

## Reservation timber harvest could increase

By Bill Rhoades  
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Options are available to increase timber harvests on the Warm Springs Reservation, according to a report filed recently by regional experts in forest management.

Changes in management objectives could increase the annual harvest from 37.6 million board feet to somewhere between 42 and 45 million board feet, if the tribes elect to implement these changes.

Dr. Norman Johnson, a professor of forestry at Oregon State University, recently provided Tribal Council with an analysis of the annual allowable cut, which foresters use as a sustainable measure of each year's timber harvest on the reservation. Johnson praised the Forestry and Natural Resources staffs for their planning efforts and management philosophies and then offered some options for increasing the timber harvest.

After meeting with representatives from the Branch of Forestry, Branch of Natural Resources, and Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, Johnson compiled some historical background for his presentation to Tribal Council. He noted the annual allowable cut had been declining over the past 20 years, in part because timber harvests in excess of 100 million board feet (1980s) were not sustainable and also because Tribal Council was seeking a balance between economic benefits and resource protection, resulting in

the first Integrated Resources Management Plan (IRMP) for the Forested Area. IRMP standards place restrictions on timber harvests to protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and areas with outstanding resource values.

Johnson's report contains five suggestions, which could raise the annual allowable cut: 1) a technical adjustment in the calculation could raise the harvest by approximately 1.7 million board feet; 2) eliminating long-term productivity islands would raise the cut by 2.6 million board feet; 3) a higher harvest in the Coyote Springs planning unit would increase the cut by an undetermined amount; 4) salvage of timber in the ponderosa pine management group, conditional use areas and buffer zones would not be charged against the allowable cut; and 5) a reduction in the rotation age (if feasible to implement) would also increase the allowable cut. Johnson's report suggests that mill representatives should take a more active role in implementation planning and trade-off analysis should be utilized more regularly.

Johnson's first recommendation could be implemented by optimizing thinning schedules, which would increase growth in younger stands. His second point, to eliminate long-term productivity islands, is based on the fact that conditional use designations and buffer zones already provide a significant amount of set-aside acres that

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will produce old-growth trees, a high priority in long-term productivity islands.

The report's suggestion to consider a shorter rotation age could result in stands being harvested every 80 years, rather than the current average of 100 years. Drawbacks to this proposal would be that the future forest would be somewhat younger and future log size would be somewhat smaller.

Tribal Council has directed representatives from Natural Resources, Forestry and Warm Springs Forest Products Industries to meet and reach a consensus on Johnson's recommendations. The group will report back to Tribal Council with their findings.

In other matters of forest management, Johnson's report was a positive reflection on tribal policy. He said the idea of eliminating clearcuts in favor of final harvests that include leave trees had more than aesthetic benefits.

"At least as important, these trees provide for biodiversity throughout the managed landscape as they reflect the patchy character of forests created

through natural processes," states his report.

Restrictions on harvest in wildlife zones, stable old-growth stands and healthy stands were also praised. "The harvest constraint on wildlife areas is to enable the development of more cover, the constraint on stable old-growth is intended to focus harvest on unstable old-growth, and the constraint on harvest of healthy stands is intended to focus harvest on unhealthy stands," says Johnson. "All these requirements are important for long-term forest sustainability; I recommended the latter two in previous reports to the tribes."

IRMP buffers along stream-sides were viewed in the report as innovative and praise-worthy. "The implementation of streamside protections on the Warm Springs Reservation represents a major accomplishment in the protection of aquatic and riparian resources associated with forested ecosystems," states Johnson's report. "Given the high value of water quality and the fishery to the Warm Springs tribes a cautious approach is warranted."

The report supported the concept of a no-cut riparian A zone and a partial cut riparian B zone.

It states these zones should only be extended after ample discussion amongst the resource staff. Subsequent justification for any proposed extensions would then be presented to decision-makers.

## Flu season approaching

It's almost that time of year again, flu season.

One of the best ways to avoid catching the flu is to have a flu shot. The flu season in the U.S. is from November to April, and a shot taken in the fall will protect you for the entire season.

The IHS clinic is vaccinating high-risk people beginning this month. This includes all people age 65 and older, people of any age who have chronic medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes, women who will be more than 3 months pregnant during the flu season, and household members of persons in high risk groups.

Public Health Nursing will hold clinics at various locations on the reservation. Flu vac-

**Flu clinic schedule**  
**October 22:** Senior Center, 12-1 p.m.  
**October 23:** Community Health, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
**October 28:** Tribal Administration Conference Room 2, 10 a.m. till 12 noon.  
**October 29:** Community Counseling, 10 a.m.-12 noon.  
**November 5:** WSFPI (personnel) 2-4 p.m.  
**November 6:** Kah-Nee-Ta, 2-4 p.m.

cine is recommended for anyone over age 50. For further information call the Health and Wellness Center Public Health Nursing Department at 553-1196, ext. 4161.

## Fire safety urged for hunters

By Suzi Macy  
of Fire Management

Hunting season is here and Fire Management would like to remind hunters and outdoor enthusiasts that the fire danger is still very high.

The combination of dry weather and high temperatures this summer have created a tinderbox situation in our forests, a situation that will not change until we see a significant amount of rainfall.

Hunters are often times in areas that are remote. A fire started in a remote area may not be detected until the fire is large

and difficult to control.

If you are planning to spend time outdoors hunting, fishing or camping please be aware of fire restrictions before you leave. Some current restrictions include:

No campfires, except in designated areas.

Motorized vehicles should carry a shovel, axe and one gallon of water or a fire extinguisher. If you see a fire, note its location, get to a phone and call 9-1-1 immediately. If you have any questions regarding fire restrictions please call Fire Management at 553-1146.

## At Kah-Nee-Ta Ike's career began with casino

*Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles on tribal members who work at Kah-Nee-Ta.*

By Dave McMechan  
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Lena Ike began working at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino about seven years ago, or just about the time the casino opened.

First hired to work the table games, she has over the years held a variety of jobs at the resort.

Ike currently works as the resort and casino administrative services coordinator.

The position involves coordinating for special events, including tribal events at the Columbia Gorge. She works closely with the resort administrative staff and the board of directors.

Her work experience at the resort is diverse: she worked as



Lena Ike

a cashier supervisor, accounting supervisor, and floor supervisor for blackjack and poker.

She became the administrative services coordinator after the birth of her son, James Greene Jr., who is now 2 and one-half years old. Ike also has a daughter, Natasha Edwards, who is a senior at Madras High.

Ike is enjoying her current work. "I like the family atmosphere," she said. "You know

everybody by first name or by their nickname. I plan on working here for a while," she said. "I like what I do."

Her work schedule now better suits her family life than the schedules of some of her previous positions. When she was in the poker room, for instance, she worked three days a week, 12 to 14 hours a day.

Now with a more regular weekly work schedule, she can attend Natasha's high school sports events. She can spend more time with her son and her husband, James Greene Sr., who works in Utilities.

Lena Ike's parents are Fred and Daisy Ike. Lena is of Wasco, Warm Springs and Yakama heritage.

She is the youngest girl in a family of seven children. She has two younger brothers, two older brothers, and two older sisters. Her Indian name is By-yow-nish.



## A day for the lake

At Lake Billy Chinook Day last month Richard Wolfe (left) took part in the tribal dance demonstration, a favorite part of the lake celebration. Also among the dancers was Birney Greene Boise (below).

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Dave McMechan/Spilyay



## Birth announcements

### William Clements Jr.

William Clements and Rhonda Wesley-Clements are proud to announce the birth of their son William Clements Jr., born September 11. Father's parents are Grant and Sandra Clements, and the mother's parents are Martina Pachpe of Harrah, Wash., and the late Clifford Wesley Sr.

### Raquel Shylenn Smith

Leroy Smith Jr. and Rachel Smith are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Raquel Shylenn Smith, born August 30. Father's parents are Chris and LeRoy Smith Sr., and Joyce and Lloyd Pinkham. Mother's parents, Richard and Vivian Macy; Carrie Jackson and the late Bobby Townsend.

### Elisa Concepcion Arce-Colazo

Joanna Arce is proud to announce the birth of her daughter Elisa Concepcion Arce-Colazo, born August 16.

Grandparents on the father's side are Magdaleno Colazo and Beatrice Halliday. Mother's parents are Arnette Arce and Teodoro Arce.

### Carardo Donavid Figueroa

Luis Alberto Figueroa and Jennifer Denice Figueroa are proud to announce the birth of their son Carardo Donavid Figueroa, born September 21.

### Mark Kevin Johnson III

Mark Kevin Johnson Jr. and Maryann Lola Stahi are proud

to announce the birth of their son Mark Kevin Johnson III, born September 23.

Grandfather on the father's side is Mark Kevin Johnson III, and on the mother's side, Melvin Stahi Sr.

### Aurora Rose Squiemphen

Phillip Squiemphen and Trissie Fuentes are proud to

announce the birth of daughter Aurora Rose Squiemphen, born September 21.

Grandparents on the father's side are Terry and Gladys Squiemphen.

The grandmother on the mother's side is Rosetta Fuentes. Great grandparents on the father's side include Earl and Rita Squiemphen.

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

**To Leo Washington.** Public notice of informal hearing, Case No. IN11-02.

An informal hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002, at 2 p.m. This hearing has been scheduled at the request of People's Credit for the following reason: Overdue account.

You are hereby required to appear at this time on your own behalf. It is important that you attempt to resolve this issue, in order to prevent further action against you in State Court. If you fail to appear at the scheduled time,

the presiding judge may issue a warrant for your arrest. Dated September 20, 2002. Judge Wilma Ann Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

**To Dalton Davis.** Public notice of informal hearing, Case No. IN13-00.

An informal hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002, at 3 p.m. This hearing has been scheduled at the request of McMahan's Furniture for the following reason: Overdue account.

You are hereby required to appear at this time on your own behalf. It is important that you attempt to resolve this issue, in order to prevent further action against you in State Court. If you fail to appear at the scheduled time, the presiding judge may issue a warrant for your arrest. Dated September 20, 2002. Judge Wilma Ann Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

**Warm Springs Utilities, petitioner, vs. Edward Lucei Sr., respondent.** Summons for publication, Case No. CV75-02. To Ed-

ward Lucei Sr.:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Civil Complaint has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Warm Springs Utilities, may then be given all that is asked for

in the petition for Civil Complaint. Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, Sept. 20, 2002. Judge Wilma Ann Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.

**Warm Springs Tribal Credit Dept., petitioner, vs. Elizabeth Johnson, petitioner.** Summons for publication, Case No. CV264-01. To Elizabeth Johnson:

You are hereby notified that a petition for Civil Complaint has been filed with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for 10

a.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002, at the Warm Springs Tribal Court. All of the facts of the case will be heard at this hearing, including evidence you wish to present.

You must appear to present your argument or the other side will automatically win. The petitioner, Warm Springs Tribal Credit Dept., may then be given all that is asked for in the petition for Civil Complaint. Dated at Warm Springs, Oregon, Sept. 20, 2002. Judge Wilma Ann Smith, Warm Springs Tribal Court.