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"Not all deposits are amenable to leeching and, in fact, many deposits can be targeted without a single drop of cyanide," Ferns stated.

Terry Drever-Gee who is the Director of Governmental Affairs for Eastern Oregon Mining Association said she was pleased with the event and was impressed with the amount of high level officials who were present. "It was very, very good," she said.

Baker County Commission Chairman Bill Harvey said that it was wonderful to see so many people attend. "And they stayed the whole time, the whole six hours," he said.

"Today was a great opportunity for the industry, the community and Baker County to evaluate where we are now and where we want to be tomorrow," said Greg Smith.

"Anything we can do for mining is positive," Bentz said. "The environmental concerns from years past have been mooted by the modern and environmentally sound means utilized now. Mining is one of the biggest assets this state has available and this resource can be utilized to help pay the state's bills. I hear people say that the middle class has vanished. That's false. The middle class is still there--it's middle class jobs that went away. We can bring jobs back through mining. And, it's not only about the local economies, it's about the state's economy. Again, while we benefit, we can also help pay the state's bills through mining," Bentz concluded.

First Annual Watershed Council Membership Meeting

The Powder Basin Watershed Council will hold its first annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the 5J School District Building in Baker City. Help celebrate the partnerships and volunteers and plan for the year ahead.

The meeting will start at 6 p.m. with a welcome

from the Board Chair and a Meet & Greet with appetizers, coffee, and tea. A discussion of the annual report and work plan will follow. Local participation helps ensure that the projects and priorities the council sets meet the needs of our community. No special knowledge is needed—just a desire to make our watershed a better place to live, work and play!

Seven Breeding Pairs of Wolves are Documented

"It's a first step toward de-listing," said Todd Nash, Chairman of the Wolf Committee for the Oregon Cattlemen's Association in response to the fact Oregon is moving to Phase 2 of its wolf recovery plan after wildlife biologists documented seven breeding pairs of wolves in Oregon in 2014.

Of nine known wolf packs, only the Imnaha Pack is not a breeding pair. The Umatilla River pack still needs to be surveyed.

A breeding pair is a pair of adult wolves which produce at least two pups that survive to the end of each year. Six of Oregon's 2014 breeding pairs are in eastern Oregon.

"It's positive as far as having more options for lethal control, but we still have a lot of issues," Nash said.

Non-lethal measures to prevent wolf-livestock conflict are still emphasized in Phase 2. Producers in the easternmost portion of the state are allowed to take (shoot) a wolf caught chasing livestock under certain circumstances. Producers should visit www.dfw.state.or.us/wolves or contact ODFW for the latest information regarding this and other information regarding wolves.

While surveys are not completed on all of Oregon's wolves, confirmation of at least four breeding pairs for the third consecutive year in eastern Oregon moves the eastern part of the state to Phase 2 of the state's Wolf Conserva-

tion and Management Plan.

"This is an important step for Oregon. Wolves have now met one of the initial milestones envisioned by the public and the Commission," said Russ Morgan, ODFW wolf coordinator. "In the past seven years, Oregon has gone from no known wolves, to resident and reproducing wolves, and now to meeting our conservation objective for the eastern part of the state."

"The fact that we have more wolves to put us into Phase 2, means the likelihood is increased for more conflict," said Nash.

Next steps: Annual report, potential delisting of wolves from Oregon ESA

ODFW biologists are now working to finalize 2014 wolf population counts. Population surveys are nearly complete and the number of wolves may be updated through Feb. as biologists continue to collect information. The 2014 population will be reported in March when ODFW publishes its annual wolf report.

The transition to Phase 2 also marks the initiation of the state de-listing process in Oregon as outlined in the Wolf Plan. ODFW will begin conducting a full status review and will present the results of that review to the Fish and Wildlife Commission in April 2015. Delisting from the Oregon List of Endangered Species is a public process and the Commission could make their decision as early as June 2015.

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