

Progress on Simnasho water project

The Simnasho Water Source Project is making progress. Tribal engineer Travis Wells is coordinating the project.

An overhead power line from the HeHe Longhouse to the well site off Highway 26 is an initial part of the project, Wells said. "We're working with PP&L on that," he said.

Some tree clearing along the highway is needed for the power lines. There will be two wells serving the Simnasho and Schoolie Flat

residents. The well facilities will include the well house and chemical building, and a 100,000-gallon storage tank.

The water line will cross from the wells underneath Highway 26, and then on to Beaver Creek.

Most of this project is being funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA is contributing about \$2.2 million of the total cost.

The federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is providing another

\$450,000. The tribes and the Indian Health Service (IHS) will contribute the remainder of the funding, if more is needed, Wells said.

The HUD funding requires an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, notices of which are included in this publication (see page 10).

The tribes have chosen Taylor Northwest as the contractor. The company is also doing the mass excavation work at the Warm Springs K-8 site.

Red Hills

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Subsequent to the ranking of the selection of properties, one of the other tribes raised objections to the Confederated Tribes' Red Hills proposal.

Through the leadership of Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene and Councilmen Orvie Danzuka, and with the support of Tribal Council, frank and candid discussions were held with other governmental entities, most importantly with the BPA. And last week, the acquisition of the property was approved.

Tribal Council received a letter of notification on August 16, 2013 from F. Lorraine Bodi, BPA Vice President for Environment, Fish and Wildlife, approving the Red Hills proposal.

"This is a very special day," said Tribal Council Chairman Greene. "We have

never left our ties to the Willamette Valley and we continue to exercise our rights there."

He said, "With the Red Hills acquisition we have land that is available for our special use that strengthens our traditions and cultural ties to the Willamette Valley."

Councilman Danzuka points out that, "This is a great result for us. It was a challenge at times, but we always knew we had the strength of our sovereignty, and that is what we relied upon to overcome the challenges."

"Our Treaty rights to hunt, fish and gather at all traditional areas are not limited by new lines on maps," Councilman Danzuka said, "and we cannot let others try to impose limits on us. The Willamette area and the plants, animals, and lands are traditional cultural assets of the Confederated Tribes."

He added, "I appreciate BPA's decision to fund Red

Hills, specifically Lorri Bodi's leadership and willingness to follow the agreements that are in place where Warm Springs is a full partner in the Willamette lands program."

Branch of Natural Resources General Manager, Bobby Brunoe said, "Tribal members have always used the valley. My own family made trips from home to the Willamette Valley, keeping alive traditions that have been passed through generations."

"This property is a rare and unique piece of land with oak woodlands, deer and native plants. In fact, we are very interested in the opportunity to have camas on this land. We will develop a management plan to protect the land and allow for tribal member and public use as appropriate. Both the Tribal Council and our Natural Resource staff that developed the Red Hills project and saw it through a tough process did a great job and deserve a lot of credit."

School work



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Heavy machinery is at work levelling the school site. The outlines of the sports fields and the main building areas are now coming into view.



Pine beetles killing Crater Lake's signature tree

(AP) - The latest mountain pine beetle infestation appears to be slowing down in Eastern Oregon, but not before becoming the leading

killer of the signature tree of Crater Lake National Park - the whitebark pine. Park botanist Jennifer Beck says the beetle now kills more of

the gnarled trees that grace the highest elevations of the park than an invasive fungus called white pine blister rust that also attacks them.

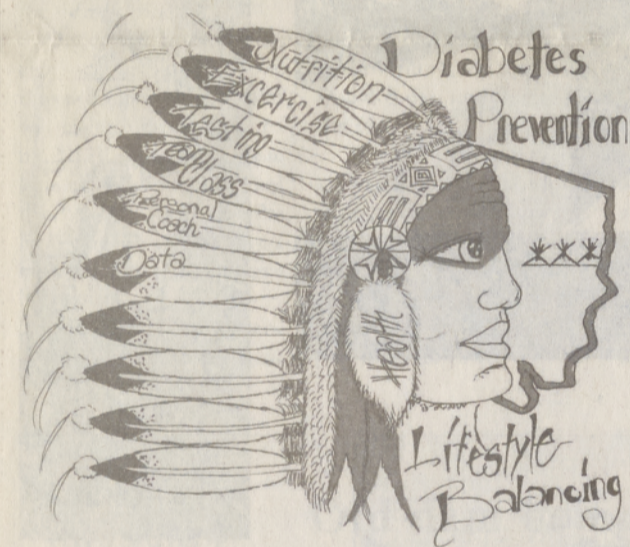
Idaho grant to study Bear River Massacre

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho State Historical Society has received a \$56,000 grant to study the Bear River Massacre site in southeastern Idaho.

In the massacre as many as 500 members of the Northwestern Shoshone were killed in a surprise attack by U.S. soldiers in 1863.

The money received earlier this month from the Na-

tional Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program will be used to study the site in the Cache Valley just north of the Utah-Idaho line.



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