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Powerline would follow existing corridor

By Dave McMechan
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Portland General Electric is proposing a 215-mile electric transmission line project, called the Cascade Crossing Transmission Project. A potential route of the line includes the Warm Springs Reservation.

This route would run parallel to an existing Bonneville Power Administration power line corridor through Sidwalter, said Jim Manion, manager of Warm Springs Power & Water Enterprises.

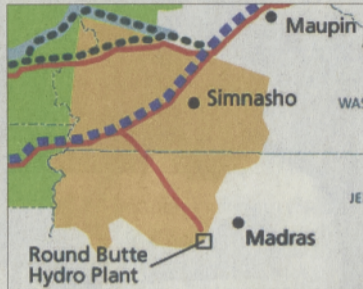
As with other existing lines on the reservation, the tribes would be com-

pensated for providing the easement to PGE, Manion said. The tribes will conduct public hearings on the proposal before a final action is taken, he said.

Tribal Council has authorized an agreement with PGE to discuss the possible use of the corridor and compensation.

Because the proposed line would follow an existing corridor, the potential environmental impact is mitigated. The roadway along the easement, for instance, is already in place. PGE is conducting a public review process, and the tribes will conduct its own review.

As the line also crosses federal land, the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) process also applies.



Proposed corridor in blue; existing transmission corridor in red; alternate routes in black.

The Cascade Crossing line will run from Boardman to Salem. The line would cross 64 percent privately-owned

lands; 20 percent lands managed by federal agencies; 14 percent lands on the Warm Springs Reservation; and 2 percent state or municipal lands.

PGE began planning the project in 2010, and could begin construction in 2014. An overview of the projects states that PGE will build, operate and maintain 215 miles of 500 kilovolt transmission line, and build four new substations and upgrade existing substations. The purpose is "to help meet Oregon's growing energy needs, enable development of more renewable energy projects and enhance reliability of the region's electrical grid."

Telecom update

Residential pricing, Voicemax in place

By Dave McMechan
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The Warm Springs Telecom has finalized its residential pricing. The basic bundling price is \$36.99, which will include telephone and high-speed Internet.

For more information, or to sign-up for the service, come by the telecom office, located at the Warm Springs industrial park.

The telecom is expecting to have its voice and Internet service available within the next few weeks, said Gabriel Walker, telecom sales and marketing coordinator.

You can reach Walker at 541-615-0555. The telecom office number is 541-460-7663.

In another recent development, the telecom installed the Voicemax system, which is critical for voice quality.

The Warm Springs Telecom is interested in getting as much input as possible from the community, regarding what services are desired, pricing questions, and so forth, said Walker.

There is an information sheet at the office that people can fill out.

The telecom will offer a service, called "Tribal Connect," which will be available for \$1 per month to those who qualify. The telecom is now providing telecommunications service to Indian Head Casino.

District Meetings

A Seekseequa District meeting at the Seekseequa Fire Hall is scheduled for Monday evening, March 26.

An Agency District meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 27 at the Agency Longhouse.

Topics: economic development, and the school proposal.

Groundbreaking this month for tribal farm

The tribes will officially dedicate the Warm Springs Tribal Farm next Wednesday, March 28.

The 500-acre farm brings many benefits and opportunities, such as employment and revenue.

The farm, also called the Moody Farm, will give agriculture experience to tribal members who are interested in the profession. The farm will be run by a farm manager (full description of this position on page 12).

The Moody Farm restoration project is funded through tribal restoration money. Natural Resources-Range and Ag, the Land Use Committee, an ad hoc Cropland Committee, OSU Extension, the Water Board and others have been working together on this project. Tribal Council approved the farm restoration last May.

The Moody Farm is located near Kah-Nee-Ta, by the confluence of the Warm Springs and the Deschutes rivers.

The plan of operation calls for cultivation of less than 500 plowed and irrigated acres during this first year. The following year the plowed acreage will increase substantially.

Future opportunities include a native plants greenhouse, a tribal product trademark possibly specializing in organics or specialty crops.

The March 28 dedication ceremony begins at 10 a.m. with the invocation



The 500-acre Moody Farm near Kah-Nee-Ta will be the new tribal farm.

Photo courtesy of Natural Resources.

by Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath.

Other speakers include Natural Resources general manager Bobby Brunoe; Council Chairman Buck

Smith; Charlotte Herkshan on the history of the Moody Farm site; Fara Bummer from OSU Extension; and Bill Reynolds, Natural Resources

Range and Ag specialist.

For more information, contact the Natural Resources Branch at 541-553-2001.

Following inspiration, youths start small business

By Duran Bobb
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Carlos Reynoso, the son of Joy Ramirez, remembers the Christmas morning when he felt the spark of inspiration.

"My mom gave each of us a present," Reynoso says. "It was a T-shirt that had our drawings printed on the front, and our logo 'The Abandoned.'"

"The Abandoned' came from the words Carlos and his friends would scribble on their skateboards.

"Not for any reason, we just liked the way it sounded," he says. "So we started writing 'The Abandoned' on our things."

Seven years later, The Abandoned Distribution has become a small silk-screening business on the reservation.

"My brother is Damian Reynoso (age 20). He's my partner and co-founded of the business, along with our long-time friend, Angelo George."

The Abandoned sells T-shirts featur-



Carlos Reynoso of The Abandoned Distribution.

Duran Bobb/Spilyay

ing designs created by the team. Other projects are in the works, such as hats, sweaters, windbreakers, skateboard decks and wheels.

Carlos, 21, and his brother have

lived all their lives in Warm Springs.

"I've been interested in running a business in skateboarding since I was 13," He says. "Skateboarding is my life. I have a crew of friends who have come

to realize that skateboarding is a good way to keep us out of trouble. It occupies our time and we stay away from the negative things."

Damian and Angelo teamed up with Carlos to film short videos, which they post on Youtube.

"We all knew we were interested in starting a business, but we just didn't realize that it was so possible," Carlos says.

For now, their clients are mainly young skateboarders. "Our main target is the skate community and anyone who would like to look good," Damian Reynoso said.

"We wanted to start locally and then branch out into Madras and other parts of Oregon," Carlos said. "Eventually, I hope to see our business running successfully, donating to causes, helping kids achieve their goals and realize their dreams can come true. All of this happened because of our mother. We have her to thank."

Carlos adds, "Eight years ago we were just kids with a dream and here

we are, doing it! "There's a part of each one of us inside of this business. That's something that you need to have in your goals. You have to believe in it. Our mom helped us to believe in that and raised us to believe in ourselves. Love you, mom!"

This fall, Carlos will resume his studies at Central Oregon Community College, where he is majoring in Business Management.

"If you want something, go for it," he says. "Make a plan, start small if you have to. There might be some negativity—you just have to deal with that. Stay focused. If you're happy doing something you love, stick with it and believe. Believe in your goals, believe in you, believe that it's closer than you think. Stay positive."

The Abandoned Distribution is able to offer price quotes on custom made shirts, sweaters, sports team jerseys and more. They can be reached by email at:

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