

LETTERS: Readers sound off about health clinic, wolves

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than are killed by all the predators put together.

Ranchers can take common-sense, non-lethal precautions to reduce their losses, particularly when they are operating on public lands. And when a wolf does transgress against livestock, there are legal remedies allowed to address the problem.

California has acted responsibly by ensuring protection for gray wolves in their state and by convening a stakeholder work-

ing group to contribute to its wolf management plan. They are right to plan ahead to make these newly returning neighbors welcome.

Scott Beckstead
Sutherland

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Forest road status changes wasteful

To the Editor:

This year has been a traumatic

year for rural communities in the Pacific Northwest. As has been the case in prior years, this year a common comment from USFS management has been, "We need more money to fight fires!" It is almost a mantra every year.

With such a financial bind the USFS is in, why is closing and decommissioning roads such an important factor for their management of OUR public lands? Roads are vital to so many of the uses the public has for public lands. A Forest Supervisor even admitted

earlier this year the current (non-travel management plan) road system is a large factor in quick and successful initial attacks on fires in his forest. Several firefighters have stated how appreciative they were of roads and how much easier their job was. Roads even used as FIRE-LINES.

September 11, 2015 photos were taken of a dozer re-opening a closed road in order to gain access to a wildfire. In one photo 3 USFS pickups and 1 USFS fire engine was parked with several forest ser-

vice employees standing and watching the dozer. This dozer and operator was hired to travel up and open the road. When they are done fighting the fire, it will most likely be re-closed. Is closing, opening and then again closing roads a good use of tax dollars? Are the new bills in Congress going to be paying for these sorts of things? The issue isn't a lack of funding, it's a lack of efficient use of the funds given them.

The ideology behind protecting public lands is a dream that doesn't factor in reality.

The reality of financial situations, public safety, the reality that these lands were intended to support local economies. The reality that without logging, without restoration and without active management, we will continue to choke on more and more smoke and burn up more and more tax dollars on idiotic actions like I explained above. Eventually there won't be communities to protect from fires and the USFS won't have any reason to exist anymore.

Donald George
Boise

Felony domestic assault; horse caught in fence

Dispatch Log

Sept. 7
6:37 a.m. 911 call re: Border Collie found at the Little store in Enterprise.
9:35 a.m. Possible wolf depredation.
2:26 p.m. Found dog in Enterprise, older male Border Collie.
5:11 p.m. Rural Wallowa traffic complaint.
5:25 p.m. Black French Bulldog missing in Joseph. Found.
10:35 p.m. Possible prowler complaint in Joseph.
Sept. 8
7:42 a.m. Boulder reported on Hwy 350.
8:46 a.m. Non-emergency 911 x2.
9:31 a.m. Overdue hunter — located.
10:07 a.m. 911 call for ambulance in Enterprise.
11:11 a.m. Medical alarm in Joseph.
12:17 p.m. Inquiry on canoe in Sheriff's Office impound lot.
12:37 p.m. Joseph barking dog complaint.
12:45 p.m. Ambulance transport to Joseph Airport.
12:48 p.m. 911 for EAMB in Joseph.
2:00 p.m. Found bike in Joseph.
2:45 p.m. Joseph barking dog complaint.
4:13 p.m. Lost male Border Collie in Enterprise, owner found.
7:47 p.m. Enterprise traffic stop.
10:58 p.m. Lost dog in Enterprise.
Sept. 9
7:29 a.m. Deer hit on Hwy 82 MP 49.
9:38 a.m. Dog bite incident in Lostine.
12:19 p.m. Suspicious person info for EPD.
2:33 p.m. Cows out in rural

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ral Lostine.
7:59 p.m. Trespassing complaint.
10:08 p.m. Joseph parking complaint.
Sept. 10
12:38 a.m. 911 Joseph drunk driving complaint.
8:36 a.m. Report of vehicle in the ditch at McCully Trail-head.
10:24 a.m. Enterprise 911 re: disturbance.
11:35 a.m. Entered statewide misdemeanor warrant from community corrections for Levi Buddle Jones, 37, Wallowa, for probation violation. Original charge of sex abuse-2 x2.
12:54 p.m. Entered Wallowa County Circuit Court statewide misdemeanor warrant for Robert Joseph Jennings, Boring, for probation violation. Original charge of wildlife violation.
4:32 p.m. Trespassing reported in rural Joseph.
5:20 p.m. 911 call re: trespasser on Golf Course Road.
6:30 p.m. Agency assist.
7:52 p.m. Juvenile reported missing. Located shortly afterward.
11:44 p.m. Enterprise disturbance.
Sept. 11
5:31 a.m. 911 call for public assistance in Enterprise.
7:30 a.m. Multiple 911 calls reporting Enterprise disturbance. EPD arrested Christopher L. Kieseker, 35, Enterprise, for disorderly conduct. Subject transported to Union County Jail.
9:08 a.m. Report of Wallowa theft.
9:11 a.m. 911 call reporting bull on Hwy 82 in rural Enterprise.
9:22 a.m. 911 call report-

ing domestic assault in rural Wallowa. WCSO arrested Errol C. Bullock, 33, Wallowa, for assault-4/domestic felony. Transported to Union County Jail.

11:19 a.m. Found property in rural Wallowa.
12:19 p.m. 911 call for unknown problem in Enterprise.
3:15 p.m. Report of male lying in the street in Enterprise.
4:30 p.m. Gray women's wallet reported lost from Safeway parking lot in Enterprise.
4:53 p.m. Theft of gas reported in Wallowa.
5:37 p.m. Possible drunk driver in Lostine.
5:48 p.m. Follow-up investigation in Enterprise.
6:43 p.m. Enterprise ambulance 911 call.
7:27 p.m. 911 re: traffic complaint in rural Lostine.
8:40 p.m. Report of cows on the road on Hurricane Creek.
8:53 p.m. Annette Rose Scott, 50, Wallowa, arrested by WCSO on Union County warrant for possession of more than 4 oz. marijuana. Transported to Union County Jail.

Sept. 12
5:17 a.m. 911 call about fire seen in Wallowa.
11:34 a.m. 911 transfer requesting welfare check at Wallowa Lake.
12:11 p.m. Found red backpack, Enterprise.
12:19 p.m. 911 call for horse caught in fence, rural Joseph.
1:01 p.m. 911 call for ambulance in Joseph.
5:13 p.m. Enterprise welfare check.
7:19 p.m. Dog bite reported in Wallowa.
9:32 p.m. 911 call reporting Enterprise traffic complaint.
10:09 p.m. 911 requesting officer for Enterprise public assault.
10:33 p.m. Ambulance transporting patient to Joseph Airport.
Sept. 13
9:34 a.m. 911 reporting crashed vehicle in rural Lostine.
1:43 p.m. 911 for Enterprise ambulance.
1:53 p.m. Rural Enterprise traffic stop.
2:17 p.m. Enterprise follow-up.
3:03 p.m. Enterprise am-

balance request.
3:33 p.m. 911 for ambulance in Enterprise.
5:06 p.m. Enterprise disturbance reported.
5:36 p.m. Suspicious person reported.
5:55 p.m. Public assist at Justice Center.
6:40 p.m. Lost dog reported in rural Lostine. Female Golden Doodle, 14 weeks old, no collar.
7:27 p.m. Non-emergency 911.
8:09 p.m. Rural Imnaha welfare check.
Sept. 14
6:33 a.m. 911 for Enterprise ambulance in rural Wallowa.

guilty to harassment. Sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, fined \$250.
Austin Pedro Gonzales, 19, Wilsonville, pleaded guilty to misrepresentation of age by minor. Sentenced to 12 months bench probation.
Kody Allen McManus, 19, Enterprise, pleaded guilty to unlawful use of a weapon. Sentenced to 36 months supervised probation, 15 days work crew, forfeit firearm used in incident, no contact with victims. Fined \$500. Pleaded guilty to one count menacing. Sentenced to 36 months supervised probation, 10 days work crew. Pleaded guilty to recklessly endangering another person. Sentenced to 10 days work crew. Pleaded guilty to criminal mischief-2. Sentenced to 30 months supervised probation. Fines and court fees on all charges total \$700. McManus also received diversion in lieu of a DUI charge.

Circuit Court

Sept. 9
Levi W Fine, 21, Wallowa, pleaded guilty to failure to appear-2. Sentenced to 18 days jail, \$750 fine. Also pleaded

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The staff and administration at Joseph Charter School would like to congratulate Trey Wandschneider for being Student-of-the-Week. Trey is a freshman this year and has set some amazing goals for himself for the start of his high school career. Trey is a three sport athlete, a diligent student, and is becoming a great a school citizen.
Good Luck Trey with your goals, we are really proud of you.

Trey Wandschneider
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Our athlete of the week is Caitlyn Robb, 16, who attends Wallowa High School. Robb and her horse, Zeus, took top honors at the 4-H Oregon State Horse Fair in Salem on Aug. 29. Robb and Zeus took home a rarely awarded medallion in jumping, one of the most technical events in horsemanship. The team scored a phenomenal 94 of 100 points.

It is one of Robb's two state fair medallions. She and Zeus won a dressage medallion at the fair in 2013. Zeus is a 9 year old Quarter Horse and has been with Robb for five years. Robb started riding lessons at the age of 5. She currently trains with Leslie Leviner.

Even with her frequent riding, Robb has distinguished herself as an honors student at WHS. She is the daughter of Bill and Sherry Robb of Wallowa.

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