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City Council postpones decision on nuclear free zone

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The Eugene City Council on Monday night voted 5-3 to put off a decision on the fate of the Eugene Nuclear Free Zone ordinance until Jan. 11.

The vote occurred after lengthy debate on whether the City Council should choose one of the ordinance proposals forwarded to the council by the Eugene Nuclear Free Zone Task Force, or whether the council should send one or both of the proposals back to the voters to decide.

"I'm not real surprised that they decided to delay," said task force member David Zupan, following the work session. Zupan was one of the authors of the "Minimally Revised Version" (MRV), a proposal closer to the original ordinance, and broader in scope, than the other proposal.

The other proposal, drafted by the city attorney's office at the request of City Councilman and task force member Rob Ben-

nett, is considered less restrictive.

The task force originally was chosen by the City Council to clarify legal and constitutional issues surrounding the original ordinance, which passed with 59 percent of the vote in the November 1986 general election. But the task force was never able to reach a consensus on a single proposal.

The work session originally was scheduled for B.J.'s Restaurant, 44 E. Seventh Ave., but was moved to the Council Chambers after a banquet room became filled beyond capacity.

About 75 protesters in favor of the MRV gathered across the street from the restaurant and listened to speeches and music prior to the work session.

Some protesters held a large banner that read, "Defend the Eugene Nuclear Free Zone" as rush-hour traffic traveled by, heading east on Seventh Avenue.

Another sign read, "Do we fear our enemies more than we



Photo by Sherlyn Bjorkgren

About 75 people gathered in downtown Eugene Monday night to back the Minimally Revised Version of the Eugene Nuclear Free Zone ordinance. The City Council postponed making a decision on the issue.

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Plan to determine land management

By Betsy Clayton
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The Willamette National Forest released Monday a proposed land management plan that will decide land use for the 1.7 million acres of forest over the next decade.

The draft of the plan, the Environmental Impact Statement, is open for public comment until March 31, 1988. Forest Supervisor Mike Kerrick emphasized the importance of feedback on the drafted alternate plans and the preferred plan.

The 1,900 page document includes drafts of environmental impact statements with analysis of nine alternate plans, appendices with supporting material, an outline of the Proposed Land and Resource Management Plan, maps showing various allocations for each alternative and a response form to develop comments.

"We're really looking for what the best ways are to balance the issues. Now is the time for you to comment," Kerrick said.

After March 31, the Forest Service will review the comments it has received and reach a decision as to which alternate plan is the best. "Out of these reviews, then, I'm certain new information will come," Kerrick said.

In a press release, Kerrick said the Forest Service is focusing on four issues in its plans: timber supply, roadless lands, wildlife habitat and old-growth acres. He said they have displayed the effect of nine different alternatives, each with differing responses to the main issues.

Planning staff officer Rolf Anderson said, "We've looked at a number of issues... but we've paid a lot of attention to what we call balancing the major issues."

Timber supply is an issue because harvest can be perceived as having a negative effect on other resources, a summary of the EIS states. "The major focus of this issue is the level of timber harvest to be provided during the plan

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Campus fraternity decides to go dry

By Kelvin Wee
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Fraternities have often been stereotyped as organizations that focus activities on alcohol and partying.

The campus Sigma Nu fraternity, however, is far from that. The house is the first fraternity on campus to go dry — it no longer serves alcohol at parties.

Sigma Nu, as a national chapter, was involved in several lawsuits involving alcohol-related accidents the past few years. Since then, the national chapter has decided that all its local chapters will stop serving alcohol, according to Carson Bowler, local chapter president.

Sigma Nu chapters were given the option to go either dry or be "bare," Bowler said. Chapters that choose to be bare would have to purchase their own liability insurance, which can prove costly. Chapters that choose to go dry will be covered by the national chapter's liability insurance, Bowler said.

For Sigma Nu, going dry means the house does not purchase alcohol with funds paid to its accounts, he said.

Other houses have different agreements that specify they cannot purchase beer kegs with house funds. However, many houses use their funds to purchase hard alcohol.

Going dry at Sigma Nu was not only the result of the national policy, Bowler said. He added there had been talk about the chapter going dry before national officials

made the move.

"We are offering an alternative to men who want more than just drinking beer," Bowler said. "Our primary focus is not social anymore. We've moved into academics and leadership."

Bowler said he believes Sigma Nu's new policy will attract more quality members whose goals include developing the fraternity and brotherhood within the chapter.

"We don't oppose drinking, we just discourage it," Bowler added, "and we don't allow those under 21 to drink in the house either."

He said the chapter wants to create an atmosphere where members don't feel pressured to drink. Because of the risks presented by serving alcohol at parties, other fraternities should consider going dry, he said.

Dave Kirby, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said his house went dry for a month last year. It has since reverted back to the wet policy although the national chapter is pushing for a change.

Kirby said house executive members want to change some of

Sigma Phi Epsilon's policies. Possible policy changes include refusing to serve minors alcohol and having parties only for people over 21.

One drawback to becoming a dry house is fewer people will rush for membership, Kirby said.

"It's a terrible thing to think that alcohol has that much place in society, but it's probably in all actuality true," Kirby said.

Members are now trying to find ways to have parties where everyone can attend but where alcohol is served to only those over 21. One alternative is to use different-colored hand stamps to identify minors.

Kirby added Sigma Phi Epsilon will not go dry this year.

The Interfraternity Council on campus oversees most of the fraternity activities at the University.

Council Vice President Jim Eyre said although the council does not have strict guidelines regarding partying wet or dry, it does require houses to adhere to a social contract.

The contract requires houses to

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