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JIM RYAN is working with young students in special summer program class. (Post photo)

Bull Run hearings begin

Hearings on the future of the Bull Run Reserve will begin in Washington, D.C., next Monday.

The U.S. House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs will hold hearings on Monday, July 25. The Senate subcommittee on public lands and resources is slated to conduct hearings the next day.

Three separate measures on the Bull Run have been proposed in congress. Those measures include:

—A bill introduced at the request of the Oregon Environmental Council which would eliminate multiple use or public access in the Bull Run Reserve, but would change boundaries of the reserve to reduce its area to 96,994 acres.

—A bill which would require the Forest Service to "consult and coordinate" with City of Portland officials to ban any activity found to be "significantly" harmful to the city's water supply. This bill would not grant the city an equal partnership in running the watershed. The timber industry and Forest Service support this bill.

—A bill proposed by the City of Portland which would establish "co-equal" management of the watershed and provide for the Forest Service or counties which reap Bull Run timber receipts to buy a filtration plant for the city's water supply in case logging in the watershed dirties the water.

Portland hearings on use of the watershed will not be held by the U.S.

House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, a subcommittee chairman wrote this week to Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt.

Rep. Teno Roncalio, D-Wyo., chairman of the subcommittee on Indian affairs and public lands, told Goldschmidt he agreed with the Portland City Council that field hearings in Portland "would maximize local input" but that such hearings are impossible during the next several months because of conflicting schedules.

"Added to this," Roncalio said, "are indications that the Senate may adjourn for the year by mid-October—a situation that makes swift action on the Bull Run problem imperative if we are to have legislation before the six-month hiatus."

Students retain knowledge in summer school program

by Sue Lafky
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Teacher Jim Ryan isn't as concerned about what his summer school students learn as what they retain.

Ryan, a special education teacher at Sandy Elementary School, is teaching a six-week summer school class geared for mentally, emotionally and physically handicapped students.

"We may not be able to teach that much this summer," said Ryan, "but we can reinforce what was happening in the child's individual program during the regular school year."

This summer could be termed the maiden voyage for the program which is one of two in Clackamas County that is providing summer school activities for these students, many of them whom are considered trainable mentally retarded (TMR). But the other program, at South Shores in Lake Oswego, is geared for younger students while Sandy's program has been developed for students from 7-16 years old.

Ryan said summer school programs for handicapped students are rare and several from the Gresham and East Multnomah County area have enrolled in the Sandy program.

The class will meet Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Aug. 18. Ryan said students may either sign up for the rest of the session or for a week of class. "We're doing different activities each week," he said.

Cost for enrolling a student in the program is \$10 a week and there is the possibility of scholarships for students who are in financial need.

Having a summer school program for handicapped students was largely the brainchild of Sandy resident Gayle Knight, whose daughter Debbie is in the class.

"Summer school to me is necessary" said Knight. "All children lose during the summer and for these kids it's so much greater."

Ryan echoed that concern for the loss of knowledge during the summer months.

The special education teacher tested his students in both spring and fall.

"I'd notice a considerable loss of knowledge and skills in the fall," he said. "And that was with the same tester."

Knight was a room parent at Boring

Elementary School when she first contacted Richard Keough of the Clackamas County Association for Retarded Citizens and urged him to work for the summer school program.

He gave the program a green light. "We were the group he heard from the most," Knight smiled and said of the decision to hold the program in East Clackamas County.

After approval was granted, Knight started phoning the parents of potential students. "Everyone I talked to was interested in seeing the program begin," Some parents, however, had already made plans for the summer.

Ryan and Knight said they debated whether or not to start the program this summer on somewhat short notice. They decided to go ahead, even though they would like more students to enroll and are operating on a bare bones budget.

Next year, the organizers hope the program will have a stronger foundation because of this summer's ground work. "It's easier for parents to say yes to something they know is going to work," Knight said.

Summer school activities are both social and academic in nature. One-to-one tutoring is provided and students continue to work on what they were doing in the regular school year.

If students are learning number concepts during the regular school year, that's what they should learn in the summer, Ryan said.

At the end of the summer Ryan will write up an evaluation on each child to assist teachers who will be working with the student during the regular school year.

Other activities during the summer include trips to the grocery store, the post office and telephone company. A trip to the bank is also in the plans.

"I took my students to the bank during the regular school year," recalled Ryan. "They first thought it was a jail because of the bars."

Movies and cooking projects are also on the summer agenda. And for more creative efforts, the youngsters will do woodworking and other arts and crafts projects.

"One reason I'm personally interested in the program is that it's hard to keep these kids entertained during the summer," said Knight.

Parents can always let television do the entertaining.

But Ryan and Knight point out that the summer program offers students a chance to work with new kids and new projects.

"It's much better than being at home," Ryan said.

The program is a joint venture between parents and the Clackamas County Association for Retarded Citizens. The Clackamas County Intermediate education District and Sandy Elementary School District have also supported the project.

Besides Knight and Ryan, the classroom also utilizes the skills of tutors Lis Cox, Penny Curtis and Eileen McDonald.

For more information about scholarship possibilities or the program, contact Richard Keough at 635-4318 or Gayle Knight at 668-7646.

Ryan said he would like to have commitments from parents by the end of the week if they would like to enroll their children in the summer session.

City receives state funds

The City of Sandy is due to receive \$12,433 in state revenue sharing funds as a result of action taken in the Oregon Legislature.

The City of Sandy Budget Committee and City Council will meet early next week to discuss ideas on how to spend the funds.

"There's no strings attached on the type of use," said City Manager Paul Helton. Suggestions from city residents are welcome.

So far, recommendations for possible

uses include utilizing the funds as an offset against property tax levies, hiring extra policemen for the Sandy Police Department and using the money for capital expenditures.

A public hearing on possible uses will be held Monday night at 8 p.m. in the Sandy City Council Chambers. At that time the Sandy Budget Committee will offer proposals concerning the uses.

A second hearing will be held before the City Council at 8 p.m. Tuesday night.

Copies of the budget committee proposals will be available for inspection at City Hall after July 25. Comments may be submitted in either oral or written form.

The State of Oregon allocated \$15.2 million to Oregon cities with Portland receiving the largest chunk, getting more than \$4 million.

Money will come from an increased percentage in the state liquor tax and the program will be an on-going one.

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Meadows ski area input summarized

A summary of public input on the six Mt. Hood Meadows ski area alternatives will be published within two weeks, a Forest Service spokesperson announced this week.

A decision on the future of the Meadows area will be based on an analysis of this report.

Anne Heisler of the Mt. Hood National Forest supervisor's office reported that about 450 responses were currently in her office. "We had just 250 Friday, and now we're swamped."

Heisler considers the response on the Meadows issue to be very good. "We felt that if we got over 350 letters we'd have good input," she said. "This shows there's a lot of interest and that's good."

As each letter comes in, it is read and a brief analysis of its contents made before it goes in the report.

Heisler declined to make any estimates as to public opinion at this point, noting that "no matter what the issue, the early letters differ from the ones at the end."

Briefly, the six alternatives being

considered are:

A) Limit expansion of the ski resort to the Hood River Meadows lift currently under construction, setting the area's maximum capacity at about 4,500, the current capacity. The Oregon Environmental Council favors this choice.

B) Construct another chairlift above the Timberline and add sufficient parking to handle a peak capacity of 6,300. Like Plan A, this plan would not allow for overnight accommodations. The Sierra Club is on record in favor of Plan B.

C) Construct overnight accommodations for 1,350 people west of the current access road and just south of the parking lot, increasing peak skiing capacity to 6,750 and peak visitor capacity to 7,150.

D) Allow accommodations for 1,700 overnight visitors, increasing total skier capacity to 8,150 and total visitor capacity to 8,650.

E) This plan would authorize nine new chairlifts in addition to the five existing

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Aerial cement truck

TO HAUL cement to the high altitudes of Timberline Lodge's new Palmer Chairlift is the job of this large, two-engine helicopter from Columbia Helicopters. In the left picture, the chopper returns from dumping cement for the lift's tower foundations; right photo shows it picking up a new bucketful and in the right frame it heads back up the mountain. Palmer Chairlift is scheduled to be completed late this summer.