

Canyon Creek Complex fire salvage authorized

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A recent Forest Service decision authorizes salvage treatments for the Canyon Creek Complex fire.

The decision notice for the Canyon Creek Complex Fire Salvage Project was signed by District Ranger Dave Halemeier on July 6, according to a Forest Service press release.

The decision notice and finding of no significant impact authorizes salvage treatments, reforestation, research activities, forest road activities and a temporary closure for cross-country travel in the

area. It is available at fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48518.

The proposed action was available for review during public scoping Jan. 6-26, and the preliminary environmental assessment was available for review April 27 through May 27. The scoping documents and environmental assessment described potential salvage logging activities, the woodpecker research proposal and the request by the Malheur National Forest for an emergency situation determination under 36 CFR 218.21. The ESD was approved by the Forest Service

chief and means that the proposed action is not subject to the pre-decisional objection process and that implementation may proceed immediately after notification documented by a decision notice.

Hard copies of documents are available at the Malheur National Forest Supervisor's Office, Blue Mountain Ranger District, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day.

Additional Information can be obtained by contacting NEPA Planner Sasha Fertig, 541-575-3061, sasha-fertig@fs.fed.us.

Forest culvert replacement projects begin July 15

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Contractors will soon begin culvert replacements, starting as early as Friday, July 15, and lasting through Aug. 15, according to a Forest Service press release.

The culvert replacement project on East Fork Big Creek will require the closure of the entire stretch of Forest Road 2090199. The replacement on Deadwood

Creek will affect a portion of Forest Road 4560621; it will be closed from the junction of the 4560 road to the 689 road junction.

These culvert replacement projects are part of an ongoing effort to improve aquatic fish passage on the forest. This work not only increases access to vital habitats for fish and aquatic organisms but also increases the lifespan of the cul-

vert by decreasing potential damage from flooding and preventing debris buildup.

Travelers will encounter heavy equipment traffic along roads in these areas, as workers will be hauling rock and other materials to and from the sites. Visitors to the forest are encouraged to plan their routes ahead of time to ensure safe summer travel and to avoid road closures.

BEO earnings up in second quarter

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BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced second quarter 2016 consolidated net income of \$815,000 or \$0.67 per share compared to \$724,000 or \$0.58 per share for second quarter 2015.

Year-to-date earnings were \$1.597 million compared to \$1.194 million for the first six months of 2015. Total assets were \$350.1 million, up 2.07 percent year over year. Net loans of \$292.6 million were up 0.7 percent from the same period in 2015, while deposits were at \$308.9 million, up 1.4 percent year over year. Shareholders' equity increased by \$1.46 million or 5.3 percent from June, 2015.

"We are pleased with second quarter earnings,

which are up 12.5 percent year over year," said President and CEO Jeff Bailey. "Earnings through the first six months of the year are up 33.8 percent from 2015 levels. There are primarily two factors that drive our earnings so far in 2016: The first is net interest income was up 6.1 percent and our provision for possible loan losses was down 90.8 percent."

Chief Financial Officer Mark Lemmon said, "Return on Average Assets for the quarter was 0.93 percent and Return on Average Equity was 11.37 percent compared to 0.85 percent and 10.64 percent respectively year over year. Our book value per share was \$23.71 compared to \$22.38 on June 30, 2015."

Chief Operations Officer Gary Prophet said, "Our

deposit base continues to be solid as interest rates stay relatively stagnant. It will be interesting to see how the global economic conditions affect interest rates over the next year or longer."

"Wheat harvest is a little early this year as the continued dry conditions and the hot spell in April appear to be translating into a below average crop. This coupled with lower commodity prices across the board are a bit concerning, but all part of the cyclical nature of agriculture. As the year progresses we will keep a close eye on segments of our loan portfolio most affected and make sure that we continue to be adequately reserved for potential loan losses," concluded Bailey.

For more information, visit beobank.com.

COPS & COURTS

Arrests and citations in the Blue Mountain Eagle are taken from the logs of law enforcement agencies. Every effort is made to report the court disposition of arrest cases.

Circuit Court

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Circuit Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Cash Adam Wenick, 25, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants on June 30. His license was suspended for one year, was sentenced to bench probation for one year and was fined \$1,100. The court dismissed a one count of reckless driving. The offense date was July 2, 2014.

- Evelyn May Arnett, 48, pleaded guilty to refusal to take a test for intoxicants on June 30. The offense date was April 7. She was fined \$400, and the driving under the influence count has been diverted.

Justice Court

CANYON CITY — The Grant County Justice Court reported the following fines and judgments:

- Driving while suspended: Jeanne Marie Moles, 30, John Day, May 21, fined \$435; Robert H. Bryant, 41, Prairie City, May 16, fined \$435.

- Driving uninsured: Robert H. Bryant, 41, Prairie City, May 5, fined \$260; Robert H. Bryant, 41, Prairie City, May

16, fined \$260; Robert H. Bryant, 41, Prairie City, June 5, fined \$435.

- Violation of the basic speed rule: Walter Seth Cox, 29, Pendleton, May 19, 80/55, fined \$260; Gregory W. Wynn, 64, Portland, June 11, 78/55, fined \$220.

- Exceeded the state speed limit: Derek Lars Clark, 20, Helix, June 17, 73/65, fined \$160.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 147 calls during the week of July 4-10. Along with the various traffic warnings, trespassing, injured animals, noise complaints and juvenile complaints, these calls included:

- **Oregon State Police:** July 7: High speed traffic stop on Dog Creek Road in John Day.

- July 10: Responded to a report of possible drug activity with assistance from John Day Police Department, subjects were playing "Pokemon GO," all OK.

- **John Day Police:** July 4: Report of verbal dispute at fire hall.

- July 5: Theft from John Day residence reported; assisted Grant County Sheriff's Office with arrest of suspicious subjects in Dayville.

- July 6: Arrested Christopher Lee Gibson, 37, of John Day for strangulation, harassment and a Crook County warrant with arrest was made

in John Day; report of an assault at a Prairie City business.

- July 7: Report of theft at a John Day business; assisted OSP with high speed traffic stop.

- **Grant County Sheriff:** July 4: Animal abuse reported in Mt. Vernon; responded for a possible deceased person at Lake Creek Camp.

- July 5: Report of shots fired at Harper Creek Road in Mt. Vernon; report of theft from a vehicle at Bumpy Road in John Day; arrested two people after a report of suspicious subjects in a house on South Fork Road in Dayville.

- July 7: Report of a stolen gun in Long Creek.

- July 10: Report of minors drinking in Dayville, unable to locate.

- **John Day ambulance:** July 7: Dispatched for female with coughing issues; responded for 78-year-old man with possible stroke.

- July 9: Responded to a motorcycle accident for an injured female at Austin Road with assistance from GCSO and Prairie City ambulance.

- July 10: Responded for an 80-year-old female who was choking.

- **John Day Fire Department:**

- July 8: Responded to a house fire on Haggard Road in Canyon City with assistance from Oregon Department of Forestry and John Day Police Department.

Wyden to host town hall July 20

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U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, will host a town hall meetings in Eastern Oregon next week.

He will be in Grant County at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at the Canyon City

Community Hall, 129 S. Washington, followed by meetings in Harney and Malheur counties.

"Oregonians know that democracy works best in community meetings with conversations focused on finding solutions that

make sense," Wyden said in a statement. "I look forward to these town halls in Grant, Harney and Malheur counties so those discussions can take place in the spirit that the Founding Fathers intended them to happen."



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DOOR PRIZES (must be present to win)

To pre-register, pick up and drop off form to: Canyon City Hall, Grant County Chamber of Commerce or at 120 S Washington St., Canyon City • Mail to: Canyon City Challenge, PO Box 383 Canyon City, OR 97820 • email: canyoncitychallenge@gmail.com

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