



Demonstrators supporting the 9-11 Truth Movement included (from left) Gina Pitts, Rachael Starr, Toni Starr and Catherine Austin. (Photo by Illinois Valley News)

## Protesters cite 9-11 government 'lies'

As part of the 9-11 Truth Movement, a group of valley residents demonstrated for that cause for the first time on Thursday, July 12 in front of the Josephine County Bldg. in Downtown Cave Junction.

The informal group plans to gather on the 11th of each month and demonstration for around an hour. If one of the members will tell *Illinois Valley News* what time, we'll print it.

Basically, the group feels that the government report about the terrorist attack in this country on 9-11-01, that resulted in the deaths of nearly 3,000 persons including 19 terrorists, does not present the truth.

"A new investigation is needed," said Catherine Austin, one of the demonstrators.

"It seems as though there's been a cover-up as to what really happened."

Signs carried by the demonstrators included those reading:

- \*"9-11 Truth Now/Stop the Lying."
- \*"Kids Deserve Truth"
- \*"Wake Up!"
- \*"Bush Lies"
- \*"9-11 Truth Now"

Austin said that there are several Websites offering information about the campaign. Typing "9-11 Truth Movement" seems to bring them up.

## Path sighted to reach funding solution as diverse groups navigate forest use

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When Josephine County's Long Term Funding Citizens Task Force met June 14, a series of arguments erupted between representatives of lumber companies and wild forest preservation interests.

But the group's Thursday, July 12 meeting at Anne Basker Auditorium in Grants Pass resulted in the discovery of some common ground.

The task force was one of three assembled by the Board of Josephine County Commissioners following the defeat of a May 15 public safety levy. It was proposed due to decreased federal payments in lieu of taxes on federally controlled O&C land in the county.

A one-year extension of the federal safety net eventually was authorized. However, stable long-term funding remains an issue, and the

task force was assembled from members of the local business, government, environmental and timber communities to find possible solutions. The other task forces are dedicated to short-term funding solutions and alternative revenue sources.

During the July 12 meeting, task force member Kevin Marr said that the group's previous meeting "seemed to be a battle." However, he asked if all involved could agree that timber would be a part of the solution, not all of it.

Rancher Don King said that persons in resource-based industries are good stewards of the land, because they rely on it to make a living.

"We're all in fields that make us environmentalists," King said. "It's to my advantage to keep a multiple use concept in mind."

Julie Norman, of Cave

Junction-based Siskiyou Project, said that some timber can be harvested on O&C land, but that protections must be preserved for salmon habitat and delicate serpentine areas.

The U.S. Forest Service is seeking public input on proposed thinning projects, Norman said, adding that the Bureau of Land Management continues to plan controversial sales in old-growth forests.

Linn County Commissioner John Lindsay, who attended the meeting, said that raising taxes to increase revenues is not a viable option for many of the affected counties.

"We don't have the economy," Lindsay said. "We don't have a base you can tax. It isn't going to happen."

Jack Shipley, speaking on the behalf of environmental interests, said that balance could be achieved between industry and preservation.

"I think there can be a solution. I don't think any of these issues are mutually exclusive," Shipley said. "I think we can get volume and maintain habitat at the same time." He said an acceptable solution would have to use "moderation" and have a "well-thought-out plan."

Jim Raffenburg, chairman of the Josephine County Board of Commissioners and the task force, asked Norman if there was an annual yield amount that would be acceptable to environmental interests.

"There is some number, I just don't know what it is," Norman said.

Marr said that the group needs to obtain figures on the amount of timber on federal land, and how much timber revenue the county would need to ensure its financial security.

Dave Streeter, of Rough & Ready Lumber Co. in Illinois Valley, said that timber production must come from a variety of tree diameters.

"Not everyone is set up to use small-diameter logs," Streeter said.

He also said that species don't limit their habitation

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## Red Cross gives cool tips for hot days

As the heat of the summer continues, the Southern Oregon Chapter of the American Red Cross urges people to beat the heat and protect themselves and their loved ones from extreme temperatures.

"Heat can be a very real threat," said Marj Jameson, the chapter's executive director. "Everyone is at risk when temperatures rise above 90 degrees, but the elderly and the very young are most susceptible to heat and heat-related illnesses."

Heat-related illnesses can cause serious injury and even death if unattended. Signs of heat-related illnesses include nausea, dizziness, flushed or pale skin, heavy sweating and headaches.

People experiencing these symptoms should be moved to a cool place and given cool water to drink. Ice packs or cool, wet cloths should be applied to the skin. If a victim refuses water, vomits, or loses consciousness, contact 911 or other emergency number immediately.

As in all dangerous weather conditions, prevention and preparation are the keys to avoiding tragedy. The Red Cross recommends the following steps to prevent heat-related illness during the hot days of summer:

- Stay indoors as much as possible, preferably in an air-conditioned place.

- If you don't have air conditioning at home, plan to spend several hours each day in a cool place, such as at the home of a friend or family member, shopping mall, or movie theater.

- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing when out in the sun.

- Always wear a wide-brimmed hat to keep sun off the head and neck when

outside.

- Use sunscreen with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 16 or greater.

- Slow down. Avoid strenuous activity.


- Drink plenty of water, even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages, which dehydrate the body.

- Eat smaller meals,

more often. Avoid foods that are high in protein, as they raise metabolic heat.

Avoid taking salt tablets, which can make problems with the effects of heat worse on the body.

For more information, phone 779-3773. You can also visit the chapter Website online at [www.soredcross.org](http://www.soredcross.org) or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).



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