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on-street, sculptured bike corrals in car parking and unused space downtown in front of businesses that approve them. Bike corrals are planned for Morning Glory Cafe (450 Willamette St.), Cornucopia (207 East 5th Ave.) and the Kiva Grocery Store (125 West 11th Ave.).

LCC instructor Lee Imonen's Art 117 class is working on designs for the artistic bike corrals. The city said last month that it will display the bike parking art for public comment in the Atrium lobby in January and will continue the display in the downtown library in February. A committee including members from the city's Public Art Committee and Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee will review public comments and pick the winning designs in March. The corrals will be fabricated by an LCC class and installed in the spring, according to the city.

The city also plans to replace parking meters with area pay machines and install bike corrals on 13th Avenue near the UO.

— Alan Pittman

its requirement that it update its management plan for black bears every five years. The conservation group Big Wildlife sent the ODFW its final notice of intent to sue over the agency's failure to update its black bear management plan in a timely manner last week. The suit now has no grounds because the ODFW has suspended its own regulation.

Rick Hargrave, a spokesman for the ODFW, says the rule was suspended because the bear plan revision was so long overdue that it was a "moot point." Hargrave says, "Litigation would bog down the process to begin revision." According to Hargrave, the next black bear plan probably won't include the requirement that it update its plan according to a predetermined schedule. "The legislative session could impose a review but there likely won't be a requirement inside the bear plan," Hargrave said.

"It's just bare, bare [bear?] minimum to require the agency to comply with its own laws; there's nothing political about that," Big Wildlife Director Spencer Lennard says. Lennard says that not including an update deadline will cause harm to bears in the future. "I have no trust in this agency, and I don't think that most Oregonians looking at this debacle will have much more," he says.

The ODFW has announced its intention to update its plan by the end of the year. The black bear plan outlines ODFW's

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THE BEAR NECESSITIES

The science on bears marches on, but it looks like updates to Oregon's management plan for the predators will move much more slowly. More than 12 years after its 1998 due date, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has suspended

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