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Sorted plastics sit in bins at the entrance to the Sanitary Disposal facility Friday outside of Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Weather leads to spate of crashes in new year

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The new year brought another wave of winter weather to Eastern Oregon, creating treacherous roads and causing dozens of crashes.

Highways remained open throughout the day, but emergency medical personnel responded to several rollovers and other crashes.

Pendleton ambulance crews responded to many crashes along I-84 since Sunday. Pendleton covers the interstate from about Echo to the Umatilla Indian Reservation, but Pendleton Fire Chief Mike Ciraulo said city ambulances often roll beyond those limits to help partner agencies from Hermiston to the top of Cabbage Hill.

Ciraulo also said as far as he knew, none of crash victims Pendleton helped suffered serious injuries. Medics stay busy with the weather, he said, but providing emergency service is what the job is all about.

Umatilla County Fire District 1 had responded to seven crashes on Monday

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GOOD USE OF REFUSE

Sanitary Disposal collects about 11,800 tons each year to recycle

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

One man's trash becomes another man's new hubcaps in the recycling industry.

Every day at the Sanitary Disposal transfer station outside Hermiston people add to the piles of broken, bulky 1990-era televisions and empty wine bottles, glad to finally be rid of "that junk in the garage."

But after those items take on a new life. Stripped down to their components, separated by material and compressed into bales, recyclable objects will eventually re-enter the economy as fodder for everything from steel beams to egg cartons.

"It gets it out of the waste stream, which just makes dollars and sense," said Bill Kik, maintenance supervisor for Sanitary Disposal.

On Thursday dozens of old refrigerators

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"We're trying to extend more awareness and education. It just has not been a part of our culture."

— Bill Kik, maintenance supervisor for Sanitary Disposal



Metal household appliances are separated and await being salvaged for scrap metal at the Sanitary Disposal facility Friday outside of Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

9,441.77 tons of scrap metal	1,210.98 tons of cardboard	800.71 tons of wood	147.86 tons of newspaper
85.91 tons of electronics	83.6 tons of food waste	43.49 tons of glass	42.13 tons of plastic
15.18 tons of tin cans	10.21 tons of aluminum	2.72 tons of office paper	2,370 gallons of motor oil

Recycling collected by Sanitary Disposal in 2015 by the ton, as reported to the Department of Environmental Quality

Homeless camp cleanup tops two tons

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

Umatilla County authorities Thursday cleaned up another transient camp and threw out more than two tons of materials.

Undersheriff Jim Littlefield said the camp was on the banks of the Umatilla River adjacent to Old River Road, about half a mile south of the homeless camp the sheriff's office cleared out in early March. He said the sheriff's office at that time heard rumors of a second camp in the area, but citizen complaints did not start rolling in about the site until August and September.

The agency found the camp spread across Oregon Department of Transportation property, county property and "a sliver of private property," Littlefield said. The site had about six regulars unlawfully living in tents and a small recreational trailer. Deputies trespassed people from the site and made several arrests there, Littlefield said, primarily on warrants.

Littlefield also said the sheriff's office checked the camp periodically and found

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Secret Native American sites thrust into dam debate

Environmental review looks to boost salmon

By KEITH RIDLER
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — A little-known federal program that avoids publicizing its accomplishments to protect from looters the thousands of Native American sites it's tasked with managing has been caught up in a big net.

The Federal Columbia River System Cultural Resources Program tracks some 4,000 historical sites that also include homesteads and missions in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Now it's contributing information as authorities prepare a court-ordered environmental impact statement concerning struggling salmon and the operation of 14 federal dams in the Columbia River Basin.

A federal judge urged officials to consider breaching four of those dams on the Snake River.

"Because of the scale of the EIS, there's no practical way for us, even if we wanted to, to provide a map of each and every site that we consider," said Sean Hess, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Pacific Northwest Region archaeologist. "There are

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This Oct. 19, 2016 file photo shows the Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River in Washington state.

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