

GENERAL NEWS

Wounded mountain lion sighted north of Florence

Residents in Sutton Lake area warned

A sign posted at the Twin Lakes Store warned of a mountain lion that had been shot and wounded near the northeast end of Leverage Road, on the north side of Sutton Lake. Residents of the area are advised to use caution and protect pets.

Help others with their taxes

The local AARP is starting classes to train tax counselors to prepare taxes for low-income and senior citizens for this year.

If you are interested in becoming a tax counselor and have some experience in preparing taxes and some familiarity with computers, call either Frank at 541-997-7836 or Gary at 541-997-7112. Classes will be held in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library beginning Jan. 11 and continue for the next two weeks, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Actual preparation of taxes will start Feb. 1.

SVFR teams up with Heceta Water

Districts bring water to Collard Lake neighborhood by tank truck

Heceta Water People's Utility District and Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) are working together to ensure that the residents of the Collard Lake area are supplied with water after landslides threatened pipes in December.

SVFR is using one of its water tenders to deliver water to the PUD's supply tank located on View Road, north of Florence.

Heceta Water notified and worked with the Oregon Health Authority to ensure a firefighting water tender could be used to transport potable water and to obtain sanitation procedures.

On Dec. 28, Heceta Water and SVFR began a 24-hour sanitation process, followed by the delivery of water to the supply tank the next day.

It is anticipated that crews will continue to bring water to the supply tank for approximately 60 days.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue is using its water tender to deliver potable water to Heceta Water PUD's supply tank on View Road.

Heceta Water PUD checks every load of water before it is pumped into the tank to ensure it meets all health requirements for potable water.

SVFR ask residents living in the Collard Lake area to be mindful of the water tender driving on the steep and narrow roads



leading to the supply tank. A Level 4 emergency water curtailment continues.

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Senior Center open house set for this Sunday

To celebrate the end of its grant restrictions, the Florence Senior Center is inviting the community to its open house on Sunday, Jan. 10, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Everyone is welcome at the senior center.

"We wanted to take a moment to thank the citizens of

Florence for their ongoing support and to let them know what changes are in store for the center," said Christine May, senior center board president.

The center will continue to provide services and activities geared to Florence's senior population with no arbitrary age limits.

"Let us know if you would like to offer a class or activity at the center," said May. "Community groups can now rent all or a portion of our beautiful building without concern about their members' ages," she said.

With renewed interest in the use of the senior center, sched-

uling will become an ongoing issue.

"We are looking to expand the center," said May. Visitors can view the proposed design for the expansion at the open house.

The mayor will be on hand during the afternoon to say a few words.

Public input sought for Indian Creek restoration

MAPLETON — The Siuslaw National Forest is

soliciting input on a proposed restoration project within the 30,800-acre Indian Creek Watershed near Florence.

The public is invited to learn more about the project and provide comments during a meeting from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Mapleton Grange, 10880 E. Mapleton Road.

The Indian Creek Landscape Management Project would be located about 14 miles northeast of Florence.

The proposed project would address the need to diversify habitat within younger stands

of trees, accelerate old-growth forest habitat characteristics across the project area and improve aquatic habitat for salmon and other riparian species.

Individuals interested in the project are encouraged to become involved in the planning process.

The scoping letter, which contains a more detailed description of the project, will be available under the "Land and Resource Management" section at www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw.

If one is unable to attend the meeting, comments can be submitted through Saturday, Jan. 30, to District Ranger Michele Jones, c/o Donni Vogel, P.O. Box 400, Waldport, OR 97394.

Email comments can be sent to comments-pacific-northwest-siuslawcentral-coast@fs.fed.us. Include "Indian Creek Landscape

Management Project" in the subject line.

"We'd like as many interested people involved as possible during the planning phase of this project, especially during this initial scoping period," said project coordinator Donni Vogel, Central Coast Ranger District Natural Resources and Planning staff officer. "Comments on the proposed actions will assist us in identifying issues and give us the opportunity to develop possible alternative actions."

Scoping comments will be considered in the draft Environmental Assessment that will be open for review and comment prior to a final decision.

Project implementation could start as early as spring 2017.

To learn about other restoration projects on the Siuslaw National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw.

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