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Lane Parry Forestry Consulting receives recognition



Photo courtesy of ODF.

The Eastern Oregon Forest Practices Committee has made their decision! Lane Parry Forestry Consulting was announced as the Eastern Oregon Regional Operator of the Year for their hard work and contributions to the salvage and reforestation efforts for the Cornet Windy Ridge fire from 2015. Left: Planting crews working on the Cornet Windy Fire. Right: ODF staff from NE Oregon District and Salem headquarters met with the Eastern Oregon Forest Practices Committee members to recommend Lane Parry Forestry Consulting from Baker City for the Eastern Oregon Operator of the Year award. They were nominated based on their hard work for private landowners in the district. Following the tough fire season of 2015, Parry and his crew helped several affected landowners with salvage logging and reforestation.

Grant to 5J will help fund soccer field lighting project



Photo courtesy of Baker 5J School District.

Last Thursday afternoon, Mark Coomer, Branch Manager of Baker City Farm Credit Services awarded Baker School District Superintendent, Mark Witty with a \$1,000 check to help fund the Soccer Field Lighting project. This award was made possible through the Northwest Farm Credit Services Rural Community Grant Program. Witty responded by saying, "This project wouldn't be possible without the dedicated coordination effort of Pat Flanagan, and community partners like Farm Credit Services. These grant funds will support our youth soccer programs by lighting the soccer fields and provide safety and flexibility for games and practices. On behalf of Baker School District, I'd like to thank Northwest Farm Credit Services for supporting our students and community through this donation." The lighting project goal for completion is fall of 2018.

Ash Grove earns incentive



Submitted Photo.

Idaho Power Major Customer Representative Greg Evans (in brown blazer) presents Ash Grove Durkee Plant Manager Terry Kerby and other plant employees with a check for the company's energy efficiency incentive. Randy Thorn, Idaho Power Principal Engineer for the Commercial and Industrial Efficiency Program, is at far left.

Idaho Power recently recognized local business Ash Grove Cement in Durkee for its commitment to energy efficiency. Upgrades to the plant's lighting earned the company \$199,223.09 in incentives from Idaho Power's Commercial and Industrial Efficiency program.

Ash Grove replaced approximately 1,300 light fixtures with more energy-efficient LEDs. The improved lighting creates a better lit and safer work environment that reduces energy use and maintenance costs.

"These upgrades provided major benefits for our facility and the people

who work here," said Ash Grove Plant Manager Terry Kerby. "The new lighting has improved employees' ability to see their work area, reduced trip and fall hazards, and even improved the company's housekeeping efforts."

The lighting project will save Ash Grove approximately \$67,000 annually in energy costs. It also will provide 1,250,522 kilowatt-hours (kWh) in energy savings each year — that's enough energy to provide power for 100 homes annually.

"Ash Grove's long-term and ongoing commitment to energy efficiency is admirable," said Randy Thorn, Idaho Power Principal Engineer for the Commercial and Industrial Efficiency Program. "Since 2008, Ash Grove has saved 5,522,798 kWh through energy efficiency measures, or enough energy to provide power to 438 average homes annually. It is an amazing achievement."

Idaho Power recently released a video highlight-

ing Ash Grove's energy-efficiency successes. Watch it at youtube.com/idahopower.

For more information on Idaho Power's Commercial and Industrial Efficiency program, go to idahopower.com/business.

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— WEEKLY HAY REPORT —

Friday, December 8, 2017 — Eastern Oregon

Prices trended generally steady in a limited test. Retail/Stable type hay remains the largest demanded hay. Many hay producers have sold out for the year. Recent and upcoming holidays have and will continue to slow movement.

Tons	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Alfalfa Large Square Good	200 125.00-125.00	125.00

Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square Premium	45 175.00-185.00	180.56
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— CATTLE MARKET REPORT —

Wednesday, December 6, 2017
Vale, Oregon

Cattle sold through the auction: 2,725

Steer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 173.00-209.00	Top 217.00
400-500#	Bulk 153.00-195.00	Top 199.00
500-600#	Bulk 144.00-167.00	Top 170.00

Heifer Calves

300-400#	Bulk 162.00-181.00	Top 200.00
400-500#	Bulk 133.00-156.00	Top 159.00
500-600#	Bulk 127.00-143.00	Top 143.75

Yearling Steers

600-700#	Bulk 133.00-154.00	Top 155.00
700-800#	Bulk 129.00-148.00	Top 151.25
800-900#	Bulk 123.00-137.00	Top 140.00
900-1,000#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A

Yearling Heifers

600-700#	Bulk 125.00-141.00	Top 142.25
700-800#	Bulk 124.00-136.00	Top 137.00
800-900#	Bulk 117.00-127.00	Top 128.00
900-1,000#	Bulk N/A	Top N/A

Thin Shelly Cows	39.00-54.00
Butcher Cows	57.00- 65.00
Butcher Bulls	55.00-69.00
Stock Cows	N/A
Younger Hfrts.	69.00-83.00
Stock Cows Young	- N/A
ProducersLivestock.com	
541-473-3136	

— LOG PRICE REPORT —

Prices are based on the majority of saw mills in Northeastern Oregon and Central Idaho. The prices listed below are a composite prices of various sawmills willing to visit with me about this topic.

Ponderosa Pine—small diameter class 8-11 inches diameter class \$250 per mbf. Only one sawmill was willing to buy small diameter pine at this time.

Ponderosa Pine—medium diameter class 12-17 inches diameter class \$300 to \$350 per mbf

Ponderosa Pine-large diameter class 18 plus inches diameter class \$380 to \$410 per mbf

The Pine prices are still approximately \$40 per mbf below average lumber/log market due to 2017 fire salvage

Doug Fir & Western Larch—\$380 to \$420 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$425 to \$475 per mbf.

White Fir—\$300 per mbf. Normal prices typically ranged between \$340 to \$360 per mbf.

Engelmann Spruce—\$350 at one Idaho sawmill, other sawmills including with White fir prices.

In general, the log prices still impacted from 2015 fire season and fire salvage that resulted. Sawmills are starting to get log yard inventory in line with sawmill production needs. With a new Administration as of 1/20/2017, a more normal economic environment should result and hopefully a more healthy housing situation will result in a better climate for Northeast Oregon Sawmill and private forest landowners.

Courtesy of Arvid Andersen, Andersen Forestry Consulting

— PRECIOUS METALS REPORT —

Price per ounce, USD

Gold: \$1,246.60

Silver: \$15.76

Platinum: \$880.34

Palladium: \$1014.27

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— AG COMMODITIES —

Corn: \$347.75/bu/USD

Wheat: \$410.75/bu/USD

Soybeans: \$975.75/bu/USD

Oats: \$253.50 bu/USD

Rough Rice: \$12.26/cwt/USD

Canola: \$500.10 CAD/mwt

Live Cattle: \$119.15/lb./USD

Feeder Cattle: \$147.10/lb./USD

Lean Hogs: \$66.53/lb./USD

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