

# Many Siuslaw National Forest recreation sites open for day use

Beginning at noon yesterday, May 22, many developed recreation sites on the Siuslaw National Forest reopened as part of a phased reopening process.

With some exceptions, most national forest boat ramps, day use sites and trailheads throughout the SNF, and some off-highway vehicle staging areas

on the Oregon dunes, will be available for day use, in many cases with limited or no services.

Visitors are strongly encouraged to follow state and local guidelines for physical distancing and staying close to home.

The ability to open recreation sites, and the level of service offered at open sites,

depends on several factors, including workforce capacity and the ability to provide services in a manner that is safe for employees.

Visitors should be prepared to be self-sufficient as they may encounter a reduction in or lack of services, such as bathrooms and trash collection.

"We understand how

important outdoor recreation is to our local economies and to Oregonians who rely on public lands for their physical, mental, and spiritual health," said Donna Mickley, acting forest supervisor. "Since we're not yet able to provide the level of service at recreation sites that visitors may be accustomed to, we're asking

everyone to please protect and respect their public lands, as well as other visitors, by packing out all of their waste."

For more information and the complete list of recreation sites that are open, visit <http://go.usa.gov/xdzAE>.

This website will be updated regularly and the list

of open sites may change with little notice. Visitors should review the list prior to leaving home to ensure their destination is open for use.

Planning for opening remaining sites and campgrounds is ongoing, with dates yet to be determined.

## Little from 1B

was one of the first to raise her hand. The prom was held in the mall but there was a buffet dinner served on the balcony. Mary and her future husband, Tim Dodson (who went on to become Siuslaw's long-time football coach after Len Lutero) and several other freshmen served dinners and punch to the attendees.

I coached Mary on my Siuslaw JV girls' basketball team. She was one of my better shooters. In practice, she took many shots. But when it was

game time, Mary would often pass to her teammates instead of taking the shot.

Then I made my mistake; I talked to her after an early season game and told her the team needed her to take her shots when they were there. Soon after, the varsity coached noticed this smooth-running player with the ability to get up and down the court effortlessly and moved her to varsity just when she was gaining the confidence and success on my JV team.

Mary was a three-sport athlete at Siuslaw because the volleyball

and basketball teams needed her. Although I would watch her play, it was apparent she was a track athlete playing other sports. She once told me she likes to stay active and competitive. She also noted the action in other sports helped her versatility. Mary was a leader by example on every team she played.

Mary went on to Southern Oregon University and was a two-time district champion in the long jump. When she married, graduated from SOC and then moved to Florence, she stayed active in track. Even with four chil-

dren, teaching part time, coaching track for Siuslaw Middle School and then coaching track at Siuslaw High School, Mary maintained a quiet intensity.

When I asked my daughter, Alaura, about her coach, she told me "Coach [Mary] Dodson helped my starts for the hurdle races." Mary also demonstrated the techniques she used to win those college long jump championships. Alaura added that when Coach Dodson talked to the group, you had better be listening. Although Mary wasn't loud, Alaura said "Coach Dod-

son's eyes could deliver a warning if you were not paying attention."

The coaching tandem of Mary and Tim Dodson added medals to athletes they coached. They also contributed to the number of team championships as athletes and coaches. Siuslaw High School sorely misses the knowledge and experience of Coach Mary Dodson.

The track team will need to search long and hard to find someone close to matching her coaching influence.

## Annual Dunes City Triathlon cancelled

Dunes City has announced it will not be hosting its 8th annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon, originally scheduled for Saturday, June 13.

Event organizers, Best in the West Events, announced last week that the event is postponed until June 12, 2021, due to Governor Brown's release of phased reopening guidelines, which include a prohibition on large gatherings.

## Camp from 1B

when a state park campground can open. Some communities, such as the north coast, are not yet ready for overnight visitors from outside their area.

A more widespread factor relates to funding. The Oregon State Park system is not funded by taxes, but by revenue from park visitors, a small share of the Oregon Lottery, and a portion of state recreational vehicle registrations.

The revenue needed

to operate state parks has fallen drastically since March, meaning one of the most popular state park systems in the country is being operated by about half the usual staff.

With a skeleton crew and limited means to hire more, there will be far fewer staff available to help visitors and address common problems such as noise and pets.

Trash, landscaping, and cleaning services will all be reduced. Interpretive activities and ranger programs will be few and far

between, if at all.

Restrooms are expected to be available at each open park, but some shower facilities may be closed.

Service, and whether a park is open or not, is subject to change depending on health conditions around the park, available staff, protective equipment, and cleaning supplies.

Visitors can help state parks stay open:

- Choose a park as close to home as possible. Don't travel if you're sick.
- Visit with members of your household.

• Bring everything you need with you: trash bags, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, food, water. Pack out everything you bring in.

• Be gentle with the trails, restrooms, showers, benches, and picnic tables.

• Take it easy on yourself by enjoying low-key, familiar activities.

• Be a good neighbor. Keep your pets on a leash, your site clean,

and respect quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. every day.

• Keep at least six feet away from people from outside your household, and wear a face covering when you can't.

• Avoid crowds even if you have a face covering.

• Cover coughs, and wash your hands regularly.

Watch our Prepare + Care Welcome video at <https://youtu.be/IN7qsM08l9k>.

"Oregon needs what its parks can provide," says Lisa Sumption, OPRD Director. "This is less service than Oregonians are used to, and we're doing our best to stretch the budget, but it will take continued cooperation and support from visitors to make this work."

## OSAA from 1B

not intended to be prescriptive, is available to elicit thoughtful discussion at the local level among school administrators, coaches, parents, students and communities about navigating a gradual reopening of high school activities.

Guidance for Phases Two and Three will be distributed in the coming weeks.

In a statement last week, the OSAA Executive Board understands that "...implementation decisions schools make this summer will

potentially impact the upcoming school year and encourages member schools to follow this guidance."

The OSAA reminded schools and coaches that, per OSAA policy, participation in summer sports/activities may not be required.

The OSAA Executive Board will continue to meet on a regular basis throughout the summer in closed work sessions, with updates sent to all member schools following each work session.

"The board remains committed to administering sports/activities this fall, provided it can

be done safely in accordance with guidance from our state educational and medical partners," the OSAA said in its update.

Note that earlier this month, the OSAA Executive Board eliminated this year's Moratorium Week, which had been set for July 26-Aug. 1.

For the latest OSAA information regarding the Coronavirus pandemic, visit: <http://www.osaa.org/coronavirus>.

For more information, a list of staff email contacts is available at <http://www.osaa.org/contact>.

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# WEEK #16 UPDATE

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**Hi Everyone!**  
Our FINAL weigh-in will be WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3RD at the Siuslaw News.

Weigh in will be held at the Siuslaw News June 3rd 7:30am-9:00am and 3:00pm-5:00pm or by appointment. To schedule an appointment please call 541-902-3524.

We ask that you practice Social Distancing and wear a protective mask. Staff will be wearing protective masks and we will be wiping down the scale between each use.

**HOME WEIGH-IN INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use your scale at home
- Have your camera phone ready
- Place the piece of paper in view on the scale and then weigh yourself
- Send the pic by 6pm next wednesday to 541-590-9093 or email [jbartlett@thesiuslawnews.com](mailto:jbartlett@thesiuslawnews.com)
- Please include your name in the text or email.

*Most of all, stay safe and healthy friends. We will see you again soon!*

Contestant Name	Weekly % Lost	Season %Lost
<b>RESULTS</b>		
Lisa Melaine Dallas	6.15%	13.90%
Patricia Ann Timothy	2.32%	19.32%
Guadalupe Galvan	1.01%	9.75%
Robyn Barrett	0.86%	5.79%
Nancy Robinson	0.56%	9.55%
Vickie Hunt	0.30%	4.81%
Tyrell Hunt	3.18%	9.97%
Ed Wasco 0.48%	3.59%	
Franklin Spencer	0.31%	10.78%
Matt Danielsson	0.17%	19.53%
Dustin Williams	-0.10%	9.62%
Brad Koehn	-0.19%	9.08%
Jim Hecker	-0.50%	3.27%