

Potential sites viewed



Claude Smith, Sr., Vernon Henry, Wilma Scott and Ellen Johnson listen as Terry Luther explains the site recommended for a storage pond east of Highway 26 on Sidwalter Flat.

by Sid Miller

On April 18, 1984, the Tribal Council scheduled a tour to view the Potter's Pond and other potential sites to construct a log storage pond.

"Blue Stain" has become a major issue and has apparently caused the Confederated Tribes a considerable monetary loss over the past years. The problem of the blue stain has been discussed in depth with results aiming at two possible solutions to the problem: (1) utilize Potter's Ponds since they have been acquired by the Tribes, and (2) establish an all weather road system.

The Natural Resources Department is very concerned about both solutions and have made recommendations to the Tribal Council of alternatives that could better help the fish runs in Mill Creek.

Damming Potter's Pond created the need to build a by-pass channel around the ponds, as anadromous fish (salmon and steelhead) passage was blocked. The by-pass channel also became blocked due to flooding and the anadromous fish runs, especially spring chinook salmon, became easy targets for harassment at the barrier and over a three year

period the runs were severely depleted and nearly lost.

In late December of 1980 the dam broke during extreme flooding conditions with major damages to the B-100 road bridge and a wall of high water from the pond nearly flooded the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery.

Solution No. 2, to build an all-weather road system which would allow extended logging and hauling seasons. The main concern by Natural Resources Department of the all-weather road system would allow for easier access to the wintering game population. The deer population is currently at a very low-level on the reservation and easier road access would place much more pressure on these animals.

Log storage pond sites reviewed during the tour were on the Sidwalter Flat area and one of the best potential area is about a half-mile east of highway 26, below the McKinley residence. This site is well suited for log storage ponds and all is well within compliance to the Tribe's Comprehensive Plan or other restrictions.

The site would be free from any fish problem as all the water is from drainage of irrigation systems on the

Sidwalter Flat. Screens would be constructed at the inlet to keep fish out of the canals. The area would be less apt to receive any flooding damage as the headworks could control the flow of the canal. Other sites considered were just west of highway 26, but the area did not meet all requirements in the Comprehensive Plan. The other site would be on the east side of highway 26 farther down stream of the first site mentioned.

In 1982, the Natural Resources in cooperation with the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery began a spring chinook salmon reestablishment plan. Fifty-three salmon were transported from WSNFH to a suitable area above Old Mill Camp, where the fish spawned successfully and young salmon were observed and sampled this past summer.

The Warm Springs River system holds one of the last remaining indigenous spring chinook salmon runs in the mid-Columbia River system. Mill Creek has great potential for helping support this restoration effort.

All studies are not complete but are being viewed very carefully for the best interests of all.

Youth summer employment

This year the Department expects to employ between 100 and 200 youths (between the ages of 16 and 20) in its Youth Summer Employment Program offering an exposure to the Department, and an opportunity to gain work experience.

Youths employed in the litter pickup program pick up litter on highway right of way. Each Litter Pickup Crew is usually comprised of five members, one to be selected as Crew Chief.

Crews will be established in various locations in the State. Some crews will be established to work the entire summer, while others will be split into two 6-week periods in order to give more applicants an opportunity to work. We suggest that if you are interviewed, you determine the duration of the assignment at that time.

For consideration under this program, you must register with the nearest State of Oregon Employment Office.

In order to be considered for the program, those under 18 must have a work permit issued by the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Wage and Hour Division, located at 555 13th S.E. Salem, Oregon. Check your local telephone directory for the office nearest you.

When applying for a work permit, you will be asked to furnish proof of your birthdate by showing either a birth certificate, baptismal record, or a life insurance policy. On the application you will need to

enter your social security number and secure the signature of a parent or guardian.

It takes from six to eight weeks to receive your social security number and card, so please apply early.

If you never had a social security number, submit your birth certificate and another form of identification such as driver's license or voter's registration card, to the nearest social security office and they will provide you with the necessary forms.

If you are an alien, you will need to contact the nearest Social Security office with your birth certificate and proof of alien status.

Applicants must be 16 through 20 years of age.

Crew Chiefs must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid Oregon Driver's License (at time of appointment) and acceptable driving record verified by the Motor Vehicles Division and approved by the DOT Safety Officer. Approval is based upon the number and frequency of traffic violations and accidents of the applicant.

Crew members earn \$4.12 per hour, and Crew Chiefs earn \$4.43 per hour.

Selected applicants will be interviewed during the month of May, 1984 at the local highway district.

Applicants will be accepted only from April 16, 1984 through April 30, 1984.

Commissions upcoming events

"There's got to be a way": An Intergovernmental Symposium on Prospects for Understanding and Cooperation in State/Tribal Relations: Thursday, May 3, 1984, room 343, State Capital Building, Salem, Oregon, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon.

The purpose of this Symposium is to inform and encourage state and tribal governmental officials to explore collaborative alternatives to working out intergovernmental problems or

to accomplish common goals. The possibilities for intergovernmental cooperation are many and could be applied in such areas as law enforcement, tax collections, natural resources management, social services delivery, or historic preservation.

Feature Speakers are: P. Sam Deloria; Executive Director of the American Indian Law Center and the National Commission on State/Tribal Relations. Continued on page 12

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Spring is here??

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno

It was real spring weather April 18 with rain, sunshine and hail all in a few hours. On White Hill on Highway 3 a hailstorm covered the hill with a half inch of hail. The hail was nearly the size of a dime. Just a mile down the road rain fell in torrents only to have the sun shine a short time later in the afternoon.