

# Boat: Sheriff fighting to get safer, more capable craft for Hells Canyon patrols

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put in any rapids, and just hold it in place with those engines." Rogers paid for the fuel for the boat. Idaho Power chipped in food and shelter.

Ultimately they recovered the body of the jet boater—a prison guard who lived in Ontario, Oregon. His boat washed ashore somewhat later. "It looked like a crushed Coors can," Rogers said.

"Generally, our boat is good on the lake and smaller rivers that aren't rough and don't have lots of rapids, like the Grande Ronde," Steen said. "We have to be a little careful on the Snake River because the boat we have now is not a very wide-beamed long bowed boat. We just have to pick our routes more carefully when we go upriver. There are some places and some flows that we just can't navigate. It would be nice to have a little bit larger, a little longer boat. Even a couple more



Ellen Morris Bishop

Wallowa County sheriff's deputy Marc Christman counsels a stand-up paddle boarder on safety and also the best way around the EPA's barrel recovery work on Wallowa Lake in May, 2019.

feet would help us greatly." Both Steen and Rogers have asked for a slightly bigger boat for years. But their requests have fallen on deaf ears, as have their invitations to take the Marine Board members and administrators on an exciting ride through Hells Canyon on a 19-foot, single-engined jet boat.

"I've been trying to achieve that for years. But for some reason I've just not been able to get it done," Steen said. "Maybe they don't want us to have a bigger boat. I don't know what the reason is. They will give you a reason, but their reasons don't wash out. It's been an issue and an irritant with us."

Most likely, Steen noted, Wallowa County is simply too far away. It's out of sight, out of mind. The needs of a rural county that patrols the roughest part of a river that flows through the deepest canyon in North America, using a light-weight, single engine watercraft, just doesn't seem important. And it's not just on the

Snake River that a slightly bigger boat would help. "Last year we were on the Grande Ronde looking for an escaped person out of Union County," Steen said. "We damaged our boat, and got it repaired mostly on the county's insurance. That boat was pretty adequate on the Grande Ronde, but even there, if we had a couple more feet on the boat it would be a heck of a lot safer for us."

When the sheriff's patrol is not plying the Snake or the Grande Ronde, they are most likely to be found on Wallowa Lake, where they spend a lot more time than on the Snake.

"This is a destination place in the summer time, Steen said. "People come here to relax and we try to keep that in mind. But safety is number one."

On the lake, the marine patrol checks for safety equipment including life vests, removes the county's docks from the lake in the fall and returns them to

the water in the spring, and occasionally remove debris floating on the lake ("But we don't actually clean the lake," Steen was quick to clarify.) They look for people running too fast in no wake zones, intoxicated people, and generally look out for public safety. While the EPA was working on removing barrels from the lake, the sheriff's patrol ensured that boaters, kayakers, and paddle-boarders steered clear of the work areas. Patrolling the lake during Shake the Lake Fireworks is especially important. They also check boats for licenses, and for invasive species. "We don't need zebra mussels in Wallowa Lake," Steen said. "That would be a nasty deal."

The Oregon State Marine Board helps support all this work, returning about \$35,000 per year for patrol of Hells Canyon, the Grande Ronde, and Wallowa Lake. Now if only they would come up with that slightly bigger boat....

# ACE: Wallowa County Students attend Aerospace Career Exploration Camp

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Treasure Valley Community College, and Frazier Aviation in Ontario. The Wallowa County students were sponsored by the NEOAF (North Eastern Oregon Aviation Foundation) and Joseph Charter School (JCS.)

"The academy does more than just focus on piloting and aircraft maintenance and design," stated Steven Locke, who accompanied the stu-

dents to the camp. Locke grew up on a ranch outside of Joseph and is now an associate professor at the University of Wyoming. He volunteers his efforts as Education Liaison with the Aviation Education programs in Wallowa County.

"There are numerous career opportunities in the field of aviation that can provide living wages for Wallowa County students. While there will be tremen-

dous shortages of pilots and airframe and powerplant mechanics, within the next decade there is also a need for employees in air traffic control, weather forecasting, and business management.

It also informs them on how they can further their education for those careers when they leave high school, whether it be college, trade schools, or some type of apprenticeship program."

The Academy began with

learning about drone operations and actually piloting drones. This workshop stressed the importance and the protocols of communications between members on each team, other drone operating teams, and bystanders in the area.

The second part of the academy included visits to Western Aircraft in Boise where students observed the refurbishing and maintenance of aircraft. Students then entered a 65 foot air traffic control tower to observe aircraft departures, approaches, and landings. The last visit of

the day was to the National Weather Service facilities which gives weather conditions vital to the aviation industry.

ACE Academy activities ended with Wallowa County students being treated to cross country flying where each student was able to take the controls of a Cessna 172 with the assistance of a certified flight instructor.

JCS 10th grader Corin Armentrout said, "Flying on the last day was my favorite part. Attending ACE Academy gives me a head start on what's going to be happen-

ing in the aviation classes at school this year."

Academy organizers are currently working on bringing the three day camp to Wallowa County in 2020. Local students will be selected, as well as those from the Eastern Oregon region.

"There are a lot of moving parts to put together for next year's ACE Academy," stated Locke. "We are trying to build regional interest in STEM education and expose students to post-secondary careers and educational opportunities. The ACE Academy works to accomplish those goals."

The ACE Academy is a nation-wide program that is sponsored and supported by private industry, colleges and universities, and nonprofit organization. Starting in 1989, the Academy has been in existence for 30 years. The purpose of the academy is to raise awareness about aviation/aerospace careers among students, teachers and parents, promote STEM through the focus on aviation and build positive public awareness of general aviation in the region.

Steven Locke, Education Liaison for the North East Oregon Aviation Foundation based in Joseph, said, "The Academy goes beyond just teaching students about STEM and develops important skills in group collaboration, project management, and communicating in a professional environment."

"Aviation is just another aspect of the transportation industry but in three dimensions. There is the science behind aviation that differs from other types of the transportation industry. But the economics, business management, logistics, communication, safety, equipment maintenance, and a myriad of other aspects are all very similar."

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