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North Head Lighthouse set for major repairs

State provides \$1.3 million for next phase of restoration

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CAPE DISAPPOINT-MENT, Wash. — Money is now in place to continue much-needed repairs to a popular tourist destination and an important historical structure on the Long Beach Peninsula - though not as much money as Washington State Parks would like.

The department requested \$2.3 million to move into the next phase of work on North Head Lighthouse in Cape Disappointment State Park near Ilwaco, Wash. Instead, state parks received \$1.3 million.

Now, what they hoped to accomplish in only two phases — phase one was recently fin-

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Capital Press

doesn't just mean less water. It

rivers, where infrequent rains

and an almost nonexistent

waterways and dangerous fire

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droelectric energy generated by

government dams has dropped

dams on the Columbia and its

major tributaries produced 8.59

million megawatts of power,

according to data from the U.S.

timeframe, the dams generated

dro system, and there's just less

of it," Bonneville Power Admin-

istration spokesman Joel Scruggs

said. "We're prepared to handle

This year, during the same

"Water is our fuel on the hy-

Army Corps of Engineers.

just 5.78 million megawatts.

Through May of last year, 23

also means less power.

by almost one-third.

SALEM — A drought

On the Columbia and Snake



This 2009 photo of the base of North Head Lighthouse shows substantial time- and weather-related damage suffered by the iconic structure, which will soon see an upswing in exterior restoration work.

ished this spring — will be split into three, said spokesperson Virginia Painter. The funds received from the state's 2015-17 capital budget, which provides money for various infrastructure improvements, will go toward stone masonry repair and replacement at the base of the lighthouse tower as well as

throughout the lighthouse and other rooms.

Since the parks department received less money than anticipated, project managers are working to re-scope the project, and will need to request more money in the next biennium to complete the next phase, Painter said. There could be another phase of work after that to complete repairs and rehabilitation to the surrounding grounds, she

Still, the money will bring them a long way.

North Head Lighthouse celebrated its 117th birthday June 6, and is one of the few such structures to still have most of its outbuildings intact.

Phase one work, which began this February and wrapped up at the beginning of June, replaced and restored damaged metal work throughout the lighthouse and painted its red roof black, the same color it would have been over a century before when it was operated by the Lighthouse Keepers.

The parks department has made other improvements to that portion of the park. Last year, contractors widened the narrow North Head Lighthouse Road, which leads to the lighthouse, improved the parking lot and carved out a paved multiuse trail through the trees parallel to the road.

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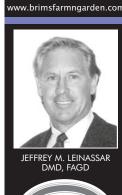
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a lot of uncertainty."

Drought reduces hydroelectric output

Joel Scruggs Bonneville Power Administration spokesman

snowpack have led to parched the dry year and we're hopeful that we'll see more water. Other-

> wise we'll manage accordingly." The BPA, a federal agency in charge marketing electricity produced by the dams, provides almost 35 percent of the power in the region.

> The system's portfolio includes major producers such as the Dalles Dam on the Columbia, where the water flow has dropped to roughly 145,000 cubic feet per second, from 235,000 cubic feet this time last year.

> That's primarily due to the lack of snowfall, according to Bill Proctor, chief of hydrologic engineering and power for the northwestern division of the Corps.

It's not the snow you see on peaks — that sort of glacial ice is around all year. Instead, Proctor said, rivers are fed by runoff, usually rain or melted snow. And while precipitation fed the Pacific Northwest river system in the spring, the lack of snowfall at lower elevations has created the second worst runoff situation here in the last 55 years.

So on the Snake, one of the Columbia's major tributaries, streamflow has dropped to an estimated 25,000 cubic feet per second, compared to a normal flow of 54,000. It's expected to stay that way through the end of the summer.

Both the Corps and the BPA

won't lead to an immediate rate increase for consumers and businesses. "The BPA doesn't change

say the drop in power production

rates every day," Proctor said. "Their purchase price doesn't affect your price today. But the rates you're paying now will affect the rates in the future ... when (the BPA) recalculates

Karl Kanbergs, team leader for the reservoir control center,

"When resources are scarce, the price goes up. That's true for anything.'

Scruggs, the BPA spokesperson, said the agency sets rates every two years. He said a prolonged, multiyear drought is a possibility, not a certainty.

"I don't think we want to play with hypotheticals. We're concerned with managing the system right now," he said. "When you're dependent on the weather, there's always a lot of uncertainty.'

Warrenton triplex damaged in fire

The Daily Astorian

A Warrenton triplex was substantially damaged Monday night after catching

The Warrenton Fire Department responded to the structure fire at 9:52 p.m. near the 92000 block of Whiskey Road.

"The upper half of the triplex was ful-

ly involved," Warrenton Fire Chief Tim

No injuries were reported from the fire since the residents were out of the triplex.

One of the residents initially came home and saw a small fire near the outside deck. She ran inside to grab her dog, then called 911.

The fire apparently started from smok-

ing material in the triplex, Demers said.

Nearly half of the triplex was damaged from the fire, including smoke and water damage.

"There is some significant smoke damage to all of the structure," he said. Fire crews stayed on scene for a while

to overhaul material and mop, Demers

Highway 26 to close for demolition work

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The Sunset Highway, U.S. 26, is closing in both directions Monday night for demolition work on the west side of the Helvetia Road overpass.

Single-lane closures begin in both directions at 8 p.m., with full closure in place by 10 p.m. All lanes are reopen-

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the Youngs River Falls south

Rescue, Lewis and Clark

Volunteer Fire Department

Olney-Walluski Fire and

of Astoria Sunday afternoon.

ing by 5 a.m. Tuesday.

Both eastbound and westbound travelers will be directed onto the Brookwood/ Helvetia off-ramps and the on-ramps leading back to the highway.

The U.S. 26 Northwest Brookwood Parkway/Helvetia Interchange project will improve traffic flow and safety in the interchange area. Project elements include:

 Constructing a new westbound U.S. 26 to southbound Brookwood Parkway exit loop ramp.

· Reconstructing the westbound U.S. 26 entrance ramp from Northwest Helvetia

• Widening the Northwest Brookwood Parkway overcrossing to accommodate additional northbound and

southbound lanes over U.S

· Extending the rightturn lane from northbound Brookwood Parkway to the eastbound U.S. 26 entrance ramp.

· Adding sidewalks and bike lanes within the inter-

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Man injured after jump from Youngs River Falls

The crews assisted bystanders A man suffered a broken who pulled the man to shore back, broken ankle and trauma and kept him on his back. to his head after jumping from

scene at about 6 p.m. Sunday.

"It took quite a few of us to get him up the hill," Olney-Walluski Fire Chief Ron Tyson said.

The man, who has not been identified, was lifeflighted to Portland.

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Tyson said the Youngs River Falls are deceiving and more shallow than people realize.

"If they don't jump out far enough they hit a ledge," he said. "I've seen a lot of broken arms and bumps to the head."

Tyson said he would like to

see signs near the falls warning people about jumping. Signs have been posted in the past, he said, but are often pulled

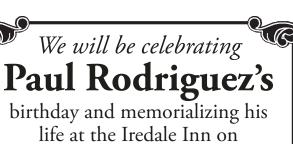
"We would like to get something that would be a little more permanent," Tyson said.

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