

N8TV Adventures: offering river boarding and kayaking

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Snacks and a meal can also be provided.

For Nathan, the love of outdoor adventure began when he took a wilderness survival course at Central Oregon Community College in 1988. Through the class he learned skills necessary for rock climbing, kayaking and many other outdoor activities.

"Ever since then I loved it," Nathan said.

It was Nathan's influence that led to Williams' shared love of the outdoors.

Now they hope to share their passion for the outdoors with the community.

"We're not just looking for tourists," Williams said. "It's a good way for local people to get out on the water."

"It's a great way for everyone out there to enjoy the summer," Nathan added. "It's going to be



Brenda Williams river boarding on the Deschutes.

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pretty hot; it's a great way to cool off."

Nathan hopes to be able to

involve students at COCC who need practicum credit. In addition to that, he hopes to involve

local youth who are willing to complete training.

"It gives them opportunity to look toward COCC to get their training and maybe even interest them in other areas of education," Nathan said—something he feels would be ideal.

N8TV Adventures is the only business in Warm Springs to offer kayaking or river boarding tours.

"Hopefully it will build so we have group events in Warm Springs and help build tourism

here," Williams said.

"It's really important for the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort to have more things to offer," Williams said.

"The more our business grows, the more I see Kah-Nee-Ta benefiting from it."

N8TV Adventures will also be selling fishing permits out of their office, located in the Warm Springs Plaza.

For more information, or to book a trip, call 553-1200 or e-mail to the following address: n8tvadventures@yahoo.com.

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Council

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Smith added, "You look around off this reservation, they're making millions in Central Oregon. And we're sitting on the best land in the country. We've got to move with use and occupancy. It's the best opportunity outside the casino."

Looking at the North End

Nor was the conversation only theoretical. In presenting the use and occupancy section of the economic strategy overview, Clint Jacks showed graphs forecasting the net cash flow and job creation of a potential housing project in the Bear Springs area.

Proximity to Portland with a location on the sunny side of Mt. Hood would give the project a unique and popular appeal to potential homeowners. Details of the plan still need to be worked out, but preliminary study suggests a net cash flow of \$150 million over 14 years and over 700 new jobs in construction and operations.

Another promising aspect of the Bear Springs proposal is that the Tribes can get started on it as soon as it makes the decision to do so.

"This is the one that has the least obstacles," CFO Ray Porter said. "And it could realistically happen and bring in cash in time to help" the tribe's fi-

nances before the casino opens. "Time is of the essence; we need to capitalize on the larger housing market for second homes, which is nearing or at the peak. It's the one thing in Plan B—we can move right now."

Tribal attorney Jim Noteboom added the legal perspective, also speaking of the north end as the best opportunity for creating significant financial impact in the near future. "One, the Tribe controls that area," so there would be no outside legal and political issues to wade through. "Two, there are no access issues, there's already a highway. Plus, there's not a lot of people living in that area who are going to be daily impacted by non-Indians coming there."

Final decisions about going forward with any use and occupancy project ultimately rest with the membership, who would vote on the issue if Council proposes a referendum. In the meantime, Council passed a motion asking Warm Springs Ventures to return with a more detailed plan on Bear Springs.

"Yes, we have to make decision," said a Council member, "but I want to make that decision with all the pieces of the puzzle laid out so we can make the right decision. If I were to support this, what is at Bear Springs? What is that master plan? I want more detail on costs and timelines, a better idea of what I'm going to vote on."

Preparing a comprehensive

development plan is the next step. Ventures will approach it by working with firms specializing in economic analysis of resort developments and land use planning, among others.

Governance and Administration

Discussion of Bear Springs created a momentum that carried through the rest of the meeting, which concluded with Clyde Hamstreet's overview of the proposed administrative restructuring plan. Hamstreet emphasized that economic development needs trusted leadership and an effective bureaucracy to succeed.

Ken Smith reinforced that message in offering his comments on the development ideas presented at the meeting. "When I was Secretary-Treasurer," he said, "I used to look around at other tribes. Who was successful? The ones that had strong governance, that had a strong administrative arm, that didn't change things every two to three years. That's where you have economic development."

Several Council members expressed interest in considering administrative and governance matters in more detail. Of particular importance is the decision whether to return to a single officer in charge of the administration rather than the present system of splitting responsibilities between the ST and the COO.

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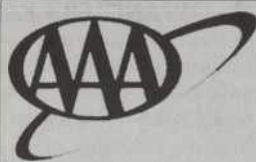
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