

# Conservation easement at Wallowa Lake lodge dedicated

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**WALLOWA LAKE** — More than nine acres at Wallowa Lake Lodge were dedicated Thursday, July 21, as a conservation easement to the Nez Perce Tribe “in perpetuity” to maintain the pristine quality of the headwaters of the lake around the lodge.

“The Nimiipuu have always been stewards of this land ... and we’ve always cared for that which sustains us and our way of life,” said Sam Penney, chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee. He used the name of the Nez Perce people — which means “the people” — in the Nez Perce language.

“I recall seeing a statement from Chief Joseph, who said, ‘Do not misunderstand me. ... I never said the land was mine to do with as I choose. The only one who has the right to dispose of it is the one who created it.’” Penney said.

He said the tribe has been working to “respect the land the best we know how.”

The easement divides the 9.22 acres of lodge property into three zones. Zone A, to the immediate west of the lodge, is designated aquatic

habitat and includes part of the Wallowa River. Zone B north of the lodge is open ground, designated as simply habitat for wildlife. Zone C comes in two portions: the lodge and cabins and their immediate grounds and another portion on the northeast corner of the property that includes buildings.

“Completion of the work on this conservation easement will provide benefits that will go on well in to the future,” Penney said. “This easement allows us to rest assured that this land will remain in pristine condition.”

After quoting Chief Joseph’s recollection of his father’s dedication to the land, Penney said, “Today we take pride in knowing we’re helping honor our ancestor’s commitment to his father to protect this land. ... But this is not just about the pride. Together we have found common ground in our love of (this land).”

### Salmon recovery

One of the tribe’s main goals is to see the recovery of sockeye salmon to the lake.

Penney said he expects Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries will take an active part.



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**From left, Chairman Sam Penney of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee and Madeline Lau, general manager of the Wallowa Lake Lodge, present a blanket to Karen Antell, retired professor of biology from Eastern Oregon University, who spent many years working on grants to enable the lodge to be purchased and the easement acquired. Antell was praised for her work Thursday, July 21, 2022, during the dedication of the easement.**

“There will be active management to keep it pristine,” he said. “We’d also like to see the sockeye salmon return in the next few years. There’s a lot of other work that we want to see done.”

James Monteith, chairman of Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands and executive producer of Wallowology, said it’s also his goal to see the salmon recovery.

“Even though we have

a long way to go in salmon recovery, we know now what to do,” he said.

Although it wasn’t mentioned, the refurbished Wallowa Lake Dam will be instrumental in those efforts. When work gets going on the dam next year, it will be required to have some sort of fish passage to allow fish migration.

### Lodge history

Monteith was instrumen-

tal in creating Lake Wallowa Lodge LLC to purchase the lodge in 2015. He recounted much of the lodge’s history, which also is listed on its website.

The oldest portion of the building will mark its 100th anniversary next year.

When one of the previous owners died in 2015, his partners put the lodge up for auction. This drew immediate attention from large hotel chains and ignited a passion for locals and past patrons to “save the lodge,” according to the website. A passionate team of locals put together enough local investors to purchase the lodge as a community.

Today the lodge has over 100 investors and maintains plans to keep the historic values that the lodge has held for almost a century, which has included the tribe’s ties to the area.

### Gratitude

The dedication ceremonies were also a chance to list by name those deemed instrumental in helping see the easement achieved.

Penney read a list that included the Wallowa Lake Lodge board of manag-

ers, Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands (Wallowology), Wallowa County municipalities, Friends to the Wallowa Lake Lodge, the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department, The Collins Foundation, The Healy Foundation, The Oregon Community Foundation, Grant Makers of Oregon and Southwest Washington, M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Meyer Memorial Trust, Pacific Power Foundation, Craft3, Bank of Eastern Oregon and Nez Perce Tribal staff.

“Last, but not least, we would like to give special thanks to Dr. Karen Antell,” Penney said. “For four years, she worked as our grant writer in a volunteer capacity. Without her efforts and dedication, we would likely not be here celebrating this occasion today.”

Penney concluded with a sentiment about what the property means to him.

“As I came into the parking lot this morning, the first thing I noticed was the sound of the water,” he said. “It was such a beautiful sound, and we know that this area is pristine with clean water and we want to ensure its protection.”

## FOR THE RECORD

### JULY 18

- 2:12 a.m.** — Domestic reported in rural Wallowa.
- 2:51 a.m.** — Attempt to locate missing person out of Imnaha; person located and safe.
- 9 a.m.** — Welfare check in rural Wallowa.
- 9:14 a.m.** — Theft from mailbox in rural Enterprise.
- 9:57 a.m.** — Traffic stop in Wallowa; warning for speed.
- 1:12 p.m.** — Criminal mischief reported at Kni-Co in Wallowa.
- 2:11 p.m.** — Civil dispute in Joseph; problem resolved.
- 5:33 p.m.** — Request for welfare check in Troy.
- 8:13 p.m.** — Suspicious activity reported in Enterprise.

### JULY 19

- 9:32 a.m.** — Barking dog complaint in Enterprise.
- 11 a.m.** — Suspicious person reported at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise.
- 11:40 a.m.** — Reckless driver reported on Highway 82.
- 2 p.m.** — Public assist in Enterprise.
- 2:34 p.m.** — Criminal mischief at the Little Store in Enterprise.

**2:36 p.m.** — Burglary reported in rural Joseph.

**4:51 p.m.** — Vehicle lockout at Wallowa Lake.

### JULY 20

- 8:26 a.m.** — Report of road hazard in rural Enterprise.
- 8:53 a.m.** — Smoke reported in rural Wallowa.
- 9:06 a.m.** — Public assist in Enterprise.
- 9:24 a.m.** — Civil dispute in Enterprise.
- 9:38 a.m.** — Lost man’s wallet in Wallowa County.
- 10:13 a.m.** — Public assist in Wallowa.
- 11:43 a.m.** — Civil dispute in Enterprise.
- 11:59 a.m.** — Hit-and-run accident with vehicle property damage reported in Joseph.
- 12:09 p.m.** — Scam/fraud reported in Joseph.
- 2 p.m.** — Hit-and-run accident reported in Enterprise.
- 2:29 p.m.** — Animal complaint near Wallowa Lake.
- 3:48 p.m.** — Animal report in Enterprise.
- 4:52 p.m.** — Found wallet in rural Joseph; owner was notified.
- 5:14 p.m.** — Report of loose cattle in rural Joseph.
- 5:17 p.m.** — Boating hazard on Wallowa Lake.
- 6:39 p.m.** — Lost wallet reported in Enterprise.
- 8:16 p.m.** — Water hazard

reported on Wallowa Lake.

**9:22 p.m.** — Report of loose cattle on Highway 3, milepost 16.

### JULY 21

- 9:08 a.m.** — Report of criminal mischief in Enterprise.
- 1:05 p.m.** — Request for public assist on Wallowa Lake.
- 1:15 p.m.** — Menacing reported at Hells Canyon.
- 2:42 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in rural Joseph, the Enterprise Police Department issued a warning for failure to obey a traffic control device.
- 3:12 p.m.** — Multiple calls reporting farm machinery fire in rural Joseph.
- 5:35 p.m.** — Joseph Francis McGue, 63, of Joseph, was arrested during a traffic stop by EPD on a charge of contempt of court. His vehicle was towed for driving uninsured.
- 5:48 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in Enterprise; the Wallowa County Sheriff’s Office issued a warning for equipment violation.
- 6:01 p.m.** — Contempt of court reported in Enterprise.
- 9:09 p.m.** — Report of a suspicious person in Enterprise.
- 10:22 p.m.** — Noise complaint in Joseph.

### JULY 22

**7:32 a.m.** — Cattle in roadway.

**9:03 a.m.** — Burglary in rural Wallowa.

**9:55 a.m.** — Cattle without water.

**10:03 a.m.** — Metal cart blocking the sidewalk in Enterprise.

**10:10 a.m.** — Suspicious activity in rural Enterprise.

**10:50 a.m.** — Hit-and-run accident with property damage was reported in the parking lot of Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles in Enterprise.

**10:55 a.m.** — Vehicle lockout in Wallowa.

**12:36 p.m.** — Angus cow on the highway.

**12:55 p.m.** — Public assist with vehicle lockout.

**1:49 p.m.** — Dog bite incident in rural Joseph.

**2:59 p.m.** — Civil dispute in Wallowa.

**3:03 p.m.** — Hit and run reported in Enterprise.

**4:28 p.m.** — John William Fine, 54, of Joseph, was arrested by EPD on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender. Fine was cited and released.

**4:47 p.m.** — Agency assist in Wallowa.

**5:52 p.m.** — Public assist in Enterprise.

**7:20 p.m.** — Request of public assist in Enterprise.

**7:27 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in rural Wallowa, the WCSO issued a warning for speed.

**7:44 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in rural Enterprise, the WCSO issued a warning for speed.

**8:11 p.m.** — Trespass and traffic complaint in rural Enterprise.

**9:20 p.m.** — Public assist in rural Wallowa.

### JULY 23

**8:46 a.m.** — Trespass notice in Wallowa.

**12:20 p.m.** — Travel trailer off the road.

**4:17 p.m.** — Runaway from foster care.

**5:08 p.m.** — MVC rollover on Bear Creek.

**5:47 p.m.** — Welfare check on suicidal male.

**6:21 p.m.** — Traffic complaint in rural Enterprise.

**6:40 p.m.** — Agency assist in Enterprise.

**7:09 p.m.** — Brianna Kay Black, 23, of Anatone, Washington, was arrested by the WCSO.

**7:22 p.m.** — Search-and-rescue incident at Wallowa Lake State Park.

**7:36 p.m.** — Johnny Mathew Rahn, 44, of Enterprise, was arrested by the EPD on a charge of failure to register as a sex offender.

**8:03 p.m.** — Traffic complaint in Enterprise.

**9:58 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in Wallowa, the WCSO issued a warning for expired tags.

**10:28 p.m.** — At a traf-

fic stop in Enterprise, the EPD issued a warning for speed.

### JULY 24

**2:18 a.m.** — Request for motorist assist in Union County.

**9:49 a.m.** — Search-and-rescue call-out; subject was located safe.

**11:17 a.m.** — At a traffic stop in Enterprise, the WCSO issued a citation having no operator’s license.

**1:15 p.m.** — Theft of gas at Joseph Marketplace.

**6:13 p.m.** — Harassment reported near Wallowa Lake.

**7:30 p.m.** — Alex Steven Emery Martin, 30, of Enterprise, was arrested by the EPD during a traffic stop on a misdemeanor charge of driving while suspended. Martin was cited and released and the vehicle was towed.

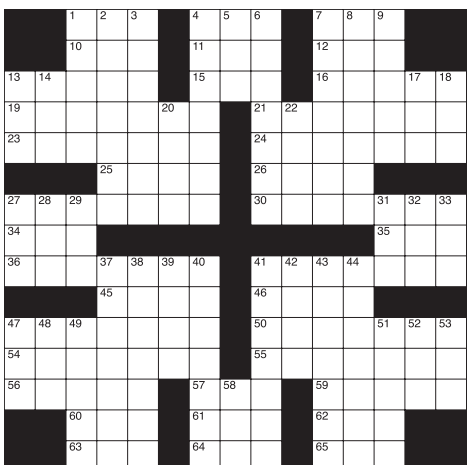
**8:10 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in rural Enterprise, the WCSO issued two warnings for speed.

**8:22 p.m.** — Cynthia Jo Nohr, 63, of Enterprise, was arrested during a traffic stop by the EPD on charges of driving under the influence, contempt of court and reckless driving.

**9:35 p.m.** — Road hazard reported in rural Enterprise.

**9:54 p.m.** — Noise complaint in Joseph.

**10:35 p.m.** — At a traffic stop in Joseph, the WCSO issued a warning for expired tags.



- CLUES ACROSS**
- America’s WW2 President
  - Move earth
  - Insecticide
  - Naturally occurring solid material
  - State of fuss
  - Bhutanese wine
  - Greek island
  - Taxi
  - Tanzanian ethnic group
  - Metrical foot
  - Boasted
  - Eel-like vertebrate
  - Small freshwater lakes
  - Morally base
  - Not odd
  - Where you live
  - Fixed in place
  - A very large body of water
  - Moved quickly
  - Winged horse
  - Small waterfall
  - Hoopster
  - Gasol
  - One who mimics
  - Tropical plant
  - Used of walls
  - A citizen of Iran
  - Christian hermit
  - She marries the groom
  - American patriotic society
  - Wine grape
  - Wine grape
  - School of Buddhism

- A team’s best pitcher
- Consumed
- Time zone
- Part of a company name
- Type of bulb
- Marine protozoan
- You use it for your eyes
- Set aside for a later time
- Metrical foot
- Famed journalist Tarbell
- Consumes quickly
- Rewards in a civil suit
- Burn a corpse
- Women’s \_\_\_ movement
- NHL great Bobby
- Coarse, green material
- Treated with calcium oxide
- When you hope to get there
- “Partridge” actress Susan
- What thespians do
- Eccentric person
- A way to save for your future
- Young boy
- Midway between northeast and east
- Changed
- Prominent
- Genus of seabirds
- Event regarded as wrong
- Skipped in a lively way
- Multi-function radar (abbr.)
- A country in W. Africa
- Ballroom dance
- Chum
- Comedienne Gasteyer
- A room to relax
- Commercials
- Six (Spanish)
- Wild party
- Small European viper
- Baseballer Gordon

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to irrigation.

**SMSYTES**

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### SUDOKU

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### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

- Solve the code to discover words related to irrigation. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 4 = R)
- A. 23 3 16 11 10 1**  
Clue: Living organisms
  - B. 25 4 22 20**  
Clue: Get larger
  - C. 20 16 10 26 4**  
Clue: Hydrogen and oxygen
  - D. 7 22 1 26**  
Clue: Flexible tube

### IRRIGATION WORD SEARCH

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Y N F U V B E C S F B F L O O D K I U P  
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- WORDS**  
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