

DEADLINES

NEWS DEADLINES

For inclusion in the Wednesday edition of the *Itemizer-Observer* May 27 edition. Deadlines are shorter because of Memorial Day.

Social news (weddings, engagements, anniversaries, births, milestones) — 5 p.m. on Wednesday (today).

Community events — Noon on Thursday for both the Community Notebook and Community Calendar.

Letters to the editor — 10 a.m. on Friday.

Obituaries — 3 p.m. on Friday.

ADVERTISING DEADLINES

Retail display ads — 3 p.m. Thursday.

Classified display ads — 11 a.m. on Friday.

Classified line ads — Noon on Friday. Classified ads are updated daily on www.polkio.com.

Public notices — Noon on Friday.

CORRECTIONS

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* is committed to publishing accurate news, feature and sports reports. If you see anything that requires a correction or clarification, call the newsroom at 503-623-2373 or send an e-mail to nadams@polkio.com.

WEBSITE

The *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* website, www.polkio.com, is updated each week by Wednesday afternoon. There, you will find nearly every story that appears in the print version of the newspaper, as well as some items, including additional photos, that do not appear in print due to space limitations.

The *Itemizer-Observer* is also on Facebook and Twitter. Watch for breaking news, links to stories, sports scores updates and more.

WEATHER

RECORDED	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
May 12.....	55	48	.37
May 13.....	65	49	.00
May 14.....	72	49	.00
May 15.....	61	51	T
May 16.....	63	52	.00
May 17.....	71	52	.00
May 18.....	77	49	.01

Rainfall during May — 0.61 in.
Rain through May 18 — 14.57 in.

BLM looks to public for input on plan

Management options include sustainable timber products on 2.5 million acres

By **Jolene Guzman**
The *Itemizer-Observer*

POLK COUNTY — Oregon Bureau of Land Management is holding a series of open houses and workshops on its draft resource management plan (RMP) and environmental impact statement for Western Oregon.

Five of those meetings will be in Salem, including an open house on Thursday at the Willamette Heritage Center.

The draft RMP outlines how the BLM will manage its lands for the recovery of threatened and endangered species, providing for clean water, and producing a “sustainable yield” of timber products, among other objectives. There are 2.5 million acres in Oregon, which includes a portion in Polk County.

There are five alternative management plans, which include a “no action” option, plus two sub-alternatives under consideration in the document.

The open houses, which are being held in several cities in Western Oregon, will provide the public a chance to learn about the plan, ask questions, and provide comment.

At about 1,600 pages, BLM spokeswoman Sarah Levy calls the document “daunting,” so the hope is the open houses will make the information more accessible to the public.

Tables will be set up to provide information on as-



BLM's draft resource management plan aims for “sustainable yield” timber harvest on its land in Oregon, among other objectives, could have an impact on local production.

pects of the plan addressing forest management, wildlife, recreation, and socio-economics.

“We are looking for public feedback,” Levy said. “It’s really important for the public to get involved in the planning process.”

The purpose of the plan revision is to update the current RMP, which was approved in 1995.

The “no action” alternative would be a continuation of that plan, the practices and harvest outcomes of which have never been realized.

Levy said much has

changed in the 20 years since that plan was approved, and the BLM needs to revise its RMP to keep up with current scientific information and management policies.

“The BLM has been unable to complete what has been projected in the 1995 resource management plans,” Levy said.

BLM’s preferred alternative at this point allows an annual harvest of 234 million board feet.

Forest products industry representatives have said that alternative does little to break the pattern of “anemic

harvest levels” on BLM land in Oregon.

“The BLM’s preferred alternative outlines a harvest level of only 234 million board feet, which is less than 20 percent of the annual growth of these lands and far short of the level needed to maintain the health and resiliency of these forests or address the economic plight of our rural communities,” said Tom Partin, the president of the American Forest Resource Council, which represents the forest products industry.

Levy said the preferred alternative for the purposes of

Learn more

What: Oregon Bureau of Land Management Western Oregon draft resource management plan (RMP) open house.
When: Thursday, 4 to 7 p.m.

Where: Willamette Heritage Center, the Dye House, 1313 Mill St. SE, Salem.

Want to comment? Members of the public have until July 23 to provide written comments via internet, email, or postal mail.

To comment via email: blm_or_rmpwo_comments@blm.gov or by mail: Draft EIS for Western Oregon, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97204

For more information: www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpwesternoregon/.

the draft plan is not binding or a final decision.

That will be left until after the comment period ends on the draft plan on July 23.

“It is not a commitment or a decision,” she said. “It is just a starting point the BLM is using to construct a proposed final RMP.”

Levy said input from the public between now and the end of the comment period is needed to make the plan better.

“This is the time for the public to get involved,” Levy said. “This the time for the public to tell the BLM what they think about this plan.”

Pertussis case confirmed at Whitworth Elementary

By **Emily Mentzer**
The *Itemizer-Observer*

DALLAS — A child at Whitworth Elementary School has been positively diagnosed with a case of pertussis, or whooping cough. The Dallas School District sent out letters of the confirmed case on Friday afternoon.

Pertussis is a highly contagious, serious bacterial infection, according to the in-

formational letter sent by DSD. It is spread by coughing and sneezing.

“It starts with a mild cough and can be very similar to cold-like symptoms,” said Katrina Rothenberger, public health administrator for Polk County Public Health.

If a cough persists longer than two weeks — or causes gagging or vomiting — that person should be tested for whooping cough, she said, especially if the patient is a child or infant.

“Our recommendation is to test patients with a cough of two weeks duration or a close contact with a confirmed case with acute cough,” she said.

People who are up to date

What to Look For

What are the symptoms of pertussis?

- The first symptoms — runny nose, sneezing, mild fever and cough — usually appear five to 21 days after a person is infected.
- After one or two weeks, the cough gets worse and usually starts to occur in strong fits of coughing. This may last six weeks or longer.
- In children, coughing fits are often followed by a whooping sound as they try to catch their breath.
- After coughing, infected people may have difficulty catching their breath, vomit or become blue in the face from lack of air. The coughing spells may be so severe that it is hard for babies to eat, drink or breathe.

— Source: Oregon Health Authority

on DTap vaccinations — having received five vaccinations upon entering kindergarten — are considered protected against the disease.

Children who are not up to

date on their DTap vaccinations would have been excluded from school on Feb. 18, Rothenberger said, unless the child has a medical or non-medical exemption, in which case, parents should work with school officials and with their health care

providers to see if they should take extra precautions.

The vaccination is one that requires boosters, Rothenberger said, noting that the vaccine is only good for five to 10 years.

It is not uncommon for a case of pertussis to be confirmed, she said.

“I wish it was rare, because it’s pretty bad, especially if you get it as a baby,” Rothenberger said. “It is serious in that if we do get an outbreak, if we have several kids in a school that have confirmed cases of pertussis, we will work with that school district about excluding kids who are not vaccinated.”

For more information: Polk County Public Health, 503-623-8175; Dallas School District nurse, 503-623-8351; or your health care provider.

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Friday, Monday May 22 • May 25

AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(12:15 3:20)	6:30 9:30
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Thursday May 28

AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON (Digital 2D) (PG13)	(12:15 3:20)	6:30 9:30
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- Thermostats
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- Turpentine
- Weed Killers
- Wood Preservatives

IMPORTANT:

- Keep products in original containers if possible.
- Do not mix any products.
- Keep away from passengers while transporting.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Explosives
- Radioactive Waste
- Motor oil

DATE: Saturday, May 23rd, 2015
TIME: From 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Polk County Public Works 820 SW Ash Street
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