

Final archery elk proposal released for Aug. 6 commission consideration

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SALEM — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has released the final proposal for commission consideration regarding changes to how archery elk season is managed for portions of Eastern Oregon within the Blue Mountain region, according to a press release.

HOW TO WATCH

The Aug. 6 commission meeting will be online via Zoom. To testify about the proposal, register at bit.ly/3J0NHlp no later than 48 hours before the meeting (Wednesday, Aug. 4, at 8 a.m.). Comments also can be sent to odfw.commission@odfw.oregon.gov.

This final proposal includes two major modifications from the original draft proposal released in March: Five units would be combined into a single Eagle Cap Zone hunt, and there would be a single general season hunt for any part of the state not proposed for controlled hunting. A map on the big game review page has more information. (The original proposal was for a general Western Oregon and general Eastern Oregon tag for any units not managed as controlled hunts.)

The changes are needed to help wildlife managers meet elk plan objectives in areas with low bull ratios and in areas with a high percentage of branch-antlered bull harvest occurring within the general archery season. Current management strategy only allows managers to alter harvest during the controlled any-legal-weapon hunts, resulting in significant changes to the season structure and tag numbers for rifle hunting over the last 30 years.

This proposal will be presented at the Aug. 6 commission meeting for potential adoption.

Additional information about the big game review process can be found at myodfw.com/articles/big-game-hunting-season-review.

The remainder of the 2022 hunting regulations will be presented at the September commission meeting.

Under the proposal, 13 wildlife management units and three sub-unit hunts would move to controlled archery seasons. These hunts would be added to the current seven WMUs



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A bull elk sounds off in Northeastern Oregon. The hunting season for archers could change from a general season to a controlled season starting in 2022 in many parts of the region.

within the Blue Mountains already managed for regulated archery seasons. These controlled hunts would be the only opportunity for archers who draw and purchase those tags.

Within the units proposed for regulatory change, ODFW is proposing a mix of single WMU and a zone hunt to obtain the reduction in harvest that is the goal of moving to controlled archery. Both alternatives provide the control necessary for wildlife managers to regulate take to achieve the overall bull harvest reduction needed to meet agency objectives.

WMUs not proposed for controlled

hunts would remain under the current statewide general season framework, allowing archers to continue to move in response to conditions throughout the state during the archery season.

MORE INFORMATION

To read the full proposal, visit www.odfw.state.or.us, click on the link for "commission," then click on the link to "Meeting Schedules and Minutes" and scan down the page to the agenda for Aug. 6, and follow to Exhibit F.

Traffic changes coming on East Diagonal Boulevard

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — Housing developments along East Diagonal Boulevard are prompting a reduction in speed for a portion of the road and the addition of a four-way stop.

The Hermiston City Council approved both with unanimous votes at its meeting Monday, July 26.

The city is going to install the new four-way stop at the intersection of Northeast 10th Street and East Diagonal Boulevard.

Clinton Spencer, Hermiston's planning director, told the council that upgrading the intersection to a four-way stop when development warranted has been a recommendation in the city's transportation system plan since 2014, and that time has come.

"Specifically, when we were reviewing the traffic impact analysis for the Diamond Run subdivision, their traffic engineer said a four-way stop would be merited when this division has built out," he said.

Diamond Run is under construction, he said, and installing the stop now makes sense before the project wraps up and the school year starts in the fall. The change will make the intersection safer for students traveling to Sandstone and Highland Hills schools. The subdivision also includes a new walking path along Northeast 10th Street, creating a safer off-street route for pedestrians.

Drivers also are going to have to slow down on East Diagonal Boulevard between Seventh and 10th streets due to the new Santiago Estates, a 199-unit manufactured home park. The council approved lowering the speed limit from 35 mph along the stretch to 25 mph.

Spencer said this change comes from a recommendation from the city's planning commission, which has discussed the need to ensure safe routes for children traveling from the park to schools south of Diagonal. The Santiago Estates also will have a school crossing at the park's entrance to allow students to access the multi-use path in the south side of East Diagonal.

Mayor David Drotzmann said he was glad to see the city taking action on the street, adding with all the new housing and schools nearby, it's going to be busy. In other business, the council:

- Amended the city's "Water Shortage Emergency" section of its code to bring it in compliance with the adopted Water Management and Conservation Plan. This ordinance only updates the process for declaring a water shortage emergency and does not declare a shortage. The change becomes effective in 30 days.

- Approved a city law allowing the city manager to declare an emergency.

City Manager Byron Smith said staff were preparing the city's emergency plan and discovered there is no authority in city law or the charter to declare an emergency. He said he crafted a proposal based on suggestions of similar ordinances from the League of Oregon Cities. He also said the 27-page draft of an emergency plan aligns with Umatilla County's plan and with Umatilla County Fire District 1, but this is for what happens in Hermiston.

The council amended the draft to require the council to meet within seven days of an emergency declaration. The change to city law becomes effective 30 days after passage.

Delish Bistro readies for reopening

By NICK ROSENBERGER
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — With a shock of teal and brick, Delish Bistro reopens at its new location at 1619 N. First St. in Hermiston in just a few short weeks. The move launches the restaurant from a cramped 600-square-foot interior to an expansive 6,000 square feet where diners can expect to find an array of dishes from around the world.

Mother-daughter duo Carol and La Nae Hull run the restaurant, which offers food ranging from American burgers to Italian gelato to Vietnamese dishes. The professionally-trained chefs are hoping to open their doors to diners by the time the Farm-City Pro Rodeo rolls around on Aug. 11.

"We're getting excited," said La Nae, the head chef. She said they cook and serve their favorite foods from around the world and the menu will change depending on the seasons.

"We have a good menu," Carol said. "We just love what we're doing — cooking for people and making people happy so hopefully that'll continue."

With bright colors, spacious ceilings and vintage posters lining the walls, the new location is a departure from previous restaurants in the building. What used to be a Fuddrucker's, then Maverick's and finally Stet's Steakhouse with dark wood and interiors now is light and shiny.

"We want people to feel happy in here, and so we want bright colors," Carol said. "We just wanted it to be a happy place to come to."

The Hull family also lacked space in the previous location and were thinking about moving around three years ago. Construction on the site began in earnest in 2019 but stalled for a while with the

COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this, they are close to completion and are hoping to open the week of the rodeo.

According to Herman Hull, Carol's husband, the kitchen at the old location was so narrow "you had to turn sideways to walk past each other." The new kitchen, in contrast, has plenty of space for the range of food they cook with dedicated line, prep and baking areas.

"We just have more room to do more stuff," Carol said, "and we added another double-decker oven so we can get more things done every time."

The cramped conditions were so bad that Carol was coming into the kitchen at 3 a.m. to start the baking before the kitchen would get too packed with staff. She wouldn't get home until after the restaurant closed in the evening.

The new site, which is right in front of the Hermiston Home Depot, also will be host to more than just food. With a private event room for guests, named the Hibiscus Room, a stage for live music and microphones to host a radio show for Hermiston's KOHU station every Tuesday, Delish Bistro has the opportunity to be a bigger fixture of the Hermiston community.

The family hopes to host musicians during the weekend and is interested in featuring people from the local area, those traveling around or startup artists.

The restaurant is split up between a breakfast area and lunch and dinner areas. In their last location, the Hulls had to take out the bar because they didn't have enough space. With the expansion, they will be seeing a return to full alcohol service with beer, wine and mixed drinks they can sell to-go.

Starting at 7 a.m., eaters can find homemade pastries and coffee. There is lunch in the afternoons, a happy hour 4-6 p.m. while dinner runs



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Herman Hull, left, Sarah Hull, center, and Carol Hull pose in front of a hand-painted butterfly Sarah was working on near the entrance of Delish Bistro on Thursday, July 22, 2021, in Hermiston. Mother-daughter duo Carol and La Nae Hull (not pictured) run the restaurant, which will open at its new location, 1619 N. First St., in a few weeks.

from 5-9 p.m. Some of their dinner options include Hawaiian poke, pork spare ribs and whole rainbow trout.

Delish Bistro is hiring bartenders, cooks, bakers, servers and dishwashers. For more information, email info@delishbistro.com.

Showers and thunderstorms to accompany warm weather

PENDLETON — The National Weather Service in Pendleton is projecting rain and thunderstorms to move through the region during the next week.

According to meteorologist Rob Brooks, the Weather Service is forecasting thunderstorms from Wednesday, July 28, through Friday, July 30, as temperatures rise to more than 100 degrees. Meanwhile, monsoon-like moisture is projected to create partly cloudy skies with occasional showers.

Looking toward next week, Brooks said there is between a 30% and 40% chance of sparse showers on July 31 through Aug. 3.

Man arrested on weapons, menacing charges

PENDLETON — Pendleton police reported arresting a man who threatened multiple people with a knife at Brook RV

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Park, Pendleton.

Kristopher David Wood, 38, of Kent, Washington, now faces charges of the attempted unlawful use of a weapon and more.

Pendleton Police Chief Chuck Byram said officers on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 27, received a report of a man who approached two girls by the Umatilla River near the recreational vehicle park and asked them to help him locate his dog.

The girls told the park manager what happened, and the manager confronted the suspect, Wood. Byram said Wood then pulled out a knife and threatened the owner.

As he walked away, another man confronted Wood. Once again, Wood pulled out a knife before noticing the man was carrying a firearm. Byram said Wood asked the man to shoot him.

After interviewing multiple witnesses, police arrested Wood on probable cause and booked him into the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, for attempted unlawful use of a weapon, menacing, second-degree disorderly conduct and second-degree criminal trespass.

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