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**WALLOWA COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
WALLOWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE**
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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Wallowa County Planning Commission on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Thornton Conference Room, 1 st floor of the Wallowa County Courthouse.

AIRPORT DEV AMD#21-01 FINDINGS – Proposed amendment, AMD#21-01 submitted by D. Rahn Hostetter of Hostetter Law Group, LLP on behalf of S&V Properties, LLC is a request to add a new airport adjacent zone titled ARTICLE 58 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT. This amendment would not constitute a rezone of any parcel but could provide the opportunity for property owners adjacent to the Enterprise or Joseph airports to apply for a zone change.

JOHNSON ZC#21-01 (Discussion continued from October 26, 2021) –The Wallowa County Board of Commissioners amended Appendix 9.1 of the Wallowa County Comprehensive Land Use Plan with an updated Economic Opportunity Analysis (EOA). This EOA proposed to change the zoning on 20 acres of property described as Township 1 North, Range 42 East, Section 14, Tax lot 100 currently zoned Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) and owned by Clint Johnson. If approved, 20 acres would be rezoned to Rural Commercial (RC) and the Wallowa County Comprehensive Land Use Plan and associated zoning maps would be revised.

RAHN CUP#21-11 - Conditional Use Permit submitted by Amanda and Brian Rahn. The proposed Conditional Use Permit is a request for a Hardship Dwelling in the Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) zone. The property in question is described as Township 02 South, Range 44 East, Section 11, and Tax Lot 1300. It is more commonly known as 65078 Hurricane Creek Road, Enterprise, OR 97828 and consists of approximately 19.25 acres.

Other Business:

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2022.

These matters will be reviewed for conformance to the WCCLUP and WCLDO Article 1, Article 5, Article 7, Article 9, Article 12, Article 15, Article 16, and any other applicable goal, regulation or ordinance of Wallowa County or the State of Oregon. All applications and draft staff reports may be reviewed in the Planning Dept. Monday – Thursday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Written comments must be received by the Wallowa County Planning Department – 101 S River St. Room 105, Enterprise OR 97828 – by 3:00 pm on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Oral comments may be given at the time of the hearing, which is open to the public. For persons with disabilities that wish to attend, please call at least 24 hours before the meeting so accommodations may be made.

Please see the Wallowa County website for information on how to access this meeting remotely: <https://co.wallowa.or.us/community-development/land-use-planning/>

Ramona Phillips, Chairman
Wallowa County Planning Commission

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Idaho Power Company Project No. 1971-134

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND PROTESTS

(November 4, 2021)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Amendment of License
- b. Project No: P-1971-134
- c. Date Filed: October 8, 2021
- d. Applicant: Idaho Power Company (licensee)
- e. Name of Project: Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Snake River in Adams and Washington counties, Idaho and in Wallowa, Malheur, and Baker counties, Oregon. The project occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (Payette and Wallowa Whitman National Forests and Hells Canyon National Recreational Area.)
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. David Zayas, FERC Hydropower Coordinator, Idaho Power Company, 1221 W. Idaho Street, P.O. Box 70 Boise, ID 83702, (208) 388-2915, DZayas@idahopower.com
- i. FERC Contact: Jennifer Polardino, (202) 502-6437, jennifer.polardino@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: December 6, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-1971-134. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. Description of Request: In response to the Commission's March 29, 2021 letter, the licensee proposes to add the Oxbow Fish Hatchery as a project feature to the existing license for the Hells Canyon Project. However, the licensee explained that the existing hatchery building has become increasingly difficult to maintain and/or repair, due in part to its age. The hatchery building also does not meet modern industry safety standards. As such, the licensee additionally requests to amend the project license to demolish the existing hatchery structures and construct a new and modern Oxbow Fish Hatchery in the same location. The licensee does not propose to modify hatchery operations or larger project operations.

l. Location of the Application: This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Documents: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 C.F.R. 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 C.F.R. 385.2010.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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Alex Wittwer/The Observer

A banner outside the McDonald's restaurant on Island Avenue in La Grande advertises hiring of up to \$15 an hour on Friday, Oct. 29, 2021. Eastern Oregon unemployment rates have dropped for the fifth consecutive month, even as the leisure and hospitality industries struggle to return to their pre-pandemic levels.

Eastern Oregon returning to pre-pandemic job numbers

By ALEX WITTWER
EO Media Group

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon is back on track to recovering jobs lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to state economists.

Regional economists Christopher Rich and Dallas Fridley at the Oregon Employment Department reported unemployment rates have dipped to the lowest level since the pandemic began in the spring of 2020.

Union and Wallowa counties saw a 1.5% and 1.6% decrease in unemployment from September 2020 to September 2021, respectively, closing out with 5.3% and 5.4% total unemployment rates. Baker County saw a 2.2% drop during the same period, from 7.1% to 4.9%, the largest drop of the Northeastern Oregon counties. Grant County saw a 1.5% decrease, down to 6.6%.

Morrow County recorded one of the lowest year-end decreases with just 0.9%, down to a 4.4% unemployment rate since September 2020. Morrow County's seasonally adjusted unemployment

rate ranked sixth out of 36 Oregon counties, tied with Clackamas and Yamhill counties.

Umatilla County's unemployment rate of 5% placed 14th in September among Oregon's 36 counties, tied with Jackson County. During the year, Umatilla County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 1.2 percentage points since September 2020. Umatilla County led job growth primarily through public sector employment, adding 470 government jobs during the year.

Union County is largely back on track, according to economists, but not fully recovered from the 1,400 jobs lost at the start of the pandemic. Leisure and hospitality regained 87% of jobs lost, but remained roughly 60 shy of full recovery.

Evidence of those statistics can be found in persistent help wanted signs at fast food chains, while job advertisements have largely disappeared from the windows of local restaurants. Restaurants such as Mamacita's International Grill, La Grande, have had to close temporarily or

reduce hours due to staffing shortages, while others such as local bistro and eatery Wine Down have closed permanently.

The total increase across Northeastern Oregon counties was approximately 1,450 jobs over the year ending in September. Of those jobs added, 700 were in the private sector.

Across the state, unemployment rates fell to 4.7%, down from its high of 13.2% in April 2020 when government-mandated shutdowns halted economies across the United States. The unemployment rate is slightly higher than its pre-pandemic level of 3.5%, flirting with the idea of a full recovery as COVID-19 infections fall across the state, and vaccination rates rise to 80%, according to the Oregon Health Authority.

Unemployment claims in Eastern Oregon fell dramatically over the year, tumbling from 1,918 unemployment claims in September 2020 to just 794 in September 2021, a nearly 60% drop in claims numbers. Those numbers had been continually dropping since January 2021.

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