

## USFS releases report on Siuslaw forest

The U.S. Forest Service has released its 2016 annual report on the Siuslaw National Forest. The report highlights the USFS accomplishments in the last year, investments made and collaborative efforts that created jobs and got kids outside.

The report states that over 14,000 kids enjoyed programs and activities in the forest, over 9,000 acres of wildlife habitat were improved, and \$2.85 million was generated by restoration timber sales to invest back into restoration projects.

“We call the Siuslaw a forest that works,” said Forest Supervisor Jerry Ingersoll, “and it’s true. Thanks to our great community partnerships and hard-working staff, we have a strong track record of accomplishing important restoration projects and providing outstanding recreation opportunities up and down the Oregon coast.”

The report is available on the Siuslaw National Forest website.

## National qualifier



COURTESY PHOTO

Siuslaw’s Abby Coday, a member of the Siuslaw High School girls bowling team, traveled to Park Lanes in Hillsboro to compete in the Oregon State Pepsi tournament. During the two-day tournament, Coday was the top qualifier after the first day in her age group. Also qualifying for the finals was Neil DeVera, who went on to finish sixth overall. With Coday taking first with a six-game score of 1,254, she earned a trip to Cleveland, Ohio, for the July 17-22 tournament. Also competing from Florence were Patrick Hill and Faith Coday.

## OISC reveals new weapon in fight against invasive species

SALEM — Invasive plants and animals are stressing Oregon’s native species and have the potential to cost millions in economic damage to the state’s water infrastructure systems, agriculture and forestry.

Oregonians and regional partners now have a new coordinated approach to protecting Oregon from these devastating effects: The Oregon Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species 2017-27 and the accompanying working document, the Oregon Statewide Action Plan for Invasive Species.

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) released the plan after a year of stakeholder engagement and a 2016 Oregon Invasive Species Summit devoted to its development.

Co-chairing the effort and penning a letter to Oregonians at the beginning of the plan, Jeffrey (Jas) Adams and Rian vanden Hooff noted “increasingly, invasive species — whether introduced by deliberate or unintended actions — present one of the most serious current threats to our economy, ecosystems, infrastructure, and natural heritage.”

State wildlife officials are so concerned about invasive species they list them as a Key Conservation Issue in the Oregon Conservation Strategy.

“The second largest factor causing native species to become at-risk of extinction in the United States is invasive

species,” said Rick Boater, Invasive Species Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and current OISC chair. “Invasives are a real threat to Oregon’s fish and wildlife and their habitats.”

Boatner pointed out a few examples of invasive species already affecting some of Oregon’s native fish and wildlife. American bullfrogs and red-eared slider turtles harm Oregon’s two native turtles by competing for nesting sites and food.

Bullfrogs also prey on native turtles, frogs, fish and snakes.

Ringed crayfish compete with native Signal crayfish for food and habitat, and New Zealand Mud Snails can impact native invertebrates and the food chain of native trout.

“All Oregonians have a role in keeping these invasives out of state, and the new plan encourages that,” Boatner said.

The new strategic plan sets a long-term vision for a collaborative pathways management approach for invasive species, while the two-year action plan describes detailed actions agencies and organizations can take to achieve the strategic objectives.

“Pathways management is a collaborative approach to invasive species management-based that supports science-based decision making,” said Jalene Littlejohn, OISC Lead Coordinator.

## ATHLETE

### OF THE WEEK



Clark Hooper

## Siuslaw H.S. Track & Field

The senior athlete swept both hurdles events at the Junction City Invitational, winning the 110 meter hurdles in 16.3 seconds; then capturing the 300 meter hurdles in a personal best time of 42.45 seconds.

## Honorable Mention Ryan Rendon-Padilla

Honorable mention is given to freshman thrower Ryan Rendon-Padilla who won the javelin at last week’s Far West League meet in Florence with a personal record of 163’ 7”. That mark matches the fifth longest throw in school history.

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## Fishing from 1C

fish throughout the system.

It’s always a good idea to check the river levels before heading out. There are still some big fish coming off the Wilson this year. All the usual techniques such as side drifting, float fishing, drift fishing, or pulling plugs or divers and bait should be effective.

During high water use brighter colors and larger presentations.

## YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead

The Yaquina River and Big Elk Cr. are open for steelhead. Fishing is fair. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on Big Elk Cr. with a daily and annual bag limit of 1/day and 3/year. The Yaquina River is open for hatchery winter steelhead. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

## COOS COUNTY LAKES and PONDS: trout

Excess hatchery steelhead have been stocked into Saunders Lake, Middle Empire, and Lower Empire lakes. Fishing regulations for these stocked steelhead in Empire Lakes and Saunders Lake are just like the trout regulations: anglers can keep 1 fish over 20-inches per day and only need their fishing license.

Trophy trout were stocked last week in Bradley Lake, Empire lakes, and Johnson Mill Pond.

Fishing for trophy trout was good in Empire Lakes this past week for anglers using small spinners or using Powerbait.

ODFW is implementing a tag reward trout study on Empire Lakes for 2017 in which anglers will be asked to report tagged trout that are caught. Anglers can report tags on the ODFW website.

## TENMILE BASIN: Trout, bass, steelhead

Trout fishing in the streams of the Tenmile Basin are closed until May 22. Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes, Eel Lake, Saunders Lake are open all year.

Steelhead season is open in Tenmile Creek and Eel Creek until April 30. Steelhead fishing has been very slow in the Tenmile Basin. In the Tenmile Basin, one additional hatchery

steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of three adult fish harvested daily.

Largemouth bass fishing has been slow but will be picking up as the water temperatures warm up. Anglers are catching bass near structure or on the deep end of the weed lines using jigs or rubber worms.

## UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

Good numbers of steelhead are being caught up to and above Canyonville and anglers are hooking into a few hatchery fish. Pay attention to river gages for the South as it has been high and unfishable a large portion of the time this season.

The South Umpqua will likely be a little high for most anglers this weekend.

## WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch

Fishing for bottom fish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

## PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, surf perch, crab

Recreational crabbing is open along the entire Oregon coast.

Bottom fishing has been good when the ocean conditions allow. Fishing for bottom fish is restricted to inside of the 30-fathom curve.

Recreational harvest of razor clams is closed on the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

The recreational harvest of mussels is closed from Cape Arago (south of Coos Bay) to the California border. Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates.

Surf perch fishing has been good when ocean swells are small. Surf perch anglers will do the best fishing with sand shrimp or Berkely Gulp sand worms.

## OCEAN SALMON:

The ocean recreational Chinook salmon fishery off Oregon is currently open from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. fthrough April 30.

Fishing effort and catch have been slow so far.

Ocean salmon fishing seasons for 2017 are still being developed. Look for updates on the 2017 seasons.

## BOTTOM FISHING:

When the weather allows, fishing in the winter months for lingcod and rockfish can be fun and successful. The ocean fishing is good, private boats had about 5 rockfish per angler and near limits of lingcod for everyone.

Charters had near limits of rockfish and at least one lingcod per angler.

## REMINDERS:

- Bottomfish is restricted to shoreward of the 30 fathom line (defined by waypoints).
- Cabezon season is closed; it will reopen July 1.

## MUSSELS:

The recreational harvest of mussels is open coastwide.

## RAZOR CLAMS:

Razor clams remain closed along the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid. This includes all beaches and bays.

## BAY CLAMS:

Bay clamming is open along the entire Oregon Coast from the Columbia River to the California border. Check the ODFW Shellfish website for where and when to harvest your favorite bivalves.

## CRABBING:

Ocean and bay crabbing is open coastwide. Bay crabbing has slowed down as it typically does this time of the year. Recent reports are about 2-3 crab per person in the ocean.

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