

Outdoor Recreation

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The OSU Baker County Extension Service is seeking to fill a full-time **Office Secretary 2 position**. The closing date is August 12, 2016. Interested parties can obtain the full details of the position and how to apply at: <http://jobs.oregonstate.edu/postings/29453>, or visit your local Work Source Oregon employment office. This position is a limited duration, six-month appointment renewable up to a maximum of two years. The salary range is from a minimum of \$13.45/hour to a maximum of \$19.51. The Office Specialist 2 performs a wide range of office support, technical, and/or minor administrative or business related tasks in support of Extension programs or operations. The minimum qualifications for the position are listed in the posting. For other questions or information, please feel free to contact the Baker County Extension Service office at 541-523-6418. OSU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. 8.12

BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT 5J is currently accepting applications for a 7-8 and 9-12 **Choral Music Teacher** at Baker Middle School and Baker High School. The successful candidate must hold or be eligible to hold an Oregon Teaching License with the proper endorsement. For a complete description of the position and the application process go to www.baker.k12.or.us. You may also call Cathy Martin at 541-524-2261. 8.12

Sunridge bankruptcy

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As of the date of the filing of the Motion, counsel for Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC (Benjamin Petiprin) was also contacted via phone by McClurg, but no response from Bayview had been received, regarding Bayview's position on the expedited hearing.

According to the Motion, "...there is adequate cause to expedite a hearing on the Motion because:

1. The debtor's sole shareholder and director,

Carl Town ("Town"), has shown that he is unable to act as a fiduciary due to his demonstrated propensity to elevate his own personal interests above those of the estate, creditors, and employees.

2. Town's personal health situation and personal circumstances appear to impair his judgment and ability to effectively manage and control the affairs of the debtor.

3. Due to Town's self-dealing propensities and personal health challenges, Town has effectively abdicated his role in the

day-to-day management of the debtor to a General Manager, Lisa Wilson, which he could revoke at any time to the detriment of the estate, creditors, and employees.

4. The debtor is in the midst of negotiating a sale of substantially all of its assets, which will require someone with adequate authority for the debtor to evaluate the proposed transaction and consummate it, if appropriate. A chapter 11 trustee, rather than Town, should engage in the negotiations and analysis of whether the

proposed transaction is appropriate and in the best interests of the estate.

WHEREAS the UST (U.S. Trustee) respectfully requests that the court hold a hearing on the Motion on an expedited basis as soon as the court's schedule will allow."

Wilson confirmed that Townridge, Inc. is in the process of negotiating a sale, as pointed out in item #3, but she declined to comment further on the Motion.

Paving to impact Malheur County

Beginning August 10 contractors for the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be paving a section of the Idaho-Oregon-Nevada Highway (U.S. 95) west of Jordan Valley in Malheur County.

The paving work will be constructed between the west end of Jordan Valley (west of the Rock House where sidewalk ends) at mile post 20.71 to mile post 25.62. An additional

short half-mile section will also receive pavement resurfacing between mile post 57.7 and 58.05 (about eight miles east of Burns Junction).

Expect up to 20-minute delays, reduced speeds, flaggers, and pilot cars directing single lane traffic through the work zones. Paving work is expected to be constructed during nighttime, with other operations performed during the day.

Halfway camera

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Said Strandberg, two new eastern Oregon cameras were also activated last month on TripCheck along U.S. 20 near Drinkwater Pass. More cameras are planned to be added along I-84 north of Baker City and in the Ontario area this or next year.

"Overall, we are very

glad to have the new OR 86 Halfway Summit image added to TripCheck, plus new cameras on U.S. 20 and future cameras on I-84," Strandberg said. "These TripCheck cameras provide travelers and ODOT staff a quick and easy way to check highway conditions, improving safety and efficiency for everyone."

Wild horse gather postponed

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Vale District is postponing a planned gather of wild horses in the Three Fingers Herd Management Area (HMA).

The gather was expected to start on July 26, but that

has been postponed to a tentative date of August 23.

The objective of the gather is to capture 100 wild horses from the Three Fingers HMA and return 50 horses (25 studs and 25 mares) to the range to re-

establish the Appropriate Management Level (AML) following the gather. The herd population is currently estimated at 202—the Appropriate Management Level for the area is 75–150 wild horses.

The Three Fingers HMA

is approximately 25 miles south of Vale, OR. Horse grazing outside of the HMA has extended into areas affected by the 2015 Soda Fire which burned nearly 280,000 acres in Oregon and Idaho. Protecting these fire rehabilitation areas is necessary to prevent the spread of exotic annual weed species, which can potentially convert a burned area to a weed-dominated community. Additionally, heavy grazing by horses from the Three Fingers herd outside the HMA jeopardizes the health of surrounding rangelands, wetlands, wildlife habitat and the health and well-being of the Three Fingers herd themselves.

Horses that are removed from the range will be transported to Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines, OR. The public can visit and view the horses once they arrive at the Corral Facility any time during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The horses gathered during this effort will be made available for adoption later this year.

Viewing may be scheduled on short notice but can accommodate a maximum of fifteen people each day. Those interested in viewing should contact Larry Moore at l2moore@blm.gov or (541) 473-6218 for more information.

Harmful algae levels plague Hells Canyon

Potentially harmful levels of naturally occurring blue green algae have been detected in portions of the Snake River in Hells Canyon. This is a temporary situation, but water users, including pets and livestock, should avoid contact with water in the affected areas.

Details of current algae-related health advisories are available on the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality website, deq.idaho.gov.

Bacteria and algae are vitally important to freshwater ecosystems. Cyanobacteria are a type of bacteria commonly referred to as blue-green algae. When cyanobacteria begin to grow rapidly, a bloom can result. This is a natural occurrence, but these algal blooms can create a potential hazard for humans and animals. Water users should take note of whether visible blooms are present in areas where they or their pets or livestock may come into contact with the water.

Blue green algae blooms can be unsightly and vary in appearance. These blooms can appear as visible green, blue-green, or reddish brown foam, scum, or mats that float on or near the water surface, especially near the shoreline.

Blooms may appear at different times of day. They may be associated with foul odors either during the bloom or after the algae begins to die.

Most algae neither reach nuisance levels nor become harmful to human and animal health. A harmful algal bloom (HAB), however, can occur when certain types of algae are present in high concentrations or produce toxic substances that can harm people, pets, and livestock.

HABs are most often caused by cyanobacteria. Humans who drink, swim, or enjoy other recreational activities in water that contains high concentrations of cyanobacteria or cyanobacterial toxins may experience diarrhea and vomiting, skin irritation, allergic responses, or liver damage. The toxins tend to accumulate in the internal organs of fish, so eating fish not properly cleaned could pose health risks. Animals, including pets, livestock, and wildlife, are also at risk of illness or possible death.

Sumpter tailings

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But if the land could be restored to something truly good, if people were receptive and prepared to make the right decisions, he believes something great could come of this.

The area could be restored to fabulous instead of lying decade after decade in ruin.

Fergus commented that much goes on that is not monitored, because it's "just Sumpter." She asked if the County would really monitor this project if it were to go forward. Harvey stated, "It's our responsibility. We're not going to walk away."

Wolf said that she has seen logging come and go and seen mining interest go up and down. She believes for Sumpter to continue to exist, more emphasis will have to be placed on recreation than logging or mining.

MacFarland said if he mines, he's planning on going on Discovery Channel. He would also have a souvenir shop set up where tourists can see how he's mining and what he's doing. He stated mining can be clean now without pollution, and he plans to be a green mining site. Harvey suggested that such information should be included in any future proposal.

Joseph asked how much acreage would be required to test the process for viability. MacFarland stated about 200 acres would tell him how much gold is available.

Kerns asked how many folks it will take to run the mining operation. MacFarland stated he would start with three. Much of the work is done by remote operation.

Harvey reiterated this is just the beginning. There will more meetings and opportunities for input. Notices of meetings will be posted in the newspaper. Questions and comments can also be directed to the Commissioners' office at 523-8200.

Red Cross says prepare!

Are you prepared to live on only the contents of your disaster preparedness kit following a 9.0 Cascadia earthquake or other disaster? Test your readiness by camping out in your own backyard (or at a campsite) on the night of Saturday, August 6, for Camp Prepare!

Camp Prepare! is a region-wide, coordinated camping event the whole family can participate in -- at a campground or in your own back yard. It's a chance to take your emergency kit on a trial run before the 'Big One'.

Prepare for Camp Prepare! Common items used for camping such as water, canned food, flashlights, extra batteries and first aid supplies are just a few of the items that should be in a disaster preparedness kit. While the Red Cross recommends at least a three-day supply of food and water, larger disasters, like a Cascadia earthquake may require supplies for several weeks.

How to participate: 1. Register as an official Camp Prepare! participant by visiting: www.redcross.org/Camp-Prepare2016.

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