

Under the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan, adopted in December 2005, state officials are allowed to kill wolves that chew on livestock such as sheep and cows. But since wolves are an endangered species at both the state and federal levels, offing them would violate the Endangered Species Act. So the ODFW has applied for a special federal "gray wolf recovery permit," currently under review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to let officials shoot wolves with impunity.

Under the permit, the ODFW would be required to first try non-lethal methods, such as strobes and flagged fences, to reduce livestock casualties. State and federal wildlife agents, but not private landowners, would be allowed to kill wolves only as a last resort.

Gray wolves are native to Oregon, but local populations have been gone from the state for more than 50 years. Biologists expect them to eventually migrate back here from neighboring Idaho, where they are established.

Oregon's wolf management plan aims to

help gray wolves survive in the state "while minimizing conflicts with humans, primary land uses and other Oregon wildlife." That may be a self-contradicting goal, as a healthy population of wolves seems destined to conflict with primary land uses (the state's land use planning never had wolves in mind) and other Oregon wildlife (a canine's gotta eat).

"They're going to kill wolves on public land, basically because we're subsidizing cattle to be on the open range," said Brooks Fahy, director of the Eugene-based nonprofit Predator Defense. "Wolves should get priority as an endangered species. Ranchers who choose to loose cattle on public land should not get that priority."

ODFW contacts were out of the office and unable to comment.

The Oregon Department of Administrative Services is currently reviewing ODFW's proposed legislation, which would, among other things, allow farmers and ranchers without permits to kill wolves "caught in the act" of killing livestock.

— Kera Abraham

## Lane County Herbicide Spray Schedule

- **Weyerhaeuser Company** (744-4600): Aerial application of Garlon 3A and 4, 2,4-D LV6, Escort, Chopper, Arsenal, Oust XP, Accord Concentrate and CRT to 189 acres near McCurdy and Tester Creek tributaries (#771-44743). Aerial application to 162 acres near Table Rock, Wilson Creeks, and Coast Fork tributary (#771-55742). Aerial application to 659 acres near Drury, and Whiskey Creeks and Mohawk River tributary in Eastern Lane District (#771-55748). For more info, contact the ODF at 726-3588.
- **Heceta Head Lighthouse State Park** posted a potential Garlon 3A application before Sept. 2. For info, contact Dennis Lucas at 547-3416.

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## COHOUSING UPDATE

Plans for an ambitious downtown cohousing project at 11th and Lincoln are behind schedule but nearing completion, according to Eugene attorney Martin Henner, one of the project's proponents and financial backers.

"The architect and engineer are tweaking and tweaking," says Henner this week. "They say the plans will finally be done in a month. I will believe it when I see them in my hand."

Once the plans for the intentional community are complete, the next step will be putting the 24-unit, three-story condominium development out for bids. The accepted construction bids will determine the costs of the units. The architect is Jonathan Stafford of Eugene, and floor plans can be seen at [www.eugenecohousing.org](http://www.eugenecohousing.org)

So far, Henner says, the group has about 17 households committed to the project, and the group is meeting regularly.

The complex features individual, self-contained apartments with shared common areas, including a dining hall, library and workout room. The first floor will be com-

mercial space and parking.

For more information, see the *EW* online archives for April 20. Henner can be reached at 345-6466.

## ART FROM ANYTHING?

A fire-breathing dragon made from old car bodies? How about a fan-tastic sculpture made from old fans? Part of the Gathering of Gardeners coming up in Cottage Grove in September is a garden art contest with a \$500 grand prize. Just about anything goes, but the rules are the art must be made from recycled materials and be able to be displayed in a garden.

Entry forms are available by contacting the organizers through their website, [www.thegatheringofgardeners.com](http://www.thegatheringofgardeners.com) Entry fee is \$10 and the deadline is Aug. 31. Artists will set up their pieces Friday, Sept. 15 at the Village Green Resort.

The Gathering of Gardeners Festival Sept. 16-17 features speakers, workshops, music, food, plant vendors and activities for all ages.

## Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL

### ISABEL AND DILLON MORAN

A couple of months ago, 10-year-old twins Isabel and Dillon Moran were enjoying an afternoon at Amazon Pool when Dillon noticed a man who seemed to be in trouble. "He said, 'I think I'm having a seizure,' and he fell," says Dillon, who won a commendation from the city for his quick action in summoning a lifeguard. Soon to be fifth-graders at Harris, the Moran twins are Amazon Pool regulars who learned to swim in the YMCA's after-school program. "I'm on the swim team," says Isabel. "I swim because I'm training for basketball." The twins often do volunteer work at the Y, such as minding the front desk or reading to younger kids. They volunteer big-time when they accompany their father, Springfield special-ed teacher Tim Moran, and his students, on community-service projects. "We volunteer a lot at Grassroots Garden," says Isabel. "I picked the largest carrot two years in a row. It accidentally got cut up in the stew." Dillon is leading a project, along with several special-needs young people, to adopt "Ki," an injured red-shouldered hawk, at the Cascades Raptor Center.



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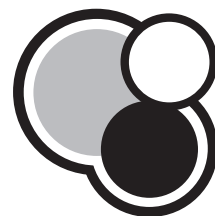


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