

All hands, all lands

BY DON BOUCHER

The Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District is hosting an open house on Wednesday, September 2, to share information about, and to begin collaborative discussions around, plans for restoration and other actions for the Applegate Adaptive Management Area (AMA). It will take place from 5 to 7 pm at the Applegate Grange, 3901 Upper Applegate Road.

Restoration generally refers to actions that will help maintain an ecosystem's resilience to major disturbances such as fire, insects, and a changing climate. We want to encourage a dialogue around what "restoration" means to you.

One of the topics at the open house will be the recent work by the Southern Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative examining the risk wildfires pose to valued resources and assets. This collaborative is developing a 20-year plan to address the pace and scale of restoration in the Rogue Basin. US Forest Service (USFS) and BLM resource specialists are seeking to prioritize areas within the Applegate Watershed in need of restoration.

As discussed in the last *Applegater*, we plan to share the "story map" that specialists have been developing. The story map will allow us to share a series

of maps on an Internet site showing different data for the same location, such as a set of thematic maps about a sub-watershed. Users will be able to zoom into an area or pan to look at adjacent areas. This story map will also use images, videos, and web content to provide further information.

The Applegate workshop will give us at the Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District an opportunity to make contact with people interested in sharing ideas and collaborating with resource specialists to develop restoration projects across all lands in the Applegate AMA.

Recently, the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) visited Ashland to look at the Ashland Forest Resiliency project and the Ashland Forest All-lands Restoration project as examples of successful and forward-thinking implementation of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy within an ecosystem. These projects stimulate local jobs and economy and tie into regional wildfire hazard reduction



and forest restoration. The WFLC team looked at the elements of that work that can be used in other communities to advance needed restoration. As a result of the efforts in Ashland, the USFS is shifting attention to the Applegate Valley.

The National Cohesive Strategy (NCS) encourages participation among all landowners. In alignment with NCS, the local agencies of the BLM and USFS are building a strategy for the Applegate AMA around the premise that agencies should both use the best science available and work collaboratively with all stakeholders and across all landscapes to make meaningful progress toward three goals:

1. Restoring and maintaining resilient landscapes. Restoration focuses on assisting the recovery and establishing the composition, structure, pattern, and ecological processes necessary to make terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems sustainable, resilient, and healthy under current and future conditions. Resilience refers to the ability of a social or ecological system to absorb disturbances while retaining the same basic structure, ways of functioning, and capacity to adapt to stress and change.

2. Creating fire-adapted communities. Communities that adapt to wildfire understand its risk and take individual and collective action to prepare for it, including work on the surrounding landscapes. An adapted

community is more likely to successfully survive the impact of wildfire. For more information, go to www.fireadapted.org.

3. Providing safe and effective wildfire response. Like wildland fire itself, fire management, with all its complex issues, recognizes no ownership or jurisdictional boundaries on the landscape. As a result, perhaps nowhere is the practice of interagency and interdepartmental cooperation as prevalent and effective as in the nation's wildland fire community. As partners, the agencies and departments work together on fire management issues from safety and planning to science, preparedness, operations, strategy development, logistics, intelligence, emergency response, and more.

The open house is a great opportunity for the Siskiyou Mountains Ranger District to coordinate cross-jurisdictional management in the Applegate AMA. Using the adaptive management approach outlined in the National Fire Plan and the Applegate AMA Guide, we can develop methods that will best reflect the needs of the land and communities.

We hope to see you at the Applegate Grange on September 2. For more information, please contact me at the email or phone number below.

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Sanctuary One: An invitation

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Greetings from Sanctuary One! As the new executive director, I would like to invite our Applegate Valley neighbors to get involved with our inspiring nonprofit organization. Visit, adopt an animal, join the Care Family, and experience the fun and magic happening right in our valley as we save lives and make a difference each and every day.

Last spring I found Sanctuary One and joyfully joined its dedicated team. Sanctuary One's mission aligns with mine: to make the world better, one animal, one person, one bit of earth at a time. As a nonprofit care farm, Sanctuary One works to fulfill our vision of "People, animals and the earth. Better together."

Visitors often describe

Sanctuary One as a magical place, where calm overcomes them as they breathe the fresh air, take in blue skies, and appreciate the absence of city life. The mountains slope down toward the rushing Applegate River through ancient forests, past carefully tended gardens to green pastures where animals graze, at peace and in harmony.

Cats, dogs, rabbits, llamas, alpacas, sheep, goats, chickens and more call Sanctuary One home. During Farm Tours, the farm animals gather around visitors, happy and...smiling! Smiling, because they have hit the jackpot after being rescued from situations of neglect, abuse or torture. Now, these animals blissfully roam cage-free, are given



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opportunities for rehabilitation with positive human interactions, wait for a carefully selected adoptive home, or live out their days on the farm as ambassadors to animals. The joy, love, and compassion at Sanctuary One are inspiring.

I encourage you to visit Sanctuary One by booking a Farm Tour—offered Wednesdays and Saturdays now through October and suitable for all ages. Come explore the farm, meet the animals and get

involved. Our new Care Family monthly sponsorship program invites you to support our work happening every day, year-round.

The magic of Sanctuary One grows from the dedicated staff, volunteers and supporters, the blissful animals, the permaculture-inspired gardens, and the gorgeous Applegate Valley landscape. It is the sum of all of these parts, greater together, that makes Sanctuary One a wonderful place to visit, tour and support.

To donate, book a Farm Tour or learn about volunteer opportunities, please visit www.sanctuaryone.org or connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest or Instagram.

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POND HOUSE

making the natural dyes used in their woven pieces, primarily rugs. These rugs helped to expand the tourist trade, and the weavings made their way into museums and became an important part of American art history. After World War II, the Lippincotts came to Oregon. They met the Messingers and bought 800 acres of their land. They felled the trees for their house, cleared land, and built fences for their Arizona cattle.

Architect Winfield Scott Wellington. Designer of the Pond House and a friend of the Lippincotts, Wellington was a well-respected professor at the University of California-Berkeley for 40 years and an environmental architect of considerable note. The house at Pacifica is his only building outside the San Francisco Bay Area. When the 3,600-square-foot house was finished, it was a perfect melding of site, space, material, and respect for



Pacifica's Pond House is available to rent.

the surroundings. The house remains a timeless showcase of environmental design and use of sustainable native materials. It reflects a pioneer past and an eco-conscious future all in one.

The next owners were the Lipperts, followed by Mr. McNutt, who subdivided the western 380 acres, leaving the 420 acres on which Pacifica sits today.

Steve Miller. The rock musician ("Fly Like an Eagle") owned the property between 1976 and 1986. During that period, he built an oak-and-cedar-lined "barn" with a lovely "great hall" (that can be rented for events) and a world-class recording studio, currently operated by the Dragon Media Group.

Pacifica purchased the remaining 420 acres in 1999, just as the property was about to be subdivided again. An education-based, nonprofit organization, Pacifica is committed to establishing and maintaining a botanical garden, a nature center, and educational facilities that support enjoyable hands-on learning about plants and the environment and music and the arts. Its grounds are open free to the public for hiking, biking,

birding, horseback riding, painting, photography, picnics, fishing, and as a natural classroom. Please come for a visit. If you're interested, Pacifica can *always* use volunteers and donations as well! (For more information about Pacifica, see the summer 2015 *Applegater* or visit www.pacificagarden.org.)

The historic wood-paneled, 4,000-square-foot Pond House with its eight-foot stone fireplace, wall of windows, and 60-foot deck overlooking the pond and mountains is amazing and now available to rent. Furnished in nostalgic 1970s style reminiscent of Steve Miller's time, it has complete kitchen and laundry facilities, dining for 20, and sleeping for 12—a delightful place for reunions, weddings, showers, and other special events. Call 541-846-1100 for more information.

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