

Deal will add 10,000 acres to wildlife area

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SALEM — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is moving ahead with a deal that will more than double the size of a wildlife area where the public can hike, hunt and fish on the Lower Deschutes River.



Courtesy of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is close to a deal to acquire a more than 10,000-acre ranch on the Lower Deschutes River, including Oak Creek Canyon pictured here.

The agency has worked with the Trust for Public Land over the last two-and-a-half years to acquire the former ranch, which will cost \$3 million. Private groups partnered with the state to raise the money.

Lawmakers gave their support to the plan before they went home in July, and the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission voted

unanimously to acquire the land at a meeting Friday. The proposal will add more

than 10,000 acres to an existing 8,500-acre wildlife area on the river.

Used by sheep, steelhead

The parcel is the only private land along the Deschutes River that is “heavily used by bighorn sheep” and two streams on the property are spawning grounds for steelhead, according to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

In July, the Legislature approved the use of \$1.3 million from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to help purchase the land, as part of House Bill 5006. Other money for the acquisition comes from more than \$1 million in mitigation fees that utilities paid to the state, \$225,000 from the Trust for Public Land, a \$135,000 Oregon Parks and Recreation Department grant and donations from two wild

sheep groups. The state will not use hunting and fishing license fees on the purchase, according to a Department of Fish and Wildlife document.

Unique habitats

Jeremy Thompson, a district wildlife biologist for the agency in The Dalles, said the property is important “because of the unique habitats in the Deschutes and the ability to tie together a large landscape of public ground in the canyon.”

“Being able to have the entire Oak Creek drainage, and have the ability to try to manage fisheries habitat in that, will be exciting for us,” Thompson said, referring to one of the steelhead spawning grounds.

The existing Lower Deschutes River wildlife area is a popular location for people to view bighorn sheep, and it’s also a good place for bird watching with habitat for raptors, migratory songbirds and game birds, according to the agency. Thompson said the Department of Fish and Wildlife will also continue to allow livestock grazing on the property as a management tool.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife already owns or manages 20 wildlife or recreation areas across the state, with a total of more than 200,000 acres.

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Tab for DAS employee inquiry hits \$25,000

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SALEM — Oregon’s administrative agency has spent approximately \$25,000 since February on a human resources investigation of two top managers at the state data center.

Michael Rodgers, the acting director of the data center, and Technical Engineering Manager Marshall Wells were placed on paid administrative leave days after then-Gov. John Kitzhaber resigned in February.

Much of the cost is due to the

involvement of Oregon Department of Justice lawyers. Matt Shelby, a spokesman for the Department of Administrative Services which manages the data center, said the agency brought in Department of Justice lawyers to provide a third-party review of the situation.

“In this particular case, our (human resources) folks felt it was best to go through DOJ on this one,” Shelby said.

A spokeswoman for the Oregon Department of Justice said the agency did not have any comment on when lawyers

will complete the investigation.

Michael Jordan, the state’s chief operating officer and director of the Department of Administrative Services at the time, told The Oregonian that Rodgers and Wells were placed on leave during an internal investigation into a dispute over how to handle computers and phones used by the Kitzhaber administration. Rodgers has since admitted in an interview with Willamette Week that he leaked approximately 6,000 of Kitzhaber’s emails to the newspaper.

Shelby said Rodgers and Wells “were put on leave pending the outcome of an investigation into their response to a federal subpoena.”

The U.S. Justice Department served the Department of Administrative Services on Feb. 13 with a broad subpoena for records related to Hayes and Kitzhaber.

“Back when they were put on leave, we were in the middle of responding to that federal subpoena and were trying to do it in the most efficient and responsible way,” Shelby said. “Actions they were taking were making that more difficult.”

Wells contacted a U.S. attorney at some point in that pro-

cess, according to a text message to Rodgers that became part of a state police investigation. Jordan asked Oregon State Police to investigate the leak of Kitzhaber’s emails, and the police ultimately concluded that Rodgers had released the records.

“I may have crossed a line by directly contacting the U.S. attorney,” Wells wrote in the Feb. 19 text message. “I gather only Michael Jordan and high up folks have been involved in conversations.”

Shelby said employees at the Department of Administrative Services were supposed to coordinate their response to the federal subpoena through the Oregon Department of Justice.

“If we’ve got multiple staff from all those agencies going to the U.S. attorneys and saying, ‘What’s the best way for you to receive this information,’ that doesn’t make for a good efficient process,” Shelby said. However, he added that “U.S. attorneys can contact anybody they want, and have throughout this process. They don’t need to tell us who they’re talking to, and the people they talk to don’t need to tell us. There’s nothing we can do on that front to prohibit anyone from speaking with the U.S. attorneys.”

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ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Mostly cloudy
56°

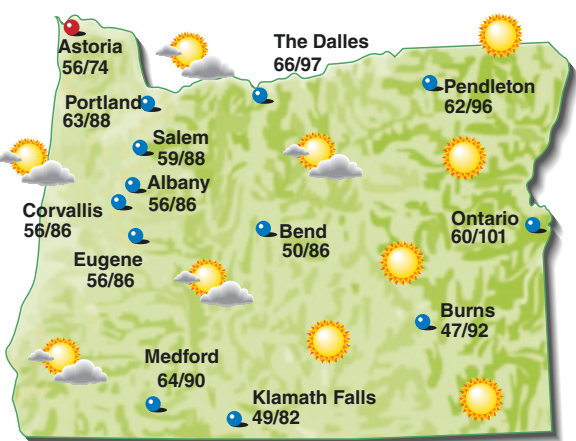
Tuesday
Partly sunny
74° 57°

Thursday
Mostly cloudy, a shower in the afternoon
69° 56°

Wednesday
Partly sunny
72° 56°

Friday
Partly sunny with a couple of showers
69° 55°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures	
High	74°
Low	52°
Normal high	69°
Normal low	54°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.02"
Normal month to date	0.23"
Year to date	27.80"
Normal year to date	37.17"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	8:33 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday	6:09 a.m.
Moonrise today	2:35 a.m.
Moonset today	5:46 p.m.
Moon Phases	
New	Aug 14
First	Aug 22
Full	Aug 29
Last	Sep 5

Regional Cities

City	Hi	Lo	W	Tues.	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	86	49	t	94	52	s	
Bend	81	50	pc	86	54	pc	
Brookings	70	57	pc	68	57	pc	
Eugene	83	56	pc	86	57	pc	
Ilwaco	67	58	pc	68	58	pc	
Klamath Falls	82	49	s	82	46	s	
Medford	87	64	pc	90	60	pc	
Newport	64	53	pc	65	55	pc	
North Bend	69	55	pc	68	56	pc	

City	Hi	Lo	W	Tues.	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	87	54	pc	89	57	pc	
Pendleton	90	62	t	96	66	s	
Portland	85	63	pc	88	64	pc	
Roseburg	83	62	pc	86	61	pc	
Salem	85	59	pc	88	60	pc	
Seaside	70	57	pc	70	57	pc	
Spokane	91	63	pc	97	70	pc	
Vancouver	85	61	pc	87	62	pc	
Yakima	94	61	pc	98	62	s	

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Cygnus the Swan soars high overhead on summer nights before midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

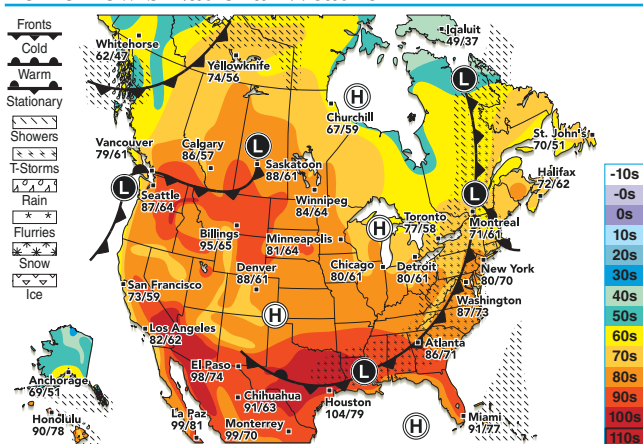
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
	12:25 p.m.	7.0 ft.	6:10 a.m.	-0.6 ft.
	11:56 p.m.	8.4 ft.	5:56 p.m.	2.1 ft.

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	W	Tues.	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	89	72	pc	86	71	t	
Boston	78	64	pc	74	67	t	
Chicago	84	65	t	80	61	s	
Denver	86	60	t	80	61	pc	
Des Moines	82	65	pc	83	65	s	
Detroit	79	65	t	80	61	pc	
El Paso	100	74	pc	98	74	s	
Fairbanks	54	43	c	58	45	pc	
Honolulu	89	77	pc	90	78	pc	
Indianapolis	85	66	t	82	60	pc	
Kansas City	86	65	pc	83	62	s	
Las Vegas	103	78	s	102	79	pc	
Los Angeles	78	60	pc	82	62	pc	
Memphis	97	77	pc	91	71	t	
Miami	89	77	t	91	77	t	
Nashville	86	72	t	88	67	s	
New Orleans	95	79	s	96	79	pc	
New York	82	71	pc	80	70	t	
Oklahoma City	96	74	pc	88	68	c	
Philadelphia	80	72	c	82	70	t	
St. Louis	88	72	pc	86	68	s	
Salt Lake City	92	68	s	90	71	pc	
San Francisco	71	61	pc	73	59	pc	
Seattle	86	61	pc	87	64	s	
Washington, DC	82	74	pc	87	73	t	

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

OBITUARIES

JoAnn Helen Walker Ilwaco, Wash.

Sept. 9, 1936 — July 28, 2015

JoAnn Helen Walker was born in Brainerd, Minn., to her parents, Earl and Alma (Carlson) Walker. She attended Warrenton Schools.

She married Edwin Brown, with whom she raised her five children in Gearhart, Ore. She later married twice more, Donald Forrester and Herbert (Ed) Berg. She spent the majority of her life on the North Oregon and Southwest Washington coast.

JoAnn worked for many years at Public Market, later Thriftway grocery store, in Seaside, Ore. She and Ed Berg also owned and operated Faraway Farms in Seaside.

JoAnn is survived by her daughter, Sally Brown (Joy Martin); sons, Steve (Valerie), Scott (Debbie) and Jeff (Gloria) Brown; two grandchildren, Brenda and Adam Brown; and the light of her life, great-grandson Jared Rovario. Surviving brothers include Darald

(Darlene) and James (Rutha) Walker, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husbands; son,

Jerry Brown; brothers, Orville, Robert, Jack and Jerry Walker; and her sister, Shirley Shelton (Walker).

JoAnn spent her last few years in Ilwaco, Wash., close to family and friends. She was always interested in what others were doing, had a fond memory of the past while enjoying the present, and was known for her love of family and her many friends.

Her passion was her yard and gardens, with begonias as her favorite. She was an avid collector, but it was in her yard and with her flowers where she would be found, knees in the dirt and a smile on her face.

As per her request, there will be no formal service, but rather the encouragement to enjoy your family, friends and flowers.



JoAnn Walker

Birth

July 8, 2015

MARIN-FONTANILLA, Maureen and Eduardo, of Warrenton, a boy Christopher Marin-Fontanilla, born at Columbia Me-

morial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Gavino and Teresa Marin of Warrenton and Ador and Al Beutler of Naselle, Wash.

Lotteries

OREGON	
Sunday's Pick 4:	7 p.m.: 1-4-4-0
1 p.m.: 5-2-0-7	10 p.m.: 9-9-0-4
4 p.m.: 6-7-3-7	Friday's Pick 4:
7 p.m.: 7-5-9-1	1 p.m.: 0-5-3-4
10 p.m.: 4-6-0-7	4 p.m.: 7-6-8-0
Saturday's Megabucks: 12-14-21-30-41-43	7 p.m.: 7-8-3-6
Estimated jackpot: \$5.7 million.	10 p.m.: 2-2-5-4
Saturday's Powerball: 09-34-48-52-54, Powerball: 15, Power Play: 4	WASHINGTON
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million.	Sunday's Daily Game: 1-5-6
Saturday's Pick 4:	Sunday's Keno: 02-05-09-15-17-26-27-29-42-45-46-48-53-59-66-70-76-78-79-80
1 p.m.: 9-8-8-2	Sunday's Match 4: 03-07-16-19
4 p.m.: 3-6-6-8	Saturday's Daily Game: 9-6-1
	Saturday's Hit 5: 05-13-18-24-29
	Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
	Saturday's Keno: 04-06-07-11-12-14-16-19-21-26-27-31-47-48-53-56-63-70-73-77
	Saturday's Lotto: 12-15-18-20-28-47
	Estimated jackpot: \$2 million
	Saturday's Match 4: 06-08-12-24
	Friday's Daily Game: 7-4-0
	Friday's Keno: 01-04-13-15-16-21-24-27-29-38-42-53-56-61-63-64-65-72-74-77
	Friday's Match 4: 14-16-19-20
	Friday's Mega Millions: 01-38-53-63-66, Mega Ball: 10

Public meetings

MONDAY
Astoria School Board, 5:30 p.m., work session, CMH Field, 1800 Williamsport Road.
Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 989 Broadway, Seaside.

TUESDAY
Warrenton-Hammond

School Board, 5:30 to 7 p.m., work session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Warrenton High School Library, 1700 S.E. Main Ave.
Clatsop Community College Board, 6 p.m., work session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Columbia Hall Room 219,

1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.
Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

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