

Some long-term camping areas limited to 14-day stays

ROSEBURG — In an effort to protect forest resources and visitor health and safety, the Umpqua National Forest has implemented and is enforcing a stay limit of 14 days in several areas that have previously been used for more long-term camping areas located within the Tiller Ranger District.

These areas are not maintained to provide long-term use by forest visitors. Long-term camping at locations that are popular and easily accessible has increased significantly in recent years, limiting the opportunities for other campers and forest users. Monitoring has shown that long-term and unman-

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—Kathy Minor, Tiller District Ranger

aged camping often leads to resource impacts, including removal of vegetation from areas, user-created trails,

improper disposal of human waste and other refuse and damage to soils. “As a result, visitors and forest staff are experiencing an increase in health and safety risks, as well as the potential for unsafe water quality,” said Kathy Minor, Tiller District Ranger. “By limiting camping to 14 days, all forest visitors will also have a fair and equitable opportunity to visit and enjoy the Umpqua National Forest.”

The 14-day stay limit is effective in multiple areas and will be clearly marked. Forest visitors should call the Tiller Ranger District with site-specific questions at 541-825-3100.



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Snyder from A1

Comparative Literature and German and Scandinavian Studies.

After graduation, he found he wanted to travel the world, which he did as an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher, moving to Wuhan, China. While there, he taught English and experienced Asian culture for the next four years. In 2015, Snyder returned to the U.S. and lived in Beaverton, Ore., where he worked as a librarian at Beaver Acres Elementary School before making his way back to Lane County.

Despite not having a long history in journalism, Snyder said he is ready to accept the challenges and rewards of working at a strong community-based newspaper like *The Sentinel*.

“I think there are a lot of crossover skills — that kind of merging of analytical thinking and creative side — that can serve the newspaper and journalism well,” said Snyder, who is already getting to know the town of Cottage Grove on multiple levels.

Sentinel managing editor Ned Hickson said that Snyder hit all of the points he looks for in a reporter, especially one who covers the community-oriented areas of sports and education.

“Covering those subjects requires someone who can really build relationships and trust with people — players, coaches, administrators — and I could see right away that Nick had that ability,” Hickson said. “Once I read his writing samples, I knew he would be a great fit. And having Zach in on that process was terrific. It was as important to him as it was to me that we make a smooth transition.”



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Nick Snyder, a 2011 University of Oregon graduate, joined *The Sentinel's* newsroom July 15 and will be covering sports and education.

Snyder said that some of his friends from college who majored in journalism would be happy to know he's working at *The Sentinel* because, according to Snyder, they told him he should have pursued it from the beginning.

“Even though I kind of knew I would enjoy it and that it would be fulfilling work for me, I thought ‘I should leave that to [journalism majors],’” said Snyder. “Then I said, ‘Forget that, I’m going to go for it and see what happens.’”

It was the same approach he took to stepping out of his comfort zone and embarking on his four-year adventure in China, learning its culture, people and community — experiences he feels will serve him well in his new role at *The Sentinel*.

“Now I’m here, and I’m very excited, very happy to be here,” Snyder said. “We all have a story to tell and every community has depth. Both professionally and personally, I’m looking forward to getting to know the area and tell those stories.”

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