Pendleton resident takes on outreach work for Energy Trust

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PENDLETON — Energy Trust of Oregon hired Pendleton resident Caryn Appler as its outreach manager for Eastern Oregon.

Appler is a facility planning consultant and energy industry leader, according to the news release from Energy Trust, and made a career helping Eastern Oregon

businesses and residents make the best choices for their energy and building needs. She will continue that work with the independent nonprofit organization, engaging with utility customers and other community members across Eastern Oregon to connect them to Energy Trust offers and help them save energy and generate renewable energy.

"I'm excited to continue building relationships in my community while helping residents and businesses use energy wisely," Appler said in a written statement. "This part of the state is unique to other areas in Oregon, and to be successful we have to be familiar with the needs of communities here. I am excited to bring as much benefit as possible to customers here."

Appler comes to her new job with deep experience with Energy Trust's services and offers for residential customers and relationships with regional communities, which she

gained while working as a residential account manager for CLEAResult, one of Energy Trust's program delivery contractors. She takes on the role from Susan Badger-Jones, a long-time Energy Trust outreach manager who retired at the end of May.

Appler also is active in the Pendleton community. She is a member of the Pendleton Parks and Recreation Commission and serves on the board for the Pendleton Center for the Arts, where she also teachers ceramics



Courtesy of the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture/Cheryl Coughlin

Artist Doug Hyde with "etweyé-wise" (literally, "I return from a hard journey") on Main Street in Joseph.

Native artist creates new bronze statue for Joseph's main street

Doug Hyde will finish installing latest statue on Main Street today

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JOSEPH — Artist Doug Hyde will finish installing the latest bronze statue on Main Street today in the Eastern Oregon city of Joseph. The road has become a showcase for the bronze foundries dotting Wallowa County. But while many of those statues feature Native American subjects, Hyde is the first Native artist to contribute. Hyde draws on Nez Perce, Assiniboine and Chippewa traditions for his work.

"It's an honor, first of all," Hyde told OPB's "Think Out Loud." "I

think the town having all these sculptures is beautiful."

The work was commissioned by the Josephy Center for Arts and Culture and funded by grant money from the Oregon Community Foundation. Jurors from three reservations — Colville in Washington, Nez Perce in Idaho, and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla in Oregon — settled on Hyde's design.

The sculpture, entitled "etweyé-wise" (literally, "I return from a hard journey"), has both abstract and realistic elements. Hyde created a 100-inch red granite form with a cutout silhouette of a woman, representing the Nez Perce's forced removal from their home valley. A bronze figure of that same woman represents those who remained and returned.

Hyde was born in Hermiston and grew up in Lapwai, Idaho. He attended art school in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and remains in the Southwest, living in Prescott, Arizona.

"The fact a Native gets to do a piece here," Hyde said, "maybe it's the beginning of other things that can happen — maybe more things written in the Nez Perce language that people will gradually learn — simple things like a greeting or signage indicating both English and Nez Perce place names.

"Bringing back a little Nez Perce culture to the valley is wonderful," Hyde added.

The Josephy Center will host a celebration of the work at 2 p.m. today. Tribal members are specifically invited, but the center said all are welcome.

Ritz-Carlton Hotel to replace Portland's largest food cart pod

By MEERAH POWELLOregon Public Broadcasting

PORTLAND — Portland will soon house the Northwest's first Ritz-Carlton hotel.

Marriott International made the announcement Thursday. The hotel will be built in place of Portland's largest food cart pod at Southwest 10th Avenue and Alder Street, which has occupied the area since the 1990s.

"This landmark project is a game changer for The Ritz-Carlton brand and the city of Portland," said Noah Silverman, chief development officer with Marriott International, in a news release.

The 35-story building will include 251 hotel rooms and 138 residential units, including eight penthouses. It will also include restaurant, retail and office spaces.

The luxury hotel and residences will offer a fitness center, full-service spa and swimming pool for guests.

Portland's BPM Real Estate is the developer for the building.







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