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Tucker Garinger, left, and Charles Kreamier get ready to dig into their tacos during a Sept. 25 fundraiser in Long Creek for fire relief.

Long Creek rallies for wildfire relief

Taco feed, bottle recycling efforts raise over \$2,500

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LONG CREEK – Small in size and number but not in power, the community of Long Creek raised \$2,538 from two recent fundraisers for the Canyon Creek Complex Fire Relief Fund.

The Long Creek School Booster Club cashed in the cans and bottles filling its “Kans for Kids” trailer for a hefty sum of \$1,163, which they donated to the fund. Following that success, the community rallied for a by-donation taco feed fundraiser on Sept. 25, raising another \$1,375.

The Relief Fund was established by Old West Federal Credit Union to assist those who lost homes or were otherwise impacted by the wildfire.

Q&A



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Blue Mountains Forest Partners formed in 2006 to help address natural resource challenges in Grant County. The group works with the Malheur National Forest to identify and prioritize areas that need treatment.

Group works to restore forest, communities

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In 2006, the Blue Mountains Forest Partners (BMFP) was formed in Grant County by a diverse group of individuals who wanted to restore and sustain the Malheur National Forest and the communities it supports.

The collaborative now includes loggers, ranchers, environmentalists, landowners, elected officials and other stakeholders who are work-

ing together to maintain the forest as both an ecological and economic asset.

Supporters of the forest collaborative say prior to the group's establishment, management of the forest was mired in litigation brought by stakeholders with competing interests.

The group has worked with the Forest Service to develop vegetative management

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Sheriff's deputies create own forest plan

By George Plaven
Blue Mountain Eagle



Sheriff Glenn Palmer

Unhappy with the U.S. Forest Service after a summer of devastating wildfires, Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer has made his own natural resources plan to influence the management of public lands.

Palmer deputized 11 county residents to write and adopt the local plan, though it remains unclear whether they have legal standing to coordinate

with the feds. The move caught county commissioners off guard at a Sept. 30 meeting, where Palmer declined to put his plan on the agenda and instead brought it up during public comment. He said he is invoking coordination through the sheriff's office, and asked

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for the commissioners' support. “I ask for things from the Forest Service to do my job, and I get the door shut in my face,” Palmer said at the meeting. “I’m having a heck of a time getting out to do my job.”

Commissioner Chris Labhart said they are seeking an opinion from their attorney,

and criticized Palmer for a lack of transparency.

“No other citizen of Grant County has seen this document at all,” Labhart said. “Those (deputies) are the only people who had access to this before it was presented to the court, out of the blue.”

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'GRATEFUL FOR MY DANCE WITH CANCER'



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The Moore family at Thanksgiving in Phoenix in 2010. The family was undergoing a period of uncertainty with Ruthie's (center) breast cancer diagnosis, and chose a 'pink' celebration to brighten up the holiday. Ruthie underwent a lumpectomy four days later.

'I had things to do and some cancer butt to kick.'

'In this office everyone is facing death right square in the face!'

Some moments you just don't ever forget.

Ruthie Moore of Dayville says she remembers as if it was yesterday – the moment she got the “dreaded phone call” from her doctor relaying the breast cancer diagnosis.

That was almost five years ago, Oct. 19, 2010 – at 3:21 p.m., to be exact.

Today, Moore is celebrating good health and “five years of surviving and thriving”

Dayville woman survives, thrives five years later

By Cheryl Hoefler
Blue Mountain Eagle

“I really cannot even imagine what my life would be like right now without the ‘Big C,’” Moore said. “It may have tried to take my life, but what it actually ended up doing was

give me back far more than it took. I know that because of this cancer journey I've been on, I am a much better person today than I was five years ago.”

Moore was diagnosed with stage one invasive breast cancer. Her tumor was eight centimeters with clear margins and no cancer in her lymph nodes. It was caught early, due, she said, to the short time span between mammograms – only 15 months.

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Ruthie Moore, second from the left, enjoys a 'girls weekend' with, from left, her daughter, Kristi Moore of Phoenix, Ariz., granddaughter, Alcie Moore, and daughter, Kalli Wilson of Springfield.

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