

Timber sale plan offered for review

The Resource Management Interdisciplinary Team (RMIDT) has released a draft project assessment covering the Biddle Pass Timber Sale for public review. The document was prepared by the Project Interdisciplinary Team (PIDT) to provide options for timber harvest in the Metolius, Whitewater and Jefferson watersheds. The Biddle Pass Timber Sale is expected to yield approximately 10-20 million board feet of timber, depending on which alternative is approved.

A mountain pine beetle attack in the Biddle Pass area, which includes lands designated as conditional use, has killed thousands of lodgepole pine trees. The infestation began prior to 1994 and quickly spread

throughout the area, eventually impacting over 2,000 acres.

The recommended harvest prescriptions are designed to treat dead and vulnerable stands of lodgepole pine and to reduce fire danger. If left alone, the dense stand of dead trees and downed wood are susceptible to catastrophic fire. A fire of catastrophic proportions would likely spread to healthy stands within the commercial forest, causing the tribes to lose valuable resources and potential income.

The recently released project assessment is divided into sections explaining the purpose and need for action, resource-based indicators used to help the technical staff analyze and mitigate environmental

impacts, and details of the three alternatives. 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 PIDT's recommended alternative.

The project assessment is not a decision document. It provides a summary of the technical staff's detailed analyses, which are on file in the corresponding departments.

The tribal public has been involved in the planning of this project through scoping meetings that were held in conjunction with the South Gate Timber Sale. A list of comments made by tribal members may be obtained at the Forestry Admin-

istration Office.

For more information or copies of the Biddle Pass document contact Rich Lohman in the Forestry Branch, or call 553-2416. Tribal members have 30 days to comment on the proposed sales.

When the comment period has expired, RMIDT will review and respond to all of the tribal member comments. They will then complete a decision document with their recommendation on how best to implement and mitigate the project. The decision document will be presented to Tribal Council.

Any timber sale activities proposed for conditional use areas must have Tribal Council approval prior to implementation.

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The hearing Friday the 18th followed an Emergency Court Injunction earlier in the week banning non-Indian commercial salmon fishing off the Washington coast. The emergency injunction was not obeyed by Washington State officials, however, as they said if conflicted with a state Supreme Court order.

In handing down his decision, Judge Belloni said his real concern is that he's not sure treaty Indians can be assured their fair share (half of all harvestable salmon headed for upriver fishing grounds).

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Established on April 23, 1938, the first Council received no compensation but worked hard to lay groundwork for the remarkable progress made on the Warm Springs Reservation in the last 25 years. With great respect to the aid and wisdom of elders such as these, Pi-Ume-Sha this year will honor the past and celebrate the tribes' continuing pride and well-being.

Pi-Ume-Sha was originally held during Fun Days, but because of the many conflicting activities on July 4 it was moved up to the last week of June. One these days 121 years ago, the treaty establishing the Warm Springs Reservation was drawn up and signed. This lends a sense of history to the pow-wow.

Historical Society Prepares for Trade Fair

Members of the Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society gathered at Kah-Nee-Ta Thursday June 17 to look over and discuss the proposed site of the Trade Fair, to be held on Labor Day weekend.

An optimistic and cooperative mood prevailed as approximately 30 people shared food and company at the kick-off potluck dinner.

On display during dinner were winning entries in the society's logo contest held last month. A panel of judges including Wilbur Johnson, Lloyd Smith, Alice Florendo, Dorothy Simtustus and Hazel Suppah had chosen five original drawings from the 13 submitted. The finalists were George Berry Speakhunder, Oliver Kirk, Loretta Tewee, Debra Smith and Norval Tufi. George Berry's design won the \$100 cash prize from the Oregon Arts Commission and will be used for the MOIHS membership card.

Spilyay Caught Streaking

At approximately noon on the fateful day of Friday, June 11, Spilyay Tymoo was literally rushing to press. A watchful state trooper (Jack Rogers) noticed the white LTD streaking towards Prineville and with a jerk of his thumb, brought Spilyay to a screeching halt.

The curious trooper, having given Spilyay "cause to pause" wondered what the rush was. While a certain editor (name withheld to protect the...well...anyway) explained that the 7th edition was about to be born, the trooper proceeded to write out the little yellow ticket.

A new alarm system, especially constructed for nervous editors, has now been installed in the white LTD. It consists of a string tied to the shoe of the driver that can be pulled by an equally nervous assistant whose eyes are riveted on the speedometer. One thing is for sure. This edition of Spilyay Tymoo went to press at 55 miles per hour.

Pine Creek Ranch applications due soon

Permit lottery to be followed by open pickup

Tribal members interested in hunting big game on Pine Creek Ranch this year should apply by July 31 to be eligible for the permit lottery. Permits unclaimed in the lottery will be available first-come, first-served after July 31.

Pine Creek Ranch is a wildlife and watershed mitigation project purchased by BPA in November 1999, and owned by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The 25,000-acre ranch is located near the John Day River at Clarno. The property is open to both tribal and public access, with restrictions in place to protect ranch resources. Tribal members may wish to visit the property to harvest cultural plants, or for hunting.

Big game hunting is allowed by permit only, and no hunting is allowed of species not specified in ranch regulations. All hunters must check in upon entry and check out when leaving. All harvest must be reported.

Access Restrictions: Highway 218 provides the only motor vehicle access to the property. Game hunters may use up to two pack animals or non-motorized game carts. A packer may assist a permit holder for removing game. All feed must be weed-free. Pack animals and carts must remain on designated ranch roads to access hunting areas, but may be used off roads to retrieve harvested game. Hunters should be prepared to travel in steep terrain.

Big Game Hunting

Game Units: There are two big game management units on Pine Creek Ranch: the E. Biggs Unit and the S. Fossil Unit, separated by Highway 218. Tribal members must use a Ceded Area Tag to hunt in one



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of these units, and must apply for a Pine Creek Ranch permit.

Application Procedures: Permits will be allocated by lottery. All big game permits are divided equally between tribal members and the general public. To apply, submit a photocopy of your Tribal Identification Card in advance of the application deadline, with name, mailing address, and phone number. If any permits are remaining after the application deadline, they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Interested hunters (tribal or non-tribal) should apply to: Pine Creek Ranch, 39067 Highway 218, Fossil, OR 97830. Email pinecreek@bendnet.com or call (541) 489-3477 with questions.

Month-long seasons: Permits for month-long seasons (Archery Deer or Elk and Biggs Unit Either-Sex Elk) will be divided between first half (15 days) and second half (15 days) permits. Hunters should

specify which half-season they prefer.

Party applicants: Party applications will be limited to three people per party. Party applicants must designate a leader, and only the leader's name will be used in the lottery. If the leader is drawn, the party will receive permits. Parties will not be divided.

Check-in Procedures: Permits will be mailed to successful applicants, along with property maps and regulations. Hunters will receive two permits: One must be displayed in their vehicle, and the other must remain in their possession. Hunters must display their permit, license, and tag on demand of anyone on the property. Permitted hunters must sign-in at the check-station near milepost 30 on Highway 218, and must sign-out when leaving the area.

Camping: A primitive campsite is available for permitted big game

hunters. Backcountry camping will be allowed by permit, and backcountry campers must register their intended campsites in advance. All campers will observe a leave no-trace policy, and all trash must be packed out.

Fire restrictions will be enforced. Additional restrictions may be imposed at any time.

Bird Hunting, 2001-2002

Access for bird hunting is by foot only. Bird hunters must sign-in prior to hunting and sign-out after the hunt. All harvest must be reported.

The first nine days of each bird season will be reserved for youth hunters age 12-17. Youth hunters must possess a valid Hunters Safety card and must be accompanied by an adult who will not be allowed to carry a weapon.

Season dates can be reviewed by contacting the application numbers above.

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The July 26 issue has a July 20 deadline.

The August 9 issue has an August 3 deadline.

The August 23 issue has an August 17 deadline.

Announcements

The Spilyay encourages organizations and individuals to send notices of events of interest to the Warm Springs community.

The preferred method of delivery is via e-mail to spilyaytymoo@wstribes.org - this saves staff members from having to re-type something you've already printed up, thus allowing us additional time for reporting, photography and other tasks.

You also may drop announcements in printed and/or computer disk format at the Spilyay offices, 1100 Wasco St. on the Warm Springs campus, or send them to Spilyay Tymoo, P.O. Box 870, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. Our fax number is 553-3539.

Please feel free to call if you have story or photo ideas, questions or comments. Our phone number is 553-3274.

Finally, please heed our deadlines - Friday the week before publication for all submitted materials. Thank you.