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# Spilyay Tymoo

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## Coyote News In Brief

**Leonard accepts AFMO position**  
27-year-old Tray Leonard recently accepted the local assistant fire manager position. 2

**25 years and going strong**  
Amelia Tewee was recently honored for her 25 years' service to the Tribe. 2

**Vietnam Wall replica to appear in Prineville in May**  
Residents are invited to participate in Memorial Day activities in Prineville. The Wall will remain in Prineville three days. 2

**Lincoln's powwow founders remembered**  
Matilda Mitchell, Herb Stwyer, Lillie Heath among others are remembered for their contributions to the community and annual powwow. 3

**Secretarial training completed**  
Eight individuals recently completed comprehensive office skills training. 5

**Sign damage expensive**  
Reservation road signs are easy targets for vandals. The damage is costing plenty. 5

**Language lessons continue**  
Sahaptin, Kikshat and Paiute language lessons are offered. 6 and 7

**Columbia River fishing remembered**  
George Aguilar, Sr. offers insight to the ancient ways of our ancestors along the Columbia. 8

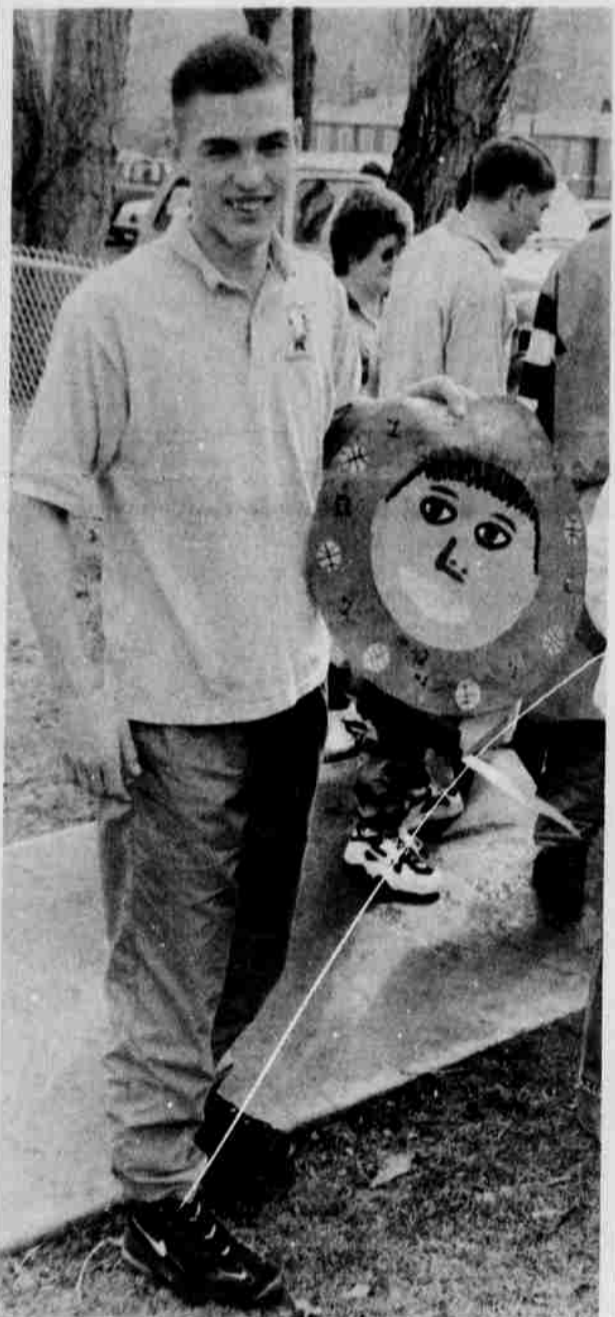
**Yakama Bulls take tourney**  
Popular Cougars tournament offered plenty of action. 9

**Olympiads compete**  
Several Warm Springs youth participated in the Special Olympics Winter Games at Mt. Bachelor recently. 10

**Deadline for the next Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, March 21, 1997**

## White Buffaloes take talent, spirit to state tourney

*The Madras White Buffalo boys basketball team is currently at the class 3A state playoffs in Portland testing their skill and strength against the state's top teams. See page 10 for first-game action and tournament bracket.*



Scott Riddle displays his "likeness" presented him by WSE students.



Warm Springs Elementary students caught the Buffalo spirit during a pep rally before the tournament began March 11.



The Buffs team defense was the key to their win against the Vale Vikings during their opening game at the OSAA class 3A state tourney.

## Nine Creeks Timber sale final draft up for review by Tribal members

The Timber Committee has released a final draft of the Nine Creeks Timber sale for public review. The document was prepared by the Project Interdisciplinary Team to provide options for a timber harvest in the Metolius Forest Planning Unit beginning in 1997.

Six alternatives were formulated and numerous logging methods were considered for this project, taking into account present resource conditions, forest health and public input. The sale is expected to yield 15-35 million board feet of timber, depending on which alternative is chosen.

The document is divided into three chapters. Chapter I explains the purpose and need for action, and also includes a list of the major issues associated with the proposed timber sale. Along with the resource-based issue descriptions are a list of indicators used to help the technical staff analyze and mitigate environmental impacts resulting from the project's implementation.

Chapter II provides details of the six alternatives and describes the actions necessary to implement each proposal, including harvest volume, cutting methods, logging methods, slash treatments, access to be planted, road construction and road eradication. There are maps showing the harvest blocks, quick reference tables to compare the alternatives, a

list of measures needed to mitigate environmental consequences, and the Project Interdisciplinary Team's recommended alternative.

The goal of Alternative A is to continue current management. Activities such as livestock grazing, hunting, recreation and cultural food gathering would continue as in the past. The only harvest proposed under Alternative A would be through salvage operations that remove trees killed by fire, wind, insects or other causes. In 1996 the Jefferson Fire burned 1,699 acres in the project area and a salvage harvest on 1,215 acres is currently underway.

The emphasis of Alternative B is to treat stands with high forest health problems. Under Alternative B, 15 million board feet of timber would be harvested on 1,596 acres, primarily through commercial thins and seed tree prescriptions.

The emphasis of Alternative C, the alternative recommended by the interdisciplinary team, is to treat stands with high and moderate forest health problems while minimizing forest fragmentation. Under Alternative C, 15 million board feet of timber would be harvested on 1,869 acres, primarily through commercial thins.

Alternative D emphasizes the treatment of stands with high and moderate forest health problems. Under Alternative D, 25 million

board feet of timber would be harvested on 2,489 acres, primarily through commercial thins and seed tree prescriptions.

Alternative E would also emphasize the treatment of stands with high and moderate forest health problems, but the acreage and harvest volume would be higher than any other alternative. Under Alternative E, 35 million board feet of timber would be harvested on 2,955 acres, primarily through commercial thins and seed tree prescriptions.

Alternative F would again focus on treating stands with high and moderate forest health problems, but the acreage and harvest volume would be lower than any other alternative proposing a harvest of green trees. Under Alternative F, 13 million board feet of timber would be harvested on 1,513 acres, almost entirely through commercial thins.

The alternatives would have varying impacts on water, fish, wildlife, cultural, biodiversity, timber, range, soil and economic resources. There would also be some changes to the transportation system, most notably in the area of road maintenance.

Chapter II contains a list of mitigation measures required to protect all of the resources mentioned above and a statement on how the project will be monitored.

Chapter III offers an overview of

current resource conditions. Using the indicators listed in Chapter I, the technical staff analyzed each of the alternatives and described their impacts on specific resources. The intent of Chapter III is to provide information that makes it easier for resource managers and tribal members to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of each alternative. Attached to the back of the document is a glossary of terms used in the text that may not be familiar to the general public.

Rocking all or part of the J-100 Road is being considered as part of the timber sale, using revenue generated during the sale to finance the project. There is an addendum near the end of the document describing proposed quarry development that would be needed to supply crushed material for surfacing roads. Two sites were selected for development, on serving the northern half of the project and the other for the southern portion. Both sites, totaling approximately 8 acres, would require conversion of forest land into non-forested land status.

For more information or copies of the document contact Bob Gill or Rich Lohman in the Forestry Department, or call 553-2416. Tribal members have 30 days to comment on the proposed sale.