

Police report spike in motorcycle thefts

Four motorcycles have gone missing in Hood River in the last week, and police are looking for suspects.

Hood River Police officers took two reports of stolen motorcycles in residential neighborhoods last week. In both thefts, the vehicles were parked outside of the owners' residences and within view of the street.

"The two locations where the theft occurred are not in close proximity to each other," said Hood River Police Sgt. Don Cheli in a written release Sunday. "It is be-

lieved the suspect is targeting motorcycles left outside overnight."

The Hood River County Sheriff's Office also took a report of two motorcycles stolen from a west side residence Saturday morning. Two dirt bikes — one worth \$2,000 and one worth \$500 — were taken in the night from a home at Post Canyon Drive. The Sheriff's Office reported that the bikes were likely "left unsecured."

In a written release, Hood River Police Department encouraged residents to park

their motorcycles inside a secure location if possible. In cases where inside storage isn't possible, they suggested alternate means of protection: locking the ignition and removing the key, securing the motorcycle by locking it to a stationary object that cannot be easily dismantled or installing an alarm on the motorcycle.

Anyone with information about the recent motorcycle thefts is encouraged to contact Detective Mike Martin at the Hood River Police Department (541) 387-5256.



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

RYAN'S JUICE EMPLOYEES help move furniture from FISH's old location on June Street to the new location on Tucker Road on Monday. See more photos on A1.

FLUORIDE

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Haynie said the ballot's language considered fluoride a contaminant due to its trace amounts of arsenic. However, he argued that canned tuna has thousands of times more arsenic than the standard for fluoridated water, which is 0.7 milligrams per liter according to a new recommendation from the U.S. Health Authority (HHS) released in late April.

The HHS recommended a maximum of 0.7 milligrams per liter nationwide, according to an April news release, which reduced the former nationwide range of 0.7 to 1.2 milligrams per liter to a single target, in order to prevent fluorosis through fluoride overexposure, which can harm and stain children's developing teeth.

Haynie said there have been a series of "wins" and "losses" for pro-fluoridation advocates in Oregon within the last decade. In the Columbia Gorge, The Dalles water supply remains fluoridated, but Hood River is unfluoridated. In Western Oregon, voters in some cities have recently adopted the additive including Philomath in 2012 and Sweet Home in 2014. However, according to a May 2013 report by the Oregonian, a ballot measure failed in Portland by a 60-to-40 margin.



Submitted Photo

DR. CHARLES HAYNIE speaks about water fluoridation to oral health leaders at the National Oral Health Conference in Kansas City, Mo., on April 26.

TREKKER

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taking destination," said Mike Glover, director of the Hood River County Chamber of Commerce. "We think Hood River and the Columbia River Gorge should be on everyone's bucket list as a must-visit vacation destination, and now Google Maps will give people a tantalizing preview of the spectacular natural beauty they can experience here."

"Hood River's striking

scenery and natural beauty is unparalleled, and now it's available for everyone around the world to see, preview and inspire them to visit in person," said Deanna Yick, Google Maps Street View program manager. "Loaning our Trekker equipment to Hood River County Chamber of Commerce was truly the best way to create a virtual experience of such a spectacular place, as they know it best."

Operated by an Android device, the Trekker consists of 15 lenses at the top of the mast, each angled in a different direction that enabled

Google to stitch together a 360-degree panoramic view of the trails and car-free areas hiked to by volunteers. Over a period of three months in 2014, the Hood River County Chamber of Commerce Google Trekker team of four hikers hiked more than 40 miles in three months while wearing the 40-pound packs to capture the area's wild highlights.

"When people ask us for recommendations about where to explore in our wildly gorgeous backyard, now not only can we tell them, but we can show them via Google Maps," said Rara Byrne,

events assistant at the Hood River Chamber of Commerce and one of the Google Trekkers.

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area is one of nine in the United States. It stretches 85 miles long and includes portions of three Oregon and three Washington counties.

Formed by ancient volcanoes and sculpted by floods, the Columbia River Gorge carves an impressive corridor through the Cascade Mountains as the great river journeys to the Pacific Ocean. The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area

Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Nov. 17, 1986.

The area is overseen by the Columbia River Gorge Commission, which works in partnership with the United States Forest Service, the states of Oregon and Washington, four Native American Treaty Tribes, and six counties within the Scenic Area.

Some of the Columbia River Gorge and Hood River County sites and destinations highlighted on Google Maps are:

- Wahclella Falls Trail
- Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail
- Hood River
- Waterfront Trail
- Weldon Wagon Trail
- Panorama Point
- County Park
- Mosier Twin Tunnels
- Klickitat Trail
- Latourell Falls, Guy W. Talbot State Park
- Oneonta Gorge
- Lost Lake, Lakshore Trail
- Rowena Plateau Trail
- Elowah Falls
- Hood River Pipeline Trail
- Falls Creek Falls
- Cooper Spur Trail

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