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WWNF: Subpart A draft

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The USFS work on the Travel Management Plan for the WWNF began in 2007 to meet the mandates of the 2005 Travel Management Rule. The first plan was finalized in 2012 and was then withdrawn by then WWNF Supervisor Monica Schwalbach.

Currently, the USFS has completed a draft of Subpart A of the WWNF Travel Management Plan. “Subpart A is a minimum road and travel analysis required under the 2005 Travel Management Rule,” said Montoya in a June 23rd interview. “The Subpart A draft is a suite of recommendations to show what’s needed for the Forest Service to manage the forest and could include opening roads, closing roads, decommissioning of roads, or converting non-motorized trails to motorized use.”

Montoya expects the Subpart A document to be available to the public by the end of this summer or by early fall.

Public meetings in northeastern Oregon addressing Subpart A begin this July with the first meeting likely held in Wallowa County, according to Montoya.

The public meetings are facilitated by Jack Southworth who has worked in Harney County as a member of the High Desert Partnership. The meetings are open to the public and focus on specific topics important to the region including grazing, access

and wilderness related topics, and pace and scale of forest restoration.

Montoya emphasizes that Subpart A is not a decision-making document but contains recommendations that could be referred to in site-specific project level decisions.

“It is an analysis for the Forest Service to look at what the Forest needs to administer the land. It doesn’t take into account what is needed for public use,” Montoya explains.

The road system needed in the WWNF for public use is documented by the USFS within Subpart B of the WWNF Travel Management Plan and has already been completed. Subpart B was started in 2007 and was part of the decision that was withdrawn by Schwalbach in 2012. Subpart B also includes the existing conditions road map showing which roads are open and which roads are closed, according to Montoya.

When asked the reason the USFS continues work on the Travel Management Plan Subpart A under the old 1990 Blue Mountain Forest Management Plan and before the adoption of the newly revised Blue Mountain Forest Management Plan Montoya said, “We think we have enough information to do Subpart A. We know the road system and there is no reason to delay it because you’re doing a forest plan. I don’t expect much change from the new forest plan.”

The ongoing saga regarding the manage-

ment of the road system in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest continues with a sustained level of angst between local individuals and organizations advocating for an open forest policy and the USFS supervisory staff tasked with fulfilling the mandate of the 2005 Travel Management Rule.

Background.
The battle between the federal agency working on a new road system designation and local residents working to maintain open motorized access to the local forest land goes back to 2007 when the USFS began working on a Travel Management Plan to meet the mandate of the 2005 Travel Management Rule.

The 2005 Travel Management Rule was sent down from the Department of Agriculture and printed in the Federal Register, effective Dec. 9, 2005, requiring the USFS to develop and implement a system of designated routes for motorized travel on all Nation Forest System lands. Since the beginning of that Travel Management Plan in 2007, the WWNF-Region 6 has had five different USFS supervisors and, above them, two different Regional Foresters in the Portland Region 6 office.

The USFS worked on the Travel Management Plan for the WWNF for about five years, released a final decision in 2012, and then shortly thereafter withdrew that final plan.

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Bebe’s word search

Pet Dog

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 26 letters spell a secret message.

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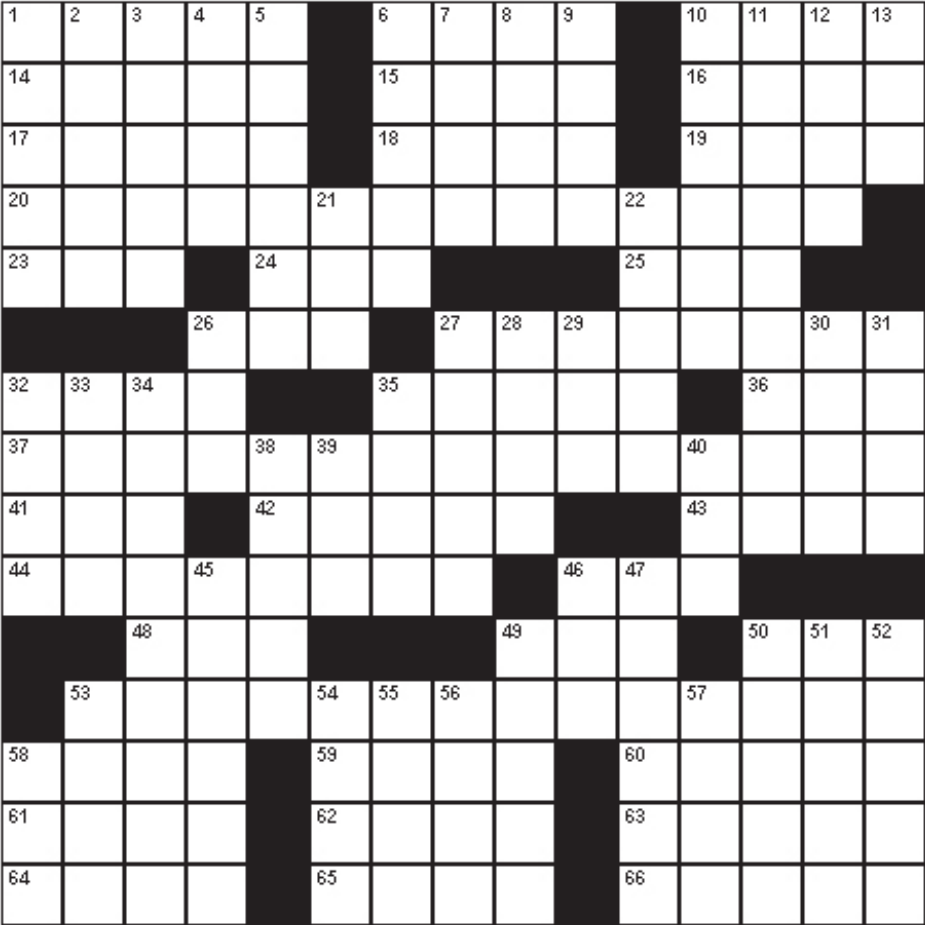
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JUMP
KENNEL
LEASH
LICK
LOYAL
OWNER
PANT
PAWS
PLAY

PUPPY
ROLL OVER
SHAMPOO
SLEEP
TRAIN
TREATS
TRIM NAILS
WAG TAIL
WALK
WATER

This week’s crossword puzzle



Across

- 1- As ____ resort;
- 6- ____ Lang Syne;
- 10- Scarlett’s home;
- 14- Same here;
- 15- La ____ Tar Pits;
- 16- Bakery worker;
- 17- Old anesthetic;
- 18- Turkish titles;
- 19- Clench;
- 20- Forebrain;
- 23- Business card abbr.;
- 24- Stephen of “The Crying Game”;
- 25- Best;
- 26- Silent assent;
- 27- Tardiness;
- 32- I cannot tell ____;
- 35- Protection;
- 36- Kind of cross;
- 37- Describe fully;
- 41- Mess up;
- 42- Pertaining to birth;
- 43- Downhill racer;
- 44- Catamaran, for one;
- 46- Comparative suffix;
- 48- ____ few rounds;
- 49- Plague;
- 50- Space;
- 53- Overall configuration;
- 58- Roster;
- 59- ____ Arabian Nights;
- 60- Skater Slutskaya;
- 61- First name in daredevilry;
- 62- Achy;
- 63- Tending to a definite end;
- 64- “Venerable” English monk;
- 65- Geraint’s beloved;
- 66- Cosmetician Lauder;

Down

- 1- Highly skilled;
- 2- Brit’s bottle measure;
- 3- Playwright Fugard;
- 4- Fr. holy women;
- 5- Bullfighter;
- 6- Manila hemp plant;
- 7- Craving;
- 8- Jump;
- 9- Recipe amount;
- 10- Young of a male tiger and a female lion;
- 11- Pattern of plant growth;
- 12- Jockey’s strap;
- 13- Dada pioneer;
- 21- Beatty of “Superman”;
- 22- This is only ____;
- 26- Japanese computer giant;
- 27- Sic on;
- 28- I’ve Got ____ in Kalamazoo;
- 29- Metal, often used as

- a container;
- 30- Fill to the gills;
- 31- Took action against;
- 32- Experts;
- 33- Old Italian money;
- 34- Watered;
- 35- Dog star;
- 38- Open, as a gate;
- 39- Warhol subject;
- 40- Neighbor of Syr.;
- 45- Place;
- 46- Debtor’s note;
- 47- Stir to action;
- 49- Examined furtively;
- 50- Culpability;
- 51- Golfer Palmer, to his army;
- 52- Freedom from war;
- 53- Relocate;
- 54- Seine feeder;
- 55- Before long;
- 56- Amos or Spelling;
- 57- ____ bien!;
- 58- Johnny ____;



— RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS —

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tyPress.com with “Random Acts of Kindness” in the subject line. We’ll be sure to include your story.

- I was at a cafe in Boise ordering takeout when someone saw me order in uniform. When I went to pay for it, it was already paid for. I have no idea who did

it. I’ve had that happen with coffee, too. Saw that it happened to someone last week and thought I’d write in.

- I just appreciated the man who held open the door for me when I was walking into the post office the other day. I had an armful and the politeness was great.

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