

Natural Resources protecting fire area

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Branch of Natural Resources recently installed multiple seasonal gates on main roads in the Lionshead fire area.

These seasonal gates will be closed December through April 1 each year. This seasonal closure helps reduce the impacts to road systems in the winter months and secure wintering big game within the closure area.

Certain roads in the Lionshead fire area are systematically closed to motorized vehicle use to help protect wildlife habitat, decrease wildlife disturbance, and reduce road maintenance costs. However, some of these roads are temporarily opened for short periods to provide salvage operations in the southern part of the fire area. Public access for various use—including in the spring, April through summer, and fall for hunting, wood-cutting, cultural plant harvesting and gathering, and other recreational use—available when the Committee deems the area open in 2022-2025.

Gates may be closed or opened later or earlier than scheduled due to poor road conditions brought



Example of the Resources seasonal gate closure signage.

on by extreme weather conditions or highly hazardous conditions like falling debris, trees, and mudslides. In some cases, roads sustain severe damage from vehicle use and are closed to protect the various resources.

Tribal members are asked to leave all the gates free of obstructions. Members are reminded it is illegal to discharge firearms from or across tribal roads from vehicles. For additional information contact the Branch of Natural Resources office, 541-553-2001.

Seasonal Gate Locations:

- J-100 (tenino/whitewater rd)
- P-440 (Lionshead access rd.)
- P-400 (Noisy crk/Harvey lake rd)
- P-510 (N. Butte access rd)
- P-550 (S. Frk Boulder/N. Butte rd)
- B-210 (Trout lake rd)
- B-220 (Gravel pit/Lookout butte)
- B-230 (Lookout Butte access rd)
- B-233 (Old Mill Camp/S. Mill Crk)
- B-251 (Cedar Crk culvert)
- B-262 (Badger Crk culvert)
- B-266 (Fort Butte access rd)

Not all gates are install but will be in place for the 2020-2025 limited access closure.

Pedestrian struck, killed on highway

A Warm Springs tribal resident was struck and killed by an SUV last Tuesday evening, December 7, while attempting to cross U.S. Highway 26 near the Indian Head Casino, tribal police said Thursday. Tribal police were notified around 6:40 p.m. that Tuesday of the crash on Highway 26, Lt. Ron Gregory said.

They responded with Warm Springs EMS and found a male pedestrian had been struck by a silver Chevy Tahoe, Gregory said.

Life-saving measures were attempted, but the man died at the scene, the lieutenant said. The SUV driver, also a Warm Springs tribal member, was cooperative during the investigation, Gregory added.

Officers investigated and determined the man, wearing dark clothing, was walking on the highway and tried to cross it in an area with poor lighting, Gregory said. The male had stepped onto the road when he was struck by the westbound SUV.

Alcohol is not considered a factor in this case, Gregory said, declining to release further details.

Eight Oregon wolves poisoned

At least eight wolves were fatally poisoned in eastern Oregon earlier this year, and Oregon State Police investigators are hoping the public will help apprehend the culprits.

Tension between wolf advocates and ranchers, whose livestock has sometimes been preyed upon by the canids, has festered in Or-

gon since the animals began repopulating the state in the early 2000s.

Debates on how best to resolve conflict have grown contentious at times.

Conservation and animal protection groups are offering a \$26,000 reward for information that leads to a conviction in the case.

2021: treaty legislation celebration



During a 2021 celebration of the repeal of the Huntington ‘treaty of 1865’ U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley meets with Tribal Council office manager Doris Miller.

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The Oregon federal legislative delegation sponsored this aspect of the legislation, in large part because of the situation on the Warm Springs Reservation, though other tribal communities are in similar circumstances.

Clearly, in the coming year and years, this water infrastructure legislation will bring lasting benefits to the reservation.

Huntington ‘treaty’

This story was a long time in the making—156 years to be exact.

In 1865 the BIA superintendent for the region was J.W.P. Huntington. The reservation was just a decade old, having been created with the Treaty of 1855. At the time there were still many tribal members living year-round and fishing at the Columbia River. This was a source of jealousy and irritation to white settlers, and they brought their ridiculous grievances to the BIA superintendent.

In short, in 1865 Huntington was able to obtain a ‘supplemental treaty.’ The supplement purported to relinquish off-reservation fishing and hunting rights of the tribal members, as specifically recognized in the Treaty of 1855.

The 1865 supplement had hardly any signatures of the tribal members, and no compensation, among its other outrageous aspects. At no time has the 1865 document been recognized as binding by either the Confederated Tribes or the federal government. Nevertheless, its provisions have remained technically ‘on the books’ for the past 156 years.

Tribal leadership have long advocated for the repeal of the 1865 supplement. When this finally hap-

pened, the tribes in 2021 hosted a celebration, following the covid protocol. U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley joined the tribal leadership to mark the occasion (*more on the Huntington event on page 7*).

Back to School

March of 2021 saw students return to in-class learning. This was the first time in about one year that students went back to in-person learning. The start of

the pandemic in March 2020 put an end to the classroom until health and school authorities were able to determine the return could be done safely.

This was a very welcome start to 2021 for the teachers and staff, the students and their families.

Largest Clackamas salmon run since 1958

It’s been a record-breaking year for fish passage on the Clackamas River.

According to numbers from Portland General Electric, the number of adult early run coho salmon

returning to the Upper Clackamas from the ocean hit 9,000 fish by early-mid December, the largest seen at North Fork Dam since its construction and the start of data collection in 1958.

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