

2 cold nights in the woods

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Sandra Brunoe spent three days and two cold and difficult nights in the woods recently.

Brunoe is a timber sales officer at Warm Springs Forestry. She was out in the woods on March 2, marking trees for a 2007 timber sale.

She was working in an area away from where her partner John Goering was marking trees. Brunoe became confused about her location and could not locate either Goering or their vehicle.

Goering searched for Brunoe, and then reported her missing. Forestry personnel and Warm Springs Search and Rescue looked for Brunoe through the first night, but could not locate her.

Search and Rescue teams from neighboring communities were called in, and at one point there were 90 people looking for



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her. An Oregon National Guard Blackhawk helicopter was called in. Brunoe said the helicopter flew over her a few times but the people on board did not see her.

Finally, on Saturday, March 4, a woman from Marion County Search and Rescue located Brunoe in a canyon about

three-quarters of a mile from a roadway.

Brunoe was back at work as usual the following week, having experienced no injury.

Brunoe has worked at Forestry since 1984, and this is the first time something like this happened, she said.

During the nights in the woods, she slept very little, because of the cold. Luckily, she was dressed for cold weather, though not quite for the kind of cold she experienced during those nights.

There was a moon out during the nights, and Brunoe mostly kept moving. She stayed pretty hungry as well, but found water in a creek.

Brunoe said she would like to thank Forestry, Warm Springs Search and Rescue, the other agencies that assisted, and also the woman from Marion County Search and Rescue who located her.

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Tribes agree to Clackamas hydro plan

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are among the 33 parties who have reached agreement on the future of hydroelectric power generation on the Clackamas River.

The agreement creates a plan for improved fish and wildlife protection and recreation opportunities at Portland General Electric's Clackamas River hydroelectric project.

The signing is a key step in PGE's effort to renew its federal license for operating the facilities.

The agreement provides many beneficial measures for fish passage and habitat throughout the project, including a new downstream fish bypass at North Fork and River Mill dams, a new adult fish trap and sort facility at North Fork, gravel placements in two river sections and improved river flows.

The parties agreed to enhanced side channels in the Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas, creating a refuge for a variety of fish species. PGE will also provide expanded recreational facilities, cultural and educational resources and improvements to wetland and wildlife habitat in the Clackamas River area.

The terms also provide for a collaborative process for resolution of water temperature issues downstream of the project, to be addressed by PGE, the Oregon Department of Envi-

ronmental Quality and other parties.

In addition to the agreement, PGE has also remodeled spillways and is building a new fish ladder at River Mill Dam.

PGE's Clackamas River hydroelectric system includes eight dams, seven reservoirs, four power houses, and miles of pipelines, canals, tunnels and fish ladders, including the North Fork, Oak Grove, Faraday and River Mill developments. It runs from Timothy Lake in the Cascade Mountains to River Mill Dam at Estacada.

A variety of organizations, including tribes, federal and state agencies, environmental groups, local governments, water districts and recreational businesses worked toward the hydro-operation agreement. The process has taken seven years. The agreement now goes to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which will make the final determination on licensing.

Besides the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, other parties to the agreement include the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the state Water Resources Department, the U.S. Forest Service, the Native Fish Society, among several others.

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