

Day-use fees eliminated at 14 trailheads

As part of implementing the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement (FLRE) Act, the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest is dropping current day-use fees at 18 forest sites including 14 trailheads for four picnic areas where previous recreational fees were changed under Fee Demo authority.

The FLRE Act permits federal land management agencies to continue charging modest fees at campgrounds, rental cabins and day-use recreation sites on federal lands. In turn, it requires a higher level of development at fee sites.

As a result, 14 trailheads and four picnic areas will be removed from the program because they do not meet the qualifications of a fee site, which include having designated developed parking, a toilet facility and security requirements.

These trail head sites are: Big Pine Interpretive Trail, Chetco Divide/Vulcan Peak, Francis Shrader Old Growth, French Gulch, Upper Chetco, Vulcan Lake/Johnson Butte and Whiskey Spring Interpretive Trail. The four picnic areas to drop fees are Big Pine, Sam Brown, Fish Lake and Seattle Bar.

The forest will continue its current fee system at its other recreation sites where fees are collected. There will be no changes in its fees at campgrounds, cabin/lookout rentals and the Rogue River permits.

Even though fees for picnic areas are discontinued at Big Pine and Sam Brown campgrounds, camping fees will remain unchanged at these two sites.

The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest will continue to sell recreation passes which may be required on other national recreation sites.

Fees are one of the sources of funds that the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest uses to pay for the care of recreation facilities. Last year, the forest invested approximately \$273,000 of collected funds in recreation sites on the forest.

Other funds to support recreation can come from congressionally designated funds, interagency cooperation, partnerships, commercial operations, and funds leveraged from other sources.

Forest visitors are encouraged to check with local forest offices to determine whether passes are required at a site before they leave. Information on passes can be found at fs.fed.us/r6/feedemo.

For more information about the Recreation Fee program and the FLRE Act, visit fe.fed.us/recreation/ programs.

Intricate ink art at RCC Firehouse

"Metaphors are to be Mined," a series of finely detailed drawings by Linda Berkley, will be shown through July 30 at Rogue Community College's Firehouse Gallery.

The RCC Firehouse Gallery is in Historic City Hall, Fourth and H streets, Grants Pass.

The gallery is open from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.



NEW AT IVFD - Two positions vacated by resignations at Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) have been filled by Robin Paulson (left), who is administrative assistant; and Kris Sherman, who is maintenance captain. Their selection was announced Tuesday, July 5, during a meeting of the I.V. Volunteer Firefighters Association. Sherman, who replaces Joe Feldhaus, also will serve as safety chairman. Paulson replaces Beth Beards. (Photo by Dale & Elaine Sandberg/IVFD photographers)

IVHS valedictorian, salutatorian show work ethic in preparation for college

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Classes may be out for the summer, but for two stand-out graduates from Illinois Valley High School, the work is just beginning.

Serena Barry, the valedictorian of the Class of 2005, will be busy working all summer at Taylor's Sausage Country Store before she starts her freshman year at Seattle University this fall.

Earning the title of valedictorian is something that Barry said she had worked toward since her freshman year at IVHS.

"I just thought it'd be really cool to be valedictorian," she said. "I had straight A's and one B the whole time," said Barry, whose grade-point average (gpa) was 4.109.

Besides excelling in academics, Barry got a workout being a setter for the volleyball team, a pitcher for the softball team, and a forward and wing for the basketball team. She played all three sports every season throughout high school, except during her sophomore and junior years, when she didn't play softball.

But, Barry's list of credentials doesn't stop there.

She also was involved with the drama club, the Mathletes, honor society, College Dreams, and Lead-

ership class.

In all, Barry said that her biggest role model is her oldest brother, because "he's worked very hard to get where he is now."

During the graduation ceremony, Barry gave a speech to her classmates.

"It was a little scary, but it was really fun," she recalled. "I don't really remember what I said, because I practiced it so many times. It was really neat because my grandparents from San Francisco came, and my brother from Las Vegas came too. "I was really happy that they came all the way just to see me graduate," she said.

Like most graduates, Barry will try to balance time between work, and family and friends this summer before she heads to Seattle. But, she won't be alone once she gets there. Her best friend, Chelsea Hocker, will join her there.

"I'm not really positive what I want to major in," said Barry. "But right now, it's probably journalism and broadcasting."

And, like Barry, Jenna

Lorensen, the salutatorian of the Class of 2005, will be working all summer as well, at Patrick Creek Lodge in Gasquet, Calif., approximately 25 minutes driving time from Cave Junction.

However, unlike Barry, earning an academic title wasn't her dream.

"To tell you the truth, it wasn't a goal of mine or anything. It just happened,"

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BARRY



LORENSEN

From the email bag

How to give a cat a pill:

1. Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm, as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.

2. Retrieve pill from floor, and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.

3. Retrieve cat from bedroom, and throw away soggy pill.

4. Take a new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of 10.

5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl, and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse from garden.

6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, holding front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold cat's head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.

7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail, get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.

8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with its head just visible from spouse's armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force cat's mouth open with pencil and blow down drink-

ing straw.

9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans, drink glass of water to take away taste. Apply bandage to spouse's forearm, and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

10. Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed. Get another pill. Place cat in cupboard and close door onto neck to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put door back on hinges. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Throw T-shirt away and fetch a new one from bedroom.

12. Ask firefighters to retrieve cat from tree across the road. Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.

13. Tie cat's front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Find heavy-duty pruning gloves from shed. Force cat's mouth open with small spanner. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of steak. Hold head vertically and pour pint of water down throat to wash pill down.

14. Get spouse to drive you to emergency room; sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Stop by furniture shop on the way home to order new table.

15. Find new home for cat, and phone nearest pet shop to see if any hamsters are available.

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