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"And, they do not even mention the O&C Act in any of the alternatives," Schott added. "In their major presentation for the plan, never once did they mention the mandates in the O&C Act. So basically, the same restrictions that have been in place the last 20 years are still in place. The southern counties will get killed by this, there'll be fewer and fewer timber receipts. Overall, the BLM's new plan is centered around recreation and tourism. There's almost nothing in it for timber management or fire mitigation. I think it's a disaster."

For years, what the O&C Act does or does not mandate has been hotly debated among agency forest managers, legislators and conservationists. Retired BLM employee and O'Brien resident Gordon Lyford says the O&C Act does not allow unrestricted logging.

"The clear language in the O&C Act states that: 'The timber thereon shall be sold, cut, and removed in conformity with the principal of sustained yield for the purpose of providing a permanent source of timber supply, protecting watersheds, regulating stream flow, and contributing to the economic stability of local communities and industries, and providing recreational facilities,'" Lyford said. He added that, "Tree farms are not permanent forests and regulating stream flow means slowing water runoff to prevent soil erosion. The smaller that the timber harvest is, the more sustainable it is and more economic stability will exist."

Lyford also said, "A

billion board feet of timber from Oregon and Washington are being shipped each year over to Asia, and if just 2 percent of that stayed in Southern Oregon, the Rough & Ready Mill could run three shifts. And, Canada has flooded the market with cheap milled lumber. Dave Schott was quoted in last week's *Illinois Valley News* saying that the local logging downturn is an international economic problem and not a logging supply problem."

Issues concerning protection for sensitive fish and wildlife species have also brought criticism of the new RMP. While Levy said that both the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marines Fisheries Service claim the RMP is adequate for protecting fish, water and wildlife - other scientists disagree.

Local biologist Romain Cooper said, "We know that the salmon are in trouble. We know they are a keystone species and the Illinois Valley is a stronghold for salmon. So why are the riparian reserves being minimized?"

"Our biggest concern is that streamside forest buffers will be shrunk. Streams need shade to stay cool in hot summer months," said Joseph Vaile with KS Wild. "This plan will impact BLM

lands along Sucker Creek, the Illinois River and community open spaces like Rough and Ready Watershed. BLM forests in western Oregon are where many people go out and explore nature, where we get our clean drinking water, and they offer a place for wildlife. We need to get it right."

Another hot topic in recent years, climate change, has entered the forest planning debate. Wildfires are burning larger and hotter; and KS Wild staff members maintain that standing large old trees are more fire resistant and store carbon, an important function to prevent more climate warming.

"With a call for increasing timber harvest to 278 MMBF a year - a 37 percent increase over current annual harvest levels, the BLM is playing a risky game with impacts to our changing climate," said Jeanine Moy, with KS Wild. "This plan will increase clear cutting, a practice that contributes further carbon emissions, as well as creates a less fire-resilient landscape for the future."



THIEVES ...

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Benson added, "People in the community are angry about this break-in. This store is here to help. A lot of people really rely on this place for a lot of stuff."

One woman told Benson that she has a "homeless friend" who saw the computer and items from the store in someone's apartment, but said her friend doesn't want to come forward because "she's scared."

Benson has plenty of leads and information, but says she's frustrated, because "the police won't touch it. They say it's 'hear say.' They say they know what apartment it is, that they take stolen stuff out of there all the time, but now, they won't go in without a search warrant, not until a witness calls the sheriff's office and says they saw it. I didn't realize how many people see what's going on, but don't want to come forward. Until people start

reporting what they see the criminals will just keep getting away with it. We have to work together to put a stop to this."

After cleaning up the mess the store reopened mid-week, with a new cash register, safe, new locks on the doors and security cameras installed. Though the store will remain closed on Mondays until more volunteers are found to help keep an eye on the entire store during operating hours.

Proceeds from the thrift store pay the bills at the Illinois Valley Senior Center, which serves 900 members.

Benson said when I.V. Senior Center's board members meet August 10, a substantial reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the crime will be considered. People can call Benson at 541-592-6630 to inquire about the potential reward or to volunteer at the store.

TALES ...

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Wednesday, Aug. 3

*Pacific Power, Direct TV and Frontier bills may have been stolen from a mailbox in the 7900 block of Takilma Road at 10:46 a.m. Information was forwarded to the U. S. Post Office.

*Information was redacted regarding a juvenile matter at 11:08 a.m.

*Facts were gathered at 11:31 a.m. in the 100 block of S. Old Stage Road.

*At 11:50 a.m. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) stated that there was a newer Jeep Cherokee on its side on Suncrest Drive near Waldo Road. The Jeep had no seats or license plates, but there was a couch inside. The Cherokee was gone an hour later.

*More data was obtained in the 300 block of W. Lister Street at 12:04 p.m.

*At 1:33 p.m. an irresponsible mother with children in a silver-colored minivan drove recklessly from MP 10 near the Wonder Store to the Dollar General store in CJ. She was hitting road cones and going into oncoming traffic, nearly hitting a semi head-on. When law enforcement contacted her regarding complaints of her driving, she said she had just moved to the area. She was issued a citation into CJ Municipal Court for no operator's license, and warned that she would be towed for further violations.

*All was fine at the Forks State Park at 1:34 p.m.

*At 1:42 p.m. I.V. Fire Department assisted JCSO with following up on the arson in the 100 block of Ollis Road.

*Travis Wilson, 25, was detained at Josephine County Jail on a fugitive warrant out of Grants Pass Department of Public Safety. Wilson was apprehended on Lakeshore Drive at 2:55 p.m.

*Law enforcement served restraining orders in the 100 block of Walters Drive at 4:04 p.m.

*Even with additional directions from I.V. Fire, JCSO could not find the Cherokee with custom couch seating on Suncrest Drive at 4:11 p.m.

Outside the Valley

*Twenty-one log entries.

Thursday, Aug. 4

*A couple of trespassers were sitting under a tree at the Junction Inn at 406 S. Redwood Hwy. at 10:44 a.m. The chick had dreadlocks, and the dude had a gray backpack and a dog with a muzzle.

*A bird-brain in a gold-colored Toyota Camry was weaving all over the road on Redwood Hwy. and Finch Road at 11:13. It may have been an elderly driver, based upon the way they would speed up and slow down. There were no patrol cars available in the area at that time.

*SOS reported an alarm in the 600 block of E. River Street at 11:29 a.m.

*At 11:56 a.m. a Toyota Tundra ran off the road and hit a tree in the 5100 block of Holland Loop. The driver was cited for DWS and driving uninsured.

*JCSO patrolled Little Falls Trailhead Campground at 12:54 p.m.

*Law enforcement then made the rounds on the west side of the Eight Dollar Bridge River Access at 1:08 p.m.

*A vehicle occupied by one person was on Forest Service Road 023 near Eight Dollar at 1:40 p.m.

*A restraining order was delivered in the 100 block of Old Stage Road at 2:20 p.m.

*At 2:30 p.m. law enforcement contacted the owner of a GMC Sierra, who was taking a nap on the side of Eight Dollar Road near the campground.

*Tenants who had been evicted from the 28000 block of Redwood Hwy. were given permission by the judge to return to the property until Aug. 7 to retrieve their pets and other property. Neighbors alerted the landlord, who arrived and took photos of the family packing their belongings at 2:50 p.m.

*At 4:25 p.m., a 911 hang-up call came in from 24800 Redwood Hwy., but there was no

answer when the dispatcher returned the call.

Outside the Valley

*Sixteen incidents.

Friday, Aug. 5

*No details were given regarding a suspicious incident at the Q Bar Ranch at 9:27 a.m.

*JCSO cruised along Eight Dollar Road at 9:57 a.m.

*Two weeks ago, a dog jumped a fence at 180 Josephine Avenue and killed goats and ate them. This is the fourth German Shepard owned by these people, who do not keep an eye on their aggressive canines. Notes were faxed to Animal Control regarding the out-of-control dogs.

*Law enforcement safeguarded the area 6.5 miles up Deer Creek Road at 10:21 a.m.

*All was fine at the Grayback Campground at 11:18 a.m.

*There was a fairly new Jeep Wagoneer on its side in a ditch on a paved road off Waldo Road at 11:26 a.m. The engine was cold, and footprints were spotted leading away from the vehicle.

*A Rambo wannabee wearing green military-type pants punched a resident in the 7600 block of Rockydale Road at 12:18 p.m. It took several heroes to forcibly remove the menace from the property so that medical assistance could be rendered. From there the camo-clad brute went to the 4600 block of Waldo Road where he was breaking windows at 1:10 p.m. He threatened to hit a woman in the face with his small hammer. Brian Thomas Moore, 33, was detained at Josephine County Jail for second-degree assault, first-degree burglary and second-degree trespass.

*A Toyota pickup truck was blocking Garner Road, making it difficult for a delivery man to do his job at 2:51 p.m. Both parties resolved their civil issues before law enforcement arrived. The provoker was warned for disorderly conduct.

*Investigation developed at the I.V. Substation at 3:25 p.m.

*At 3:26 p.m., a motorcycle was in the ditch in the 1000 block of Laurel Road, and the rider was being combative. He claimed that he had been robbed, and he was fleeing from the scene. Jerry's Tow Service now has the bike, and the rider was warned for not having an operator's license.

*A fellow and his girlfriend were fighting in the 200 block of S. Old Stage Road at 4:02 p.m. She locked him out of the apartment and wouldn't give him back the keys until he gave her money. The guy just wanted to gather his things and leave. Both parties were advised of their options.

*There was a physical disturbance at 205 W. Watkins Street when a crazy guy was swinging a hatchet at 6:26 p.m.

Outside the Valley

*Two dozen log listings.

Saturday, Aug. 6

*A Detectall motion detector was activated at 12:03 p.m. in the 200 block of E. Watkins Street.

*Eight Dollar Bridge River Access on the west side was safeguarded at 1:25 p.m.

*There was a traffic stop at 2:15 p.m. on Hwy. 199 at Eight Dollar Road.

*Two vehicles were off Redwood Hwy. one mile south of Eight Dollar Road, and one of them was fully engulfed in fire at 2:19 p.m.

*Law enforcement ranged two miles up Page Creek Road in Takilma at 3:29 p.m.

*Everything checked out OK at the Kerby Flat Trailhead at 5:17 p.m.

*Neighbors in the 400 block of Queen of Bronze were at it again at 5:25 p.m. The clueless pyros were filling a propane cannon, then lighting and shooting it in the midst of trees and dry grass. Apparently they are unaware that this is not a safe activity during fire season. JCSO deemed that this was an ongoing problem, and they were unable to respond because it was beyond their available resources.

*Passenger Robert was warned for not wearing a seat belt during a traffic stop on the Illinois River Road at 5:26 p.m.

*A driver by the name of Barnett was admonished for no valid operator's license at 5:40 p.m. He was cited for failure to use a seatbelt and failure to carry proof of insurance on the Illinois River Road at Kerby Flat.

*At 6:02 p.m. a motorist was pulled over on Illinois River Road. This one was cited for failure to use a seatbelt and cautioned for failure to carry proof of insurance and registration.

*Another traffic stop on Illinois River Road resulted in a warning for failure to signal at 6:19 p.m.

*A partier at the Swinging Bridge at the Illinois River Trailhead was cited for possession of marijuana on federal land at 6:24 p.m. A warning was doled out for alcohol and fireworks.

Outside the Valley

*Thirty-two log items.

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