

Details of hydro agreement withheld

(AP) - Federal agencies and nonprofit groups say they have reached preliminary agreement with Portland General Electric and the Warm Springs Tribes over who should pay to restore fish habitats in the Deschutes Basin.

But details are being withheld, probably until June.

"It really is settled now. It's just a matter of getting the paperwork to follow the agreement," said Julie Keil, PGE's director of hydro licensing.

However PGE spokesman Mary Fryberg said it is similar to a draft agreement made public in December.

In that agreement, 17 of the 19 parties agreed to accept a package of reforms including

higher stream levels and the building of structures to help fish get around dams.

The groups have entered into a confidentiality agreement.

Andrew Fahlund, of American Rivers, which is party to the settlement, said that is common when so many parties are involved.

It is the beginning of the end of five years of negotiations to relicense the Pelton-Round Butte Dam complex, a series of three dams at the confluence of the Metolius, Crooked and Deschutes rivers.

PGE and the tribes submitted a joint application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which issues dam operating permits.

Representatives from PGE, the Department of the Interior, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the tribes and American Rivers met Tuesday in Washington to set the schedule for the final steps for approving the license.

In all, 19 groups were party to the settlement.

After signing the settlement, probably in June, federal biologists must file reports on environmental impact, including its effect on fish passage.

Substantial work is needed to repair damaged streams, said Tim Lillebo, eastern field representative for the Oregon Natural Resources Council.

"The entire river has been logged, roaded, dammed to an

extreme degree," he said. "It'll take a massive effort to restore those areas for the steelhead."

PGE and the tribes began negotiating with environmentalists and federal agencies in 1999 to extend their joint license for the Pelton-Round Butte dams.

The license expired in 2001. Temporary licenses have been granted annually since the original license expired.

PGE and the tribes had disagreed with federal agencies on a range of issues, including who would pay for restoration work on the three rivers, how much water would be released from dam reservoirs and how to balance farm, fish and recreation interests throughout the project area.

Root Feast Jackpot Rodeo April 24-25

The Warm Springs Rodeo Grounds will be the scene this month of the Root Feast Jackpot Rodeo. The event is on Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25, starting at 1 p.m. daily.

The event is sponsored by the Warm Springs Rodeo Association.

The association invites all visiting royalty to participate in the Grand Entry.

Events include saddle bronc, bareback, calf roping, breakaway roping, senior barrels, wild horse race, junior barrels, calf riding (7-10 year olds), junior bulls (11 to 16 year olds), bull riding, limit of 30 riders, and team roping.

Rodeo entry information: books open Monday, April 19, and Tuesday, April 20. Office hours are 6 to 9 p.m.

Call backs, Thursday, April 22. There are no "day of rodeo" entries. Call (541) 553-1342 for information. \$10 contestant fee, \$30 contestant fee wild horse race teams. No fee for youth events.

No alcohol allowed.

Indian City going up for sale in OK

ANADARKO, Okla. (AP) - Indian City USA, an attraction that includes historical representations of tribal villages, has been put up for sale after several years of disappointing attendance figures.

George Moran, Indian City's manager, said the 230 stockholders in the 50-year-old business voted overwhelmingly to sell it, preferably to someone who will continue to run it and improve the operation.

"We now get about 32,000 visitors a year," Moran said. "In the past, we would have 80,000 to 90,000 visitors in a good year."

He said a general economic downturn was to blame for some of the drop in attendance.

Indian City also includes a museum, gift shop and a campground. It employs about a dozen dancers, clerks and guides during the summer months.

It has representations of

Indian villages of the Kiowa, Caddo, Wichita, Apache, Pawnee, Pueblo and Navajo.

It includes 200 acres of canyon and hill country. The land is a small portion of the Kiowa, Apache, and Comanche reservations established by the federal government in Oklahoma.

This was the historical site of a Civil War-era massacre of 137 Tonkawa Indians by other tribes.

"Visitors came to Anadarko

with Indian City as the primary reason for their visit," Moran said. "It is our hope that the future owners will keep it open for the preservation of tribal cultures and traditions."

Moran said he didn't know what a likely sales price would be. Advertisements will be placed in metropolitan newspapers.

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Perfect attendance announced

Second Tri-Mester for the Jefferson County Middle School began December 1 and ended March 5. Following are the attendance totals for fifth to eighth grade students beginning with perfect attendance.

Eighth grade perfect attendance: Dawnlyn Courtney, Victoria Katchia, Rolin Morning Owl, Cody Wallulatum

Absent 2 days or less: Michaela Alire-Camas, Jesus Contreras, Kip Culpus, Ashley Evans, Jasmine Graybael, Rachelle Herkshan, Chelsea Hudson, Orlando Johnson, Trina Lucei, Jasper Smith, Kyle Smith, Chance Squiemphen, Clinton Tainewasher, Raymond Torres, Valene Wheeler, Nelson Wolfe, Keshia Yaw.

Absent 3-5 days: Albert Adams, Alexis Anguiano, JaimeRae Bagley, Atcitty Begay, Charnelle Danzuka, David Debiaso, Jacob Dowty, Teryl Florendo, Sabrina Frank, Tiffany Hunt, Simeon Kalama, Ellery Leclair, Erika Miller, Samantha Pennington, Alyssa Selam, Latonia Smith, Brianna Stacona, Tearle Stormbringer, Crystal Thomas, Josiah Thompson, Cameron Wallulatum, Waylon Winishut.

Seventh grade perfect attendance: Alejandria Aguilar, Martin Brown, Charlie Herkshan, LaRonn Katchia, Timothy Red Dog.

Absent 2 days or less: Farrellyn Bellanger, Trent Centre, Jolene Charley, Micah David, Maria Farias, Roberta Gleason, Stephanie Gomez, Kelsey Haywahe, Jordan Holliday, Shayla Jones, Olivia Parkins, Leighton Pennington, Victor Switzer Jr., Curtis Thompson Jr., Kriston Tom.

Absent 3-5 days: Kevin Ball, Julia Begay, Laurissa Bellanger, Darrin Brisbois, Andrea Cook, Emerson Culpus Jr., Krystal Finnley, Maria Garate, Brandy Herkshan, Kara Katchia, Arthur Mitchell Jr., Kirstie Morrison, Jenny Red Fox, Carlos Reynoso, Maximino Ruiz-McKinley, Stanley Simtustus Jr., K-lei Smith-Strong, Crystal Spino, Tanner Yallup, Chandla Yeo, Josephine Zacarias.

Sixth grade perfect attendance: Marissa Ahern, Jamie Ball, Traci Colwash, Jimmy Flores, Nicholas Heath, Katherine Quaid, Cassandra

Sam, Allee Tewee.

Absent 2 days or less: Angela Bellanger, Tamiasha Brown, Bronte Caldera, Hillary Camas-Alire, Arlene David, Spencer Ellsbury, Kayla Jones, Merima Made, Kristi Olney, Patricia Sam, Trevor Suppah, Dena Thomas, Ferman Tufti, Devin Winishut, Karlen Yallup.

Absent 3-5 days: Leonard American Horse, Kendall Bobb, Stephon Centre, Rabe Clements, Mary Ann Cloud, Miguel Frank, Teresa Fuentes, Angelo George, Johnson Heath Jr., Lillitz Henry, Gerald Hoptowit, Dylan Joseph, Perry Kalama III, Luther Keo, Bethann Longknife, Britton Lumpmouth, Adriel Pineda-Soto, Allegra Robinson, Martika Saludo-Kelly, Latasha Sampson, Mathew Scowah, Jason Smartlowit, Mariah Smith, Red Sky Suppah, Charles Wolfe, Marris Yaw.

Fifth grade perfect attendance: Alan Leclair, Linda Smith, Dorothea Thurby.

Absent 2 days or less: Triston Boise, Michele Charley, Aiden Clemons, Lola Dick, Leslee Henderson, K.C. Jensen, Chelsie Patt, Tanisha Reynoso, Alvis Smith IV, Joella Smith, Mallory Smith, James Spino, Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie, Jason Tufti-Danzuka, Kenneth VanPelt, Nicole Wahnetah, Jessie Wallulatum, Kendra Wolfe.

Absent three to five days: Jay Blackwolfe, Coder Clements, Daniel Cloud, Mikayla Collins,

Gerald Frank, Waymon Harry,

Jesse Hicks, Jaylon Holliday, D'Covyn Medina, Drew Pennington, Talon Sargent, Joseph Scowah, Ashley Smith-Sampson, Larry Spino III, Theron Spino, Mystina Spino-McCormick, Leo Sportsman, Jeremy TallBull, Daisy Thomas, Laura Thomas, Falcon Thompson, Robin Warner.

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