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Picture shows wolf pair

A remote camera set up in the forest and monitored by the tribal Branch of Natural Resources shows two wolves on the Warm Springs Reservation.

This is the first time multiple wolves have been confirmed in the northern portion of the Oregon Cascade Mountains, since the animals returned in the late 2000s. Confirmation of multiple wolves together is significant.

There have been many reported sightings over the years of single wolves in the region, said Andrea Karoglanian, Branch of Natural Resources wildlife biologist.

A single wolf traveling alone could indicate the animal is moving



Courtesy BNR

Branch of Natural Resources camera image shows wolf pair on reservation.

through the area, looking for a more permanent territory. A collared wolf known as OR25, for instance, is known to have passed through the

reservation in 2015; and another did so a few months ago.

More than one wolf—a pair or pack—could indicate the animals

are living in the region more permanently, and possibly breeding, Ms. Karoglanian said.

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Timber, casino updates at Council

The wood market has been very good over the past year, helping the revenue of the Warm Springs Timber Company LLC. Tribal Council heard the update this week from Cal Mukumoto, Timber Company director.

The allowable cut of reservation timber for 2018 will be about 25 million board feet, with some carryover from unharvested logs in 2017, Mr. Mukumoto said.

Wasco Chief JR Smith said the tribes should be harvesting and selling timber now, while prices are high. “The market will go back down. We should be doing this now,” Chief Smith said.

Mr. Mukumoto said he is expecting some necessary timber sale documents possibly this week from Forestry. There is a large sale—the East Beaver timber sale—coming up, he said. This will be a multi-year sale, from 2018 to 2020, involving nearly 60 million board feet.

Tribal Council then heard a report from the Indian Head Casino management and board. Discussion was in regard to the Plateau Travel Plaza, opening in March.

The casino and Travel Plaza have held two job fairs in January, with many people showing up: For the first fair, there were 36 participants, including 31 tribal members.

Council hears latest on CP Enterprise

The CP Enterprise board presented a scaled down version of the cannabis project last week at Tribal Council. A smaller grow building, possibly located at the industrial park, would involve a lower start-up cost, said Pah-Tu Pitt, acting board chairwoman.

The cost of the start-up would be through the tribes, using carbon sequestration funds. However, the tribes

have not yet received these projected funds. Councilwoman Brigitte McConville suggested the CP Enterprise proposal be tabled until the tribes actually receive the carbon funds; and this motion passed.

Benefits of having the grow operation in a building would be better security, and a more controlled growing environment, Ms. Pitt said. The CP Enterprise research indicates the smaller, self-

funded approach would be the most beneficial for the tribes, she said.

Councilman Lee Tom said it's been more than two years since the membership approved the cannabis referendum, and still nothing has happened. “It makes me leery about this,” he said.

The board will again seek Council approval of their plan once the carbon sequestration funds come in.

The first part of the meeting with the CP Enterprise board was in regard to cannabis in general, specifically an announcement by Jeff Sessions, Attorney General of the United States. Mr. Sessions in early January issued a memo to all U.S. Attorney, rescinding earlier memorandums known as the Cole and Wilkinson memos.

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At the Capitol with Congressional Intern

At first Karlen Yallup felt a little homesick when she moved to Washington, D.C. “I missed running, and just being in a rural area with trees and water,” Karlen says.

After some time, though, “I appreciate it now, and I'm grateful to be here working for the people of Oregon.”

Karlen is the Hatfield Fellow working in the Congressional Office of U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, focusing on natural resources, energy, poverty and education, especially in Indian Country.

Capitol Hill where Karlen works is a 10-minute walk from her apartment. Walking or taking the subway is the best way to get around the city, she says: In Washington, D.C., “Driving in traffic can take an hour to go a mile.”

Once inside the Capitol Building, getting around is easier. There are miles of tunnels and the subway under the Capitol. “I can get from the Senate side to the House side all underground,” Karlen says.

Sensors and Congressmen, she says, have it even better, taking elevators that only they can use.

Karlen, a Madras High School graduate, went to the University of



Karlen Yallup at Capitol Hill, by photographer Koki Fukasaku.

Idaho, in 2016 earning the Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resources, and Fire Ecology and Management.

The Spirit Mountain Foundation last fall chose her as the 2017-18 Hatfield Fellow, an eight-month Congressional internship.

The first month of the internship was orientation with the American Political Science Association,

at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C.

Then last month Karlen joined Senator Wyden and staff at the Capitol offices. “Some days are very busy,” she says. Even when things slow down, “It's always a great learning experience, and I'm excited to apply this to my future career.”

In her future Karlen is planning a career in Law. The Hatfield Fellowship is a tremendous opportunity toward that goal.

With Senator McCain

Senator Wyden is the second U.S. Senator that Karlen has worked for in Washington, D.C.

Last year she was the Udall Foundation Congressional Intern for Senator John McCain. “That was a great introduction to Capitol Hill, and very influential,” Karlen says.

She has lifetime memories working with Senator McCain and his staff. Karlen was in the Congressional office on the September night when the Senator cast the deciding ‘no’ vote on the Obamacare repeal.

Because of his health, Senator McCain was not in the Senate chamber when his name was called to vote. He showed up moments later, giving the proposal a decisive and dramatic thumbs down.

“I deeply respect the man,” Karlen says of McCain, “especially since this was after he was diagnosed with brain cancer.”

She was also in the office when

the Senator announced his condition. “It was so strongly motivating, watching a great leader put the American people ahead of his own health,” Karlen says.

“During all of this,” she says, “he was a strong man who kept joking. It seemed as though people around him were more saddened than he was.”

Watching how hard Senator McCain worked, and how much people respected him, “Truly inspired me to work harder for the better of not just tribes but the American people—veterans, children, education systems, healthcare, natural resources.”

When Karlen first met Senator McCain, she was with a small group of people. “The very first photos he showed us were four large portraits of Native American Elders near his desk in his office. That made me proud,” Karlen says.

“He was a prisoner of war and somehow used that to shape himself into one of the great leaders not just the United States but the world,” she said.

— Dave McMechan



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