

Timberland owners close access to private lands for fire season

With a combined timberland acreage of around 600,000 acres, a group of private timberland owners consisting of Seneca, Lone Rock Resources, Giustina Resources, Campbell Global, and Giustina Land & Timber Company, closed public access to their lands starting June 28.

Due to drought conditions, and above-average temperatures, Oregon is already experiencing a bad fire season. The number of fires so far this year is already 1.5 times higher than the 10-year average, and the acreage affected has been more than four times greater than the 10-year average.

Landowners have been monitoring fuel conditions this spring, as well as reviewing snowpack, weather forecasts, and drought impacts.

The limited precipitation across the region this

spring has significantly affected the moisture content of woody debris, as well as the condition of live vegetation fuels and their susceptibility to fire ignition and spread.

Since most of Oregon's wildfires are started by people, public visits to private land have the potential to be dangerous for both the public visitors as well as the timberlands.

"This historic heatwave is smashing records. It is important for us to proactively close our lands down to the public for the safety of our timberlands, firefighters, and all Oregonians," said Casey Roscoe, Seneca's senior vice president of marketing and communications.

The group has timberland in Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Linn and Polk counties.

Pet Tips 'n' Tales: Bunnies verses bear!



By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

Sharon's rescued bunnies, Kanga and Bunces, alerted her to a bear in her home. What?!

"The black bear was an uninvited house guest," said Sharon. "He scared the pellets out of my rabbits and almost me!"

She recalled, "I was in the back room when the bunnies began wildly and urgently thumping, so I went into the kitchen to investigate."

"A bear as tall as my refrigerator stared at me. I dialed 911, but after hearing my insane rambling about 'bunnies and a bear,' they thought I was a prank caller and hung up!"

"After more staring, I slowly backed up to the back door, watching her every move, and propped open the door creating an escape route. It partially worked. The bear walked back and forth between the living room and back porch for 40 minutes then sat down on my living room carpet as if she was waiting for me to set out her picnic. We continued staring at each other as I wondered why she did not eat the cats' or rabbit's

food, the hiding free-roving rabbits, or me!

"I thought, 'Where's my camera? Nobody is going to believe this,' but instead I redialed 911 and spoke less hisserical. This time, they took me seriously and told me to 'Get out.' I said 'I can't. I'm afraid for the rabbits.' Seriously, how could I have really protected them! I told the operator that the bear was not threatening, just curious and not to shoot her."

"The entire time, I was uneasy but never scared. This bear meant no harm and I am sure she sensed I meant her no harm. When the police showed up, so did everyone else; two police departments and the fire department. I went outside to meet them and reiterated, 'Do not shoot this animal.'"

"A firefighter went inside, and I trailed in behind him. The police went around to the back of the house. The fireman shone a flashlight in her direction (she was still sitting on the carpet). It startled her and she ran out the door, down the steps, past the police, and into the woods."

"The game commissioner phoned after everything was settled and said, 'If the bear was bold enough to enter your home, it could enter someone else's and give them a heart attack. Not everyone is as cool as you are.'"

"That winter, I saw her huge paw marks in the snow. I took a picture of my hand next to her massive paw prints. Beside her



Kanga and Bunce's actions announced the bear in their home.

prints were three sets of little paw prints. She was a Mama bear.

"Years later, on the day I was moving out of the house was the only other time I saw her. She was near the edge of the property. A beautiful, magnificent animal. I spoke to her with tears in my eyes. She stopped, turned, and looked at me and then quietly ambled into the woods."

"We had said, 'Goodbye' to each other. I ran inside the house to the man helping me move and excitedly said, 'Get out here! The bear is here!' He was not a bit brave, he said, 'No way,' and refused to come out. I'm glad he was not here to protect me the day the bear came inside for her picnic!"

TIPS
Mary in St. Louis said, "I love reading Tips n Tales' heartwarming stories. They speak deeply to that uncon-

ditional love that we share with our animals, which is a relationship of pure love and joy. The tips are also helpful."

Cats meditate. Often, when a human begins meditating, their cat will be instantly attracted to them. Some sit beside you, or curl up in your lap. Ancient Buddhist monks documented meditation techniques with temple cats. The resulting observations were remarkable. No wonder cats have calm Zen like expressions.

Tell us how you named your pet and funny stories.

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Bohemia Mining Days

Bohemia Mining Days is making final preparations for a two-day celebration on Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18 in downtown Cottage Grove.

Be ready to share the fun and excitement as the celebration returns from the pandemic.

Check out the website

and learn about how to participate in the ore cart races or enter one of the traditional parades.

Events will be held downtown this year to help celebrate the re-opening of local businesses. Visit bohemiainingdays.org for more information.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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Please continue to drive carefully on Stoney Point as construction workers are busy in many sections of the area. Follow the signal lights due to the one lane, partly graveled road. It may be hard but allow

extra time for your trip either north or south on this part of Territorial Rd.

The Lorane Community-Wide Sale is scheduled for August 14, 2021. There is no charge to be put on the map. To sign up email: lorane.sale@yahoo.com and please give the following information: Address and hours of your sale; types

of items for sale if known; and your name plus phone for organizer's information only. You may also contact Louise McClure.

Lorane Grange meets next Thursday, July 15 at 7 p.m. Discussions about future events are on the agenda plus finalizing plans for their Lane County Fair Booths. Lane County Fair starts July 21 through July 25.

There is a dessert and Bingo scheduled for Friday, July 16 at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there. Many have

missed playing, so spread the word to come out for a fun night at Lorane Grange.

Remember students are out of school. So, go the posted speed in and around the main part of Lorane and watch for those walking or on bicycles along the road.

One last caution! We are in fire season and everyone needs to be very careful. At this point, no equipment use, which includes lawnmowers, after 10 a.m. and before 8 p.m.

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