

Natural Resource Advisory Committee to Meet Jan. 26

Those interested in following the work of the Natural Resource Advisory Committee should plan to attend the Jan. 26 meeting which will be held at 3 p.m. at the Baker County Courthouse.

Commissioner Harvey will give an update on how Coordination with the agencies is progressing. The committee will also be making edits to the Natural Resource plan, working on the water section, holding a forestry work discussion and addressing a draft mining amendment.

The next meeting will be held Feb. 23.

Public participation is allowed on the agenda at the beginning and close of the meeting. Members of the public are given five minutes to speak on natural resource topics only and / or those covered on the meeting agenda.

Wildland Fire Fighting Class for Firefighters and Contractors Offered

Eastern Oregon Training Group of Baker City will be offering the Wildland Fire Refresher Class, RT-130 on Feb. 27. The class will be held at the Baker City School District Building, 2090 Fourth St. Class will start at 8 a.m.

This is a required class for all firefighters and contractors that are planning to work for any state or federal agency during the up-coming fire season.

Certification will be from the National Firefighter Training and Carding Association. Membership in the Association is included in the fee. Training will meet or exceed the standards set by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group. Class cost is \$100.

Registration and payment may be done at www.oregonfiretraining.com.

More information may be obtained by contacting: Laurel Goodrich at 541-403-0907 or Jeff Sherman at 541-519-6213. E-mail contacts are laurelgoodrich@msn.com or shermanrental@gmail.com.

Snow Depths on Jan. 18, 2016

(end of day)

- Anthony Lakes Site (7,160 ft. elevation) – 50 inches
- Bourne Site (5,850 ft. elevation) – 47 inches
- Moss Springs Site (5,760 ft. elevation) – 50 inches
- Schneider Meadows Site (5,400 ft. elevation) – 82 inches
- Taylor Green Site (5,740 ft. elevation) – 47 inches
- Wolf Creek Site (5,630 ft. elevation) – 43 inches

Snow Depths from Jan. 18, 2015 (end of day)

- Anthony Lakes Site – 45 inches
- Bourne Site – 29 inches
- Moss Springs Site – 43 inches
- Schneider Meadows Site – 60 inches
- Taylor Green Site – 37 inches
- Wolf Creek Site – 29 inches

Water Levels

Jan. 19, 3 a.m. - Brownlee Reservoir water level was at 2,061 feet; 16 feet from full.

Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Captured and Relocated



Photos by Melissa Yzquierdo Primus

On Jan. 13, 2016 seven Rocky Mountain Bighorn ewes were captured on public and private land in the Lookout Mountain Unit and transferred to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in the Tucannon Unit. According to Brian Ratcliff, District Wildlife Biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon is part of the Hells Canyon Initiative. It consists of state wildlife agencies from Oregon, Washington and Idaho along with the federal agencies which are responsible for managing the land in the Hells Canyon area.

The initiative goal is to accelerate and restore Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep (RMBHS) in the Hells Canyon area. The goal of this translocation is to help restore a Washington population that is in decline.

According to Ratcliff, the reason the Lookout Mountain herd was chosen for this capture is the Lookout Mountain herd is one of the two RMBHS herds in the Hells Canyon Initiative

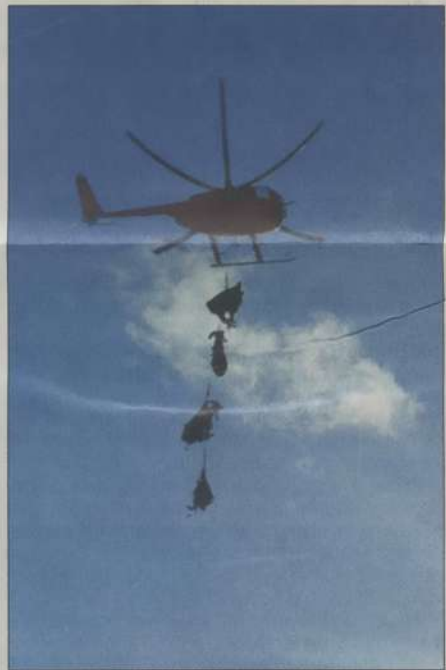
area that has not undergone a disease event. The recipient herd is the other herd which has not suffered a disease event.

"The Lookout Mountain is currently expanding their range. Keeping the population level in check helps reduce the chance of interaction with domestic sheep," said Ratcliff.

During the capture operation this week, a helicopter was used to locate sheep before they were captured using a net fired out of the helicopter from a specially-designed gun.

Once captured, the sheep were blindfolded and restrained to calm them, then hoisted in the air by the helicopter and taken to a location where ODFW biologists and veterinarians processed the animals.

Each bighorn sheep was disease-tested and many were fitted with a GPS transmitter so their movements can be tracked. Volunteers from the Oregon Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (Oregon FNAWS) also assisted in the operation.



The Red Apple Marketplace Story: Another Choice

Red Apple Marketplace is full-service grocery store, located in the heart of Ontario, Oregon, serving for over 50 years. Yes, it's a bit of a drive to, Ontario, but is another choice for frustrated Baker County shoppers. Way back in the 50's it started as a Safeway store. When ironically, the current owner's mother served as a checker. During the late 70's it was converted to the Red Apple Store and operated under that name for the next 31 years.

In 2001, it made its transition to the Red Apple Marketplace. This name was carefully considered and selected to reflect the objectives of the store -- to be "THE" community marketplace. Red Apple Marketplace passionately supports farmers and ranchers through the purchase of their locally grown products and reselling of those hard-to-find, great tasting products. This innovative, local buying process cuts our costs and saves you money. We know savings is important, equally important however, are selection and service. So many other stores today have chosen, as a cost savings, to eliminate product selection as well as service -- you've seen it with "self-checkout" lines, no baggers for your groceries (you carry them out

yourself too), endlessly large stores that exhaust you, silly cards required to get discounts, the item you want no longer available. Here at the Red Apple Marketplace:

We pride ourselves on providing you, our valued customer, a superior shopping "experience". Our staff is friendly & helpful, our shelves are stocked with a large variety of products (if we don't have it, we'll do our best to get it for you), and our full-service meat and produce departments are full of locally grown products. No gimmicks, "clubs" to join, or silly cards -- Red Apple Marketplace simply offers great VALUE throughout the store. Add to that the fun we bring to the shopping experience and you get a pretty good idea of what we are all about.

We are a mission-driven company, practicing what we preach! We often talk about our mission with our employees and strive to share it with our customers which we think has played a huge role in our success.

The store is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. Mountain Time. Their phone number is 541-881-1678.

Baker City
SUBWAY
January Specials
815 Campbell St. • Baker City • 541-523-7166

Simple Six Menu!
Selection of six tasty six inch sandwiches, chips and a 21 oz. drink for **\$6.00**
guacamole available

Happy 22nd Birthday, "Ello!"

Love from Your Favorite Niece and Family

TAMI'S
PINE VALLEY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES
125 North Main St. / P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834 • 1-541-742-6435
www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com