

Resource Management approves projects

The Resource Management Inter-disciplinary Team has released the 2010 Central Timber Sale Project Assessment for a 30-day public comment period.

Timber in this sale may be available for harvest as early as 2010, but logging will probably occur periodically over a 3-4 year period.

The proposed sale is located within the Warm Springs River and Shitike Creek watersheds on the Warm Springs Reservation.

The sale is being proposed to capture volume remaining in the current planning period, and to supply desirable timber and preserve jobs at Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

The sale was developed under the Integrated Resources Management Plan, IRMP, project assessment process at the direction of Resource Management Inter-Disciplinary Team.

The proposed action would harvest tree species and sizes that can be marketed through WSFPI and those impacted by overstocking, root disease, dwarf mistletoe, insects, stem decay, and older commercially thinned blocks.

Two alternatives were formulated and various types of harvests were considered for this project.

The project assessment analyzes a harvest of 34-40 million board feet of net volume timber, which approximates the reservation-wide volume remaining within the 10-year planning period.

The project area covers approximately 3,290 acres.

Copies of the document are available through the Natural Resources Branch and comments should be submitted to Vernon Wolf in the Forestry Branch, 553-2416, or Bill Rhoades at Natural Resources, 553-2013. RMIDT also approved a small project assessment for Phase I of a pedestrian path. The path will be located in the West Hills.

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Warm Springs teen keeps up family tradition



By Terri Harber
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A young tribe member is carrying on a family tradition while training for military service.

Kelsey Haywahe, son of Danell Tailfeathers of Warm Springs and Kevin Haywahe of Canada, completed Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

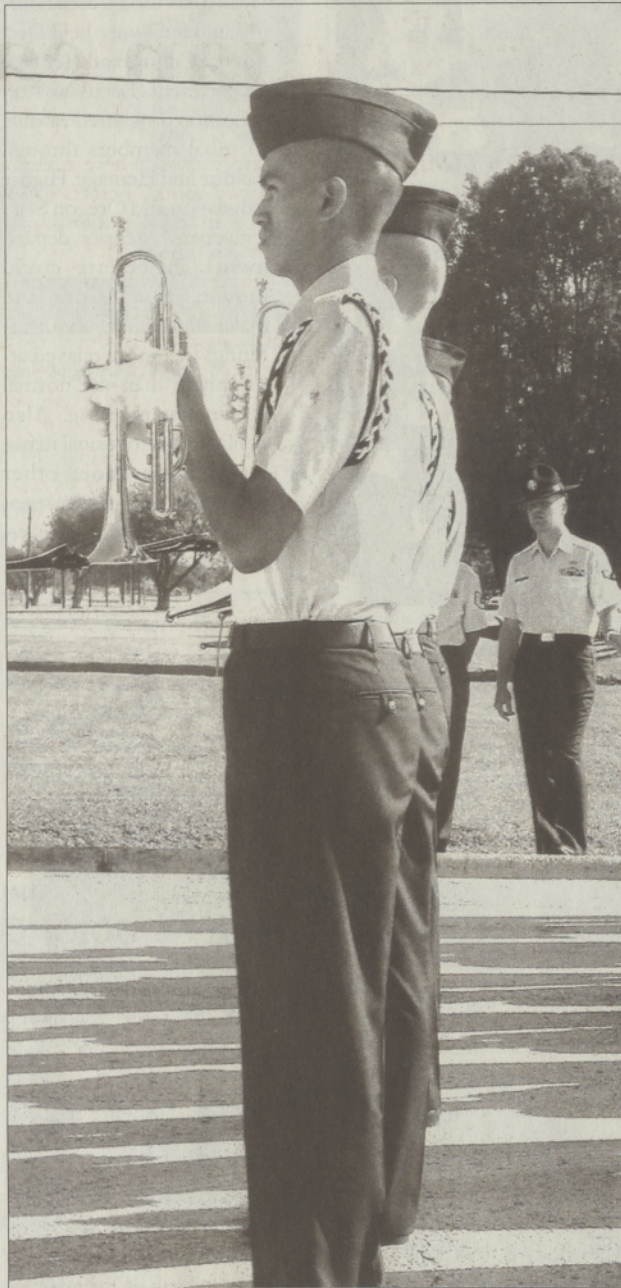
The eight-week Basic Training program included military discipline and studies, core values of the Air Force, basic warfare skills and principles, and physical fitness.

Being recognized for exceeding fitness standards added to the pride felt by Kelsey's family. But what made his grandmother especially proud was that he played trumpet with the Air Force band at Lackland during his Basic Training graduation ceremony in October.

Kelsey's strong performing ability follows in the footsteps of some members of a well-known local family, the Macys, who are relatives on his mother's side, said Nancy Tailfeathers, Kelsey's maternal grandmother.

His grandfather, Jim Macy, was a traditional dancer depicted in an often-seen National Geographic photograph taken by David Boyer. The blur of his dance movements made him look like a man on fire with dance passion.

His great-grandfather, Dan Macy, was a musician in a swing band. Some pictures of



Photos courtesy Nancy Tailfeathers

Kelsey Haywahe playing in the band earlier this year at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He completed Basic Training in October. Above left: Kelsey's official Air Force portrait.

the band can be seen at Warm Springs Market.

They are proudly displayed by store owner Bob Macy. He is Jim's brother and Dan's son.

And Kelsey's parents perform traditional dance, too. His father is a champion in that native art.

Equally proud of Kelsey is Nancy's husband, Charles

Tailfeathers, also of Warm Springs, and other family members.

Kelsey graduated from Madras High School in 2009 and was a member of the school band.

He is now receiving technical training at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

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David Lee Harding, 1952-2009

David Lee Harding passed away on December 8, 2009 after collapsing during a basketball game at Plummer, Idaho.

Mr. Harding, a resident of Worley, Idaho, was 57.

He was born on March 30, 1952 at Devils Lake, North Dakota.

He served as an administrative tribal judge for Native American tribes, including the

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Mr. Harding is survived by his sons Jacob, Joseph, Marcus and Samuel Harding; his companion Jill Brislin and brothers Don Harding, Dick Harding and Wayne Trotter, and sister Nancy Harding.

Services were held on December 11 at the Rose Creek Longhouse in Worley.

Settlement

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On a similar note, President Barack Obama said he had heard from many in Indian Country that the Cobell suit remained a stain on the nation-to-nation relationship, which he values so much.

"I pledge my commitment to resolving this issue, and I am proud that my administration has taken this step today," the president said.

Under the settlement, litigation will end regarding the Department of the Interior's performance of an historical accounting for trust accounts maintained by the U.S. on behalf of more than 300,000 individuals.

Class members are able to exclude themselves from the Trust Administration Class only and keep their rights to file a lawsuit on their own for the same claims, if they wish.

Those who remain in the Trust Administration Class can object to or comment on any aspect of the settlement

and have the right to be heard in court.

If class members do not exclude themselves they will no longer be able to sue the U.S. government for the claims settled in this litigation.

The Interior currently manages about 56 million acres of Indian trust land, administering more than 100,000 leases and approximately \$3.5 billion in trust funds.

For fiscal year 2009, funds from leases, use permits, land sales and income from financial assets, totaling about \$298 million were collected for more than 384,000 open IIM accounts and \$566 million was collected for about 2,700 tribal accounts for more than 250 tribes.

Since 1996, the U.S. government has collected over \$10.4 billion from individual and tribal trust assets and disbursed more than \$9.5 billion to individual account holders and tribal governments.

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