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Bull Run timber removal proposed

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The Forest Service is proposing a salvage operation in the Bull Run Watershed to remove 2,400 acres of the 6,000 acres of timber blown down during a 1983 storm.

Taking timber from the 2,400 acres would create 1,380 jobs during a four-year period and would contribute \$5.2 million to the coffers of Clackamas, Multnomah and other counties, according to an environmental impact statement.

Forest Service officials say the 2,400-acre

figure represents a compromise between the interests of environmentalists and timber companies.

The Bull Run Watershed, which is closed to the public, provides drinking water for more than 650,000 people in the Portland metropolitan area.

The Columbia Gorge Ranger District manages the watershed, working closely with the Portland Water Bureau, said Bruce McCammon, a hydrologist for the Columbia Gorge Ranger Station.

In 1983, a storm with winds up to 90 miles per hour blew down stands of timber on about

6,000 acres in the watershed. Many of those stands contained trees that were 300 years old and past their prime growing years, said Barbara Kennedy, public affairs specialist for the Columbia Gorge Ranger District.

The Forest Service is debating whether to leave the blown down timber undisturbed or to have it logged off. The Forest Service has come up with a variety of alternatives for dealing with the problem, including logging of 2,400 acres, Kennedy said. It will seek public testimony on the plans.

The supervisor of the Mount Hood National Forest will make a final decision regarding

the blowdown in September.

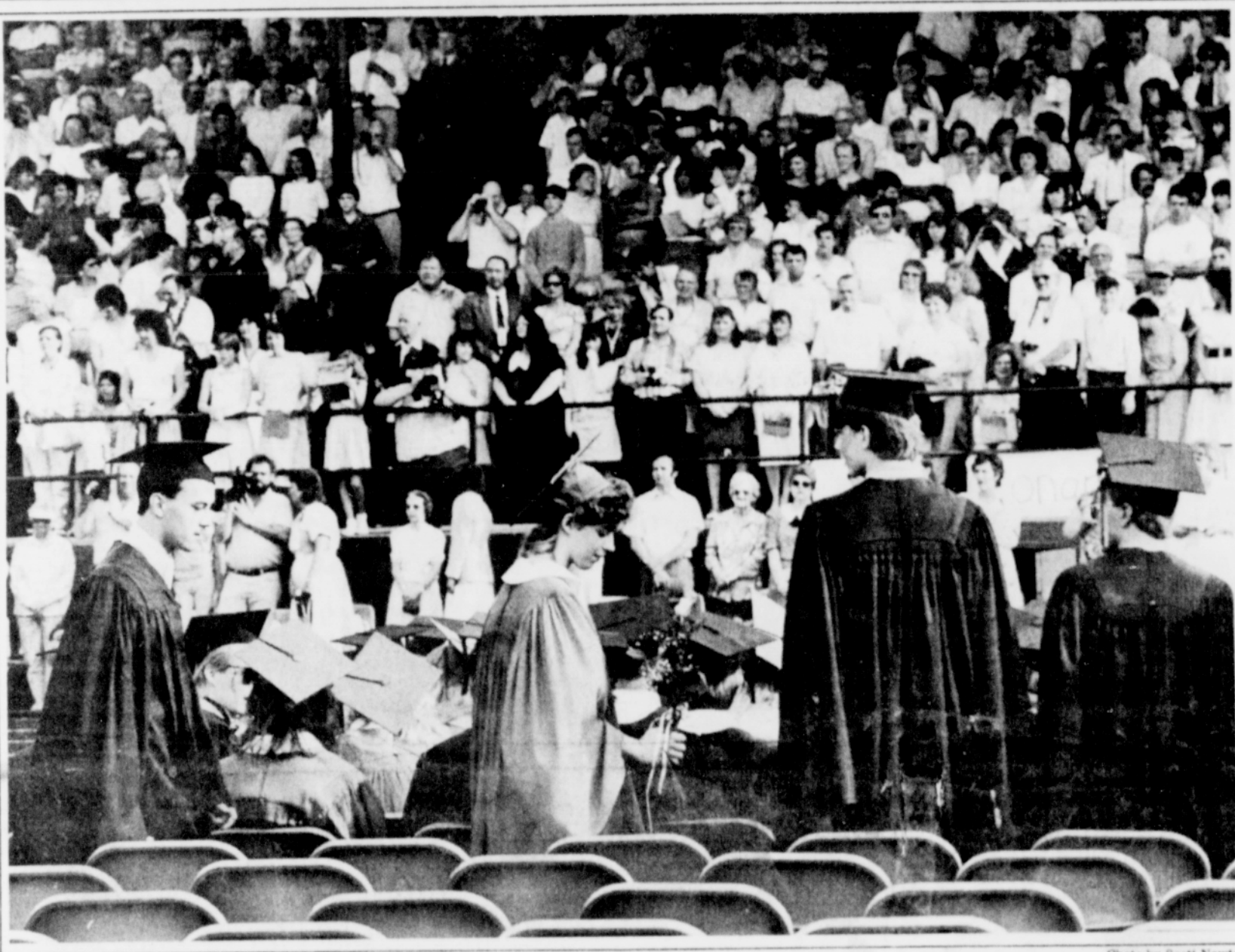
Kennedy expects people in the timber industry to ask for removal of more of the fallen timber, much of which is old-growth Douglas fir, she said. But environmentalists may think the Forest Service should leave the areas of blowdown as they are, she added.

Federal legislation passed in 1977 requires the Forest Service to meet standards established from 1967 to 1982. Environmentalists might question the validity of the standards, McCammon said, because logging was conducted in the watershed at the time they were set.

In his opinion, however, the standards address water quality. He said there is a "state-of-the-art" method of comparing water to the historic standard. Each year, the Forest Service and the Portland Water Bureau examine 25,000 factors that determine water quality.

Water quality in the Bull Run Watershed is important because it is an unfiltered system. Water from the second of two reservoirs on the Bull Run River is screened and chlorinated, then travels through pipes to Gresham and Portland, where it is

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Students take their place before the Sandy High School graduation ceremony at Pop Rannow Stadium. The stadium and additional bleachers were full.

'Awesome' class of '87 gets degrees

by SCOTT NEWTON
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By some people's standards, graduation at Sandy High School Sunday night may have been a little casual. Soapy bubbles drifted everywhere, and colorful tennis shoes were in the rage.

But there also were some moments of seriousness. Superintendent Kent Heaton urged the new graduates to set their sights high and do their best.

"Education should be a lifelong process," Heaton said. "We live in an ever-changing world that will require you to be adaptable."

Meleta Hooley, valedictorian, said Sandy High School can be proud of its academic program, but ad-

ded that valuable skills are being learned in such classes as office occupations, electronics and auto mechanics. Athletics and activities also are important, she said.

Hooley was a National Merit Scholar, Sandy High School's fourth in 10 years. In earning the honor, she was among the top one-half of 1 percent of graduating high school seniors across the country.

Hooley received a \$2,000 scholarship for earning the National Merit Scholarship.

Hobie Anderson, who won ROTC scholarships from three different branches of the military, and Teri Buss, were named "outstanding

seniors," an award that takes in scholarship, school involvement and attitude.

Eight Sandy High School seniors qualified for the Governor's Award, which is given to those in the top 5 percent of the senior class in Oregon. Students who received the Governor's Award were Hooley, Anderson, Melissa Brenner, Andy Dietrich, Robert Kruger, Stacy Leas, Michael Reagan and Chuck Whitlock.

The class of 1987 received over \$75,000 worth of scholarships, according to Dennis Crow, principal.

The three salutatorians — Dietrich, Leas and Yoshiaka "Yo" Masui — also gave addresses.

Masui began his in Japanese. After speaking for a moment, he explained that his mother was present and that it would be easier for her to understand him in Japanese; he needed to tell her thanks.

Masui said he came to the United States six years ago, unable to speak English.

"I'm not here (speaking as salutatorian) because I'm smart," he said, "but because I wanted to make the most of every day."

Masui said teachers, coaches and parents helped him through the hard times.

Masui got a rousing reception from his classmates, but he saved a zinger for last. "Class of 1987," he said, "You guys are awesome."

Theft of mail upsets residents

by SCOTT NEWTON
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Residents of the Knollwood Mobile Estates in Sandy say their valuable mail is disappearing and they are upset that the Sandy Police Department and Post Office have not been able to solve the problem.

Residents at the mobile home court say cash has been taken from a number of envelopes, three paychecks have been stolen and cashed and a Visa card was taken and used. Those incidents occurred before Christmas, but residents fear that someone is still tampering with their mail.

In addition to financial losses, residents are upset because personal mail is taken, opened and discarded. They suspect juveniles are taking the mail to look for money.

Wayne Overcash, park resident, said a letter was taken out of his mailbox as recently as last week.

He said he took a letter to the mailbox about 7 a.m. on June 1, raising the flag to indicate that a letter was in the box. Later in the morning, he noticed the flag was down. Then he saw the postal carrier drive in and discovered his letter was not in the box.

Overcash said park residents do not really know the degree of the problem, or how frequently it occurs. "It's one of those things where you don't really know if you lose mail or not," he said.

Dale Palmblad, manager of Knollwood Mobile Estates, said the officials he worked with did not get "too uptight" over what residents felt was a major problem. Mail theft is a federal offense.

Palmblad wants locked boxes installed at the park, which is in the southwest part of Sandy at 37600 Sunset St.

Rusty Bish, park resident, spent three weeks collecting 49 signatures on a petition that requested locked mailboxes.

"It really disturbed me last Christmas," she said. "I'm 64, I've got friends all over the world, and I look forward to getting Christmas cards from them."

"They're not going to have this solved by next Christmas, either. You're just up against the system, that's all."

"I'm really unhappy," Palmblad, who has discussed the problem several times with Sandy Postmaster Arnie Becker, said requests for locked mailboxes were turned down.

In a letter to Palmblad, Becker wrote, "I have evaluated the mail delivery method at your mobile home park and cannot determine a cost savings to the Postal Service by providing this type of equipment. Therefore, consistent with policy, I am unable to provide the units."

Becker said the U.S. Postal Service policy states that, to go to the expense of purchasing and installing locked boxes, a local post office must prove that delivering letters would be more efficient and save the U.S. Postal Service money.

"The mailboxes are grouped in two locations," Becker said. "We are serving them about as efficiently as possible."

The mobile home park could purchase its own locked boxes at a cost of about \$2,000. Palmblad said locked boxes are provided at other locations, and should be put up at Knollwood Mobile Estates because mail theft is definitely a problem.

Becker said the Postal Service only puts up locked boxes at new locations, unless a cost savings can be shown. Even at new locations, circumstances must meet certain criteria established by the Postal Service.

The mobile home park has 59 trailers. Palmblad said most of the adults in the park work and are not around in the day to watch the mailboxes.

Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel said the potential for theft from mailboxes exists at several locations that share characteristics with Knollwood Mobile Estates. So far, the mobile home park is the only place there has been a problem.

Punzel said mail theft is a serious problem in rural areas outside Sandy. New credit cards — without the owner's signature — are worth \$50 on the streets of Portland, Punzel said.

Palmblad currently has valuable mail sent to a post office box in Boring. Bish has a post office box in Sandy.

Becker recommended that people not send cash through the mail, but send a check or money order instead. If a person needs to send cash, he should send it by registered mail, which is the most secure method of mail delivery.

As for solving the problem, Punzel said he is as dissatisfied with the outcome as Palmblad. "I would have liked to have caught them," Punzel said.

Smile wins TV spots for woman's grandson

Opal Woodcock of Sandy said she thinks her grandson has a nice smile. Some people who make television commercials apparently agree.

Jason Tyler, who is almost 4, is in a commercial currently airing for Golden Graham, a General Mills cereal. He recently was filmed in a commercial for Tyson Chicken, co-starring with country singer Tom T. Hall.

Woodcock and her son, Ron, ran Opel's Cafe in Sandy during the '60s and early '70s. Ron, his wife, Karen, and their two children now live in Salem.

A friend of Tyler's was scheduled to appear in the Golden Graham commercial, and he was supposed to take some friends to the filming. Tyler was asked to go along.

Although Opal Woodcock knew the segment showing Tyler had been picked for use in the commercial, she was surprised to see it on television one day while watching "Days of Our Lives."

The commercial Tyler is in with Tom T. Hall is currently showing in the Midwest, but is to be shown on the



Jason Tyler

West Coast in the fall.

The same people who made the Golden Graham commercial called and asked if Tyler would be available for the Tyson Chicken commercial, Opal said.

Both commercials were filmed in Oregon. Opal said the producers said they are interested in children who seem "real."

Tyler was paid for the days he spent filming and also receives residuals.

Multnomah County renews fight to stop Sandy diversion

by DAVE PINSON
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Multnomah County commissioners have re-enlisted in the battle to halt a proposed hydroelectric project for the Sandy River watershed.

The county board unanimously approved a measure last week that reaffirms the county's opposition to the city of Portland's proposal to generate electricity by diverting water bound for the Sandy River.

Commissioner Polly Casterline said the vote was more of a warning from the county to the city than a formal resolution.

Casterline and other opponents of the project also say the issue is more than a local concern and could have statewide consequences.

The board was responding to a May 6 ruling by the Oregon Court of Appeals that upheld a 1985 decision by the Oregon Water Policy Review Board to grant Portland's

request for the project.

Opponents of the project plan to file a petition of review with the Court of Appeals for a reconsideration of the opinion. If the appellate court declines to reconsider the issue, the matter will go to the Oregon Supreme Court for review.

The controversy centers around the Portland Water Bureau's plan to divert more water from the Bull Run River to the city's ground water pump station at Northeast 162nd Avenue and Marine Drive. By operating the turbines at the pump station backwards, electricity is generated. The city then would sell the electricity to Portland General Electric.

City officials say the only time the project would operate is during winter months when there is excess water in the watershed.

"Our intent is to take water that is surplus," said Clarence Hilbrick, Portland hydroelectric power manager.

But opponents claim the

12.5-mile Sandy Scenic Waterway would be damaged environmentally and economically by the diversion of water.

Hilbrick said that Portland has studied the effects of the plan at length.

"We've gone to great expense (to see if there is going to be an impact)," he said. "And we can't see it."

But the issue is larger than just the Sandy River, says Samuel L. Diack of Boring, who has fought the plan. The issue encompasses the status of scenic river legislation in Oregon, he said.

"We have a situation that really is more important to the whole state than anyone can imagine," Diack said.

"This is really testing the water on the Scenic Water Act," Diack said. "It's a very untried law. Nobody has tested it out."

Casterline said a far-reaching

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Athletic group plans training site

A group called the Ecclesia Athletic Association has applied for a conditional-use permit from Clackamas County to build an athletic training site near Cherville on 49512 S.E. Baty Road.

The group plans to farm 18.5 acres as part of its training regime, growing organic crops for training table consumption, according to a permit application.

Eldridge Broussard, who played for Pacific University and was drafted by the Portland Trail Blazers — though he was cut from the team — is the founder of Ecclesia Athletic Association. The group hopes to move from the inner-city environs of Los Angeles to Oregon and train athletes of Olympic caliber, according to the permit application.

Carolyn Van Brunt, director of public relations, was leaving for Los Angeles Tuesday and was not available for an interview.