

## Deer, elk permits available for conservation properties

Permits to hunt deer or elk on John Day basin conservation properties are now available for 2008.

The permit application deadline is August 20.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs manage the Pine Creek, Oxbow, and Forrest Conservation Areas for wildlife and fish habitat.

The tribes are offering limited numbers of big game hunting access permits to each property for 2008.

Big game permits are divided equally between tribal members and the general public.

The Pine Creek Conservation Area is located near Fossil on the lower John Day River.

The Forrest and Oxbow Conservation Areas are located on the Middle Fork John Day

River, north of John Day and on the Mainstem John Day River east of Prairie City.

To apply for a hunt, please provide your name, current mailing address and phone number, and Tribal Member identification number.

You may stop by the Natural Resources Department's office at Warm Springs to sign up, or mail the application information to the appropriate conservation area office.

As part of their application information, hunters will also need to specify the hunt number (season) and Oregon game management unit for which they are applying.

All 2008 deer and elk hunts on the conservation area properties are listed in the tables below. Tribal members will need

the appropriate Ceded Area Tag for each listed hunt.

Non-tribal members may apply to hunt these properties as part of the general public application process. This can be done by submitting their name, address and phone number, and a photocopy of a purchased hunt tag or the ODFW notification card indicating the hunter's success in drawing a hunt tag.

At **Pine Creek** all non-tribal members need to have their application(s) received at the office by July 31, 2008 via USPS mail; tribal members need to have their applications in by August 20.

For the **Oxbow and Forrest** Conservation Areas applications must be received by August 20 for both non-tribal and tribal

members to be eligible for the draw.

All applicants will be notified by mail of the draw results. Successful applicants will receive their permits, a basic property map, and a copy of the conservation area regulations with this mailing.

**Party hunts:** Hunt party applications at Pine Creek are limited to three people per party. Each party application is processed as one entry into the hunt drawing.

Please make sure to indicate if your hunt group wishes to be entered in the draw as either a party or as individual applicants. No party hunting is available on the Forrest and Oxbow properties.

**Extra permits:** Permits

which are unclaimed in the lottery will be available from the respective conservation area offices on a first-come, first-served basis after August 20.

**Pine Creek Conservation Area:** 39067 Highway 218, Fossil, OR 97830. The office e-mail address is [pinecreek@wildblue.net](mailto:pinecreek@wildblue.net) or phone 541-489-3477.

**Oxbow and Forrest Conservation Areas:** John Day Basin Office, 68073 Hwy 26, Prairie City, OR 97869; phone 541-820-3568 or 541-421-3931. The conservation offices' e-mail addresses are: Oxbow Conservation Area [oxbowca@ortelco.net](mailto:oxbowca@ortelco.net); Forrest Conservation Area [kcoles@ortelco.net](mailto:kcoles@ortelco.net).

## Important range users meeting on Aug. 19

There will be Range Users meeting on Tuesday evening, August 19 at the Agency Longhouse.

This will be an important meeting for range users. The agenda includes a number of important topics regarding range and livestock management.

Please come and have your voice heard. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served.

## Victims of Crime advocates train at annual coalition conference

A special showing of a future HBO documentary about a worst case scenario family domestic violence situation was the highlight for the Victims of Crime Services victim advocates who attended the recent Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence conference in Portland.

This conference was the annual training and meeting of most of the victims assistance programs in the state of Oregon.

The conference had a pre-conference training day where Tina Aguilar, Aurel Stinson and Mark Matthews, of Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services (VOCS), gave a morning two-hour PowerPoint presentation to approximately 45 other victim advocates on promising practices from the reservation in providing sexual assault community awareness education.

This presentation focused on VOCS' use of the Silent Mes-

sage DVD, the Walking the Walk role playing exercise and the Darkness to Light child sexual abuse prevention curriculum.

After the VOCS presentation a PSU Professor Shongcha Bowman invited the VOCS advocates to speak at a women's study seminar in November.

At the same time Juanita Villa received two training certificates for completing the Domestic Violence 101 and Sexual Assault training classes. In the afternoon Stinson and Matthews attended a "Train the Trainer" class where they became certified to teach domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault awareness classes to state of Oregon managers and supervisors.

The close of the pre-conference training day concluded with a pre-premiere viewing of a future HBO documentary entitled *One Minute to Nine*.

This documentary is about a Southern Oregon mother of

four sons who murdered her husband after 17 plus years of repeated extreme domestic violence.

The mother is now serving a ten-year prison sentence and the oldest son is serving a five-year prison sentence.

The three youngest sons — who did not participate in the homicide — were part of the post-show panel discussion about this domestic violence related homicide case. *One Minute to Nine* will premiere on HBO in September. This documentary is unusual because most domestic violence related homicides result in the domestic violence victim being murdered.

Both Aguilar and Stinson said that the *One Minute to Nine* film was the one coalition event that had the most impact on them. It is an important reminder of the importance of helping victims of domestic violence. Villa said that she hopes that such

similar extremes types of domestic violence are not occurring on the reservation.

"If neighbors or family members suspect that there is domestic violence occurring on or off the reservation then they should contact the police by calling 911," said Villa.

The keynote speaker of the conference was Evelyn C. White, a former domestic violence court advocate and journalist, who is now an author and the biographer of Alice Walker, who wrote *The Color Purple*.

Villa and Aguilar attended two workshops taught by White and Multnomah County domestic violence advocate Vanessa Timmons on using writing and journaling as helpful tools for domestic violence and sexual abuse survivors to heal from their victimization.

After the coalition conference, back in Warm Springs, Villa asked the members of the

VOCS Evening Women's Support Group to begin journaling.

Villa said, "I thought this conference was very informative and helpful to me as a tribal Victim Advocate."

The Monday evening Women's Support Group meets every Monday evening 6 p.m. at the VOCS office unless otherwise noted.

This meeting is open to women who are either survivors of or those who support survivors of domestic violence, stalking, and sexual assault.

On the third day of the conference there was an awards ceremony for five victim advocates throughout Oregon. According to Matthews, three of the five awards recipients had either direct or indirect contact with VOCS staff in the past three years where these awards recipients benefited Warm Springs community members. Toni Ryan and Dara Pearson

from Saving Grace, the non-profit domestic violence and sexual assault Central Oregon agency, formerly known as COBRA, received their awards for their roles in helping survivors in Central Oregon.

Attorney Jessica Mindlin, the national director of training and technical assistance for the Victim Rights Law Center, received an award recognizing her work as an attorney educator who advises and teaches victims assistance providers, including the VOCS' L.A.V. grant program, on victim's issues and civil legal rights and remedies.

Villa, Aguilar, Matthews and Stinson all reported that the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence conference will help them better serve tribal victims in Warm Springs.

(This article was submitted for publication by Warm Springs Victims of Crime Services.)

## News from Indian Country

### Crow Tribe lands \$7B coal project

CROW AGENCY, Montana (AP)—The Crow Tribe struck a deal Thursday with an Australian company toward building a \$7 billion plant to convert coal into liquid fuels, which would be among the first such projects in the United States.

Capping months of negotiations, the Crow Legislature ratified a 50-year development agreement with Australian-American Energy Co., a subsidiary of Australian Energy Co.

The Many Stars coal-to-liquids plant initially would produce 50,000 barrels a day of diesel and other fuels. Construction would begin in several years and coal for the project would come from a mine yet to be developed by the tribe on the reservation, Crow leaders said.

The American Indian tribe's chairman, Carl Venne, said the coal-to-liquids project offered an unprecedented chance at improving the lives of the tribe's 12,000 members. The agreement calls for the Crow to receive up to 50 percent of profits from the plant after investors in the

project recoup their costs.

"It means we will become self sufficient as a tribe," Venne said. "I won't need no more federal dollars. I won't need no more state dollars."

Total proceeds to the tribe could eventually top \$1 billion annually—a breathtaking sum that dwarfs the Crow's current annual budget of about \$26 million.

Representatives of the company and the tribe plan a public unveiling of the project at a news conference Friday. Expected to attend is Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer, who declined comment Thursday.

The Crow reservation sits atop some of the largest coal reserves in the U.S.—an estimated 9 billion tons of recoverable resources. Yet only limited mining has occurred, and the tribe's economy remains hobbled by high rates of poverty and unemployment.

The development agreement comes as the coal industry faces rising criticism over its role as one of the largest sources of greenhouse gases blamed for global warming.

Hoping to defuse opposition, tribal leaders said the Many Stars

plant would be built to capture 95 percent of the carbon dioxide it produces. That gas would be stored in underground geologic formations or sold to the oil industry, which pumps carbon dioxide into aging oil wells to squeeze additional production out of them.

Still, the fuel produced by such plants release carbon dioxide when burned, putting it roughly on par with conventional petroleum in terms of overall emissions, industry experts and government scientists have said.

Venne predicted environmental groups and other "outsiders" would line up to oppose the tribe's plant proposal. But he added they would have a hard time arguing against economic development on the reservation.

"People have to realize, this is one of the poorest counties in the whole nation," he said referring to Big Horn County, which includes most of the reservation.

No large-scale coal-to-liquids plants have been built in the United States, although several are proposed or on the drawing boards in Wyoming, Ohio, West Virginia and elsewhere. Soaring

construction costs and other hurdles have derailed some projects—including one in Montana, near Roundup.

But Crow leaders said they are confident high oil prices will spur increased interest in synthetic alternatives such as coal-derived diesel. Future expansions of the Many Stars plant could eventually bump up production to as much as 125,000 barrels of fuel a day.

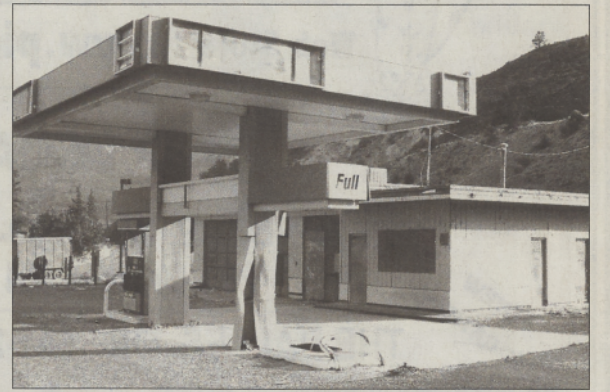
Approximately one ton of coal would be needed for every barrel of fuel produced by the plant.

"With the vast reserves we've got, there's no sense in us not being a major player," said Crow legislator Conrad Stewart.

Australian Energy's Chief Executive Allan Blood has started two similar projects in Australia, including a \$2 billion plant announced in June that would convert coal into liquid fertilizer. The second project recently was sold to Shell and Anglo American for \$5 billion, according to Australian news reports.

Neither is yet producing fuel.

### Tribes accepting lease bids



Station is next to Rainbow Market.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is accepting lease proposals for the service station building by the Rainbow Market. Anyone wishing to submit a proposal should contact Urbana Ross,

tribal land services administrator. She can be reached at 553-3271. Or by mail at CTWS Land Services, PO Box C, Warm Springs, OR 97761. Lease terms are negotiable.

### United Tribes adds law enforcement classes

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)—The president of United Tribes Technical College says the college will be adding classes in criminal justice and law enforcement and will have a Bureau of Indian Affairs officer stationed on campus to help with training.

United Tribes has signed a memorandum of understanding with the BIA, President David Gipp said. A BIA officer will be stationed on campus by the end of this month to teach and work with tribal communities in

the region, he said.

"Law enforcement issues are a major concern and a major problem in our tribal communities out there on the different reservations, and so this is one way that United Tribes can make a contribution," Gipp said.

United Tribes is starting a \$200 million expansion. Gipp said ground has been broken on the first phase of the new campus facility and water, sewer and electricity are being put in to prepare for construction.