

Oregon House considers Metolius bill

(AP) – The Oregon Senate passed a bill that would ban most development in the Metolius River basin, designating it as an Area of Critical Statewide Concern.

The bill was expected to go to the House this week (after print deadline for this paper.)

If the Senate bill becomes law, a 450-unit destination resort four miles from the river tentatively approved by Jefferson County could not be built.

Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, said that people

from across the nation have written to support protecting the river.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs are in support of the proposed legislation.

The tribes are concerned that housing and related development in and adjacent to the basin could impact wildlife, fisheries, water and cultural resources.

Deer and elk populations from the reservation migrate in the winter off the reservation to the Metolius basin area.

Another serious concern is fisheries. The Confederated Tribes and Portland General Electric are investing over \$108 million in fish restoration above the Pelton-Round Butte dams, including in the Metolius River.

Also, housing development would require the use of water in the basin, whether ground or surface water.

How this would affect the in-stream flow of the Metolius and its tributaries is not clear. The tribes have a reserved in-stream water right in the Metolius and

downstream in Deschutes river.

The tribes are also concerned about the possible impact to cultural resources in the Metolius basin.

There have been no significant reviews of cultural resources in that area, and there is currently no cultural resources management plan for the area.

Opponents of the proposal condemned the measure as an unwarranted intrusion by Gov. Ted Kulongoski and legislators into a local land-use issue.

Yakama tribe pulls out of cleanup council

(AP) – The Yakama Nation is pulling out of a natural resources council that aids Oregon and federal officials with planning cleanup of the contaminated Portland harbor.

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality are overseeing cleanup along the six-mile-long Portland harbor, where sediments in the lower Willamette River have shown high levels of metals, pesticides and other hazardous substances.

But any cleanup settlement

should include the Columbia River as well, because the Willamette flows into the Columbia and its toxins pose a threat to fish in the Columbia River as well, Yakama Nation Tribal Council Chairman Ralph Sampson said.

The Yakamas have treaty rights to salmon and other fish in the Columbia River. Of particular concern to the Yakama tribe are juvenile salmon traveling the last 100 miles to the ocean from the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

The tribe said in a letter to other trustees Friday it was withdrawing from the council because other trustees do not agree it's important to include the Columbia. The letter said the tribe would pursue natural resource damage remedies "on its own."

Council trustees include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and six tribal governments, including the Grand Ronde, Nez Perce, Siletz, Umatilla and Warm Springs.

An EPA spokesman did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment Tuesday.

Jim Anderson of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality said a preliminary investigation of the nature and extent of the Willamette River contamination should be completed later this summer.

A draft feasibility study, which will include the range of options for cleaning up areas of potential concern, should be completed in summer 2010, he said.

Treaty was signed 154 years ago

June 25, 1855: Five hundred Indians of the Wasco and Walla Walla (Sahaptin) tribes gather at The Dalles.

Among the gathering are chiefs, family leaders and other tribal members. The Council lasts three days, as the tribes are there to consider the treaty proposed by the U.S.

According to the terms of the treaty, the tribes are to give up ownership claim to 10 million acres of land.

The tribes will receive reservation land between Mt. Jefferson and the Deschutes River: This land will be exclusively for the Indians and can never be occupied by white settlers.

The government promises to build a flour and sawmill, a school, hospital and other buildings on the reservation....

It is a momentous and difficult decision: the tribes are asked to leave the Columbia for land that many of the people were not familiar with.

At first the various chiefs suggest different places for the reservation, places that are closer to the traditional home-

lands. Chief Sim-tus-tus says the Indians need to keep access to their usual fishing, hunting and gathering places, even if the tribes are to cede the 10 million acres. "The falls where we catch the fish, we would like to reserve," he said.

Chief Mark objects to the proposed reservation because there is not enough timber there, and he and other leaders have a number of other concerns....

At the same time, though, the Indians know the white settlers are arriving in increasing numbers. For the federal government, Joel Palmer, superintendent of Indian Affairs of the Oregon Territory, makes persuasive arguments. "The white man has come among you, and others are coming," he said. "I want you to make a bargain so that we may always live in peace."

The tribes, he said, would have access off the reservation to their usual fishing, hunting and gathering places.

He said that if the tribes moved to the reservation and didn't like it, then the government would find them a differ-

ent one. "If the reservation is not large and good enough, we will extend it," he said.

By the end of the third day of the Council the tribal leaders are ready to sign. One-hundred fifty-one Indians endorse the document. It was June 25, 1855, a defining day for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

(The following are two statements regarding the Treaty of 1855, reprinted from the tribes' Peoples Plan.)

"Huntington pointed to quite a number that he said were good men and told them they had better all sign, as this paper would go back to Washington. So there were quite a number signed. I understood the English language pretty well at that time and I did not hear Huntington say anything about the fisheries. After some little time we received the cattle and the blankets. And here I might say that a pair of blankets was cut into three pieces and we got one hundred pieces of blankets."

William C. Parker
(Billy Chinook)
March 3, 1886, Warm Springs

Olney traveling to hoops festival

After an outstanding performance in the USA Junior Nationals all-state high school basketball competition at Vancouver, Wash., Kristi Olney has been invited to participate in the prestigious USA Junior Nationals International Sports Festival at the University of Illinois. The festival will be July 27-August 2.

Kristi will be senior at Madras High School. She is the daughter of Lucinda Heath. Kristi is currently seeking donations from the community to help her travel to the competition at the University of Illinois.

USA Junior Nations, based in Madison, Wisc., provides one of the top amateur competitions in the U.S., and offers its program to all athletes who have a high talent level in basketball and want to develop their skills and techniques through state-wide, national and interna-



Kristi Olney

tional competition.

This is a unique opportunity for athletes to improve their basketball talent through highly organized competition.

USA Junior Nations provides information about its participating athletes to schools throughout the U.S., in order to help the athletes earn scholarships.

Overstreet plays Kah-Nee-Ta

Tommy Overstreet and his band The Nashville Connection will perform at Kah-Nee-Ta's Gold Ballroom on Sunday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 and \$10 in advance at the Lodge front desk, or by calling (541) 553-1112.



Support for chronic pain sufferers

Do you have chronic pain or do you have a family member or friend who lives with chronic pain?

If you answered yes, then the Chronic Pain Support Group offers help.

The Chronic Pain Support Group will meet this week and again in July.

The meeting this week will be at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18 at the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Clinic atrium.

The topic for discussion will be: Chronic pain management. The speaker will be Nancy Holmes, PsyD.

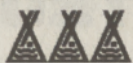
No potluck dinner, but a small snack will be provided.

The meeting in July will focus on the topic of "Art Therapy."

The presenter will be Marge Koepping, ARNP.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, and will be held at the clinic.

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