

Washington Ecology to test wells for nitrate in farm area

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Washington Department of Ecology
The Washington Department of Ecology draws water from a well to test nitrate levels in the Sumas-Blaine Aquifer in Whatcom County. Ecology plans to test hundreds of wells next March in the area.

last month.

The report focused on 25 wells monitored between 2003 and 2016. One in four did not meet drinking standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency, though nitrate levels declined in nine wells and increased in only one well. The other 15 wells had no significant change in nitrate levels, according to Ecology.

Whatcom Family Farmers spokesman Gerald Baron said the report shows nitrate levels are comparable with other agricultural areas and signals that improved farm practices are taking effect.

"It's good news. The overall indication of decline is significant," Baron said. "Clearly, it indicates manure lagoons are working and farmers are applying (fertilizer) according to regulations."

Carey, who has taken part in monitoring the aquifer since 1995, agreed manure lagoons and manure-management plans implemented in the past two decades may be working.

"I think dairymen are aware of the importance of applying nutrients in the amounts and at the times that are most appropriate," Carey said.

Ecology's tests don't identify the sources of nitrate, which include septic tanks. "Unfortunately, no," Carey said. "That's difficult to do, and it's a very case-by-case basis."

The aquifer straddles the U.S.-Canada border and is especially vulnerable to nitrate contamination, according to Ecology. The water table is shallow, and rainfall in the area ranges from 32 to 50 inches a year.

Oregon-California hay crop average despite challenges

By CRAIG REED
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KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Hay growers in central and southcentral Oregon and in northern California dealt with such issues as early season scattered rains, the presence of army worms and smoke from wildfires this year, but they generally agree they ended up with an average season.

Countering those negative conditions was the fact the price for hay slowly trended upwards, and there's a demand for it.

"Between July and now, the market has gone up between \$20 and \$30 (a ton)," said David King, a Klamath County hay grower who is president of the Klamath Basin Hay Growers Association. "Ending this year with a higher price bodes well for next year."

King said the demand for Oregon and northern California hay is up because the cattle population in the U.S. has increased, more ground in California is being planted to orchard trees or other crops rather than hay and the export market to East Asia remains strong.

"With the amount of trees being planted in California, there's not as much room left for hay in that state," said Matt Maddox, the manager-broker for High Mountain Hay Growers, a cooperative of 18 hay growers in southcentral Oregon and northern California. "The export market has stayed pretty strong and the retail market has gotten better."

Maddox said the retail



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Bart Fleming of Klamath Falls, Ore., has a load of alfalfa weighed at Mac's Store east of Klamath Falls on Oct. 17. Fleming says the price for the 2017 crop of hay is much better than the past two years.

price for 100-pound bales is \$13 to \$17 for timothy, \$11 to \$14 for orchard grass and \$10 to \$12 for alfalfa.

"The price depends on the quality of the hay and the location," Maddox said, noting that freight is an expense that factors into the price.

Maddox added that the price for the bales of alfalfa (1,200 to 1,800 pounds) going to dairies is ranging from \$200 to \$235 a ton, depending on how the hay tests for quality. Alfalfa that doesn't test quite as high and is being exported is going for \$160 to \$200 a ton.

Bart Fleming, a Klamath Falls area hay grower, said the hay price "was way better than the last two years and the trend is upwards."

"All of our hay has a planned home," he added. "The California market seems to be the strength for our operation. There's been some export activity, but there's been more of a (California) dairy influence this season."

Dan Roberts, the presi-

dent of the Lake County Hay and Forage Association, said several growers in that county have said they are already sold out with most of their high-quality hay going to dairies and some to export.

Lower-quality hay from Oregon and northern California has also been readily sold, going to beef, sheep and goat owners.

While the demand and the improved price are positives for the end of the year for hay growers, the season got off to a bit of a rough start. Scattered rain showers on the first cutting negatively impacted some hay. Then in mid-summer, many grass hay fields were infested with army worms and growers had to go to the expense of having an insecticide flown onto those fields.

"It's not a cheap spray, so there was the additional cost and some reduced yield," King said. "If you don't spray, the crop will be decimated."

Maddox said it had been a long time since he had seen

Hay conference, contest Nov. 17-18

The Oregon Hay & Forage Association Conference and Hay King Contest are scheduled for Nov. 17-18 in Lakeview, Ore.

The conference will be held in the Memorial Hall of the Lake County Courthouse on Nov. 17. Presentations will include a forage seminar by Oregon Tilth with information on how to become an organic hay grower, information on growing low carb hay for horses and a discussion and demonstration on the use of drones in agriculture.

The Hay King Contest will be held Nov. 18 in the shop building at SS Equipment in Lakeview.

More information on the hay conference and the contest can be obtained by calling Dan Roberts, the president of the Lake County Hay & Forage Association, at 775-742-0905. — Craig Reed

army worms be a factor across the whole southern Oregon and northern California region.

Then for the region's third cutting, smoke that drifted in from wildfires blocked the sun and in some fields stunted the growth of a hay crop or prevented the cutting from curing. Fleming said his third cutting laid in the field for nine days before curing. Normally, it takes half that time.

Fleming, like King, hopes the hay price stays up for the 2018 hay crop, but in the meantime he said he had plenty to do with his hay equipment needing maintenance.

Ranchers prevail in Idaho grazing dispute

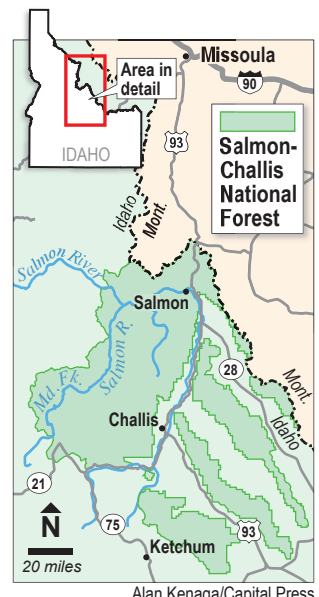
Environmentalist lawsuit dismissed by federal judge

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Capital Press

Ranchers and the federal government have prevailed against an environmentalist lawsuit that claimed livestock grazing destroys fish habitat in Idaho's Salmon-Challis National Forest.

The Western Watersheds Project, an environmental group, filed the complaint in 2015, accusing the U.S. Forest Service of approving grazing on four allotments in violation of federal forest management law.

The lawsuit specifically pointed to degradation of streams occupied by whitefish, short-nose sculpin and paiute sculpin, which are not endangered or threatened species but have still experienced major population de-



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clines in recent decades.

A group of about 15 ranch families who rely on the four allotments intervened as defendants in the case.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Ronald Bush has now dismissed the case, rejecting the plaintiff's arguments that the Forest Service acted "arbitrarily and capriciously" by

authorizing grazing.

"Having made a close examination of the record, the court is satisfied that the picture of wholesale habitat degradation painted by Western Watersheds simply does not square with the evidence," Bush said.

Just because some streams do not meet "riparian management objectives" in the four allotments does not mean that restricting grazing is justified, particularly since those waterways would likely be degraded without livestock on the landscape, he said.

"If the potential for fish habitat degradation compelled the curtailment or discontinuation of grazing, then grazing would be disallowed everywhere," Bush said.

However, end-of-season reports about the impacts of grazing don't back up the environmental group's allegations of "rampant and flagrant violations of permit conditions," he said.

Riparian management objectives are intended to measure progress in restoring stream health but they're not "absolute requirements" that must be met in every waterway, the ruling said.

Likewise, although ranchers fell short of meeting some permit conditions, they mostly complied with conditions for grass and shrub consumption by livestock, Bush said.

While "instances of non-compliance" are relevant to Forest Service's decision to re-authorize grazing permits, the judge said he's "not persuaded that the instances of non-compliance contained in such an extensive administrative record are representative of a pervasive, chronic history of non-compliance."

While it's true that sediment levels in many streams are excessive in the area, the Forest Service has found that roads are the biggest contributor to the problem, he said.

Vibrant ag economy helps urban areas, planner says

By TIM HEARDEN
Capital Press

ORLAND, Calif. — Growers should form partnerships with local government planners to have input on land-use policies that could maximize their farms' earnings potential, a Sacramento-based official said on Nov. 7.

While working with government is "not an arena they normally like to play in unless they have to," farmers can benefit from the relationships, said David Schabazian, a manager for the Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

Schabazian is leading a project called the Rural-Urban Connections Strategy, a nearly

decade-long effort to more explicitly include rural areas in the region's land-use and transportation planning decisions.

He said the project has demonstrated to regulators and others that agriculture outside town plays a key role in an urban area's economy as well as providing environmental benefits such as wildlife habitat and flood control.

"You cannot keep your heads in the sand anymore," Schabazian told about 75 growers and others in an exhibit hall at the Glenn County fairgrounds. "You have to engage with government."

While there's much talk about an urban-rural divide, "we are actually more connect-

ed in California than most people understand," he said.

Schabazian was the keynote speaker at the second annual North State Innovations in Agriculture conference, which was held Nov. 7-8 and included talks on cutting-edge technologies, product demonstrations and a trade show.

The conference, which also was to include California Department of Food and Agriculture secretary Karen Ross, took on a simpler format after last fall's inaugural Precision Ag Expo and Farm Business Forum offered two tracks of speakers and presentations over two days.

Fairgrounds manager Ryann Newman started the conference

last year to engage growers in the mid-Sacramento Valley region, some of whom told her they'd like to learn more about all the new ag-related technology in California.

Schabazian's opening remarks centered on the work of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, which is tasked with building detailed economic forecasts in its role as a conduit for federal transportation funds.

The agency launched its rural project in 2008 after hearing criticism that its land use and transportation planning lacked adequate attention to the region's outskirts, according to its website.

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2004 FREIGHTLINER COLUMBIA
VIN = 1FUJA6CKX4LM43478
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VIN = 2C3KA43R28H126931
Amount due on lien \$2912.00
Reputed owner(s) ROLANDO & ROGELIO BAROCIO
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VIN = 3CZRU6H30HG700616
Amount due on lien \$905.00
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