during a traffic incident in Tumalo on Wednesday.

CLOSE CALL: Sergeants quick action saved motorist from injury

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another vehicle that was stuck in snow.

"A passenger from the stuck vehicle got out and realized the truck was sliding toward him," the sheriff's office reports. "He tried to run but fell down onto the road."

"Sgt. McLaughlin ran between the two vehicle (at

risk to himself) and took hold of the person by the armpits as the male was under the truck and about to be crushed. Sgt. McLaughlin was able to pull him free seconds before the two vehicles collided. Both Sgt. McLaughlin and the other person were uninjured."

The incident provides a reminder that it is important to stay alert to oncoming and passing traffic if involved in an accident or stranded on the roadside during winter weather events. *See related story, page 1.*

CERTAIN AGE: Life often leads down unexpected paths

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It really feels like when I turned 75 last June, my life careened around a corner into uncharted territory that appears to be filled with many more unexpected events.

For now, I count my blessings that I live in a small town I love, filled with people I enjoy, and freelancing at a job

I like and that provides necessary income to keep me in my home.

I am still facing painful challenges regarding my younger son but am fortunate to have friends who are supportive and understanding. No one promised me a trouble-free life. I am thankful that a lifetime of experience has equipped me to deal with the next "unexpected."

COMMENTS: Permits and fees go into effect in 2020

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business hours.

The Central Cascades wildernesses include the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, Three Sisters, Waldo Lake and Diamond Peak wildernesses. Increased recreational use is degrading the resources, wilderness character and recreation experience in these areas. The Willamette and Deschutes National Forests began an environmental analysis in January 2017 to address these impacts. Following this analysis and public input, the Forests decided this past spring to apply a limited-entry system, with the final decision signed on May 10, 2019. The Willamette and Deschutes National Forests are now seeking authorization through the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act to charge a special recreation permit fee as a part of the limited-entry system within the three wildernesses.

The Forest Service has proposed the following structure for the special-use permit fee:

- No special-use permit fees for youth 12 and under, though each person requires a limited-entry reservation regardless of age.
- Day-use permit fee \$3 per person (needed at 19 trailheads, no fee 60 trailheads).
- Overnight permit fee \$5 per person, per night (needed

at 79 trailheads).

The special recreation permit fee will be required from the Friday before Memorial Day to the last Friday in September in the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters wilderness areas. The special recreation permits will be available through the Recreation.gov website.

Limited-entry reservations would include the special recreation permit fee, plus the reservation fees charged by Recreation.gov. The reservation fees are currently \$1 per person for day use and \$6 per overnight group.

Public input will inform the Forest Service's final proposal for the special recreation permit fee structure, how the fees should be invested, and any concerns or suggestions related to the special recreation permit

fee. The Forests will review and consider all comments and use them to inform how the proposal may be adjusted.

The final proposal will be presented to two resource advisory committees, one on the east side of the Cascades and one on the west side of the Cascades. The resource advisory committees will give the Forest Service recommendations on the fee structure. The regional forester for the Pacific Northwest, Region 6, will make the final decision.

Under Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 80 to 95 percent of the proposed special recreation permit fees would be invested in wilderness management activities, trail maintenance, visitor education and expanding work with volunteers and partners within the three wildernesses.

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