

Vancouver man dies in Skamania County Crash

A Vancouver man was found dead Sunday in a scorched car wedged between two trees, 20 feet off the highway on Wind River Road in Skamania County.

The Skamania County Sheriff's Office identified the driver as Lawrence Nett, 59, of Vancouver on Monday, Emily Gillespie of the Columbian reported.

Skamania County EMS and Rescue (SCEMS) responded to reports of a car crash at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. The crash oc-

curred in a remote area north of Carson in Skamania County, near mile post 16.5 on Forest Service Road 30, most commonly known as Wind River Highway.

Emergency crews arrived to find a two-door sports sedan 20 feet off the roadway, wedged between two trees. The vehicle had been engulfed in flames, but was put out by some nearby campers before the fire districts arrived. The lone occupant of the sedan, later identified as

Nett, was pronounced dead at the scene.

SCEMS, Skamania County Fire District #1, and Skamania County Sheriff's Office responded to the crash scene.

Skamania Emergency Services also reported a brush fire at about the same time as the crash. The 50 ft. by 75 ft. fire was 16 miles down the road, at mile post 0.5 on Wind River Highway. SCEMS called in a mutual aid department from Stevenson, which doused the flames.



EMERGENCY CREWS found a Vancouver man dead in a car which was wedged between two trees after a fiery crash Sunday on Wind River Road in Skamania County. Photo courtesy of Skamania County Emergency Services

Mt. Adams 'Horseshoe Fire' grows over weekend



Photo courtesy of the Mt. Adams Ranger District

THE FOREST service has mapped out areas closed on Mt. Adams during the Horseshoe Fire. Included are portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and Riley Camp.

Closures at Gifford Pinchot Forest

Trout Lake, Wash. — A wildfire on the southwest slopes of Mount Adams grew over the weekend, scorching 250 acres in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, north of Trout Lake.

The fire, which is being called the "Horseshoe Fire" was spotted by forest officials Friday, and was still burning at 235 acres as of Monday.

"Suppressing the Horseshoe Fire will be challenging because of inaccessibility, short range spotting, sub-alpine fir and abundant snags and the long duration remaining in the 2015 fire season," according to a news release posted by U.S. forest service officials.

During initial attack on July 3, a helicopter worked to check the spread of the fire with bucket drops while a local ground crew sized up

the fire and evaluated the containment line. Firefighters and district recreation personnel walked the affected trails and escorted forest visitors out of the area. Four additional crews arrived Saturday to assist on the fire.

Firefighters expect the Horseshoe Fire to be a long duration fire given the remote location, fuel type and the extensive time left in the fire season, said the Forest Service.

The fire is approximately 235 acres with no significant growth from Sunday to Monday. The Forest Service said the fire grows in size when dry lichens growing in the trees catch fire and wind carries embers ahead, igniting new spot fires. However, they reported little movement of the fire through ground fuels.

A Washington Interagency

Incident Management team is leading the firefighting operations. Their strategies are based on management action that Washington fire fighters took during the Cascade Creek Fire in 2012. A long term strategy for suppressing the Horseshoe Fire will be presented to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Service on July 8.

The Mt. Adams Ranger District has closed off numerous roads at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest as emergency crews battle the fire. In an official order, they have banned "going into or being upon the area affected by the Horseshoe Fire."

According to U.S. Forest Service officials, "The Horseshoe Fire threatens recreation, timber and cultural resources."

Among the paths closed off is a segment of the Pacific Crest Trail and Riley Camp. The affected area near the trail has been closed and cleared of hikers who are being re-routed along adjacent forest roads and trails.

FOREST CLOSURES

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest has closed a section of the Mt. Adams Wilderness to protect hikers from the Horseshoe Wildfire, north of Trout Lake.

- Trail #9 Round the Mountain: Between Trail #16 Short-horn and Trail #112 Divide Camp
- Trail #12 Stagman Ridge
- Trail #64 Riley Camp / Riley South
- Trail #73 Crofton Ridge
- Trail #75 Salt Creek
- Trail #112 Divide Camp
- Trail #2000 Pacific Crest Trail: Between Forest Road 23 and Trail #112 Divide Camp

Pertussis outbreak in The Dalles: NCPH offers vaccine clinic

There is an ongoing Pertussis (Whooping Cough) outbreak in The Dalles. The North Central Public Health District is urging locals to get vaccinated.

As of July 1, there were 16 cases of Pertussis reported in The Dalles.

The Health District has scheduled a free T-DAP vaccine clinic for Thursday, July 9. The clinic will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Dalles Middle School, and will offer free vaccinations to everyone seven and older who is not up to date on their T-DAP vaccine.

The clinic is especially focused on those who are not up to date on their T-DAP vaccination, those who work closely with people vulnerable to Pertussis, such as infants and young children, pregnant women, those with a weakened immune system and those without health insurance.

The NCPHD found the first cases of Pertussis in mid-June, confirmed in two school-age children who were attending Dry Hollow Elementary School in The Dalles.

Pertussis is an infection that affects the airways and is easily spread from person to person by coughing or sneezing. The severe cough, often referred to as "Whooping Cough", can last for weeks or months, sometimes leading to coughing fits and/or vomiting.

Anyone can get pertussis, but it can be very dangerous for infants and people with weakened im-

mune systems. Family members with pertussis, especially mothers, can spread pertussis to newborns.

The best way to prevent Pertussis among infants, children, teens, and adults is to get vaccinated. Keeping infants and those at high risk for pertussis complications away from infected people is also important for prevention.

If you suspect your child may have been exposed to someone with Pertussis and your child has a cough:

- Keep your child home from school, daycare, and other activities.
- Make an appointment with your child's doctor as soon as possible and be sure to explain that your child may have been exposed to pertussis.
- You will be asked to bring your child in for testing and possibly treatment.

If you suspect your child may have been exposed to someone with Pertussis and your child does NOT have symptoms:

- Contact your child's doctor and explain that your child may have been exposed to Pertussis.
- In certain circumstances, antibiotics may be recommended to prevent transmission.

More information about Pertussis can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/pertussis>. For more information, please contact North Central Public Health District at (541) 506-2600 or visit us on the web at www.ncphd.org.

Warming water temperatures prompt early fish release

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released six million fish from Little White Salmon and Willard National Fish Hatcheries on Wednesday and Thursday — a week earlier than normal. Fish and Wildlife officials say the early release is in response to warming waters in the Columbia River Gorge.

The hatcheries released up-river bright fall Chinook in mass numbers, under pressure from "severe" water temperatures. The Service said it was "responding to challenges associated with severe weather conditions in hopes of maximizing salmonid survival in the Pacific Northwest."

Due to increased temperatures across the region, the Fish and Wildlife Service has also released 203,000 steelhead one month ahead of schedule from the Makah National Fish Hatchery on the Olympic Peninsula.

"As rising temperatures alter our landscapes, we must also pay attention to the way that our riverscapes — the lifeblood of our region — are being altered," said Roy Elicker, Assistant Regional Director for the Fisheries in the Service's Pacific Region. "Reduced snowpack and warmer weather have changed the aquatic environment and we need to adapt our management."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Pacific Region includes 15 national fish hatcheries responsible for the propagation of 60 million fish. Facing a record setting year for heat in what is already the third in a stretch of warmer than average summers, the Service said it will continue to adapt to changing conditions and apply the best science available to ensure the health of future generations of fish.



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