

OUT OF THE PAST

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Aug. 17, 1967

Loggers asked to cease during danger periods

All operators of industrial activities on forest land east of the Cascade Summit were advised last Tuesday by J.E. Schroeder, Oregon State Forester, to cease and desist the use of power-driven machinery at specified times during the present period of fire danger, Harry G. "Swede" Pearson, district forester, advised yesterday.

Pearson, of John Day, stated, "the burning index is the highest in years in the East Central Oregon District. Because extreme fire hazard conditions east on forest lands east of the summit of the Cascade Range, we notify all users of power-driven machinery that such hazard exists, and that life and property are endangered by the continued use of such machinery," he said.

Although the use of such machinery can be stopped by



Eagle file photo

From Aug. 13, 1992: Four days and better than 26 miles later, a tired but happy group of backpackers reached their destination at Strawberry Campground. They included (left to right) Justin Rowell, Thad Cowan-Thompson and Tim Nelson. The six young men, two counselors and an adult leader took the trip to learn more about backpacking, outdoor cooking, the surrounding environment and, most importantly, themselves.

law west of the mountains, the common sense approach is necessary in this part of the state, because statute does not give the state forester the authority to close down operations.

"It is suggested operators

curtail the use of power-driven machinery in any operation on forest land between the hour of 1:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight, each day. This includes the use of power saws in felling and bucking operations. It is all-in-

clusive. We further suggest that maximum watchman service be provided for either three hours after the operation is shut down each day or until 8 p.m. each day, whichever is later. Lastly, that a limit be placed on personnel allowed in those areas covered by an entry permit closure, Pearson added.

"We know from experience that our good fortune cannot continue based on the 'law of averages.' It is our hope in this district that our man-made troubles will be kept to the minimum as all our efforts will be needed to combat those fires that are sure to come," he concluded.

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Aug. 13, 1992

4-H summer camps promote learning with fun activities

Two successful 4-H camp ventures this summer helped turn the surrounding forests and mountains into outdoor

classrooms to employ fun and games in helping teach youngsters more about themselves and their environment.

The first involved youngsters in grades four through six who gathered at Lake Creek Camp in Logan Valley for four days of camping and fun, and the second focused on a four day, 26.5-mile backpack through the Strawberry Wilderness.

"Under the sea" was the theme of this year's 4-H camp at Logan Valley that attracted 62 campers from the Grant and Harney County 4-H programs. Also on board were 17 counselors and five adults to help with the camp that ran from June 30 through July 3.

Elaine Husted with the Grant County 4-H program said this year's theme was actually selected by campers last year. Maintaining the tradition, next year's theme, "Back to the Future," was chosen before the close of camp this summer.

The idea of both camps is to incorporate activities and classes to help youngsters learn more about their surroundings, getting along with one another and themselves. "Our goals for the camp were to have a safe environment to meet friends, to teach youngsters how to get along, to have fun, teamwork and to discover what the theme meant," Husted said. Working with the theme, the activities and classes are planned by the counselors who are all 4-H students in grades 10 through 12.

Husted said the camp was used as a learning environment in which youngsters sampled things like dried squid and seaweed, and learned plant identification in the surrounding areas. It was also an opportunity to teach recreation in an outdoor setting. The arts and crafts classes allowed youngsters to stretch their imagination and creativity, and the activities also showed campers how to teach games and activities.

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