

Wilderness permit plan delayed

A new system for permits limiting entry into parts of the Sisters backcountry has been pushed back till next year.

The Forest Service announced on Thursday, May 7, that the Deschutes and Willamette National Forests will delay the implementation of the Central Cascades Wilderness limited entry permit system until May 2021.

“Given many logistical constraints caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we are delaying our implementation until next year,” said Deschutes National Forest Supervisor Holly Jewkes.

The Central Cascades Wildernesses limited entry system was set to begin on May 22, and would bring day-use limits to 19 out of 79 trails and overnight limits to all trails in the Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington and Three Sisters Wilderness.

“Our focus has been on responding to COVID-19, and preparations for the permit

system were delayed,” said Willamette National Forest Supervisor Dave Warnack. “We felt there was too much uncertainty for the public on when we might open the reservation system. Therefore, we made this difficult decision.”

One aspect of the Central Cascades Wilderness Strategies decision, which will be implemented this year is the “elevational campfire ban.” The ban includes:

- All campfires are banned above 5,700 feet elevation in Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters Wildernesses, as well as some areas lower than 5,700.
- All campfires are banned above 6,000 feet elevation in Diamond Peak Wilderness.

Other than the elevational fire ban, the wilderness areas will be managed this year as they were previously. Both forests will maintain the free self-issue permit systems for entering the wildernesses.

Emergency grants available for businesses

Sisters businesses affected by COVID-19 may be eligible for grants of up to \$2,000 from funds provided by the Oregon Community Foundation. The Sisters OCF COVID-19 Emergency Business Grant Task Force will release information about eligibility and application procedures on Wednesday, May 13.

On that date, the task force will publish eligibility standards and application materials on many websites and directly to Sisters businesses.

The Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC) earmarked \$25,000 for Sisters from money received from the Oregon Community Foundation to support severely impacted businesses. COIC then formed a local task force to finalize procedures for distributing the funds to eligible Sisters businesses.

“The task force understands the devastating effect

of COVID-19 on local businesses who have invested in our community and contribute to the local economy,” said Judy Trego, a member of the task force and Executive Director of the Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce. “We have been working hard to create a fair system for distributing these emergency grants to help as many businesses as possible with some financial relief.”

The task force urges businesses to examine the materials and submit applications as soon as they become available on May 13. The task force will not consider applications received after 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20.

The materials will be made available on at least the following websites:

- www.sisterscountry.com
- www.edcoinfo.com
- www.ci.sisters.or.us
- www.centraloregonos.com



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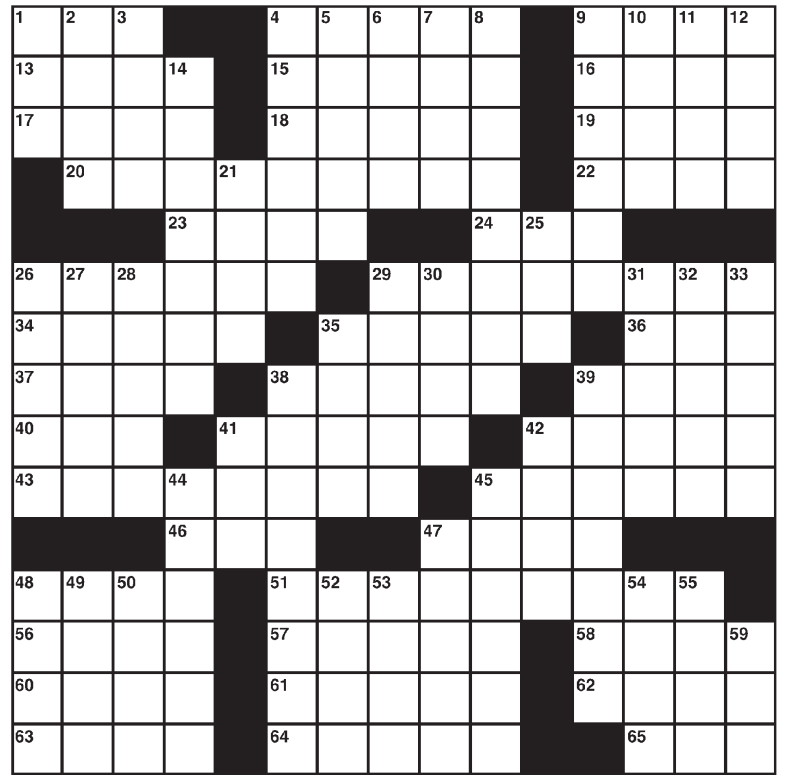
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- ACROSS**
- Unnecessary fuss
 - Not rural
 - Deadly critters
 - ___ with; become attached to
 - Self-assurance
 - Enjoy a long bath
 - Comic actress Imogene
 - Club ___; bar mixers
 - Wraparound garment
 - Glee
 - Retirement accts.
 - Silent assents
 - ___ Vegas
 - Take long steps
 - Tangiest
 - New drivers, often
 - Samsung product
 - Sorority letter
 - Neighbor of Calif.
 - “All things ___ equal, ...”
 - Ship’s bow
 - Rub the wrong way
 - Bugs, e.g.
 - Sifter’s device
 - War death
 - Like a good steak
 - Compadre
 - Grump
 - Forehead
 - Group of attendants
 - Molten rock
 - Hardware store inventory
 - Plenty
 - Think ___; contemplate
 - Bar of gold
 - Have none of
 - Form a curve
 - Approaches
 - “...hallowed be ___ name...”

- DOWN**
- “Fresh Off the Boat” network
 - Terrible fate
 - “___ in Love with Amy”
 - Pineapple ___-down cake
 - Hotel bookings
 - ___ one’s time; wait
 - As slippery ___ eel
 - Very young bird
 - St. Francis’ home
 - Fly high
 - Prefix for legal or medic
 - Alpine shop rentals
 - Mending socks
 - Fishing poles
 - Big heart
 - Unflinching
 - ___ firma; solid ground
 - Stinks
 - Lustrous
 - ___ ride; kids’ fair activity
 - Poofed
 - Gush hard
 - Pisa’s attraction
 - ___-up; confined
 - Church newsletter
 - ___ machine; arcade sight
 - Lamb’s cry
 - Scorch
 - Toward the sky
 - Has confidence in
 - Violet or peach
 - Shapeless mass
 - ___ about; praise highly
 - Microwave, e.g.
 - Zero
 - Old Roman gown
 - Farm animal
 - ___ A Sketch; classic toy
 - ___ blue; Crayola color



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