

Spechtrum youth contribute with park cleanup

The Spechtrum Youth Center of Warm Springs is a place for young people to have some fun. But the center also encourages its members to pitch in and help improve the local community.

Recently, nine young people from the youth center cleaned up trash that was strewn around the skate park at Elmer Quinn Park. The park is located nearby by the Spechtrum Youth Center.

The plan is for the Spechtrum members to clean up the park once a month, said John Portera, youth center coordinator. The idea came from Urbana Ross, land services administrator,



who has encouraged groups to adopt and take care of areas around the reservation, said Portera.

Elmer Quinn Park made

sense for Spechtrum because it is right near by, he said.

The kids at the center earn Champ Stamps by accomplishing projects such as the park

clean-up. The stamps can be used for the purchase of items such as Nike shoes.

Kids earned a total of 380 Champ Stamps during the recent clean-up at the park, said Portera.

The Spechtrum Youth Center is sponsored by the Extraordinary Young People, a non-profit organization serving kids on Indian reservations. The youth center can be reached at 553-5333.

The center hosts a family cook-out from 6 to 9 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. The cookouts, held at the center, are open to parents as well as the youth.

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Public comment opportunity: EPA plans air permits for Warm Springs sawmill

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has prepared two draft Clean Air Act permits for the Warm Springs Forest Products and Warm Springs Biomass Project (WSFP/WSBP) combined facility located on the south east edge of Warm Springs, Oregon, on the Warm Springs Reservation. A Non-Title V permit, issued in accordance with 40 CFR Part 49, will establish emission limits for a new wood-waste-fired power boiler that will be built at the facility; the facility's Title V operating permit, issued in accordance with 40 CFR 71, is being revised to be consistent with the Non-Title V permit. Both permits address the creation of Warm Springs Biomass Project LLC, a new operating division of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, within which the power boilers will be managed.

WSFP/WSBP is a sawmill located in Jefferson County, Oregon. The facility produces green and kiln-dried lumber. Hogged fuel (waste wood and bark) purchased off site and produced on site is burned in a boiler to produce steam to heat lumber drying kilns and to generate electricity. This permitting action will allow a second boiler to be built. The emission increases from the boiler addition have been balanced with emissions decreases coming from the shut down of 3 old boilers at the facility. As a result, four pollutants will experience a net increase: nitrogen oxides by 39 tons per year; volatile organic compounds by 39 tons per year; sulfur dioxide by 9.6 tons per year; and lead by less than 0.1 ton per year. Because the facility is located within the exterior

boundaries of the Warm Springs Reservation and because the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation does not have EPA-approved permitting programs, it is EPA's responsibility to issue the permits to WSFP/WSBP.

How can I get more information? You can review copies of both draft permits, the Non-Title V "technical support document" and Title V "statement of basis," the permit applications, and all supporting materials submitted by the facility, during regular business hours at:

Management Office, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, 1233 Veterans St., Warm Springs, OR 97761-3001; ph. (541) 553-1161; Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jefferson County Library District, 241 S.E. Seventh St., Madras, OR 97741-1611; ph. (541) 475-3351; Mon-Thu 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

U.S. EPA, Region 10 EPA Public Library, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101; ph. (206) 553-1298; Mon-Fri: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 1 to 2:30 p.m.

You can also get copies of the draft permit and statement of basis from EPA's web site at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/AIRPAGE.NSF/webpage/WSFP+Permit>, or by contacting EPA's Region 10 Office at the contact information listed below.

How do I comment on the permit? Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit by mail or e-mail. If you believe that any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate, you must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably ascertainable arguments supporting your position on or before the end of the comment period. Any documents supporting your comments must be included in full and may not be

incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative records for this permit or consist of tribal, state or federal statutes or regulations, or other generally available referenced materials. These proceedings are subject to the administrative requirements of 40 CFR 71.11 and 40 CFR 49.139(e). Please submit all written comments, requests for public hearings and other correspondence as follows:

By mail at: Sara Bent, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10; 1200 Sixth Avenue (AWT-107), Seattle, WA 98101.

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For questions call: (800) 424-4372 or (206) 553-6350.

Will there be a public hearing?

You have the right to request a public hearing on this draft permit. Requests for a hearing must be received by EPA at the contact address listed above on or before the end of the comment period and contain your reasons for requesting a hearing. If a public hearing is held, the comment period will be extended through the date of the public hearing.

Will my comments be considered? All comments received during the public comment period and public hearing (if one is held) will be considered in making a final decision on the permit. The final permit is a public record that can be obtained on request. EPA will prepare a statement of reasons for changes made to the draft permit and responses to comments received and will send them, along with the final permit, to everyone who comments on the draft permit.

Would you like to be on our

mailing list? If you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive future information about this permit or EPA's Title V operating permits program in Indian Country in Region 10, please contact EPA's Region 10 Office at the address or telephone number listed above.

For people with disabilities: Please contact EPA's Region 10 Office at the contact information listed above before the end of the comment period if you have any special requests for reasonable accommodations. For TTY users: please call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

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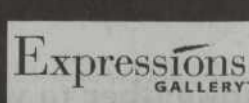


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