

Road eradication has become a part of most reservation timber sales

Road eradication has become a part of most timber sales, including those scheduled for 1997 referred to as Nine Creeks and Old Mill III. The road eradication program follows IRMP standards and best management practices for maintaining a safe and economical system that provides access into the forest without causing undue impacts to natural resources. The goal is to have no more than 4 miles of road per section in the commercial forest. Road densities of 2.5 miles per section are the goal for wildlife management zones.

The program was initiated in 1984 and has evolved over time to address current issues and demands. Today, Forest Engineering works with staff members assigned to all natural resource departments and with tribal members to formulate plans for road eradication.

Like most management activities, there are advantages and disadvantages to eradicating roads within the commercial forest. Forest Engineering must weigh the pros and cons related to each road eradication that is being considered and prioritize their list after considering the options.

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One of the obvious complaints about the program is that access to the forest, or a particular part of the forest, is restricted. If a hunter or berry picker has grown accustomed to reaching a site by means of a car or pick-up, they may object to having their main access route removed from the transportation system. By the same token, work crews that need to take field measurements, conduct stocking surveys or other management activities might have to walk into areas rather than drive, increasing their time in the forest and subsequently increasing the cost of doing business for the Confederated Tribes.

Inconveniences and related expenditures may be troublesome, but they are generally offset by a wide variety of benefits to natural resources such as water, soil, timber, fish, wildlife and cultural sites. Road eradication also reduces the potential for trespass, poaching and related incidents. The challenge is to balance the need for access and convenience with long-term resource productivity. Approximately 30 percent of the commercial forest base is out of production, in part because of the vast network of roads.

Each mile of road in the forest represents approximately 1.2 acres of compacted soil. Compaction de-

creases the productivity of soil by making it less receptive to water infiltration and nutrient cycling. Compacted surfaces with little or no vegetation carry water over the surface at accelerated rates which also leads to erosion and soil displacement.

When roads are placed on steep slopes or within drainage bottoms there impacts are magnified. Eradicating problem roads through rippling improves conditions by allowing water to penetrate the surface and encouraging the growth of vegetation, which reduces overland flows and the rate of erosion.

Water is impacted by roads and adjacent ditches because the overland flows they carry contain sediments that are transferred to streams. When flows are excessive they may cause turbidity problems and hinder water quality.

If roads are placed in drainage bottoms they often occupy space otherwise used to produce riparian vegetation which is needed to cool water, filter runoff and provide woody debris, or structure and nutrients in streams.

When water quality is degraded there are almost always negative impacts to aquatic resources. The structure and nutrients provided by woody debris are used by fish and other aquatic animals for cover and a source of food. Under extreme conditions, spawning beds are covered by sediments and fish eggs are unable to hatch.

By eradicating unnecessary or troublesome roads adjacent to drainage bottoms, fish habitat is enhanced because sedimentation is reduced and

riparian vegetation reestablished. Over time, improved water quality and aquatic habitat leads to greater fish production and better fishing.

The riparian vegetation produced by eradicating roads in drainage bottoms is extremely important for a variety of wildlife, including deer, elk, otter, beaver, mink, and many species of birds, reptiles and amphibians. Riparian zones are considered among the most important wildlife habitats because they are used to obtain the life-sustaining elements of food, water and shelter.

Wildlife also receive benefits by eradicating roads in other areas. Harassment, particularly during winter months when animals are stressed or during the reproductive cycle when they are extremely vulnerable, can lead to the death or displacement of animals. It may be more difficult for hunters to access animals where roads have been eradicated, but there is also a greater likelihood of success because wildlife tend to concentrate in areas where disturbances are infrequent.

Range resources gain similar benefits through the program. With more

moisture penetrating the soil and more vegetation being produced, the forage available for livestock and wildlife increases.

Archeological and historical resources are protected from management activities through avoidance or project design. They are also less likely to be vandalized or otherwise

timber by 10,000 to 50,000 board feet over time, depending on the site location.

Adding more timber volume to the forest increases economic benefits to the Confederated Tribes by creating more jobs and more lumber for the mill. When the timber matures and becomes available for harvest it could alleviate the need to cut trees in sensitive areas, or ultimately increase the annual allowable cut.

In terms of maintenance, eradication alleviates the expense of upkeep on roads deemed unnecessary for management activities. The program creates a more efficient and economical way of managing the network of roads in the forest.

While eradication is not the answer for all roads, it does have applications that help make the forest a healthier and more productive environment. Some of the benefits are immediate and others will become evident years from now. Road eradication is a tool that speaks to present and future generations about wise forest management.

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disturbed if fewer roads exist within the forest.

Cultural plants benefit from road eradication because more soil is available for their growth and production. Huckleberries, red cedar and bear grass are examples of cultural plants that could be produced on land reclaimed through road eradication.

Timber production also increases through the road eradication program more acres are available to grow trees. Each acre that is brought back into production has the capability of increasing the volume of available

Apply now for Energy seminar

Wasco Electric Cooperative, Inc. will once again be sponsoring two students to attend the Nevada Youth Energy Seminar. The seminar will be held June 14, 1997 through June 18, 1997 at Boreal Ridge Resort which is located 30 miles west of Reno and five miles from Truckee, California in the Sierra-Nevada mountain range.

The purpose of the seminar is to show high school students what a rural electric cooperative is and how it works for its members. During the seminar students will form and run their own cooperative and learn about

the legislative process and how it involves the cooperative. They will also learn much about the history of rural electric cooperatives, electrical safety and careers in the electric utility field.

This opportunity is available to any sophomore or junior student whose parent's or guardian's residence is served by Wasco Electric Cooperative. Applications are available from high school counselor's office or by contacting Jeff Davis at (541) 296-5051. The application deadline is March 31, 1997.

Do not miss this opportunity to

learn more about your cooperative, meet and socialize with other students from Oregon, Nevada, California and Idaho and have the opportunity to win one of the two \$750 college scholarships that are awarded on the last night of the seminar. In addition to the scholarships, two students will be chosen to represent the camp on a week-long tour of Washington, D.C. during the summer of 1998 at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour.

Celilo Wyam Salmon Feast & Powwow draw many visitors

The following is the results of the Celilo Wyam Salmon Feast & Powwow held April 11-13, 1997 in Celilo, Oregon.

Men's Golden Age: 1st) Charles Taiffathers, Simnasho, OR; 2nd) Wesley Tias, Pendleton, OR; 3rd) Victor Kahama, White Swan, WA

Women's Golden Age: 1st) Nancy Taiffathers, Simnasho, OR; 2nd) Louise Scabbyrobe, White Swan, WA; 3rd) Harriet Doublerunner, Wapato, WA

Men's Traditional: 1st) Gary Smith, Granger, WA; 2nd) J.T. Williams, Pendleton, OR; 3rd) Larry Moses, White Swan, WA

Men's Fancy & Grass: 1st) Shawn Scabbyrobe, White Swan, WA; 2nd) Wilson Totus, Granger, WA; 3rd) Jazz Umtech, Harrah, WA

Women's Traditional: 1st) Katrina Miller, Satus, WA; 2nd) Karen Umtech, Wapato, WA; 3rd)

Wilma Buck, White Swan, WA

Women's Fancy & Jingle: 1st) Allison Davis, Eugene, OR; 2nd) Elvira Begay, Tuba City, AZ; 3rd) Tracy Scabbyrobe, White Swan, WA

Teen Boy's Traditional: 1st) Ray Smith, Yakama Valley, WA; 2nd) Dewey Miller, Warm Springs, OR; 3rd) Damien Totus, Goldendale, WA

Teen's Boys Fancy & Grass: 1st) Vallient Clark, Yakama, WA; 2nd) Gary Villa, Warm Springs, OR; 3rd) Alex Meninick, Wapato, WA

Teen Girls Traditional: 1st) Krista Rhoan, Warm Springs, OR; 2nd) Chloe Weirich, Portland, OR; 3rd) Larrissa Napye, Warm Springs, OR

Teen Girls Fancy & Jingle: 1st) Lula Davis, Warm Springs, OR; 2nd) Deblinda Big Back, Troutdale, OR; 3rd) Jaelyn Begay, Tuba City, AZ

Jr. Boys Combined: 1st) Anthony

Heemsah, Toppenish, WA; 2nd) Atcity Begay, Warm Springs, OR; 3rd) Steven Padilla, Toppenish, WA

Jr. Girls Combined: 1st) Shari Jackson, Peach Springs, AZ; 2nd) Evelynette Begay, Tuba City, AZ; 3rd) Laurissa Ballinger, Warm Springs, OR

Tiny Tots (paid daily): Drum Groups: Black Lodge, Whistling Lodge, Indian Nation, Umatilla Intertribal, Dinch Nation, Wawokia, Four Directions

1997-1998 Royalty: Sr. Queen: Crystal Estrada from Harrah, WA; Jr. Queen: Evelynette Begay of Tuba City, AZ

The committee thanks the following sponsors and help: Yakama Indian Nation Facility Management, Conf. Tribes of Warm Springs, BIA, YIN Police, The Dalles & Biggs Junction Business, all cooks, servers, Longhouse drummers, fish & meat donations and all who attended.

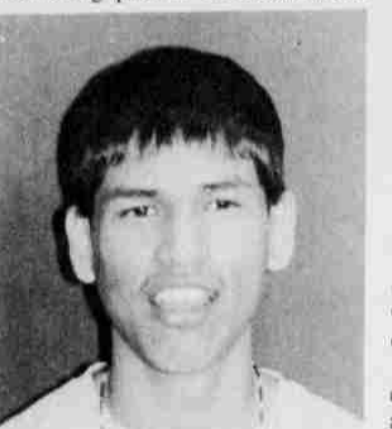
Anderson to compete in Mainland, China

Raymond Anderson of Warm Springs has been chosen to compete in the International Sports Exchange in Mainland, China, June 16-25. The International Sports Exchange is an organization that has taken more than 10,000 high school athletes overseas for competition since 1975.

Head Basketball Coach at Gilchrist High School asked Anderson to be a part of the team for this 10 day trip.

Anderson is the son of Gifford Anderson, Bernadine and Jamie Watlamett. He is a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and a lifelong resident of the Reservation.

Anderson is familiar with the International Sports Exchange, that the experience is invaluable. He is excited about seeing another culture and being part of an international



competition.

Anderson has been playing basketball since he was in the seventh grade. He is now a sophomore playing for the JV basketball team as point guard or wing. Anderson also plays in various local Indian basketball tournaments, usually as a point guard or wing. He was asked to play in the Indigenous Games 1997, but he is not certain that he will.

Anderson is also interested in running. He's been running since he was in the third grade and has received various trophies, medals and jackets. He runs in local running events such as the Reservation Relay. He runs for school sports and, every year, he runs the Portland to Coast Relay. In 1995, he ran at the Indigenous Games.

Anderson is having a fundraising raffle to raise money for his trip to China. The cost of the trip is \$1,995. The money will cover round trip airfare from Los Angeles to China, meals, hotels, entry fees, uniform, T-shirt, transportation and sightseeing. He will also need to pay for airfare from Portland to Los Angeles, which is another \$250-\$300.

Anderson is asking for sponsors and money donations to help pay the cost of the trip. He is also asking for donations for a raffle drawing. Contact Bernadine Watlamett to donate items for the raffle.

Selling tickets for his raffle drawing are his Mom, Bernadine, his aunts, Patricia Speakthunder, Ante Pamperien and Norma Smith. You may also contact Raymond Anderson at 2574 Mt. Jefferson Street in the Greeley Heights housing division, or phone him at 553-5518.

On Patrol

By Don Courtney

In Brief
An early morning domestic dispute at 1188 Shitike Creek road put a male subject into St. Charles Medical Center as he was made victim to an Assault and Battery by stabbing.

The female suspect was arrested and held to appear before the Tribal Judge the next day who faces additional related charges to this incident. On arraignment, the female suspect plead not guilty and trial is pending.

On a call of a subject seen returning to the reservation on an exclusion order, officers quickly located the subject who was escorted back off of the reservation. This subject is currently excluded by order of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Superintendent.

Officers responded to the West Hills housing district on a report of a fight in progress call. On arrival, a male subject was in possession of a knife who was threatening himself.

After being restrained by a female party to this incident, the male subject was later transported to Mt. View Hospital for a possible overdose. The male subject now faces charges of Assault & Battery, and Reckless Endangering at four counts.

On the same shift, officers responded to an additional three other calls where fights were in progress.

Over the last two weeks, officers have responded to over thirteen

domestic disputes or fight calls. Numerous subjects were arrested for being intoxicated and or charges of assault & battery.

Enhanced "911" soon to be on line
The police department will soon be on-line with the "Enhanced 911" system.

A project which was started several years ago will soon be reality as communication officers get prepared for the system which will make their job a little more easier. Enhanced 911 is a program tied into the local telephone system where when a 911 call is placed, it immediately appears on a monitor at the police department with the location or address of caller needing service.

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In addition, the program will also allow for special instructions or messages to be displayed with relation to the callers address.

As final phases of this system goes on line, Lieutenant Linda Talfson will be asking community members to assist the police department in testing the new system by dialing a test number. This test number will be, "611" which will be announced later when test callers can start calling.

The reason is to ensure that when a caller picks up the phone and dials, the exact location or address will be displayed on the dispatch screen.

This system will assist the Public Safety Branch in a faster response

time when critical seconds are passing by in an emergency.

McGruff Speaks:
Hello, in looking over our most recent statistical data at the police department, there appears to be more concern over the recent violence taking place within our local community.

According to one officer, a bad batch of Methamphetamine is suspected to be in our community which gives reason for more concern. Several officers reported that it appears that a bad batch of the drugs may be causing those that use the drug to become even more violent. Especially if they are mixing or experimenting with other drugs of choice. The police department needs your help in shutting down those who are bringing these drugs into our community. Stop by the police department and pick up a drug intelligence form.

Completely anonymous if you choose, fill out this form and mail it back to the department.

Parents should be open when talking with your children about drugs.

In other concerns, community motorists are encouraged to slow down a bit when traveling in and around any housing districts. Kids will be out playing and might forget about looking both ways before crossing the street.

Buckle up and stay safe.

Happy Birthday Thelma Louise Davis from, grandma Babe, Auntie Darlia & Morris Sam, Uncle Jr. & Putchie & the Merrifields and Mutssee Davis



Seeking alumni

Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, OK is looking for all Alumni. A class reunion will be held July 10-13, 1997 at Albuquerque, NM. Please call or write to: John Hawzipta, 2640 Heritage Park Circle, San Jose, CA 95132-2211 (408)259-7317 or write: Vergie Thompson (Harrison), PO Box 5871, San Diego, CA 92165.

A Tribal Member's commitment and story

by J. E. Charley

In 1977 Mrs. Lola Sohapp completed her GED and began pursuing goals in higher education. Prior to that she was employed as a jailer from the late 1960's to the early 1970's. From the mid 70's on, she worked at the PATH home as a family counselor and a foster home as well. 1977 marked the year of a life-long commitment to becoming and remaining involved in the Indian Child Welfare Association as a charter member. What began as a regional coalition ended up being a regional board.

By 1980 Lola completed her Associates in Mental Health Social work at Mt. Hood Community College.

April of 1985 was the beginning point of Lola's Judicial Career when she was appointed Juvenile Judge to the Tribal Courts.

Since November 1992, we have known her as the Honorable Chief Judge Sohapp, she still oversees the majority of Juvenile/Domestic Cases. As of April 1996 the Northwest

Indian Child Welfare Board became the National I.C.W. Board.

During Mrs. Sohapp's career she has witnessed both the evolution of the Indian Child Welfare Act and the services the Tribes have developed to meet the needs of our children and their parents. "I give a lot of credit to our Tribal Leaders as they saw 240 children who were placed off of the reservation into foster homes, and even adoption by non-Indians. Our leaders became concerned about the numbers being lost to the outside." states Lola. In 1973 the Tribal Leadership with the blessing of Tribal Membership built the Group Home and began servicing our own community. With the hopes of that our children would no longer be lost to the outside.

Our Reservation has witnessed this evolution that began with a group home in 1973, to satellite foster homes and the PATH Shelter Home in 1975. Lola states that she though the PATH Home "was a success. As the staff took initiative and devel-

oped a treatment program for the very young, sheltered battered women and their children, even one teen mother who was interested in completing her high school education. Even though the staff tried hard to make the Jackson PATH Home thrive with a family setting". The PATH Shelter Home was phased out in favor of foster care, to this day the CTWS continues to develop programs to meet the growing needs of the community.

Most recently, within this year, Judge Sohapp has been involved in the Legislative and Policy end of the ICWA to ensure the preservation and protection of the original intent of ICWA. Furthermore to protect against attacks by outside forces such as that from Congressman Price of Ohio, who is acting in the interest of non-Indian adoptive parents who are challenging Federally Recognized Tribe's Sovereign Rights to have their children brought up by their own Indian people.

The first in a series of three.



Theyliah
"1 years old"
Sweetheart you're a special part of my life... may the love I have for you surround you and keep you always warm, safe and happy! my heart to yours.
Grandma Leah

Happy Birthday
wondering where its at,
heartfelt
heart sweet,
sweet dreams
heartbeat,
precious music in my ears,
hand to hand to still my fears,
Loving footsteps in the night,
treasured hopes, forever bright,
brightest love, gift from on high,
gentlest sweetest lullaby,
miracle of tiny feet, born of one single,
precious beat,
singing, sweetest little song, my heart to yours
wil e'er belong,
this final bond, this tie so sure,
from our love so strong and pure,
now whisper softly while babe sleeps,
our love will always ever keep
and as the magic stardust soars,
my heart is ever ALWAYS YOURS.
Mother