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Forestry, Council look at 2020 timber sale

Timber practices on the reservation have changed greatly over the recent decades. The 2020 Willow Summit timber sale is a good example.

Natural Resources and Forestry reviewed the sale last week with Tribal Council. Some of their discussion illustrates how the forestry practices have changed, specifically how the allowable cut has by necessity been reduced.

The Willow Summit sale will be in the northwest area of the reservation, by Willow Springs and Summit Butte, the features

that give their names to the sale, said Matt Jimenez, the tribes' area forester.

The sale will involve about 26.5 million board feet of timber, with revenue going to the tribes' general fund, including areas such as the Senior Pension, funded through such projects.

Forestry and Natural Resources began looking at the aspects of this sale back in 2018, Mr. Jimenez said. The inter-disciplinary team developed a target area of about 17,000 acres from which to develop the sale. Trees in the area

are from plantings of decades ago, now coming within the harvestable inventory.

Over the past two years the team has developed a plan for mitigation of impacts to huckleberries, wildlife and fisheries, fire, etc.

Some of the discussion with Council showed how the reservation timber practice has seen a dramatic change: Most obviously, the 26.5 million board feet is within the sustainable level as determined by Natural Resources, Forestry and the committee. Sustainability means the harvest of timber is

below the amount of the forest growth.

The board feet of the Willow Summit sale can be compared with sales of three decades ago, for instance, when the reservation allowable cut was more than 100 million board feet.

To ensure long-term reservation forest health, "It is getting harder to develop a sale," Mr. Jimenez said, as sustainability now is a top priority of the tribal forest practice.

From Housing

The Warm Springs Housing Authority invites the community to an information session on from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19.

The meeting will be in the gymnasium of the former elementary school. Lunch will be served.

Topics will be current and upcoming Housing projects, including items such as permanent supportive housing, a project to help address homelessness; and a tax credit housing development, among other subjects.

Forty-Third Lincoln's

The Confederated Tribes and Snnasho community this month hosted the Forty-Third Annual Lincoln's Powwow.

These are some of the images from Saturday at the powwow, as captured by photographer Jayson Smith.

(Powwow results in the next Spilyay Tymoo.)



2 art awards this year

Through an exchange this year, the Oregon Folklife Network is partnering with a prestigious European museum for the event *Exploring Indigeneity, Place, Traditions and Transmission*. The Folklife Network for its part is examining Pacific Northwest Native American heritage, through women's traditions or regalia making and storytelling.

The Folklife Network has chosen Roberta Kirk as a representative of the Northwest, for her work with Wasco bead-, shell work and regalia. As part of the program, Ms. Kirk will travel to Romania, in southeastern Europe, presenting at the Alexandru Stefulescu Gorj Museum.

Roberta was chosen for this honor along with Esther Stutzman, of the Coos-Kalapuya, who will demonstrate storytelling and language revitalization. Through the exchange, the Romanian artists will present traditional folk costumes, rug weaving, icon painting and woodcarvings: These will be at the University of Oregon's museums, and U of O Knight Library in May.

In itself this honor would make for a memorable year. Yet Ms. Kirk this month also heard from the First Peoples Fund—a national organization supporting Native American artists and culture bearers. The First Peoples Fund selection committee named four individuals as recipients of the 2020 Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Award.

This year Roberta joins three other artists as the recipients of this award. With this Community Spirit award the First People's Fund "recognizes exceptional artists who have shown a continued commitment to perpetuating their art, and sharing within their communities."

With the First Peoples Fund Community Spirit Award, Roberta will be presenting her beadwork, leatherwork, fashion design and culinary arts. The other award recipients—two from Washington and one from New Mexico—will show basketry techniques, weaving, painting and sculpture.

With these two recognition honors 2020 clearly will be a memorable year of culture and traditional arts for Roberta Kirk.

— Dave McMechan

Council, staff discuss 'IRMP III' process

The Integrated Resource Management Plans of the Confederated Tribes provide a framework for planning and managing the lands of the reservation. At this point there are two Integrated Resource Management Plans: IRMP I and IRMP II, guiding the management of the forest land of the reservation, and the rangeland of the reservation.

The third component of the overall approach calls for what has been called 'IRMP III,' which would guide the management and use of land in the residential, commercial and industrial areas of the reservation, particularly the Warm Springs area.

The first two components—Forest, and Rangeland—have been in effect for a number of years, as

approved by Tribal Council. The third component, regarding the zoning and management of the residential and industrial areas, is yet to be reviewed, modified as needed, and adopted by Tribal Council.

This is an important part of the reservation planning: The third component of the integrated planning would "provide a balanced approach between protection and utilization of tribal resources within the community and industrial areas..." according to an previous draft resolution of Council.

Governmental Affairs director Louie Pitt, and Natural Resources general manager Robert Brunoe updated Tribal Council last week on the status of 'IRMP III.' The document could eventually go by

a different title, such as 'Community Zoning,' as it would effectively formalize existing zoning designations.

Tribal Council members said that approaching the existing draft document would be much more productive if the tribes had a tribal planner on staff. The planner position has been vacant for some time, since former planner Lonny Macy left.

"We need a planner if we want to get a finished product before the community," said Councilman Wilson Wewa. The draft document is more than 100 pages long. The introduction itself indicates why a planner would be essential in its review, and eventual adoption and implementation:

"The Integrated Resource Man-

agement Plan for the Community and Industrial Areas (IRMP III) contains six chapters and appendices.... This management plan provides guidelines for the stewardship of human and natural resources within the community and industrial areas, and serves as a basis for making management decisions on the Warm Springs Reservation...."

An issue is that the existing pay scale for the tribal planner is not competitive with many off-reservation communities such as cities and counties. An immediate issue then, in adopting the 'IRMP III' document, would be to find a way to adjust the tribal planner pay scale to attract the qualified candidate.



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