Lawmakers hear arguments over Owyhee monument

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI Capital Bureau

SALEM — Advocates and opponents of a proposed 2.5 million-acre national monument in Eastern Oregon tried to enlist the support of state lawmakers during a legislative hearing.

The two sides are mounting competing public relations campaigns to influence the possible designation of the Owyhee Canyonlands National Monument, which will ultimately be decided by President Barack Obama.

Critics say the area is bigger than the Yellowstone, Yosemite or Grand Canyon national parks and would cover 40 percent of Malheur County.

Ranchers and other natural resource users in the region have objected to the proposal, fearing the establishment of a national monument will entail new regulations on public land and invite additional environmental lawsuits.

"We see it as a rash and somewhat of a belligerent move to force a monument in this area," rancher Elias Eiguren told the House Committee on Rural Communities. Land Use and Water on Monday.

While grazing could theoretically continue within the national monument, the

TONIGHT

Increasing clouds

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Temperatures

Precipitation

Monday

High/low ..

Astoria through Monday.

Normal high/low

Normal month to date

SUN AND MOON

June 4

TOMORROW'S TIDES

High

NATIONAL CITIES

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UNDER THE SKY

head before midnight

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

Astoria / Port Docks

Time

City

Atlanta

Boston

Chicago

Denver

Detroit

El Paso

Fairbanks

Honolulu

Des Moines

3:33 a.m.

June 12

Time

10:37 a.m.

10:41 p.m

Tonight's Sky: Hercules the Hero is nearing over-

Normal year to date

Sunrise Wednesday

Moonrise today

Moonset today

May 29

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

for 150 years, that's how protected it is," Bentz said. "It's already been frozen in place. Why add another layer?"

The Oregon Natural Desert Association and other environmental groups that support the monument proposal say they're not trying to eliminate grazing, but instead want to prevent mining, transmission lines and oil and gas development.

The Owyhee Canyonlands currently aren't protected from these threats under existing laws, said Brent Fenty, executive director of the association.

For about 30 years, the region has been a "wilderness study area," which offers temporary protections that won't become permanent unless approved by Congress, Fenty said.

He likened the situation to a marital engagement that hasn't actually led to a wedding for decades.

'We have not made a commitment to holding this landscape together," said Fenty.

Environmental have pushed for Congress to designate the Owyhee Canyonlands region in southeast Oregon as a "national conservation area." but the effort hasn't gained traction, which led to the national monument proposal, he said. National monuments can be established with an executive action by the president.

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FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy with a

couple of showers

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City

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Pendleton

Portland

Roseburg

Salem

Seaside

Spokane

Springfield

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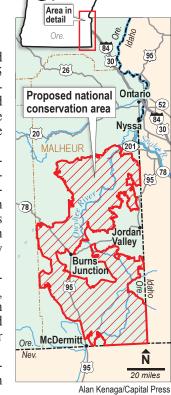
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Forecasts and graphics provide

40/62



details of livestock management within its boundaries would surely be subject to costly litigation, Eiguren said.

State Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, questioned why it's necessary to designate the area as a national monument when it's already protected under several federal environmental laws as a property of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

"This land is so protected that nothing has happened on it

REGIONAL WEATHER

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Roseburg

Medford

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TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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REGIONAL CITIES

Tillamook 49/58

Brookings

City

Bend

Baker City

Brookings

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Medford

Newberg

Newport

North Bend

Klamath Falls

THURSDAY

Cloudy with a couple of

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows a

Prineville

Wed. Lo

65 35

66 45

58 51

75 48

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature

64 46

58 47

61 49

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WEDNESDAY

Mostly cloudy with a

shower in places

5:32 a.m.

11:18 p.m.

... 8:04 a.m.

Full

June 20

Low

Wed. Lo

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OBITUARIES

Susan Marie Jones

Astoria

March 18, 1954 — May 19, 2016

Susan Marie Jones passed away at home in Astoria, Oregon, on May 19, 2016. She was born in Astoria, Oregon, on March 18, 1954, to the late Eben and Nancy Parker. She is survived by her husband of 22 years, James

Susan was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. She enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and great-grandkids, fishing, camping, gardening and going to garage sales. She loved being around her family and friends. She always lived life to the fullest. She also enjoyed playing with her ferrets.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Cathy Ann Grimes, and a brother, Eben Steven Parker.

Wood (Scott) and Melissa Michaelson (Rudy); son-in-law Keith Hutchens (Melanie); grand-

Susan **Jones**

daughters Keisha Jones, Samantha Wood, Alexis Godwin, Meranda Godwin and Amanda Hall; grandsons Quentin Yuill, Declan Michaelson and

Darren Myers; great-grandchildren Elizabeth Benthin, Nichole Harriss and Jaxon Hall; brothers Burt Parker (Rochelle) and Sean Parker; sisters Cindy Flagel (Joe), Debbie Westfall (Bob), Beth Rowland (Bill), Lynn Anderson and Shanna Davis (Michael); and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A potluck-style celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, May 25, at 6 p.m. at the Astoria Moose Lodge, Astoria, Oregon. Bring your favorite

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrange-

She is survived by her daughters, Carrie ments. An online guest book for memories and condolences is available at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

Puppy stolen from vehicle in Fred Meyer parking lot

By KYLE SPURR The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Someone stole a 14-month-old Shih Tzu puppy named "Juki" from a vehicle in the parking lot of Fred Meyer on Monday.

Warrenton Police said the incident occurred between 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and was not captured on video surveillance. No witnesses could be found.

A good Samaritan taking the dog is unlikely, police said, since all previous good Samaritan incidents have had the person calling police, leaving a note or going to the animal shelter.

The dog's owner left the vehicle's windows cracked and it appears that is how the suspect gained entry.

The owner was inside the



Juki, a Shih Tzu puppy, was stolen from the Fred Meyer parking lot Monday morning.

store for 10 to 15 minutes, police said, and did nothing illegal or improper.

If someone saw Juki being taken, they are asked to call Officer Matt Riley at 503-861-5622.

Juki has a chip with the owner's information implanted in him

BIRTH

May 7, 2016

KNUTSON, Mariah, and COX, Russell, of Astoria, a girl, Mesa Jeannine Cox, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Cindy Duncan of Knappa, Greg Knutson of Seaside and Sandra Page-Cox of Mesa, Arizona.

ON THE RECORD

DUII arrests

• At 6:27 p.m. Friday, Ore-Donald Hagbo, 34, of Canby, for driving under the influence of intoxicants on U.S. Highway 26 mile post 14.

• At 11:17 p.m. Friday, Oregon State Police arrested Justin Casey Smith, 26, of Seaside, for DUII on North Holladay Drive and 15th Avenue in Seaside.

• At 12:50 a.m. Saturday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Jereme Lee Holmes, 34, of Vernonia, for DUII on West Bond Street and

West Marine Drive in Astoria. • At 2:10 a.m. Saturday,

gon State Police arrested Cory Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Sara T. Hill, 34, of Astoria, for DUII and resisting arrest at 10th Street and Astor Street in Astoria.

• At 2:20 a.m. Saturday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Jessica Leanne Tussing, 23, of Vancouver, Wash., for DUII at Burger King in Astoria.

 At 2:20 p.m. Sunday, Oregon State Police arrested Barbara Ann Ostlund, 63, of Hillsboro, for DUII and reckless driving on Creekside Road in Gearhart.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., Astoria Public Library Flag Room, 450 10th St. Warrenton City Commission,

6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave. **Seaside Airport Advisory**

Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway. **Astoria Planning Commis**sion, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095

WEDNESDAY **Astoria Parks and Recreation Board,** 6:45 a.m., ARC, 1555 W.

Duane St.

Marine Drive. **Astoria Library Renovation** Project Open House, 4:30 p.m., Astoria Public Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.

Clatsop County Housing Authority Board, 5 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

Astoria City Council/Library Board, 7 p.m., special meeting on library project, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Bounty expands for bighorn shooter

The Daily Astorian

Hunters have increased the reward for information about the shooting of a bighorn ram off Interstate 84 in April to \$15,050. The Oregon Hunters Asso-

ciation said the reward is among the largest ever offered for a poaching case in the state. The ram, who was shot

out of season, is the third illegal bighorn killing this spring.

"This particular poaching case has incensed hunters across the state, as this is an iconic species that was once extirpated from Oregon by settlers," Jim Akenson, the conservation director of the Oregon Hunters Association, said in a statement. "Sportsmen helped bring bighorns back, and sportsmen shepherd this flock vigilantly."

Anyone with information about the shooting is urged to contact the Oregon State Police at 541-705-5330 or the Turn In Poachers hotline at 1-800-452-7888.

DEATH

May 23, 2016

RETTEW, Harold Smith Jr., 79, of Astoria, died in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Monday's Pick 4: **1 p.m.:** 0-5-3-0

4 p.m.: 4-3-4-9 **7 p.m.:** 2-8-2-8

10 p.m.: 9-9-1-7

Monday's Megabucks: 13-

20-24-35-38-47 Estimated jackpot: \$5 million

WASHINGTON Monday's Daily Game:

Monday's Hit 5: 06-10-17-27-31

Estimated jackpot: \$310,000 Monday's Keno: 03-05-08-10-12-15-17-22-25-28-30-34-38-42-43-44-59-62-65-75 Monday's Lotto: 06-09-26-33-35-43

Estimated jackpot: \$1.3 million

Monday's Match 4: 09-19-

21-23

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