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The view along the Nez Perce National Historic Trail, Wallows Mountains near Joseph.

Committee agrees on ‘forestland’ classification

By Wallowa County Chieftain

The Wallowa County Forestland Classification Committee agreed last month on how to classify.

By definition “forestland” is any woodland, brushland, timberland, grazing land or clearing that, during any time of the year, contains enough forest growth, slashing or vegetation to constitute, in the judgment of the forester, a fire hazard, regardless of how the land is zoned or taxed.

The group, which consists of John Williams, Matt Howard, Chris Cunningham, Paul Karvoski and Roy Garten, voted unanimously to accept prior wording and make no changes.

The Wallowa County For-

estland Classification Committee has met regularly over the past year to review and refine the criteria used to update the forestland classification in the county.

Oregon statute require lands within the county be periodically reviewed for accuracy and vegetation changes. The current review updates the 2010 report, and prior to that the county had not been reviewed since the mid-1960s.

Current revisions to the 2010 classification include administrative corrections to lands where the criteria was not applied correctly, including all lands in Wallowa County within ODF’s Northeast Oregon Protection District Boundary. It also aimed for more accurate classifica-

tion thanks to better technology and newer data.

Beginning July 1, all class 2 and class 3 forestland in Wallowa County will be included in ODF’s Forest Patrol and will have wildland fire protection provided by ODF’s Northeast Oregon District. ODF is part of the complete and coordinated fire protection system which includes local, rural, county, state, and federal resources. Landowners who receive this service will see a Forest Patrol Assessment on their Wallowa County Tax Statement later this fall. The per acre assessment rate is based on a level of service determined by ODF with approval and oversight from Eastern Oregon Forest Protective Association and a

District Budget Committee made up of local landowners from each of the counties in the District. The rate is determined each spring after the budgeting process. The 2016 rate was \$1.51 per acre for Class 2 (timber) forestland and \$.41 per acre for Class 3 (grazing) forestland. There is minimum assessment of \$18.75 per taxlot with classified forestland.

Specific classification acres by taxlot can be viewed at the Wallowa County Clerk’s Office or by contacting forester Matt Howard at the Wallowa ODF office. The office is located at 802 West Highway 82 in Wallowa. Additional questions or requests for information should be directed to him at 541-886-2881.

EVENTS

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Monday, January 23

ENTERPRISE EXPLORATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, 3:30 p.m. Free program offered Mondays and Tuesdays for kindergarten-4th grade. Snack, story, outside time and activity/lesson. Enterprise Elementary School, 201 SE Fourth St., Enterprise.

ADULT CERAMICS CLASSES, 5 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of hand building with pinch pots, slab construction and coil construction then move to introduction of wheel throwing. No previous experience is required. Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

WHITETAIL LEGENDS 4-H MEETING, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wallowa County Fairgrounds, 668 NW 1st St, Enterprise.

MIDVALLEY THEATRE COMPANY OPEN AUDITIONS FOR “OKLAHOMA!”, 6 p.m. Looking for women, men and teen girls and boys. Bring a piece of music (preferably from a classic musical) to use during your audition. There are non-singing roles and openings in tech, costumes, lighting and sound as well. Lostine Presbyterian Church, 132 Hwy 82, Lostine (Kate Loftus 541-569-2302).

BECOME A LOCAL BUSINESS “ANGEL” SEMINAR, 6 p.m. Want to support your neighborhood business? Small-town “angels” are interested in the long-term success of a business that will sustain a community, not abandon it.

The seminar provides a friendly and safe opportunity for participants to develop a personal framework for making investing decisions, and learn how to conduct due diligence and risk assessment. Participants will learn about different investment structures and have time to network. The Place, 303 S. Lake St., Joseph (Kristy Athens 541-426-3598).

WALLOWA LAKE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, 7 p.m. Wallowa Lake Rural Fire Protection District board meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at Wallowa Lake Fire Station. Wallowa Lake Fire Station, 60000 Mt. Howard Lane, Joseph.

EAGLE CAP EXTREME, Join us for some four-legged fun at the Annual Eagle Cap Extreme. Meet the Mushers and their doggie Superstars the day before (Wednesday) at the Vet Checks in Joseph and Enterprise. Come to the race

start and witness the the energy as these dogs do what they love: RUN! We run 22, 62, 100 and 200 mile races. Our 200 mile race is Oregon’s only Iditarod and Yukon Quest Qualifier. The start and finish for both races is at Ferguson Ridge Ski area just a few miles outside of Joseph. Afterwards there is an Awards Banquet open to the public. Joseph Community Center, 201 North Main Street, Joseph.

Tuesday, January 24

WALLOWA COUNTY LIBRARY STORYTIME, 10:30 a.m. Wallowa County Library, 207 W. Logan, Enterprise.

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GOLDEN ARROW 4-H MEETING, 7-8 p.m. Wallowa County Fairgrounds, 668 NW 1st St, Enterprise.

JOSEPH EXPLORATION AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM, Free program offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays for kindergarten-4th grade. Snack, story, outside time and activity/lesson. Joseph Charter School, 400 E. Williams Ave., Joseph.

Wednesday, January 25

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY, 12 p.m. Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders interested in providing peace, humanitarian services, and community enhancements to the areas in which they live. Rotary connects more than 1.2 million members between 200 countries and geographical areas, all dedicated to service. 301 E. Garfield, Enterprise.

WALLOWOLOGY KIDS’ DAY, 1 p.m. Art and/or science projects, educational stories or videos, science illustration lessons, educational walks around town, etc. Wallowology Center, 508 N. Main St., Joseph.

ENEI QIGONG MEDITATION, 2 p.m. Offered in the downstairs Yoga Studio at 2:15

p.m. Wednesday and 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

ADULT CERAMICS CLASSES, 3 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of hand building with pinch pots, slab construction and coil construction then move to introduction of wheel throwing. No previous experience is required. Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

EXPLORATION AFTER SCHOOL, 3:30-5 p.m. Wallowa.

LIFE DRAWING WITH SAM COLLETT, 7 p.m. All skill levels welcome! There will be a live model on site for every class. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

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Thursday, January 26

PRESCHOOL SCIENCE THURSDAY, 9:30 a.m. Preschoolers and their parents can arrive an hour before storytime to participate in special science stories and activities. Snacks re provided. Enterprise Public Library, 101 NE First St., Enterprise.

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ENEI QIGONG MEDITATION, 4:30 p.m. Offered in the downstairs Yoga Studio at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday and 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

THE BIG READ 2017 “AMERICA IN VIETNAM”, 7 p.m. The Big Read features Author and professor David F. Schmitz as he examines why the United States was in Vietnam and the state of the war when Tim O’Brien fought. In the process Schmitz will place O’Brien’s The Things They Carried in its historical context to illuminate some of the key themes in the work. David Schmitz is a Whitman College professor of history and a widely published author on the Vietnam era. He teaches The Things They Carried at Whitman and is an articulate and entertaining presenter. The Place, 303 S. Lake St., Joseph (Mike Midlo 541-426-3623).

WALLOWOLOGY, 7 p.m. Dr. Karen McFarlane Holman, professor of chemistry at Willamette University and 2010 Oregon Professor of the Year, presents “Teaching Science to Girls in Saudi Arabia.” Sponsored by Soropti-

mists of Wallowa County. Evening slide show and presentation. Natural History Discovery Center, 508 N. Main St., Joseph.

Friday, January 27

PARENT-CHILD PLAY-GROUP, 9 a.m. Songs, stories, snacks and activities for kids and parents focusing on developing kindergarten readiness skills. Building Healthy Families, 207 E. Park St., Enterprise.

RUSTY SPURS INDOOR, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wallowa County Fairgrounds, 668 NW 1st St, Enterprise.

TIBETAN MEDITATION, 2:30 p.m. Nadabrahama meditation in the Josephy Center Yoga Studio (downstairs). Donations welcome. Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, 403 North Main Street, Joseph.

LAST FRIDAY OPEN MIC AT STOCKMAN’S LOUNGE, Held the last Friday of the month at the former Lear’s Main Street Pub. Stockman’s Lounge, 111 W. Main St., Enterprise.

Saturday, January 28

THE BIG READ 2017 WRITING WORKSHOP “THE OTHER WARRIORS: VOICES OF THE WOMEN OF VIETNAM VETERANS”, 10 a.m. This four-week writing workshop is an opportunity for women, wives, girlfriends, mothers, sisters, and daughters of Vietnam veterans to express stories of their experiences beyond the Vietnam conflict. Taught by Katherine Stickroth, freelance writer and widow of a Vietnam veteran, this class will provide a private, confidential and supportive space for members to find the voice of their stories through the written word. No previous writing experience is required. Contact Fishtrap to reserve your spot. Fishtrap House, 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise (541-426-3623).

MARKET, 11 a.m. Indoor farmers market open year-round. Friday times will be added during the growing season. Telephone Building, 301 E. First St., Wallowa.

Sunday, January 29

WALLOWA COUNTY CITIZENS AWARD BANQUET, 4 p.m. The theme for this year’s banquet is Leave A Little Sparkle Where Ever You Go! The Annual Citizen Awards Banquet recognizes individuals that have given of themselves to make Wallowa County the greatest place to live. There will be dinner, music, table gifts, raffle baskets, games, centerpiece drawings, trade show tables and a social hour. Make reservations and purchase tickets by contacting the Chamber office. Cloverleaf Hall, 600 NW First St., Enterprise (541-426-4622)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Enterprise Cemetery Maintenance District will meet on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Thornton Conference room in the Wallowa County Court House.

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The Wallowa County Health Care District Board of Directors will hold its regular board meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 11:30am in the Conference Room at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

A copy of the Board agenda will be available from the office of the Wallowa County Chieftain, KWVR or the Administrative Office at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

This meeting is open to the public.

Wallowa Memorial Hospital is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

LEGAL NOTICE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Training and Employment Consortium (TEC) is now issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) and accepting applications from interested businesses and independent contractors to conduct the work of a Network Administrator/Information Systems Specialist for our agency. TEC offers employment and training services to the six counties of Baker, Union, Wallowa, Malheur, Grant, and Harney. Interested businesses, vendors, or independent contractors may contact TEC Executive Director, Eric Labonte, at laboe@tecteam.org or 541-963-7942 Ext. 21 to receive the full proposal.

PROPOSAL IS DUE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS, 5:00 PM, FEBRUARY 15, 2017

TEC reserves the right to reject any and/or all of the responses.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Kerry A. Coleman has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of PRISCILLA S. COLEMAN, Deceased, Probate Case No. 16PB08446, Wallowa County Circuit Court, State of Oregon. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the Attorney for the Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate must present them to the Personal Representative at:

Alyssa D. Slater, P.C.
Alyssa D. Slater, Attorney for Personal Representative
107 Depot Street
P.O. Box 729
La Grande, Oregon 97850
(541) 663-8300
(541) 663-8298 Fax

within four months after the first publication date of this notice or they may be barred.
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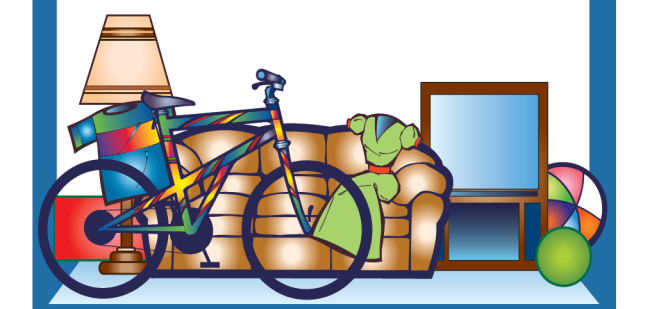
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541-426-4567

For **ONLY \$15**, you will get unlimited words, your ad placed in the yard sale section, five yard sale signs to use around town, and a **FREE 25-word**, one week ad to sell leftover items (a \$17 value for **FREE!**)

Plus your ad will appear online @ wallowa.com with over 10,000 visitors a week!



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Monday @ 4pm

Call **541.426.4567**