

Flyover examines BPA corridor

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The Bonneville Power Administration, Warm Springs Natural Resources and Wasco County representatives earlier this month did a flyover of the BPA transmission lines on the reservation.

Through an agreement with the tribe, BPA transports electrical power through the reservation via high voltage transmission lines.

There are several miles of transmission lines on the northern part of the reservation.

The purpose of the flyover was to look at vegetation management efforts, and work to control noxious weed growth.

BPA's work ensures that there is no physical contact between the transmission lines and nearby vegetation. They also control noxious weeds in the corridor.

BPA conducts several flyovers annually of the transmission corridors.

Invasive weeds

Noxious weeds are defined as a weed that has a negative impact on the ecosystem, livestock and/or humans.

Many of the weeds have been introduced into the ecosystem by humans, whether on purpose or by accident.

Noxious weeds can overtake areas and compete with important tribal resources including timber, livestock, and



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The helicopter flyover presented some great opportunities for aerial shots of the reservation.

traditional foods like huckleberry bushes.

From the air, noxious plants like Scotch broom can be spotted. Scotch broom is a shrub native to Europe, and while beautiful with its yellow flowers, is classified as a noxious plant because it competes with native plants and is difficult to remove.

This woody scrub can grow up to 10 feet tall and has been found in transmission corridors on the reservation.

The cost of Scotch broom is significant—the Oregon Department of Agriculture estimated that this invasive weed results in the loss of \$47 million dollars annually in timber production.

Wasco County is currently contracted by BPA to manage noxious weeds along reservation transmission corridors.

Warm Springs Natural Resources has on-going effort to manage noxious weeds on the reservation.

These efforts include surveying along roadways and utility rights of ways for weeds such as yellow star thistle, medusahead, various types of knapweed, cheat grass and puncturevine.

Local removal efforts include application of herbicides and biocontrol efforts (use of bugs) that target specific plants.

Over the summer, surveys were conducted along reser-

vation roads and utility right of ways to identify and remove noxious weeds.

Along Highway 26, survey efforts identified yellow star thistle, a weed that causes "chewing disease" in horses affecting the nervous system and possibly resulting in death. Community members are probably familiar with knapweed as it grows into large tumbleweeds.

Natural Resources has information available to help identify noxious weeds and tips for removing these invasive plants. Early detection and response is key to controlling noxious weed growth, and the community is a key partner in this success.

Horse trappings classes at museum

The Museum at Warm Springs will hold Horse Trappings classes in October and November. Classes will be on Oct. 16, 21, 23, 28 and 30; and November 13, 18, 20 and 25.

Rez Fest 2014 is this Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Warm Springs Community Center Social Hall.

Doors open at 4:30, and the show begins at 5:30. Featured bands are Enslave the Creation, Hemlock, Damage Overdose, Thorns of Creation, American Sideshow, Death Agenda and Eagle Thunder. This is a Drug and Alcohol free event.

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KWSO and Spilyay are hosting a voter registration day on Wednesday, October 1, from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

If you are 18 or older by election day – you can register to vote in Oregon.



CFS: helping make strong, supportive families

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The Children and Family Services program is housed on the campus, across from the Education building. The CFS vision statement says:

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Children and Family Services empowers parents, families, and community members through support, accountability and cultural teachings to give all children an optimal start in life with opportuni-



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ties for a bright and positive future.

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search clearly demonstrate that each child's earliest experiences and relationships establish the foundation for all future development—in intellectual, social, emotional, physical and behavioral.

CFS and subordinate programs will continue to provide prevention and intervention services to families at risk for child abuse because it is all of our responsibility to ensure that all children's daily needs are met because we

know that children are best protected when families are strong, supportive, and nurturing.

Children and Family Services will also continue to propose, expand, and implement Trauma Informed Care and Family-Centered Strength Based Models within the CFS program as a means of strengthening and empowering families as well as complying with Best Practices.

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