

Fire: jumps river, burns homes

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Between 1 and 2 a.m., the fire was still only about 40 acres in size, said Cooke. During the night, the crews had to be pulled off the fire, because burnt timber was starting to come down. Some people had close calls with the falling timber, said Cooke.

On July 10, three 20-person crews and two helicopters were battling the flames. On that day a flight crew based in Redmond dropped 18 loads of retardant.

At 4:30 in the afternoon the fire jumped the lake and ignited five spots on land off the reservation. However, crews with the State of Oregon and the Deschutes National Forest were able to extinguish these spot fires.

At 8 o'clock on the evening of July 10, the Central Oregon Interagency Team – consisting of all the fire agencies in the region – was called to assist. Team members arrived at 5 a.m. on July 11, and took control of the fire at 10 a.m. At the time the fire was still only on the reservation.

But at about 4:30 p.m. the fire blew up again, reacting to dry fuels, the slope of the terrain, and the weather conditions. The fire again jumped the river. This time the crews on the other side were not able to contain the flames.

The next day, Friday, July 12, the fire grew to 2,000 acres, and was out of control on both sides of the Metolius. Personnel fighting the blaze numbered 375. A base camp was established on the grounds of the Culver schools.

By early the next morning, July 13, the fire grew to 6,000 acres, and by the afternoon was over 10,000 acres. People were evacuated from their homes in the Three Rivers area of Jefferson County.

Meanwhile, crews on the reservation side are able to begin containment, but off the reservation the flames are spreading with great speed, blown by heavy winds in dry and hot weather.

Sunday morning, July 14, the fire is 16,000 acres in size. Flames con-

sume 18 homes and numerous other structures in the Three River area of Jefferson County. Nearly 1,000 firefighters are on the scene, with support from 24 engines, 13 dozers and seven helicopters.

The next day, Monday, people who were evacuated are allowed to return to their homes. The fire con-

tinued to burn for the next several days. At press time many people were still out working on the containment lines.

The Green Ridge area was proving particularly troublesome and stubborn during the early part of the week. Full containment was expected by late Tuesday of this week.

Chief at Celilo



Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum was among the tribal leaders who attended the Celilo picnic, this year marking the fiftieth year of the flooding of the falls.

Snakebite: caution urged, especially for children

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His finger was still swollen even many days later.

Really, though, this is a small price compared to what could have happened. "It was pretty close. I could have died," said Foster.

Part of the problem with young rattlers is that you can be unaware that you've been bitten. Also, there is some evidence suggesting the venom of a young snake is stronger than the venom of the adult snake.

Words of caution, and thanks

Pearl Wyman wishes to express the following to the Warm Springs community:

This comes to you in desperate hope that you please be careful while outside. Parents, please watch your children closely. You don't always hear the rattler. of a rattlesnake. Also, an adult rattlesnake controls the amount of venom on the strike. The younger rattlers do not know how to control their venom.

A rattlesnake bite attacks the muscles, then the nerves, and then works on the respiratory system.

Do not play with snakes. Stay out of grassy areas, rocks, boards, tires, and broken down cars. Snakes are more than likely to be found there.

To watch Dondi slip away from me before my eyes was probably the largest test I have ever had in my life.

To watch him go through the pain and agony, knowing there was nothing I could do to ease the pain. I watched him go through the convulsions, sweats and shakes, caused by both the venom and anti-venom.

He would look at me, but at the same time right through me like I wasn't even there. The doctors explained it as a side effect from the venom. A rattlesnake bite attacks the muscles, then the nerves, and then works on the respiratory system.

I watched Dondi slowly slip away because his respiratory system shut down. Thank God for the quick response from paramedic Bruce Turney, EMT Intermediate Josh Evans, and EMT Basic Jeremy Davis.

Also, thank you to the Mountain View Hospital ER staff, most of all to Doctor Locker, who knew I was scared and worried, but constantly reassured me.

I thank all of you from the deepest point in my heart. For without you I would not have Dondi today. Thanks to Fred, Olivia and Freda Wallulatum for your washut songs. I strongly believe they helped. Thank you pastor Rick for your prayers, I now know they were heard. Thank you Illona for being there by my side, and numerous friends and family who called and came by.

Sincerely, Pearl Wyman

GeoVisions: Performance was better than expected

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"We are very pleased with how this has worked," said Jim Crocker, general manager of GeoVisions and supervisor of the tribes' GIS office.

The mobile trailer is operating better than expected, he said.

"I think the tribes should be very proud of how this unit has performed," said Crocker.

Fire agency management people from the national level have been on the scene of the Eyerly Fire. "They've shown a lot of interest in the (GeoVisions) trailer. I knew we were good, but it is nice to have confirmation, especially from these national-level teams," said Crocker.

By providing mapping services to fire agencies, GeoVisions is able to generate revenue for the tribes. The GeoVisions project got off the ground

with help from Warm Springs Ventures, the tribal corporation promoting business development and revenue generation.

The work that GeoVisions has done at the Eyerly Fire includes developing maps of the perimeter of the fire. The data for the maps comes from the U.S. Forest Service, from the U.S. Geological Survey, and many other sources, including eyewitness descriptions from firefighters.

The GeoVisions trailer has Internet access through a satellite, allowing full mobility. The trailer runs two shifts, and can be operated round the clock.

The Tribal Council currently is in the process of developing the charter for the new GeoVisions enterprise, which is shaping up to be a very promising venture.

Budget: expect substantial reductions

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The discussion on reducing the current year budget expenditures began about two weeks ago, as Fuentes and Secretary-Treasurer Charles Jackson held an initial meeting with department managers and supervisors regarding the 2003 tribal budget.

The next week, during a special meeting called to focus on the 2002 revenue and budget concerns, both Council officers Jackson and Fuentes underlined the need for cooperation in making necessary budget adjustments by the end of this year.

Jackson said that managers and directors should consider a combination of expenditure reductions as well as options for additional revenues to avoid employee furloughs or reductions if at all possible.

Since the meeting, the tribal government budget – more specifically, the need for significant budget savings this year – has been a main topic of discussion among tribal employees.

The reason for this is obvious: A budget cut of the magnitude currently under consideration raises the real possibility that workers could be laid off.

There has also been talk of the possibility of having tribal employees go to a four-day workweek.

The idea of a furlough – having employees take leave without pay for a period of time – has also been mentioned.

Fuentes said his feeling is that eliminating personnel should be the last alternative.

And yet, he said, the situation is a serious one. "Given the revenue information just recently shared with management, if there is no movement to shift costs to non-tribal sources or of increasing tribal revenues, we should not spend a significant amount of the remaining appropriated budget this year," said Fuentes.

Everything is under consideration, from reducing the number of employee cell phones and mileage, to eliminating all non-essential jobs that are currently vacant.

Recently, Fuentes has been holding budget meetings with department directors and managers. The goal of these meetings, he said, is to establish a value for each cost saving category under consideration, and to identify strategies that shift the expenditure burden from the tribes to other sources, where appropriate.

Everything is under consideration, from reducing the number of employee cell phones and mileage, to eliminating all non-essential jobs that are currently vacant.

"I think we are mandated, ethically, to explore other alternatives such as deferring capital projects, shifting expenditures to non-tribal sources or recognizing savings from the Economic Development Corporation before real people lose their primary source of personal income to provide for daily needs," said Fuentes. "Anything we can do to get in front of this challenge will reduce the possibility of that happening."

Fuentes provided a list of what could be considered essential services. Protection of public safety – life and property – is an essential service, as is the maintenance of community sanitation and health standards.

There should be a minimum safety net for families, as well as protection of tribal sovereignty and treaty rights.

It may be possible, said Fuentes, for the tribal government to continue providing all services that are currently offered, but at a lower level.

In the Tribal Court for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

DMJ Automotive, plaintiff, vs. Cheryl Smith, defendant. Case No. CV115-02.

To Cheryl Smith. You are hereby notified that a Civil Complaint has been filed in the Warm Springs Tribal Court alleging the Defendant has committed a civil wrong against the Plaintiff.

By this notice you are summoned to appear the hearing on this matter at the Warm Springs Tribal Court on the 13th day of August, 2002, at 11 a.m. All of the facts of the case will be heard at the hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

The Defendant in this matter has the right to file an answer to the complaint prior to the hearing, however, he/she is not required to do so. The Defendant also has the right to file a counterclaim prior to the hearing.

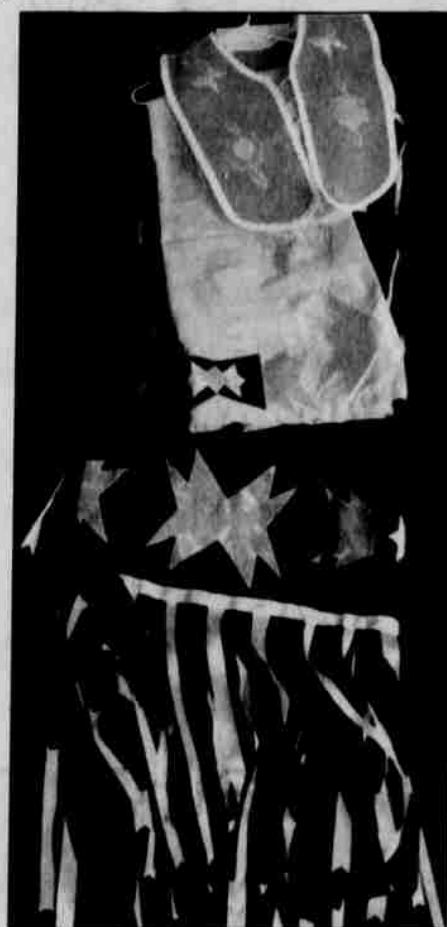
Any papers filed with this court in conjunction with this case must be accompanied by the certification that the

opposing party was served a copy of the same by the time the court filing was made.

If the defendant fails to appear at the hearing, the court may award the plaintiff a default judgment, which means the court can award the plaintiff all that is requested in the complaint.

If the plaintiff fails to appear at the hearing, the court may dismiss the case for lack of prosecution, allow the defendant to offer proof, or continue the case and reschedule the hearing. If both parties fail to appear at the hearing, the court may dismiss the case with prejudice, or reschedule hearing.

If you have any questions, you should seek legal counsel immediately. Failure to obtain legal counsel prior to the hearing is not sufficient cause to reschedule the hearing. Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, on July 19, 2002. Wilma Ann Smith, Judge, Warm Springs Tribal Court.



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