



The Lionshead Fire is shown burning Sept. 6 on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center

## Wildfire

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### Buffer pool protection

The California program is protected from wildfire events through its “buffer pool” of carbon credits, which are available to use in case forest carbon is lost through wildfire or other natural disasters. Each forest project contributes 10-20% of its total credits into the buffer account, which acts as a sort of insurance.

The project area on Warm Springs that burned, known as ARC260, is located on the east side of Mount Jefferson. The area will be evaluated for damage, said Brunoe, as not all areas of a forest burn the same — parts of a forest may have a light or heavy burn, or no burn at all. In addition, a burned area is not necessarily out of the carbon project as a standing snag can still be counted as carbon.

The verified estimate of current carbon stocks must be completed by a third party within 23 months, according to the California Air Resources Board.

Much of the area where ARC260 is located is currently inaccessible due to deep snow,

said Brunoe, so research is expected to start in earnest in spring.

“The extent and severity of the fire impact to the Warm Springs carbon project remains unknown and will be under evaluation for the next year and a half, involving detailed forest inventories and modeling,” said Brunoe.

Once the evaluation of the forest damage is complete, a determination will be made on how much to reduce the buffer pool.

### Scientists worried

Some scientists have expressed concern that the buffer pool is not sufficiently protected against fire risks over the 100-year period, and hold up Warm Springs as an example.

“The fact that the Warm Springs project has burned twice in a decade is a perfect example of the problem,” said Danny Cullenward, lecturer at Stanford Law School and policy director of CarbonPlan, a nonprofit that independently analyzes carbon removal opportunities based on science and data. “There is no way the protocol’s buffer pool holds up if that pattern is common in the program.”

The wildfire in 2020 wasn’t the first time the project area burned. When the project was in the set-up stage, a wildfire burned around 2,000 acres of forest within the project boundaries, said Don Sampson, who helped arrange the agreement when he was chief executive of Warm Springs Ventures, the tribe’s economic arm. Sampson worked for ventures from 2013 to 2016.

When the project was in its early stages, said Sampson, a series of independent analyses took place to verify the amount and value of carbon that could be sequestered and offset. The entire process took

3½ years to complete, longer than first anticipated due to some setbacks, including a wildfire that burned around 2,000 acres of the forest. The fire contributed to the delay in setting up the project.

“They had to reassess the burned areas and how they would regenerate,” said Sampson.

### Carbon credits

When the preparation work was complete, the California Air Resources Board issued Warm Springs 2.15 million carbon offset credits. The offsets represented 2.15 million metric tons of verified greenhouse gas emission reductions.

Annual growth within the project boundary can be converted to additional carbon offsets that the tribes can sell. To date, more than 2.6 million Air Resources Board carbon offset credits have been issued to Warm Springs.

“There are about 20 projects in the range of 1 million to 5 million offset credits upfront, and a handful that get as big as almost 15 million,” said Cullenward. “I would say Warm Springs is one of the large projects but not atypically large nor on the extreme end of the size distribution.”

How are the offset credits used? In 2018, the tribes announced they had contracted with a third party to sell the credits over several years and that those credits would “provide revenue in the tens of

millions of dollars for tribal operations, improved forest management and economic development initiatives.”

The tribes declined to confirm the specific amount received from the agreement.

### ‘Much-needed revenue’

Sampson said the tribes set aside some of the funds for forest thinning and forest health projects, to prevent wildfire and tree disease.

“Overall it brought it much-needed revenue,” he said. “That was the biggest revenue source they had for quite a few years.”

Funds were also set aside for a cannabis project, said Sampson. That project stalled during his tenure at Warm Springs but was later revived into a hemp project, which received federal approval last year.

The decision to enter the program was timely, as it coincided with the winding down of the local sawmill, Warm Springs Forest Products Industries, which was struggling to turn a profit due to a lack of large logs. The program was also consistent with the tribe’s policy on generating revenue through environmentally-conscious ventures.

“Rather than take an extractive approach and cutting timber and selling logs off the reservation, (Tribal Council) wanted to transition to one that was more conservation-based and still make revenue for the tribe,” said Sampson. “So from that point of view, it was a successful project.”

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The loving and much loved Joyce H. Laski, 94, was called to be with her heavenly father on Saturday, December 26, 2020.

The second of four children, she was born in Lost Valley Oregon, near Condon, in 1926, where her family raised sheep. The family moved to Albany Oregon in 1935 where Joyce graduated from high school and then worked as a waitress in a local restaurant where she also helped serve WWII soldiers from the nearby Camp Adair military training site. Shortly after WW2, she reluctantly accepted a blind date with Dale Marcy, a US Navy Sailor. They fell in love, married in Albany, lived in San Diego, and then raised their two sons, Bruce and Tim while living in Albany, Coquille, Coos Bay, Salem, Prineville, and Prairie City Oregon, where Dale was a pharmacist and Joyce worked in retail.

After separating from Dale, Joyce started a new life near her parents in Albany Oregon in 1969. She worked at the Albany Payless Drug Store, where she worked her way up to garden and automotive department manager and retired in 1985.

She loved to go dancing at local places and there met George Laski who she married in October 1976. They shared a loving and truly wonderful marriage in Sweet Home Oregon, where they regularly attended Sweet Home’s St. Helen’s Catholic Church. She also enjoyed her flower garden, vegetable garden, fishing for Kokanee, camping, traveling, and dancing with George at the VFW in Albany.

Joyce and George fully appreciated their retirements, visiting with extended family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and attending family reunions of their extended families. They were also avid travelers, visiting all 50 States and most Canadian provinces. Joyce traveled with other family members to Chile, Argentina, Wales, Scotland and the UK and enjoyed cruises to Caribbean islands, the Panama Canal, and Alaska.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Mary Ochse; younger brother Howard Ochse; older sister Gene Gross; first husband, Dale Marcy; second husband, George Laski; and elder son, Bruce Marcy.

She is survived by her younger sister, Joann Humphrey; younger son, Tim Marcy and his wife Ximena; daughter-in-law, Suzan Marcy; granddaughter, Nancy and husband Kordel Doll; grandson, Robert and wife Leslie Marcy; grandson Scott and wife Anna-Lena Marcy; granddaughter Lesa and husband Larry Simpson; and granddaughter Christina and husband Jamie Anderson. She is survived by great grandchildren Garret and wife Kimberly Marcy; Whitney and husband Sean Wilson; Jordan Marcy; Hayden Grover; Kira Marcy; Jareth Anderson; Polly Anderson; Aaron McCulloch; Larrisa Simpson; Rhianon Simpson. And she is survived by great great grandchildren Amelia, Sawyer, and Sadie Marcy and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Joyce will be put to rest at the Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend, OR on an as yet unspecified date in January accompanied by close family and Pastor Steven Koski of the First Presbyterian church. A celebration of Joyce’s life will take place later this summer.

## Alex Robert Bowlin

December 13, 1996 – December 27, 2020

On Sunday, December 27, 2020, Alex Robert Bowlin passed away at his home in Bend, Oregon. His infectious smile and positivity will never be forgotten. Alex was born just minutes after his twin sister, Allie Bowlin, on a crisp December day in Salem, Oregon in 1996.



From that day on, Alex brought nothing but authentic care and happiness to every person he met and every relationship he built. He was a genuine friend to so many, an accomplished soccer player, golfer, skier, scuba diver, river rafter, bowler and an avid outdoor adventurer; constantly hiking and skiing the Cascades with friends and family. Whether through work, school or sports, every aspect of Alex’s life welcomed new, lifelong friends that he cherished.

Alex attended Summit High School, where he was a member of both soccer and golf teams all four years. Alex led his team to a state championship junior year; winning player of the year and scoring 15 goals in just that season alone. He went on to attend Washington State University and the University of Oregon, where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, just like his brother James. Alex spent time working as a river guide in Maupin, Oregon, and on the mountain in Big Sky, Montana. He was passionate about showing all who visited the beauty in nature Alex passed away from Type 1 diabetic complications. He is survived by his loving parents, Jim and Lisa Bowlin; older brother, James; twin sister, Allie; grandparents Jim and Kathie Bowlin and grandmother Joanne Bowlin. He is also survived by his uncles, Corey Bowlin and Jack Thomas; aunt and uncle Bob and Linda Goodwill, his girlfriend of two years, Emma, and so many friends whom he cared for deeply. He also leaves behind one of his favorite outdoor adventure buddies, his family’s yorkie poodle mix, Beau.

A celebration of Alex’s life will be held by his family at a later date. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) that aims to end Type 1 diabetes (T1D). In a journal Alex kept, he wrote, “Friends, climb mountains, not for the world to see you, but for you to see the world.” It is his family’s hope that those who knew Alex keep his spirit of exploration and admiration for the world in their hearts in his honor.

## Winco

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Shopko, a Green Bay-based company, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2019 and closed the Bend location. Since then it closed all of its brick-and-mortar locations after 57 years in business.

Founded in 1967 as a Waremart, according to the company’s website, the WinCo

chain’s predominant presence was in the Pacific Northwest through the 1970s. It became employee-owned through an employee stock ownership program in 1985. It is known for its low prices, large bulk food section, not accepting credit cards and requiring customers to bag their own groceries.

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## Superintendent

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Cook’s decades of experience with managing bonds and levies, dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and working with outside organizations made for a solid resume, said board member Melissa Barnes Dholakia. In particular, she praised his emphasis on trying to help his students’ emotional and mental health.

“He has experience in ensuring that social and emotional learning is part of the curriculum,” Barnes Dholakia said. “It’s not an add-on. It’s just as important as the academics.” Fellow board member Amy Tatom noted that while at Coeur d’Alene, Cook made significant efforts to help students in poverty. She believes that could help students from lower-income households in south Deschutes County.

“We heard last year, south county needs more assistance, more resources, they need somebody who’s really an advocate,” Tatom said. “I’m really hopeful Steve is going to be the advocate that we need.”

Board member Shimiko Montgomery noted that some local people of color and others “are going to be disappointed we haven’t selected someone with lived experience, that understand’s the urgency of racism.”

She encouraged those people to discuss their concerns with the board and with Cook. “One of the wonderful things about Steve is his openness about this conversation, to the work before us, and to be

held accountable to it,” Montgomery said.

Both Bellamy and Cook spoke about their educational philosophies and goals at a public hearing in December. Video of that hearing is available at The Bulletin’s website.

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Debra Lesine Aldous**  
of Redmond, OR  
July 11, 1957 -  
January 7, 2021

**Arrangements:**  
Autumn Funerals,  
Redmond  
541-504-9485  
www.autumnfunerals.net

**Services:**  
Services will be held at a later date.

**Mary Helen McCabe**  
of Terrebonne, OR  
May 11, 1941 -  
January 6, 2021

**Arrangements:**  
Autumn Funerals,  
Redmond  
541-504-9485  
www.autumnfunerals.net

**Services:**  
Private family services will be held at a later date.

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