

Earth Day

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In addition, the Polk County Master Gardeners will host a combination Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration in the Inspiration Garden at Mountain Fir Park in Independence from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 23.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, "trees regulate temperature, fight climate change, tame stormwater, save energy, add value to the home and provide food for wildlife."

In honor of trees and the Earth as a whole, the day's activities will include a tree-planting demonstration, guided tours with Master Gardeners who will also be available to answer gardening questions, a number of various themed gardens to enjoy and plenty of activities for



Presentations and activities for Earth Day visitors include mushroom growing, energy tips and planting and caring for trees.

children. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Mountain Fir Park, which has been developing for about 4 years, is lo-

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ways, and he joined the Bay Area's other team, the Oakland Raiders.

In three-plus seasons with Oakland, his best came in 2002, when he caught 92 passes for 1,211 yards and seven touch-

downs. That season, he helped the Raiders reach the Super Bowl, where they lost to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

In 2004, Rice was traded by the Raiders to the Seahawks, where he reconnected with coach Mike Holmgren, who was on the offensive coaching staff in San Francisco from 1986-1991, including offensive coordinator

from 1989-91.

Rice played 11 games for the Seahawks in 2004, catching 25 passes for 362 yards and three touchdowns.

After 2004, Rice joined the Denver Broncos, reconnecting with coach Mike Shanahan, who was Rice's offensive coordinator in San Francisco from 1992-94. Rice never played for the

Broncos, opting to retire.

In 2006, Rice signed a one-day contract with San Francisco so he could officially retire as a 49er.

Not only was Rice a great player, but he was great for a long period of time, demonstrated by his inclusion on the NFL's 1980s All-Decade Team and 1990s All-Decade Team.

Landslides

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quality supervisor for the City of Salem, said the muddy water has led officials to alter the way they treat water at the Geren Island Treatment Facility near Stayton. Salem gets its drinking water from the North Santiam River, which is fed by Detroit and Big Cliff reservoirs.

"Any time we see high enough turbidity (muddy water), we change the way we operate to make sure there is no negative impact," Goeres-Priest said. "This is a fairly common issue for us. We have a staff that pays very close attention to any change in the river."

Goeres-Priest said

they pumped clean groundwater into the surface water from the North Santiam to reduce the amount of turbidity before the water goes through the treatment facility's filtering system.

How much the landslides could impact wildlife and recreation is a more open question. McMahan said the landslides have occurred annually going back decades, so even though it was heavier than normal this year, there isn't any reason to suspect major changes. "If we were going to see an impact, I think we would have seen it already," McMahan said. "Since this is a natural process, I suspect the fish and other aquatic organisms have learned to coexist with sloughing



PHOTO BY MICHAEL DONNELLY

Short Creek appears muddy due to multiple landslides bringing sediment into Detroit Lake.

into the creek."

Rebecca Hillwig, a natural resource specialist for the Oregon Health Authority, said the landslides could increase the risk of algae blooms in the reservoir, but might not.

"There is naturally occurring nitrogen and phosphorus in sediment and rock, so a big landslide could cause bigger or longer blooms, but that wouldn't always be the case," Hillwig said. "It

really depends on the situation, and it's pretty difficult to know what the effect will be."

According to a report by the Forest Service, there are two main "debris chute complexes"

near the headwaters of Short Creek. Both of these complexes are natural and exist in older stands of forest, the report said, meaning recent logging was not the cause of the landslides.

"These are natural failures in a remote area," the report said. "They have been failing intermittently for many decades, related in part to major storm events. Slope instability will likely continue periodically, and there is essentially no means to assist with stabilization."

Two of the complexes were traced as far back as the 1900s, the report said, but were reactivated by the floods of 1996.

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