

Timber Tour views state of forest

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The state of the Warm Springs Reservation forest was addressed on August 20, when the Timber Committee sponsored its annual Timber Tour, featuring discussions with staff from the Forestry and Natural Resources branches.

This year's tour included stops at past and future timber sales, along with an overview of special projects. There were opportunities for tribal members to comment on the appearance of areas harvested in recent years and to provide input on upcoming sales.

One of the first stops on the tour was at a landscape block logged during the summer of 2002. The prescription featured areas of commercial thinning, group selection and individual tree selection. A number of healthy trees were left standing (see accompanying photo) for



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Timber Committee Chairnam Raymond "Captain" Moody describes the components of a landscape harvest prescription during a recent timber tour.

potential harvest by future generations.

The landscape prescription covered approximately 244 acres and yielded a net volume of 767,274 board feet.

Follow-up treatments of precommercial thinning and

grapple piling, funded through the U.S. Forest Service, will help reduce the threat of catastrophic fire in the years ahead. At some point in the future, controlled fire may be utilized to help create more natural stand conditions.

The landscape block offered a relatively clear picture of the way logging is currently being practiced on reservation forestlands.

The days of outright clear-cutting have been replaced by actions adhering to the concepts of sustained yield and interdisciplinary planning.

Additional stops on the tour showed the effects of mowing to reduce the threat of fire in the pine ground near rural homesites, areas scheduled for harvest under the Coltsfoot 2005 Timber Sale, potential culvert replacement to improve fish passage, and renewable natural resources commodities, including one stop to monitor a previous bough cutting operation.

Approximately 30 people attended this year's Timber Tour. The second day of the tour was cancelled due to fires burning on and near the south end of the reservation.

Council sets 2003 hunting guidelines

Hunters will not see many changes when they read summaries for the 2003 hunting season, because a recently passed Tribal Council resolution to establish these guidelines is nearly identical to one passed a year ago. An expanding elk herd did allow for a slightly longer season on antlerless elk, but all other regulations remain unchanged from 2002.

Tribal resource managers are still concerned over a recent downturn in the number of deer on the reservation. The 2002 post-season buck to doe ratio of 12 bucks per 100 does is well below the tribes' management goal of 20-25 bucks per 100 does and biologists believe a number of factors have contributed to the herd's overall decline. These factors include degraded habitat, road densities, diseases, predation, interspecies competition and poaching.

This year's deer season will be open during the months of September and October. The bag limit is one antlered deer per family in September and one antlered deer per family in October. Hunters must return their September tag before an October tag will be issued.

The reservation elk herd, and the regional population as a whole, has been on the rise in recent years.

Elk numbers have increased and animals have moved into a number of previously unoccupied niches.

Reservation hunters will enjoy an antlerless elk season that encompasses the entire month of November this year, but they must choose either a bull or antlerless tag before heading into the field. Hunters will not be allowed to trade one tag for the other once a tag has been issued.

The 2003 elk seasons will

The 2003 elk seasons will open Nov. 1 and run through Nov. 30.

open November 1 and run through November 30. Bull elk hunters will be allowed to take one antlered elk per family during the open season. A limit of one antlerless elk per family will be allowed during the open season for antlerless elk tag holders.

Only one designated hunting tag will be allowed in a hunter's possession at any one time during deer and elk seasons. However, the designated tag may be carried in addition to the hunter's personal tag for a given species.

Designated tags are issued only to elders, handicapped, families in mourning, and tribal member widows or divorcees with tribal member children.

This year's bear season opened September 1 and will run through November 30. The limit is one bear per month per family.

Last year 131 bear tags were issued, but the reported harvest only accounted for three animals.

The 2003 season for upland birds will run from September 1 through December 31. The daily limit is 3 for grouse, 10 for quail and 10 for chukar. One turkey may be harvested during each of the open months. The taking of pheasant is prohibited.

The seasons for migratory birds, such as ducks, geese and mourning doves, are set by state and federal agencies. Check the Oregon regulations for information on those seasons.

Bird hunters can only use shotguns, archery equipment or pistol-fired shot shells to harvest game.

ONABEN classes starting

The Small Business Development Center is sponsoring ONABEN: Oregon Native American Business Entrepreneurial Network. This intensive 10-week class helps avoid costly mistakes common in small businesses.

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The program runs Sept. 18 through Nov. 20. Graduation is Dec. 11.

Classes run 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (subject to changes) each session. For more information or to register please stop by the SBDC, 1134 Paiute St., or call 553-3592.



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Students pick up supplies at the recent barbecue.

Rev. Rick and Alice Jim and family, the staff of the Warm Springs Police Department and the Fire and Safety Department, the Community Counseling Center staff, and Chief Operating Officer William Fuentes. We would also like to thank Pepsi, Deschutes Crossing Restaurant and Central Oregon Boys and Girls Club for their donations of food, pop and individuals to

help with the cleanup. Also thanks to Ken's Ice, Evaline Patt, and Jack Coochise.

The committee members would also like to thank the many volunteers from our own families who helped make this annual event a success.

Sincerely, Urbana Ross, chairwoman, Tedi Tanewasha, Martha Winishut and JoAnn Smith.

Back to school time

Note: The following is a message from the Warm Springs Education Committee, which last week sponsored the Back to School Barbeque and School Supply Distribution

The committee wishes to thank the many people who donated their time, hard work and resources to help make the Back to School Barbeque and School Supply Distribution a great success.

In particular we would like to thank Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, and Warm Springs Power Enterprises for their donations that made the purchase of back to school supplies for Warm Springs students possible.

We would also like to thank the many individuals who volunteered their time to prepare the food, help with the serving lines and clean-up afterwards. These volunteers included teachers and administrators from the Jefferson County School District, Tribal Education Department staff members Julie Quaid, Loraine Hintsala, Faye Hurtado, Carol Dick, community members

BIA plans Route 3 project

The BIA roads branch, Warm Springs Agency, is taking public comment on a project planned at the fish hatchery junction on Route 3. The project will involve making the road safer, especially in the winter, by moving the intersection away from the steep curve.

Members of the public are invited to read the document and submit comments. It has been routed previously to tribal committees for their input. Comments are being taken until Oct. 6. The point of contact is Mike Brown in the Roads Branch at 553-2423.

Softball clinic set for Sept. 13

A softball clinic is set for Sept. 13 at the Madras High School varsity fields. The clinic will focus on slap, push and bunting, and is open to youth

ages 8 to 16. The clinic will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a fundraiser for new high school uniforms. Call Dick Souters at 475-6355 for information.

Shaker Church hosts meeting

The Indian Shaker Church of Warm Springs will host the 2003 Oregon Convention on Friday, Sept. 19 through Sunday, Sept. 21.

On Friday, supper is at 5 p.m., and the Shaker meeting at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 20: Business meeting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. Shaker meeting 7 p.m. Sunday services at 10 a.m., then baptisms and dinner.

Memorial set for Sept. 20

There will be a memorial for Chris Waylon Suppah Matilton on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Simnasho Longhouse. Stone setting services are at 9 a.m. Washat Services to follow memorial ceremony.

Lunch, giveaway and name giving. For Information Contact Wanda Van Pelt, 553-2288 (w), 553-1582 (h).

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