

REMEMBER SAFETY TIPS AS HUNTING SEASON BEGINS

As Oregon begins the hunting season, it's important to remember that every hunter has the responsibility to enter the field well-prepared to hunt in a safe, responsible manner.

This includes being properly equipped to find your way out, taking measures to ensure the safety of self and others, and being a good steward of nature.

Here are some tips we offer for those who venture out for a hunt, or to enjoy the outdoors:

- Hunters:**
- Check weather reports

before visiting the forest. Dress properly.

- Tell someone where you will be hunting and when you will return. Leave a written plan at home and in your vehicle.
- Be familiar with the area you want to hunt.

- Consider using electronic technology such as a handheld GPS or an app on your cellular phone that uses the GPS built into your phone. Such phone applications like, on Xmaps.

Personal locating beacons (PLBs) or Satellite Messengers are another electronic that will assist

searchers in finding you if you are lost or injured.

- Avoid wearing white or tan during hunting seasons. Wearing hunter orange, viewable from all directions is recommended.

- If accompanied by a dog, the dog should also wear hunter orange or a very visible color on a vest, leash, coat or bandana.

- Check hunting equipment before and after each outing, and maintain it properly. Familiarize yourself with its operation before using it in the field.

- Carry a spare set of dry clothing. Use layering

techniques to prevent moisture while retaining body warmth.

Always bring rain gear.

- Carry a first aid kit and know how to use its contents.

- Clearly identify your target before shooting. Prevent unfortunate accidents or fatalities.

- Be alert when hunting near developed areas and trails. Other recreationists are in the forest as well.

- Check out the variety of hunter safety courses available to the public from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at www.dfw.state.or.us/education/hunter.

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Outdoor Enthusiasts:

- Wear bright clothing. Make yourself more visible. Choose colors that stand out, like red, orange or green, and avoid white, blacks, browns, earth-toned greens and animal-colored clothing.

Orange vests and hats are advisable.

- Don't forget to protect Fido. Get an orange vest for your dog if he/she accompanies you.

- Be courteous. Once a hunter is aware of your presence, don't make unnecessary noise to disturb wildlife. Avoid con-

frontations.

- Make yourself known. If you do hear shooting, raise your voice and let hunters know that you are in the vicinity.

- Know when hunting seasons are occurring. Continue to hike, but learn about where and when hunting is taking place. (Consider hiking midday when wild game and hunting activity is at its lowest.)

- Know your own comfort level. If hunting makes you uneasy, choose a hiking location where hunting is not allowed, such as a national or state park.

SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER 2020 JOBS

CORVALLIS — The USDA Forest Service will be accepting applications for over 1,000 seasonal spring and summer 2020 jobs in Oregon and Washington from Sept. 16-30.

The Siuslaw National Forest will be hiring 47 positions in Hebo, Waldport and Reedsport, and include specialties such as recreation, biological sciences, visitor services, wildland fire and timber.

These entry level positions require a varying degree of experience and are great opportunities for college students or those looking for a new, challenging career.

Anyone who wants to contribute to world-class recreation opportunities on the Oregon Coast, get experience in an internationally recognized

watershed restoration program, welcome visitors from around the world to awe-inspiring locations, or be a part of the active community of wildland firefighters in the Pacific Northwest, then one of the positions on the Siuslaw may be right for you.

Applications must be submitted on www.USAJOBS.gov between Sept. 16-30.

More information about seasonal employment, application instructions and available positions on the Siuslaw and other National Forests in Washington and Oregon can be found at www.go.usa.gov/xVRjW.

Interested applicants are encouraged to create a profile on USAJOBS in advance to save time once the application window opens.

"We're looking for talented, diverse applicants to help us manage over 24 million acres of public

land in the Pacific Northwest," said Glenn Casamassa, Pacific Northwest Regional

Forester. "If you're interested in caring for our national forests and serving local communities,

we encourage you to apply."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

JJ NEECE

JUNIOR

FOOTBALL

HIGHLIGHT:

The Sports Club, the Siuslaw News, and Coast Radio Sports congratulate junior Mapleton Sailor **JJ Neece** as this week's Athlete of the Week.

Neece ran for 348 yards and 4 rushing touchdowns and was 6 for 9 throwing with 3 touchdowns and two 2-point conversions as the Sailors beat Siletz Valley to start the season 3-0.

Honorable Mention: Braydon Thornton - Siuslaw Football

Highlight: Honorable Mention goes to Siuslaw Viking sophomore **Braydon Thornton** who caught three touchdown passes in Friday's win over the Newport Cubs.

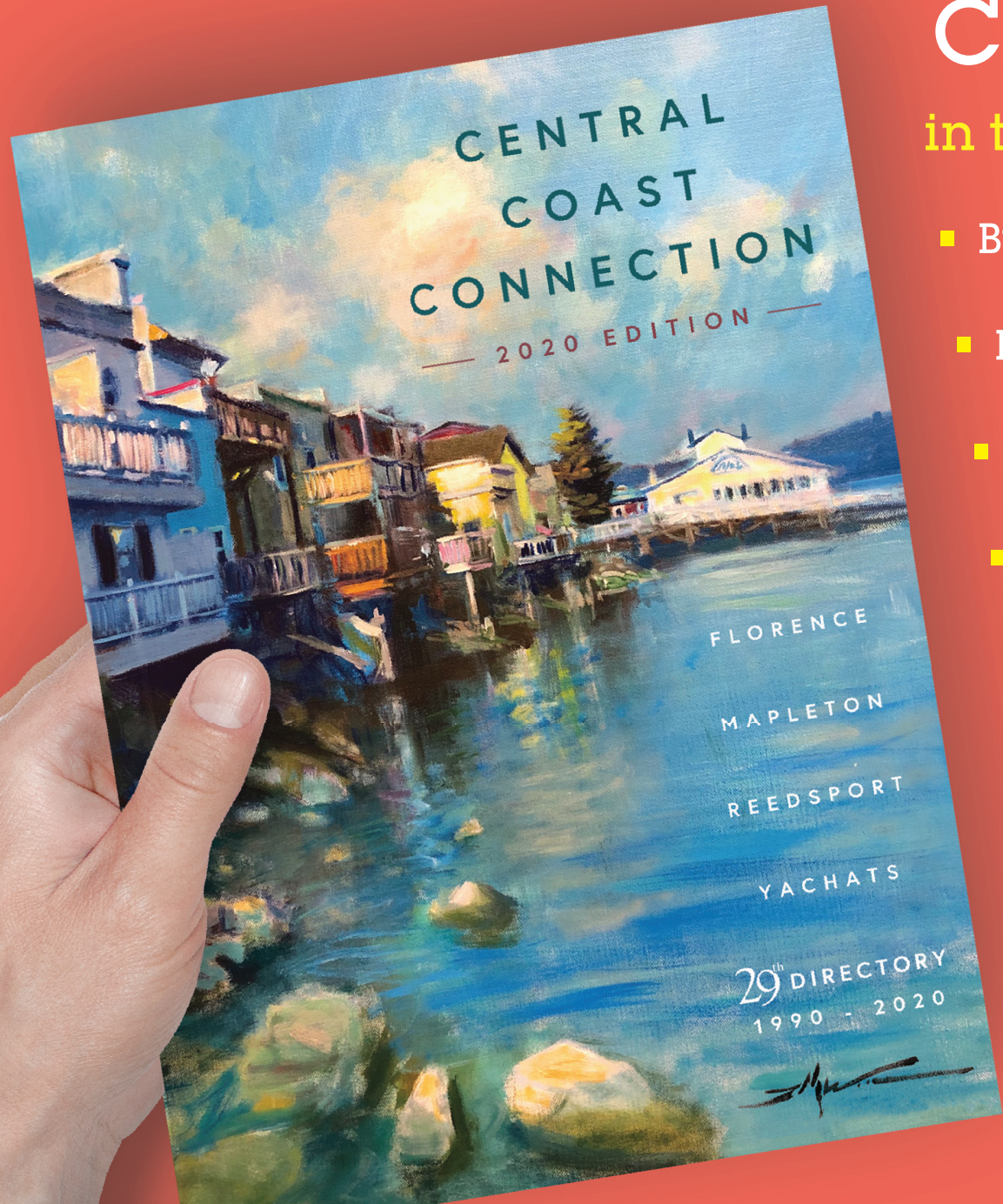
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