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The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission hears a presentation during its June 23 meeting at the Hurricane Creek Grange Hall.

Parks and Recreation Commission visits

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The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission met for the third time this year in Joseph at the Hurricane Creek Grange Hall on June 24. The two-day visit by the commission also included a June 23 tour which included the Iwetemlaykin Heritage Site, Wallowa Lake State Park and a viewing of the east moraine of Wallowa Lake.

The commission is composed of seven members: one member per Oregon's five voting districts as well as one member each west of the Coast Range and east of the Cascades. The commission sets nearly all policy for the OPRD. Director of Northeast Oregon Economic Development District, Lisa Dawson, is one of the commission's members.

The commission had a number of statewide items on its agenda for the meeting, with several of local concern.

Kathleen Ackley, director of Wallowa Land Trust, updated the commission on the work the Wallowa Lake Moiraines Partnership, of which the OPRD is a partner. The partnership works with moraine landowners to retain the pristine and undeveloped nature of the moiraines for future generations.

Ackley said she appreciates the OPRD interest in the moiraines. "The moiraines are part of the magical experiences of coming to Wallowa Lake State Park, so it's in their interest to see it protected. They bring a lot of expertise and resources to our partnership and we are glad they are committed to

this part of Northeast Oregon," Ackley said.

Bruce Ham, a Portland surgeon and part-time Wallowa County resident, is a moraine land and home owner who has worked with the Wallowa Land Trust to preserve the majority of his land for future generations. Ham asked about the OPRD vision of the future for the moiraines and the impact of the moraine trail not just on the moraine itself, but on the moraine landowners and even on the state park at the head of Wallowa Lake. "I think a trail has some implications, or been formally addressed. That's what I was interested in," Ham said later. He added that he was not the only property owner affected by what goes on in the moraine area.

John Baker, of Wallowa, addressed the committee regarding the Joseph Branch Trail Consortium (rails with trail project). Baker thanked the commission for its support of the consortium.

Chris Havel, the public affairs officer for the commission, said they enjoyed their Wallowa County stay. "We have a deep affection for Oregon's northeast. We never tire of the beauty and history of this landscape. Iwetemlaykin is a pretty simple park, but the heritage of that 62 acres is fascinating, and we all enjoyed Tim Nitz (of the National Park Service) bringing it to life for us on the tour ... When our commission chair, Jay Graves, says this is among his favorite places in Oregon and the world, he means it," Havel said.

Evelyn Reece Aug. 30, 1927 – July 5, 2015

Evelyn Virginia Waterman was born in Stanfield, Oregon, a place she cherished always. She later moved to Enterprise, met and married Dean Reece in 1946 on his return home from WWII. She was actively engaged in numerous community activities, Toastmasters, Garden Club, Sweet Adelines, Doll Club and her church.

Evelyn moved to Napa, Calif., a few years ago to be near her daughter. She enjoyed the Napa Valley as much as she did the Wallowa Valley, both places of unsurpassed beauty.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Dean Reece, and son, Jerry Joe. Survivors include daughter Janie Reece of Napa, Calif., grandsons Shawn Reece Sullivan of Austin, Texas, Jason Joe Sullivan of College Place, Wash., and Jacob Jon Sullivan of Portland, in addition to four great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

SERVICE NOTICES

Robert V. Lewis

Robert V. Lewis, 84, of Wallowa, died Saturday, July 4, 2015. A service will be held Saturday, July 11, at 1 p.m. at the Wallowa Fire Hall, Wallowa. A potluck will follow at the Wallowa Senior Center. A full obituary will be published at a later date.

Beulah Talley

Beulah LaRita Tally, 82 of La Grande, passed away on June 27, 2015, at Grande Ronde Hospital. A funeral service will be held at Loveland Funeral Chapel, La Grande, on Saturday, July 11, at 10 a.m. with graveside services to follow at the North Powder cemetery.

Arthur Keener

Arthur "Art" Keener, 79, of Clarkston, Wash., formerly of Joseph, died May 27, 2015. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 12, at Prairie Creek Cemetery. A potluck dinner will follow at Liberty Grange.

OBITUARIES

Margaret J. Conrad July 19, 1921 – July 3, 2015

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 11, 2015, at Gladstone Christian Church in Gladstone for Margaret J. Conrad, who died Friday, July 3 at age 93.

Margaret Conrad was born July 19, 1921 in Cut Bank, Mont. Within the year her family moved to La Grande/Island City where she attended grade and high school.

Margaret attended Eastern Oregon College where she received a teaching certificate.

She married John F. Conrad, an Army Air Corpsman in 1943. They moved to Hobbs, N.M., until his deployment to Europe in 1944.

While waiting for her husband to return from Europe Margaret taught school in Cottage Grove, worked as a clerk in Spokane, Wash., and as a secretary at Eastern Oregon College in La Grande.

After WWII Margaret and her husband operated a small dairy farm outside of Enterprise.

In 1948 a career change for Margaret's husband sent her on an 11-year journey living on State of Oregon fish hatcheries.

In 1960 Margaret began teaching school for the Oregon City School District. In the summer of 1967 she returned to Eastern Oregon College in La Grande to obtain her Bachelor of Science degree. She retired from teaching in 1982.

For many years Margaret and her husband traveled south to Quartzsite, Ariz., during the winter months.

From 2003 to 2015 Margaret resided at The Springs at Clackamas Woods and at Willamette View Skilled Nursing facility in Milwaukie.

Margaret was predeceased by her husband John and daughter Terry Phelan. She is survived by her son David Conrad of Milwaukie, daughters Karen James of Bellfountain and Sharon Fawcett of Molalla; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.



Forest Plan revisers schedule workshops

The U.S. Forest Service's Blue Mountains Forest Plans Revision Team has added three workshop dates in Enterprise — at Cloverleaf Hall Monday, July 13, Tuesday, July 21, and Tuesday, July 28, all three nights from 6 to 9 p.m. — to its list of July and August gatherings in various communities.

The team is involved in updating Forest Plans across the Blue Mountains national forests — including the Wallowa-Whitman, Malheur, and Umatilla national forests. Current Forest Plans are from 1990, and over the past 25 years, the landscape has changed significantly, the

Forest Service notes. Social and economic conditions have also changed across the Blue Mountains region since 1990. New Forest Plans are to guide future land-management decisions.

In summer of 2014, the Forest Service asked the public to comment on its draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) related to the Blue Mountains Forest Plans, and USFS received over 1,300 comment letters during the comment period. Based on the comments received and the feedback shared in public meetings, the Forest Service notes an overall sense of dissatisfaction with the Forest

Plans from diverse perspectives.

In a recent cover letter accompanying the meetings schedule, the Forest Plan Revision Team states that it hopes to better understand and respond to the feedback before finalizing the Forest Plans. Some of the topics deemed deserving of more discussion are: (1) access, (2) grazing, and (3) pace and scale of restoration.

Most of the upcoming community workshops or meetings will be professionally facilitated by Jack Southworth of High Desert Partnership. Members of the public are invited to

contribute their knowledge and perspectives, and also to be open to others who may have different information and perspectives. "During these workshops, we will work together to find zones of agreement, new ideas, and creative solutions that will help us improve the draft Forest Plans," the cover letter explains.

Enterprise's July 13, 21 and 28 workshops are focused, respectively, on access (13th), grazing (21st), and pace and scale of restoration (28th). For the complete schedule of workshops in all counties, visit <http://tinyurl.com/p7dhw2/>.

High and Low Temperatures

According to data sent to MesoWest: www.mesowest.utah.edu

Enterprise			Lostine		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
July 1	N/A	N/A	July 1	51	93
July 2	N/A	N/A	July 2	54	95
July 3	N/A	N/A	July 3	52	97
July 4	N/A	N/A	July 4	51	92
July 5	N/A	N/A	July 5	55	89
July 6	N/A	N/A	July 6	53	91
July 7	N/A	N/A	July 7	54	N/A

Joseph			Wallowa		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
July 1	57	91	July 1	51	96
July 2	55	93	July 2	51	97
July 3	57	93	July 3	50	97
July 4	54	91	July 4	50	93
July 5	57	88	July 5	54	90
July 6	57	90	July 6	52	93
July 7	57	N/A	July 7	54	N/A

Imnaha			Troy		
Date	Low	High	Date	Low	High
July 1	66	102	July 1	61	102
July 2	66	102	July 2	62	102
July 3	63	103	July 3	61	104
July 4	65	100	July 4	62	104
July 5	68	98	July 5	63	98
July 6	65	98	July 6	61	100
July 7	64	N/A	July 7	61	N/A

Six-day forecast

July 8 – July 13
Source: National Weather Service

July 8		H: 87 L: 53	Slight chance T-storms, showers
July 9		H: 85 L: 54	Chance T-storms, showers
July 10		H: 83 L: 54	Showers
July 11		H: 78 L: 50	Chance T-storms
July 12		H: 78 L: 48	Chance of T-storms, showers
July 13		H: 79 L: N/A	Partly sunny

Phases of the moon

July 8	July 16	July 24	July 31
Last Quarter	New Moon	1st Quarter	Full Moon

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WEDNESDAY	9:00am	Little Buckaroo Rodeo for special needs children — Arena
	7:00pm	PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
	9:00pm	Family Fun at the Thunder Room
THURSDAY	9:00am	Tough Enough to Wear Pink Walk
	10:00am	Vendors off Main Street
	2:00pm	Slack — Arena
	7:00pm	PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
		Tough Enough to Wear Pink — Wear Pink, Support Cancer Screening
		Barrel Racing Slack — After the Rodeo
	9:00pm	Music and Dancing at Thunder Room
FRIDAY	7:00am	Golf Tournament — Alpine Meadows Golf Course
	10:00am	Chief Joseph Junior Parade — Main Street
	2:00pm	Slack — Arena
	7:00pm	PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
	9:00pm	All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center
	9:00pm	Music and Dancing at Thunder Room
SATURDAY	6:00am	Shrine Breakfast begins
	10:00am	Grand Parade — Main Street
	12:00pm	Nez Perce Friendship Feast — Encampment Pavilion
	2:30pm	Slack — Arena
	3:00pm	Traditional Indian Dance Contest — Encampment Pavilion
	7:00pm	PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
	9:00pm	All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center
	9:00pm	Music and Dancing at Thunder Room
	11:00pm	Cowboy Breakfast — Rodeo Grounds — Until 3am
SUNDAY	6:00am	Cowboy Breakfast Continues
	9:00am	Cowboy Church Service with Soul Renovation— Harley Tucker Memorial Arena

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