

Plan to save Oregon logs protested

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Environmental groups challenged Forest Service plans to cut timber in the Warner Creek area of the Willamette National Forest Wednesday afternoon in U.S. District Court.

Warner Creek, which comprises 9,000 acres and is about 40 miles southeast of Eugene, was severely burned by an arson fire in October 1991.

The Oregon Natural Resources Council, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, is protesting the findings of the Forest Service's environmental impact statement and their plans for the area.

The Forest Service plans to log nine million board feet of lumber from the burned area.

Logging is currently prohibited in the national forest, and this case will set a precedent that will allow salvage logging in damaged areas, like Warner Creek.

Mark Hubbard from the Oregon Natural Resources Council said this policy would send a dangerous message to people with logging interests.

"This area was off limits to logging until an arsonist torched it," he said. "The Forest Service is saying that ancient forest reserves are open to logging if you set them on fire."

Warner Creek is an ancient forest reserve under Clinton's Northwest Forest Plan and contains spotted owl habitats.

Hubbard challenged the idea that salvaging Warner Creek was justified because it was damaged by the arson fire.

Car camp residents believe city's camping ban is unfair

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Homeless advocates protested the city's camping ban and other issues at the Centennial Car Camp on Wednesday afternoon.

A handful of protesters, current and evicted camp residents waved signs protesting the camp's 90-day stay limit and the camp's management as cars drove by.

Homeless advocate Peggy Thomas said more people from the camp weren't there because they were afraid to speak out for their rights.

"A lot of people aren't out here because they're afraid to complain," Thomas said. "Everyone who has complained has gotten kicked out."

Jody Johnson, 24, was one camper who wasn't afraid to protest.

"We don't want charity from anyone," she said. "We want respect and equal rights."

Johnson said the 90-day stay limit was unfair, especially for larger families.

"People with families should have more than 90 days because it's harder for them to get money together," she said.

Johnson said it is difficult for homeless people to find housing.

"Some of these people don't have any place to

go," Johnson said. "You've got to have \$1,000 just to get into a place."

The protest was organized in response to evictions last weekend.

Forty-nine year old Glenn Maddox was evicted Sunday for "violent and aggressive behavior that disrupted the peace and security of the camp," upon finding out that his sister, Virginia Simms, had been evicted and sent to jail.

"I was telling them how low-down and sorry they were and they sent out the police after me," Maddox said.

Maddox was unhappy with the management of the camp.

"The camp is run completely wrong," he said. "The people running it should be homeless so they know what it's like."

"They need to get somebody who is down to earth and knows what people's needs are," Maddox said.

Steve Amundson, social services advocate for the camp, said there will always be some people upset with camp policies.

"We're talking about less than a handful of people who are complaining out of the 45 that had to leave because of the 90-day stay period," Amundson said.

Eugene outlaws aggressive panhandling

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Aggressive panhandling is against the law starting Wednesday, thanks to a city ordinance passed by the Eugene City Council last month.

The ordinance prohibits blocking a person's way, threatening them or making them feel intimidated. People cited for aggressive panhandling will face a \$1,000 penalty, 100 days in jail, or both.

Non-aggressive panhandling is still legal and will be not affected by the new ordinance.

"It will still be okay to ask someone for spare change," said Tim Birr, spokesman for the Eugene police department. "It is not okay to block someone's way and essentially make you pay a toll to pass by."

According to Birr, as of Wednesday afternoon, no citations for aggressive panhandling

had been issued.

The ordinance was passed in response to several complaints from community members and business owners, especially around East 13th Avenue, about intimidation by aggressive panhandlers.

"If you're a small woman and you've got a 250-pound man blocking your way, then it's almost extortion," Birr said.

The ordinance is designed to put an end to aggressive panhandling that intimidates people but not to asking passers-by for spare change.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, but not an intimidated one," Birr said.

Ken Saxon, Eugene bicycle patrol on East 13th Avenue, has been issuing warnings this week to panhandlers who have been aggressive in the past. Saxon has been explaining to local panhandlers what kind of panhandling will be acceptable under

the ordinance.

"As long as you're polite and don't get in people's face, you can still ask for money," said Ander, an 18-year old man who regularly panhandles.

Loran Osborne, who hangs out on East 13th Avenue, said the ordinance is good move because it creates more awareness about the issue.

"There's too much aggressive panhandling going on," Osborne said.

Osborne said that the ordinance could encourage aggressive panhandling.

"People will do it just because they're told not to," he said.

Osborne said that aggressive panhandling has risen in popularity because people tend to give more frequently.

"Aggressive panhandling tends to be more fruitful because people respond more to force," he said.

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The coffee bar will be located in the lower level of the Knight Library in the "old" student lounge area. Menu items include coffee, espresso, panini, sandwiches, salads and soft drinks.

The winning name will be selected by an EMU Food Service committee. The person who submits the winning name will receive a certificate for free coffee for the duration of the 1995 spring term, at the new coffee bar.

I think the new Knight Library Coffee Bar should be named:

Name: _____
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Please place your suggestion in the drop box at either the Fishbowl or Fountain Court cashier stations by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 2, 1995.