

Truckers light up downtown John Day

Parade hearkens back to timber era

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

John Day was merry and bright Saturday night as the Timber Truckers Light Parade brought cheer to spectators on Main Street.

"We had a wonderful variety of entries," said organizer Leslie Traylor.

There were 26 entries representing the "A Hometown Christmas" theme — some blaring sirens or music, or blasting "Jingle Bells" with their horn.

Traylor said she was impressed with the creative displays this year.

Rude Logging's float, driven by Tim Rude, won the top sweepstakes prize. He pulled a trailer featuring a miniature parade within a parade, which showed a log truck driving past downtown businesses.

Traylor said seeing the kids jumping up and down in anticipation of the parade, and hearing the positive comments, "made it all worthwhile."

After the parade, all were invited to the John Day Elks Lodge for a by-donation dinner by Elks members, which included cinnamon rolls by Kathy Bishop.

"Prairie Wood Products started the parade as a way to



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Tim Rude of Rude Logging parades the sweepstakes-winning commercial float in Saturday's Timber Truckers Light Parade. The trailer features a log truck passing by a scene of downtown John Day.



Santa with an elf and a helper in the Timber Truckers Light Parade.

recognize the timber industry," Traylor said. "Over the years, we've enlarged on that to include the commercial, farm and ranch, community organizations and individual entries."

Boyd Britton and Mark Baggett were the parade announcers, and committee members helping Traylor included Brenda Mosier, Curt and Lisa Pereira, Jody Moulton, Mary Ellen Brooks, Chantal DesJardin, Tasha Lundbom and Dan Bishop.



The Whiskey Gulch Gang pauses at the stoplight in John Day while the crowd joins in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the Timber Truckers Light Parade.

Timber Trucker Light Parade results:

TIMBER
First: Rude Logging
Second: Iron Triangle Logging
Third: Iron Triangle Logging
COMMERCIAL
First: One Guy & A Wrench
Second: Frontier Equipment
Third: John Day Auto Parts
Farm and Ranch
First: CLP Ranches
Second: CLP Ranches
Third: Bauer Land & Cattle Co.

COMMUNITY
First: Grant County Snowballers
Second: Blue Mountain Hospital
Third: John Day Post Office
PEOPLE'S CHOICE
First: Rude Logging
Second: Frontier Equipment
Sweepstakes: Rude Logging
Shotgun winners: Lisa Pereira and Ron Grebs

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Magone Lake Project moves forward

Project encompasses roads, trails, trees and wildlife

By Rylan Boggs
Blue Mountain Eagle

The Magone Lake Project is moving forward, and the Forest Service is preparing to accept another round of comments on the project.

The Forest Service received roughly 300 comments about the project, which were taken into account to make the current draft of the plan.

The plan encompasses multiple aspects of the area, including roads, trails, silviculture, forest health and impact on wildlife.

The project will yield approximately 16 million board

feet, create 164 jobs for two years and will create a direct, indirect and induced income of about \$4,500,000. There will be roughly 28,500 acres of prescribed burning as part of the project.

"It's a critical component of managing our forests, and we're trying to get a handle on it so we don't have the catastrophic wildfires we've seen here," Malheur National Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin said of the Magone project.

Twenty six miles of new trails will be added in a three-phase process with work being completed by local mountain biking groups. Improved trail heads and interpretive signs will also be added. An improved day use boat dock on the southwest corner of the lake is planned as is a replacement for the current boat mooring on the

northwest corner of the lake with a handicap-accessible mooring.

To improve the ecosystem of the lake, 15 to 20 fish cribs — cage like habitats for fish — and 70 to 100 fish sticks — trees sunk vertically in the lake to provide habitat and cover for fish — will be placed in the lake.

Almost 100 miles of road maintenance are also planned. One mile of road will be closed permanently because it is overgrown and unusable, and almost 50 miles of roads will be closed temporarily, according to the Forest Service.

The plan can be viewed at the Forest Service office in John Day or online at fs.usda.gov/malheur. Those who submitted comments during the last phase of the project are eligible to submit objections in a 45 day window starting Jan 1.

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