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## Celebrating with a smile



At the "Festi," Kim Takata (Left) and Jeff Lee pose with the "Doraemon," Mie Yamada. The photographer, Shingo Furukawa took pictures at the event sponsored by the Japanese Student Organization.

## Logging camp rubble: trash or treasure?

**HISTORY:** Two forest diggers were arrested for disturbing historical evidence in Oregon

CHEMULT (AP) — Forest officials hope prosecuting two men found digging at an archaeological site will send a message that opportunities to interpret Oregon history must be protected.

But the diggers, and others, say they were surprised to learn that picking up a rusty can in a national forest is illegal.

"If it's illegal, fine. But let the general public know," said Gene Tabelin, one of the men charged. "If the Forest Service wants to do this as a means to let the public know it's illegal, fine. But don't make me the scapegoat."

Tabelin, a former Southern California police officer, and Randall Humphrey, both of Chiloquin, were ticketed after a state trooper found them digging in Winema National Forest in south central Oregon.

Archaeologists say the men were disturbing a 1930s logging camp near Trout Creek.

But the men say they were having fun finding antique bottles, a quart whiskey bottle and a

cabin-shaped maple syrup can.

"The value isn't so much commercial," said Amy Gowan, archaeologist on the forest's Chiloquin district. "But when we lose these artifacts, we've lost an opportunity to understand these people — what they were eating, their gender, their quality of life."

The forest contains 2,500 archaeological sites, one third of which are 50-to-100-year-old industrial, ranch and homestead sites.

Relatively low rainfall and light recreational use have preserved the Winema sites better than most in the Northwest, said Ward Tonsfeldt, a humanities professor at Central Oregon Community College in Bend.

Tonsfeldt even found eggshells at one camp.

From a 34-acre railroad logging camp where 400 people lived in portable wooden bungalows, archaeologist Jorie Clark pieced together some history: Cigarette tins clustered together mark a 1930s smoking area, and the lack of bulk food cans suggests the camp was populated by families rather than single men.

The site is a window into a

railroad network that opened up vast ponderosa pine stands to logging and gave Klamath Falls a reason for being, she said. From 1931 to 1940, the Pelican Bay Lumber Co. hauled out 400 million board feet of timber, enough to build 25,000 homes.

The site where the men were digging was logged from 1931 to 1942 on then-Klamath Indian Reservation land.

The information archaeologists and volunteers are gathering will be used for a planned interpretive trail.

The forest's extensive road system and wealth of sites have made it vulnerable to plunder.

But Forest Service special agent Bill Reanier said it's impossible to patrol the sites, and signs can invite looting.

Archaeologists say their best hope may be education.

"These are public lands. People can walk through them," Clark said. "But our historic past is recent. If everyone was to take a can with them, we'd have nothing left."

The men are scheduled to appear in court Thursday. If convicted, they face up to \$5,000 in fines and six months in jail.

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