Commission approves purchase of new property for Minam River Wildlife Area

The Observer

SALEM — The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission approved the purchase of nearly 5,000 acres of land along the Minam River on Friday, Aug. 6, according to a press release.

The purchase, the release said, is part of Phase I of a project that will eventually create an expanded 15,000acre Minam River Wildlife Area.

ODFW, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Hancock Natural Resource Group are partnering on the a project to purchase property in Wallowa and Union counties along the Minam River. The move will permanently protect crucial big game winter range and provide habitat for salmon, bull trout and Oregon Conservation Strategy Species including white-headed woodpecker, Rocky Mountain tailed frog and several priority bat species.

Located about 30 miles northeast of La Grande, the property is currently managed by Hancock Natural Resource Group with a recent appraised value

FOR THE RECORD

AUG. 2 12:54 a.m. — Public assist. 6:01 a.m. — Civil dispute in Enterprise.

6:10 a.m. — Report of an unknown vehicle in Wallowa. 7:48 a.m. — Report of sus-

picious person in Enterprise. 8:53 a.m. — Stolen U-Haul trailer reported in rural

Enterprise. 8:56 a.m. Noninjury traffic crash reported in Joseph.

9:48 a.m. — Report of loud voices in rural Enterprise. **10:41 a.m**. — Parking complaint in Enterprise.

11:19 a.m. — Call for public assist in Joseph.

12:31 p.m. — Commercial burglary alarm in rural Joseph. 5:14 p.m. — Public assist with lockout requested in Enterprise.

5:18 p.m. — Disabled vehicle reported on Highway 82 in found in rural Joseph.

Joseph. **2:45 p.m.** — Abandoned vehicle reported in Joseph.

3:57 p.m. — Fire alarm activation in rural Joseph. 4:25 p.m. — Trespass com-

plaint in rural Wallowa. 5:14 p.m. — Report of dog left in vehicle in Enterprise.

6:27 p.m. — Public assist in Enterprise.

6:45 p.m. — Wallowa County Sheriff's Office traffic stop in Enterprise. Vehicle towed for driving while uninsured.

6:54 p.m. — Dog bite reported in Wallowa.

7:39 p.m. — Missing juvenile reported at Wallowa Lake State Park. Juvenile found.

8:29 p.m. — Call reporting a hillside fire in rural Imnaha. **10:45 p.m.** — Suspi-

cious person reported in rural Enterprise.

AUG.4

3:48 a.m. — Property 4:43 a.m. Report of crash activation in rural Wallowa.

several fire starts on the Wallowa River near Fisher Creek.

12:24 p.m. — Report of criminal mischief in Wallowa. 12:40 p.m. — Public assist in rural Enterprise.

The properties will be

added to ODFW's cur-

rent 440-acre Minam River

1:07 p.m. Report of

criminal mischief in Enterprise. 1:38 p.m. — Report of a dog being shot in Joseph.

2:27 p.m. — Fire reported in rural Wallowa.

2:32 p.m. — Public assist in rural Lostine.

3:40 p.m. — Scam calls reported in Enterprise.

5:45 p.m. — Agency assist in rural Wallowa.

6:35 p.m. — 911 report of lightning strike fire near Grouse Flats.

7:19 p.m. — Agency assist. 8:14 p.m. — Agency assist requested in Pendleton.

9:59 p.m. — Call reporting a suspicious person in Lostine.

AUG.6

12:52 a.m. — Public assist requested in Joseph.

Wildlife Area, turning it into one of the state's major wildlife areas providing wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation opportunities. Future management will be determined through the adoption of a Wildlife Area Management Plan.

Managers envision the property as a "working landscape" where livestock grazing and active forest management assist with habitat management goals. ODFW will continue to pay fire protection and in-lieu of property taxes for parcels in each respective county.

Recreation opportunities on the new property could include hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, horseback riding, kayaking and other activities. A footbridge over the Minam River is being considered to facilitate improved public access to the historic Minam River Trail, which travels for 6 miles through the property. The trail connects recreationists to the Wallowa Mountains and Eagle Cap Wilderness in the neighboring National Forest.

9:35 a.m. — Traffic com-

11:34 a.m. — Public assist

12:59 p.m. — Report of

1:32 p.m. — Report of lost

2:27 p.m. — Public assist

2:47 p.m. — Public assist

4:03 p.m. — Agency assist

5:15 p.m. — Public assist

7:55 p.m. — Suspicious

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public assist in Lostine.

Enterprise council extends moratorium on vacation rentals

By BILL BRADSHAW Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE Another 90-day moratorium on new vacation rentals was approved Monday, Aug. 9, by the Enterprise City Council, according to a press release from City Hall.

The moratorium was the extension of an earlier one approved in May after concerns were expressed that the increase of vacation rentals in the city was decreasing the availability of longterm rentals, as well as other concerns.

City Administrator Lacey McQuead provided the council with a breakdown of a preliminary decision made by the city's Planning Commission. She recommended the councilors attend the next Planning Commission meeting in September or prepare written statements to be read there to share their concerns.

The moratorium restricts the vacation rentals in the city's R-2 zone, which is for multifamily residences.

Councilor David Elliott shared his concerns for con-

2:44 p.m. — Lost property

3:38 p.m. — Parking com-

3:59 p.m. — Civil dispute

6:12 p.m. — Report of

6:32 p.m. — Agency assist.

7:10 p.m. — Three horses

7:32 p.m. — Agency assist

8:01 p.m. — Report of an

9:05 p.m. — Agency assist

running at large in Wallowa.

smoke in the north end of the

in rural Lostine.

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in rural Joseph.

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plaint in Enterprise.

ditionally allowing such rentals in an R-2 zone.

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In another matter, Police Chief Kevin McQuead said Saturday's grand opening of the refurbished Skate Park was a considerable success. (See story, Page A1.)

In other business, the council:

· Passed a resolution honoring and recognizing the dedication and commitment of former city Administrator Michele R. Young in her years of service to the city. The resolution was read by Mayor Ashley Sullivan and was approved by the council.

• Heard a report from city librarian Denine Rautenstrauch, who said the position of library assistant is open and she has three possible candidates. Applications for the position close Thursday, Aug. 12.

• Held public hearings on requests to vacate Tejaka Lane and Highland Drive. No public input was received on either vacation and the council approved both.

The next council meeting will be Monday, Sept. 13.

in rural Joseph. 10:24 p.m. — Agency assist in Enterprise.

AUG. 8

9:21 a.m. — Agency assist in Lostine.

9:51 a.m. — Injured deer reported in Enterprise.

1:26 p.m. — Report of down cable line in Enterprise.

1:42 p.m. — Vehicle vs. dog accident reported in Enterprise.

2:01 p.m. — Stolen wallet in rural Joseph.

8:38 p.m. — Report of injured deer in rural Joseph.



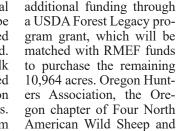


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The expanded Minam River Wildlife Area will protect habitat and provide outdoor recreational opportunities along the Minam River in Northeastern Oregon.

of \$18.7 million. The final purchase price will be determined by updated appraisals, the release said. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation has committed a minimum of \$5.15 million apportioned to both phases. Phase I funding came from RMEF and the Wildlife other organizations are also Restoration Program, a fedcontributing funds toward eral excise tax on guns and the purchase. ammunition.

Completing Phase II is contingent on securing



ural Enterprise. 7:12 p.m. — Suspicious

vehicle reported at Wallowa Lake.

8:16 p.m. — Report of suspicious person in Wallowa.

8:30 p.m. — Report of suspicious person in rural Enterprise.

9:27 p.m. — Suspicious person in Joseph.

11:24 p.m. — Traffic complaint in rural Wallowa.

AUG. 3

8:13 a.m. — Theft of services in Wallowa. 8:24 a.m. — Report of a theft in Joseph. 10:31 a.m. — Open door in Wallowa. **10:36 a.m.** — Animal complaint in Joseph. **10:56 a.m.** — Loose cow

reported in rural Enterprise. 11:04 a.m. — Public assist

in rural Lostine. **12:03 p.m.** — Dog as public nuisance reported in

4:51 a.m. — Report of a vehicle on fire in rural Lostine. **1:17 p.m.** — Noninjury motor-vehicle crash reported in rural Joseph.

3:53 p.m. — Public assist rural Wallowa.

5:13 p.m. — Single-vehicle, noninjury crash reported in rural Joseph. 5:38 p.m. — Report of bad-

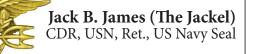
ger in Enterprise.

AUG.5

7:51 a.m. — Report of illegal burning in Wallowa. 8:30 a.m. — Report of vehicle struck deer in rural Enterprise.

9:45 a.m. — Call reporting lightning strike at Wallowa Lake.

11:02 a.m. — A fire started by a lightning strike reported in Flora. 11:14 a.m. — Report of



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8:11 a.m. — Longhorn cattle found in rural Enterprise.

8:04 a.m. — Sighting of three puppies in Enterprise.

8:35 a.m. — Welfare check in rural Joseph. 9:14 a.m. — Suspicious

vehicle reported in Enterprise. 9:34 a.m. — Public assist in

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Runaway 10:01 a.m. report in Wallowa.

AUG.7

11:04 a.m. — Report of a burn in the city of Joseph.

12:33 p.m. — Report of loose horse in rural Enterprise. 1:41 p.m. — Suspicious

vehicle in Enterprise. 2:41 p.m. — Civil dispute



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Joe & Rita's Celebration of Life

Memorial Mass, Sat. Aug. 21st at 9am St. Pius Catholic Church 407 South Pine, Wallowa, OR 97885

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