

Child care center to reopen space to toddlers

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Because of the need for more space for 15- to 30-month-old toddlers, the University's Child Care and Development Centers will re-establish eight toddler spots at the EMU center, a site which had been reserved solely for older children.

The CCDC program has six separate centers on and near campus, each reserved for different age groups. Only one center, the Villard House, is currently reserved for toddlers.

Although the EMU center was a toddler program in the late 1970s, it has been a site for children aged 36 months to five years for the past few years.

The CCDC program recently received more applications from parents with toddlers than the Villard House can accommodate. At the same time, there has been a decline in the number of older children enrolled in the centers.

Because CCDC receives approximately 75 percent of its income from child care fees paid by student parents, they cannot afford to be under-enrolled, said Dennis Reynolds, CCDC Program Coordinator.

So the decision was made to create a separate toddler program at the EMU site beginning winter term of 1990. Because toddlers were part of the program once before, "it's an option we know is workable," Reynolds said.

Although both older and younger children will be in the same center, they will maintain separate daily schedules, and the EMU toddler program will have its own lead teacher.

The program changes are due in part to the delayed construction of a new CCDC house in the Westmoreland area of Eugene, Reynolds said. The new house will be built to make more permanent room for toddlers. Construction is expected to be completed by fall term of 1990.

In the meantime, the EMU toddler program will be established as an interim program to meet the toddler need. "It may only exist for six months," Reynolds said.

Parents who apply by Friday, Dec. 8 will receive first priority in scheduling requests.

For an application and more information on the CCDC program, call 686-4384, or stop by the main office at 1511 Moss St.

BLM to use timber windfall for reforestation

Timber harvest reaps record revenues

PORTLAND (AP) — The U.S. Bureau of Land Management hopes to use a \$30 million windfall in timber revenues to whittle away at serious backlogs in reforestation and timber sale planning in Western Oregon.

The agency is waiting for authorization from the Office of Management and Budget to hire people for 270 temporary positions to overcome the backlogs, said BLM spokesman Ed Ciliberti.

Though the money is available, the authorization for the hiring isn't certain, Ciliberti said.

"There's always been reluctance through the years for developing a larger federal work force," he added. "That's been a recurring theme of the administration down through the years."

Record revenues for timber harvests in fiscal year 1989 provided a windfall for BLM of \$30 million, of which \$17.8 million would be spent this fiscal year, Ciliberti said. The rest would be used in following years.

The bulk of the money and personnel would go to overcoming the backlog in reforestation, which has fallen two to three years behind in Western Oregon, Ciliberti said.

He said BLM has a tree-planting backlog of 55,700 acres in western Oregon. With the extra personnel, BLM expects to take care of 39,900 acres this year, with a carry-over of 15,800 acres.

Preparation of logged-over sites for replanting has fallen behind by 72,200 acres. The target for this year is 28,600 acres, leaving a carry-over of 43,500 acres.

Controlling the brush and weeds that compete with young trees on plantations has fallen behind by 172,300 acres. BLM hopes to take care of 54,300 acres this year, leaving 117,900 acres to go.

Ciliberti said record harvest levels were the biggest factor in the reforestation backlog.

"The harvest level has been extraordinarily high the last two or three years," he said. "Many more acres have been harvested than we would normally anticipate."

Two summers of severe forest fires, the distraction of dealing with lawsuits over the spotted owl, and a 1984 court order banning the use of herbicides to control competing vegetation have also contributed to the backlog, Ciliberti said.

The timber sale program has been slowed by having to confer with the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service on whether a particular sale will harm spotted owl habitat and by the creation through the Northwest timber compromise of citizen advisory boards, he said.

"The larger problem is to get ourselves ready for the '91 and '92 timber sale program," Ciliberti said. "The 1.6 billion board feet we are running through conferencing and the other process is just about all we've got available."

BLM normally is working

two years in advance on as much as 3.5 billion board feet worth of timber sales, with a normal annual sale quantity of 1.17 billion board feet, Ciliberti said.

Most of the new positions would be temporary and involve people to let and administer contracts for the actual work, as well as people to watch over the environmental impacts, Ciliberti said.

If authorization doesn't come for hiring new people, that work would have to be given to outside contractors, Ciliberti said.

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