

Groups file appeal in Lostine corridor suit

Conservation nonprofits Greater Hells Canyon Council and Oregon Wild say they will appeal the latest ruling in the Lostine corridor management suit they filed in 2017.

U.S. District Judge Michael Simon recently ruled in favor of the U.S. Forest Service. The conservation groups filed a Notice of Appeal with the court Sept. 4.

Though billed as a public safety project, the project is largely composed of commercial logging and will remove four million board feet from 2,100 acres, the groups contend. The commercial units follow 11 miles of road along the Wild and Scenic Lostine River to its termination at Two Pan trailhead and extend to the boundary of the Eagle Cap Wilderness.

"We believe our case is strong and remain committed to protecting the Wild and Scenic Lostine River Canyon," said Darilyn Parry Brown, Executive Direc-

tor of the council. "We have never opposed the true public safety aspects of this project. But the heavy industrial logging will not improve public safety in the Lostine."

The project was designed through a Categorical Exclusion, which exempts the Forest Service from performing selected analysis of the environmental impacts of the logging, including the impacts to rare and sensitive species known to reside in the canyon.

Both groups contend that any logging within a Wild and Scenic River canyon surrounded by wilderness deserves a rigorous environmental analysis before logging occurs.

"Go visit the Lostine Canyon now," said Parry Brown. "Go into one of the marked units. Almost everything except the few trees with orange paint will be removed. If this logging moves forward, the forest will be irreversibly damaged."

And Hillock makes four

Candidate forum is Oct. 10

Long-time Enterprise business owner John M. Hillock has entered the competition for the Wallowa County Commission seat currently occupied by Paul Castilleja.

An opening was created upon the death of commissioner-elect Bruce Dunn, who had won a two-person primary race in May.

Former Wallowa County commissioner Dan DeBoie, Wallowa County real estate agent Diane Daggett and Cliff Walters have also filed for a slot on the November General Election ballot.

Hillock is owner of Enterprise Electric and Rental and longtime supporter of causes of all sorts in the county, including the county fairgrounds. He has also been a long-time supporter of Enterprise Education Foundation.

He took over operation of the firm in 2000 when his father "Big John" Hillock retired. The company was founded in 1970.

A candidate forum is being planned by the Wallowa County Chamber of Commerce 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10 at Cloverleaf Hall. Another forum is in the works, sponsored by the Wallowa Lake Tourism Association.

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Good instruction came from ranchers and other cowboys.

"I was fortunate to have been around some of the real old-time ranchers and cowboys in the earlier days. The late Max Gorsline of Upper Prairie Creek used to say, 'If you've got twice as much grass and twice as much hay and twice as much firewood as you think you need, you've got about the right amount.'"

Dwayne's Wallowa County "professors" also included the late Jack McClaran, Mike McFetridge, Lou Warnock and Kid Marks.

The 21st Century grassmen and ranchers in Wallowa County still do a lot of things

the "old way." Dwayne and grown son Will don't chase the grass by hauling the cattle from pasture to pasture. They trail them hundreds of miles every year from ground in Joseph to land on the Divide.

"We're pretty much on the trail for 30 days when we start leaving summer pasture," Dwayne said.

He also spends a lot of time out on the winter range in Imnaha with four horses, a few pack mules and a small pack of working dogs. Out in Imnaha at the rudimentary ranch-house, there's no phone, no cell service, no electricity.

Some nods to modern technology have crept in. He uses satellite Internet, a radio that will reach his nearest neighbor and solar power and a backup generator. When he walks out the door of his house in

Imnaha, he disappears into the past.

"It's just like it was a 100 years ago. It's pretty old school," Dwayne said. "It's rugged country, and it's all horseback."

Dwayne tried to modernize cattle branding just a tiny bit early on, he said.

"The first year we were down there (Imnaha), I loaded a calf chute on my pickup to take down just in case I needed it. I got caught in Imnaha by Dan Warnock and he gave me so much crap over hauling that calf chute down there, I turned around, and I brought it back, and I never took it down."

So, branding remains the social event of the year with families and friends from all over the area bringing their ropes and horses for a full day

of work. The favor is always returned.

The tradition of sharing chores stretches way back and many of the branding helpers are in their 70s, Carol said. "You'd never know it. They can work circles around people half their age."

The Voss's have been fully involved in their cattle community for many years as members of the Oregon Cattleman's Association and the Wallowa County Stockgrowers Association. They were formerly in the Haygrowers Association and in 4-H with their children, Erin (now of La Grande) and Will (and Jesse) Voss of Enterprise.

Carol, who retired from teaching at Enterprise Elementary School, also volunteers at school and at senior care days.

IN BRIEF

Go hog wild at Pig-nic on Oct. 6

Tickets are available for Pig-nic: A Hog Harvest Festival, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Barking Mad Farm. The event is hosted by Slow Food Wallows and is a family-friendly, educational, community event that will feature heritage Kunekune pigs raised on the farm.

Kunekune pigs are very friendly, and pig petting will be encouraged at this event.

The event is in celebration of food, and in addition to a half-hog butchery demonstration, attendees will get to sample dishes of andouille sausages with dirty rice; pulled pork sliders with coleslaw; ham and mini biscuits and pepper jelly; roast pork loin with succotash and pig popsicles.

Local brews, including Terminal Gravity beer and Eagle Cap kombucha, iced tea and lemonade will also be served while local musicians play the whole afternoon. Only 100 tickets, priced at \$25 each, will be sold for the event. The cost

covers food tasting and 2 drink tickets, (\$12.50 for 16 and younger). Tickets are being sold at the Bookloft, Ruby Peak Naturals, Joseph Hardware, Lower Valley Farmers Market and the Joseph Farmers' Market.

The highlight of the day will be the announcement of a \$1,000 grant awarded to a local food producer selected through a competitive selection process.

Slow Food Wallows is the local chapter of Slow Food USA, a nonprofit organization devoted to developing regional food systems and increasing access to good, clean and fair food. Farming operations are a key component of a resilient food system.

Tourism online survey available

If you are concerned about economic growth, over-tourism, workforce investments, protecting the environment, building more tourism infrastructure or all of the above – the 2018 Regional Stakeholder Survey is the feedback document that counts.

The Eastern Oregon Visitors Association describes feedback received on the online survey as "absolutely critical to ensure investments made in 2019-2021 Regional Cooperative Tourism Program plan are on target."

Feedback will become part of the official record at both the state-wide and eastern Oregon-region level which for an

11-county region.

Complete your 15-minute survey before the deadline of Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 5 p.m. by visiting research.net/r/2018-Engagement

Skulls skat pelts and more offered

Building Healthy Families will host rangers from Wallowa Lake State Park for a kid-friendly presentation on the animals that live in the area 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14.

A short presentation will be followed by a time for kids to touch, feel and play with real skeletons, furs and more. A healthy snack and take-home activities will also be provided.

Building Healthy Families is at 207 NE Park St., Enterprise. RSVP: 541-426-9411.

First aid, CPR classes offered

Project Heartbeat will conduct a First Aid/CPR/AED class at the Prairie Creek Center (Oregon DHS office) at the corner of River and Litch Streets in Enterprise.

The class will begin 8:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, and will train lay responders to assist those suffering medical emergencies, both minor and major, until the ambulance arrives.

Students will learn how to work with emergency responders, understand legal concepts, recognize symptoms of a heart attack and the latest CPR techniques.

Upon completion of the

course, participants will receive two-year certification from the American Red Cross. Cost of the seven-hour class is \$45.

Register: 541-432-0259.

Beekeepers plan workshop

A workshop on how to winter your bees will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at Hurricane Creek Grange, 82930 Airport Lane a mile west of Joseph.

The session is hosted by Lorna Cook. A question and answer session will follow. Open to anyone interested in bees.

Evening Under the Stars set Sept. 15

Friends of the Wallowa School District will present its annual Evening Under The Stars dinner and auction fundraising event 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Tamkaliks grounds.

Activities begin with a social hour with musical entertainment and games and prizes for kids.

There will be a silent auction (with a special kids table), a picnic dinner, a dessert auction and a live auction.

The organization supports many extra programs for Wallowa students, including elementary art, yoga and dance, the music program, the yearbook and the FFA, as well as special individual requests from the teachers.

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