Staff photo

Patti Gray prepares to throw a pitch for Lance's Ladies during a tournament at Boring.

Permit requirements determined for parks

Permits will be required this summer in 12 of 18 wildernesses within the National Forests of Oregon and Washington, according to the USDA-Forest Service.

Free permits will be required for all visits to Diamond Peak, Eagle Cap, Mountain Lakes, Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, Mt. Washington, and Three Sisters Wilderness in Oregon, the Pasayten in Washington, and for the Wenaha-Tucannon in Oregon and Washington.

Permits will be required only for overnight trips in the Glacier Peak, Goat Rocks and Mt. Adams Wildernesses in Washington.

No permit is required for the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in Washington, the Gearhart Mountain, Kalmiopsis, Strawberry Mountain, and Wild Rogue Wilderness in Oregon, and Hells Canyon Wilderness in Oregon and Idaho.

The permit system will be in effect from June 15 to November 15, except for the Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Eagle Cap, and Wenaha-Tucannon, Wildernesses where it is in effect all year.

Information from permits helps managers relate recreational use to ecological impacts, set trail maintenance priorities, and plan work for wilderness rangers.

The permit system was started in 1972 as part of a continuing effort to obtain more data on use in order to manage areas to peserve wilderness values and the experience sought by more hikers and equestrians each year, according to Jeff Sirmon, regional forester, Pacific Northwest Region.

Permits may be obtained by mail or in person for wildernesses in Washington, the Eagle Cap in Oregon, and Wenaha-Tucannon in Oregon and Washington, by applying to the National Forest administering the wilderness to be visited.

Other wildernesses in Oregon requiring permits will have them available at self-service stations at each trailhead leading into the wilderness. Voluntary self-issue permits are available at the most frequently visited trailheads for the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness in Eastern Oregon and at Malheur National Forest offices.

Persons starting trips in the North Cascades National Park may obtain a National Park Service permit that is also valid in the Glacier Peak and Pasayten Wildernesses administered by the Forest Service.

Applicants for the free permits should inquire about local conitions and certain restrictions such as the size of party, the use of campfires and other resource protection measures.

Pigtail tourney is Saturday

The Welches Pigtail Girls Softball Tournament will be held Saturday at the Welches School field on Salmon River Road.

The four teams competing include Lynch, Reynolds, Sandy and Rockwood.

Each team will play two games, with the games beginning at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Contact Susan Brock, district representative for the Welches Softball Association, 272-3591, for more information.

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