

# Life *in the* Valley

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Power lines pull through wheat field going toward golden during summer's first week in the foothills.

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## SUMMER'S FIRST WEEK IN THE CASCADE FOOTHILLS

As the weather warms up on the valley floor, traffic tends to pick up through incrementally climbing terrain, such as that of the Cascade foothills.

Summer temperatures weathered into place over the first week of the season, which in turn circulated populace to some popular swimming holes, shady spots and hiking or picnicking areas.

The rural landscape donned the floral tones of the season, which included roadside beards of ferns, fescue, bent grass and other verdant vol-

unteers bushing up through the ditches and specked with a variety of blooms that heavily favored foxglove and daisy petals or non-blown frizzy dandelion tops awaiting a re-seeding breeze.

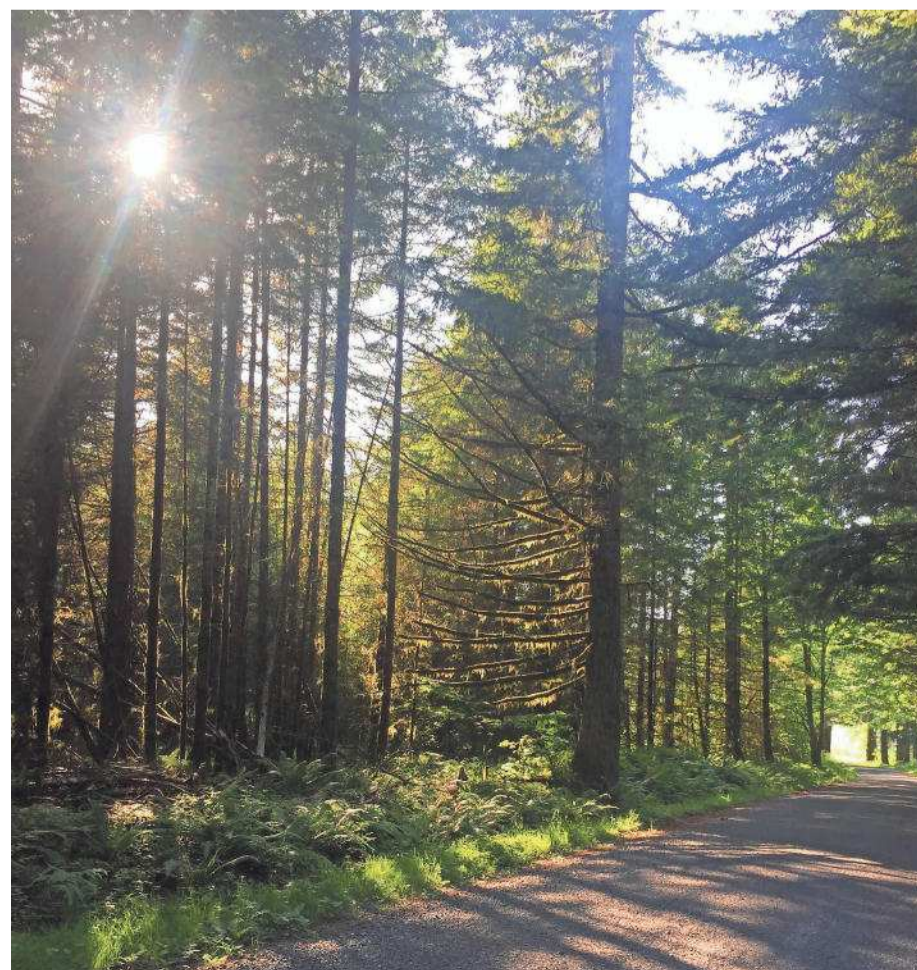
Planted seed and grain crops early in the hillside ascent begin to pale with the waning June days, awaiting swathing or harvest, while slightly higher elevations afford tree shrouds that provide some respite from temperatures expected to hang high and hot through the coming weeks and months.

—Justin Much



Summer's first week in the foothills proved favorable to foxglove.

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Evergreen canopy provides some respite from the heat during summer's first week in the foothills.

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Silverton area's Silver Creek Reservoir saw popularity rise with the temperatures during the first week of summer 2016.

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Roadsides beard up with bent grass, fescue and other varieties of verdant volunteers during summer's first week in the foothills.

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