

Forest Service defends grazing by Diamond M ranch

By DON JENKINS
Capital Press

The U.S. Forest Service asked a federal judge Monday to dismiss a suit filed by wolf advocates who want to drive the Diamond M Ranch's cattle out of the Colville National Forest in northeast Washington.

The wolf population grows annually, undercutting claims that forest officials are shirking their duty to prevent attacks on cattle that lead state wildlife officials to kill wolves, U.S. attorney Emma Hamilton said.

The suit tries to hold the Forest Service responsible for the state's actions, Hamilton told U.S. District Judge Rosanna Malouf Peterson in Spokane. "The Forest Service does not participate in lethal removal in any way," she said.

WildEarth Guardians, Western Watersheds Project and Kettle Range Conservation Group claim the Forest Service has failed to evaluate how cattle grazing affects wolves. The suit specifically targets grazing by the Diamond M, the region's largest cattle ranch.

The Diamond M has grazed cattle in the Colville forest since 1945. The ranch has permits to turn out 736 cow-calf pairs, or 1,472 head of cattle.

Wolf packs saturate the region, and wolves began attacking Diamond M cattle in 2008. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has killed wolves in an attempt to stop chronic attacks on Diamond M cattle several times.

The groups bringing the lawsuit claim lethally removing wolves causes their members psychological harm.

In a court filing, Western Watersheds state director Jocelyn Leroux said she went camping in the national forest, saw large piles of bear scat and was excited to think about the possibility of nearby grizzlies.

She said she also found

ample signs of livestock, including cow manure. "Yet, this is not why I — or most other members of the public — visit public lands," she said. "I visit for the aesthetic and spiritual values of being in vast, wild spaces that are increased by ecological integrity."

Previously, wolf advocates have sued in state courts, alleging Fish and Wildlife's lethal-removal protocol violates state environmental laws. State courts have upheld the department's mandate to handle dangerous wildlife and kill wolves as a last resort.

The federal suit claims the Forest Service's alleged inattention to how grazing affects wolves violates the National Environmental Policy Act, National Forest Management Act, Endangered Species Act and Administrative Procedure Act.

Wolves are not a federally protected species. The Forest Service said it relies on Fish and Wildlife to determine whether a rancher has done enough to prevent wolf-livestock conflicts.

Federal land managers lack the information to do more to keep cattle and wolves apart, according to a Forest Service brief. "WDFW often keeps den and rendezvous sites confidential or shares information only with producers," the agency stated.

The Diamond M has intervened in the lawsuit. The ranch's attorney, Chris Montgomery, told the judge that the ranch agreed with the Forest Service's arguments.

Peterson said she will consider the arguments and issue a written ruling.

At the end of 2020, Washington had at least 178 wolves, according to a combined count by Fish and Wildlife and the Colville tribe on its reservation in northeast Washington. The wolf population has increased 12 straight years by an average of 26% a year, according to Fish and Wildlife.

Tribal hunters killed eight wolves in 2020, while Fish and Wildlife removed three wolves.

Headgate camp draws attention to Klamath crisis

By HOLLY DILLEMUTH
For the Capital Press

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Twenty years after a shut-off of most irrigation water in the parched Klamath Project brought the competing needs of farmers, fishermen and tribes to a head, a new drought — and a fresh federally-ordered water shut-off — is triggering a sense of déjà vu.

Now, two Klamath Project irrigators with ties to activist Ammon Bundy have purchased property located next to the headgates of the "A" Canal in Klamath Falls, which would normally deliver water to area farms.

And along with local members of the Oregon chapter of People's Rights, a group founded by Bundy in 2020, they've set up an information center and gathering place to talk to the public about the brewing water crisis in the Klamath Basin.

On May 12, as the ongoing drought led to low water levels in Upper Klamath Lake, Bureau of Reclamation shut off water from the lake that irrigators use for watering crops and livestock. The move was made to protect two fish species that the Klamath Tribes consider integral to their cultural heritage and survival during the worst recorded drought in Klamath Basin history.

In April, Dan Nielsen and Grant Knoll jointly bought several lots adjoining the "A" Canal for a total price of \$30,000, according to a Klamath County deed of sale. Both men are landowners and Project irrigators. Knoll is also a member of the Klamath Irrigation District board of directors, which represents the majority of land served by the Klamath Project.

A large, red-and-white canvas tent was set up on the property on May 14, where people have painted signs and posting them along the asphalt path along Nevada Street above the property, with messages such as "Ammon Bundy coming soon" and "Tell Pharaoh let



By HOLLY DILLEMUTH/For the Capital Press
Signs posted by members of People's Rights Oregon along Nevada Street in Klamath Falls. The organization's local volunteers are calling the area the "Water crisis info center."

our water feed the Earth." Nielsen said he and Knoll decided to buy the property so they have a place to gather where they can't be "run off" by the federal government.

The location next to the headgates is significant, as well.

"The only thing separating us from the headgates is a chain link fence," Nielsen said, adding, "It's good access, all right."

The headgates are essentially a massive spigot that controls the flow of water stored in Upper Klamath Lake and releases it to farms and ranches via a network of canal ditches throughout the Klamath Reclamation Project.

In 2001, after most irrigation water was cut off to protect endangered fish, thousands of demonstrators formed a symbolic "bucket brigade," passing buckets of water from Lake Ewauna and emptying them into the "A" Canal that runs through Klamath Falls.

Over the course of several days in early July 2001, protesters cut and climbed the fence to the headgates and three times forced open the gates to allow water into the canal. Federal marshals showed up 10 days later and didn't leave until Sept. 11.

Nielsen wouldn't directly answer if he or others would take similar actions in the

day ahead. "We're gonna do what we gotta do," he said.

Nielsen and Knoll have long been vocal advocates for irrigators' water and land rights. Both took part in a demonstration along the Link River Dam in late April 2020, when farmers protested the amount of stored water in Upper Klamath Lake being sent down the Link River to help juvenile coho salmon.

The Bundy Connection

Nielsen hosted a large, \$25-a-plate private dinner for Ammon Bundy in Klamath Falls last summer. Nielsen had also met Bundy at a similar event in Siskiyou County in 2018. Knoll has also met Bundy.

Bundy led an armed group to occupy the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Burns, Ore., in 2016. He was later acquitted on charges related to the 41-day standoff with federal authorities.

Dan Nielsen said he is in regular contact with Bundy. "We talk to him regularly," he said.

Concerns over tactics

Nielsen also said he doesn't feel supported by Klamath Water Users Association, which represents many of the irrigation districts in the Project.

Ben DuVal, president of

the association and also a full-time farmer in Tulelake, is aware of the "water crisis info center."

DuVal said the headgates are a focal point of the Project and setting up next door will effectively draw attention to the irrigator's cause. He said he appreciates the enthusiasm and willingness of Nielsen and Knoll to want to lead this effort to stand up for water rights for irrigators.

But DuVal sees the effort as being led by a small segment of the Klamath Project agricultural community.

"Most of the people that depend on the Klamath Project for a living this year don't have money to go out and buy land just to set up a big tent like that," DuVal added. "It's a little ridiculous in my opinion ... We don't have much time for theatrics."

DuVal said he has some concerns about the effort.

"I don't want anybody to do anything stupid or ... you know, cause a problem, a civil problem. That's just not going to be productive in the long-run. But, people also have a right to protest."

DuVal said he knows that emotions are running high and shares frustrations about the zero water allocation by the Bureau of Reclamation and the tumultuous year being experienced Klamath Project-wide.

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Amount due on lien \$1,455.00
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PUBLIC NOTICE OREGON HOP COMMISSION BUDGET HEARING

JUNE 17, 2021
12:00 PM
Xicha Brewing
576 Patterson Street NW, Suite 140
Salem, OR, 97304

As required by ORS 576.416, the Oregon Hop Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public comments on its proposed budget for the fiscal year 2021-22.

The public budget hearing will be held at the above date, time, and location.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Commission office, 3467 Third Street, Hubbard Oregon 97032 and online at www.oregonhops.org

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities.

For accommodations for persons with disabilities, make a request at least 48 hours (Monday-Friday) before the meeting by contacting the Commission at 503-982-7600 or info@oregonhops.org

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OREGON BEEF COUNCIL PROPOSED BUDGET

As required by ORS 576.416, the Oregon Beef Council (OBC) will hold a public meeting for the purpose of receiving comments on the Commission's proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Those who wish to attend can join via Zoom.

Date: June 4, 2021
Time: 1:00 pm
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91293917673>
Meeting ID: 912 9391 7673
Call-In number: 1-253-215-8782

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the commission office, 1827 NE 44th Ave, Suite 315, Portland, Oregon 97213. Any questions may be referred to the Oregon Beef Council office at 503-274-2333.

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VIN = WBA5X5C2ED689973
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VIN = 1C6RR7TM9F5562536
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ARIAMNA BENITEZ COYOTE
POINT WEST CREDIT UNION

Farwest Show to be back in person in 2021

COVID-19.

The last in-person Farwest Show, in 2019, drew about 400 exhibitors and more than 5,000 attendees from 44 states and 20 countries.

Jeff Stone, executive director of the Oregon Association of Nurseries, called last year's event cancellation "a huge loss" and said nothing can replace face-to-face, handshake-agreement interactions in the nursery industry.

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Industry leaders and growers say they're excited the event will resume this summer.

Specific details about exhibit options, speakers and educational sessions have not yet been announced.

On May 21 Oregon Association of Nurseries announced hotel reservations for the show are now open.

This year's hotels, within walking distance of the

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2140 TURNER RD SE SALEM, OR
2020 UTILITY VS2RA TRL
VIN = 3UTVS2535L8893816
Amount due on lien \$17,630.00
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Reputed owner(s)
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event's location, will be Courtyard by Marriott Portland Downtown Convention Center, Doubletree by Hilton Portland and the Hyatt Regency.

Trade show guests and staff can receive reduced room rates, complimentary Trimet passes and free Wi-Fi by booking the hotels through Farwest's website at <https://farwestshow.com/hotel-travel/>.

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2019 FREIGHTLIN CASCADIA TRK
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