

Forests implementing Phase B public use restrictions

Campfires allowed only in designated recreation sites

Blue Mountain Eagle

Forest officials have implemented Phase B public use restrictions on the Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman national forests due to high fire danger, the potential for human caused fires and concern for public safety. The increased restrictions pertain to the use of campfires, smoking, chainsaws, internal combustion engines and generators, according to a Forest Service press release.

Beginning Friday, campfires will only be allowed in designated campgrounds and recreation sites. Liquefied or bottled gas stoves and heaters are allowed for cooking and heating. A list of designated recreation sites is available on the forest's websites.

Operating an internal combustion engine, such as a chainsaw, is prohibited.

Generators will only be allowed in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material; when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is devoid of all flammable material; or

when factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material.

Smoking is only allowed within enclosed vehicles, buildings and developed recreation sites or when stopped in an area cleared of all flammable material.

As a reminder, travel restrictions prohibit motor vehicles traveling off of designated Forest Roads and trails, except for the purposes of going to or from campsites located within 300 feet of an open road. Motorized travel on segments of road where access is blocked by gate, barricade, log, boulder or earthen berm is also prohibited. Vehicles must still abide by all laws and regulations pertaining to the area of travel.

Regulated closures are also in effect on state and private lands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry in northeast and central Oregon. For more information, contact a local ODF office or visit <http://bicc-jdide.org/index.shtml> or bmdc.org.

For more information and a list of designated recreation areas and campsites where campfires are permitted during Phase B public use restrictions, call 541-575-3000.

Learning independence and respect for nature

By Sean Hart
Blue Mountain Eagle

Summertime learning lives on through hands-on lessons at Grant County 4-H camps.

Between two separate camps, 76 children spent a week at Lake Creek Youth Camp near the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness, participating in a variety of activities intended to build life skills.

From hiking and archaeology to crafts and making hobo stew on the campfire, many campers enjoyed new experiences.

"We have kids who live in the county who went to Strawberry Lake for the first time," said OSU Extension Office Manager Carol Waggoner, who was one of the camp directors.

The Extension — which administers the national 4-H program for Grant County — and a large group of volunteering and contributing organizations and individuals work together to host the camp and mentor the youths.

OSU Extension's Christal Culley, whose duties include 4-H, said the result is rewarding — for campers and volunteers.

"It brings so much pleasure and excitement to see a kid get to do something for the first time," Culley said, "... things they don't get to do every day."



The Eagle/Sean Hart

From left, Kai Markle of Portland and Rylan Cox of Canyon City make pollinator seed balls at the Grant County 4-H Natural Resource Camp.

Old lessons

Groups of campers rotated through several activity stations one afternoon.

After helping children cook snacks over the campfire, volunteer Callie Moss of John Day recalled doing the same when she attended a 4-H camp when she was a child.

Moss taught the campers about leatherworking this year and said she started learning about similar activities when she was at camp.

Although some things have changed — they have electricity now and warm showers and no longer take their sleeping bags on horseback rides into the wilderness — she said the camps provide a solid foundation for outdoor education.

"It teaches them independence and respect for nature," she said.

With a circus theme this year, 47 local incoming fifth-through seventh-grade students attended the Grant and Harney County 4-H Camp.

And attendance looks bright for the future.

Eight-year-old Mahayla Moss, who was just visiting a camp for the day with her grandmother, said she wants to come back when she's older.

Natural resource

The 4-H Natural Resource Camp, which is open to all students going into seventh through ninth grades, began in 2009.

Elise Delgado of the Blue Mountains Forest Partners collaborative group said the

collaborative had donated in the past but became directly involved this year to help teach the importance of returning natural resources to healthy conditions.

"We want students to look at the landscapes and understand where that landscape is on the spectrum of healthy and unhealthy," she said.

Twenty-nine campers participated in a progression of classes, learning about unhealthy conditions, such as forest overcrowding, and the impact on plants, animals and humans — guided by volunteers with diverse perspectives such as forestry, wildlife and recreation specialists to professionals from the timber industry.

Kai Markle, a 13-year-old from Portland, said he learned how to tell trees apart and determine a tree's age by a core sample.

"A lot of the forests are overcrowded, and there's not enough water and resources," he said.

He said he also enjoyed the more traditional activities, such as making arrowheads.

Away from the noise and crowds, Markle said he prefers Eastern Oregon over Portland.

"I like the independence and responsibility aspect," he said. "You're more self-sustaining."

Israel crowned 2019 Junior Miss Rodeo Oregon

Blue Mountain Eagle

Rowdy Israel was crowned 2019 Junior Miss Rodeo Oregon.

The 12-year-old from Dayville earned the honor July 14 at the conclusion of the two-day pageant held in conjunction with the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo.

In addition to winning the state title, she won the categories of Horsemanship, Photogenics and Appearance.

Israel will spend 2019 representing Miss Rodeo Oregon Inc., by making



Rowdy Israel of Dayville

public appearances, riding in parades and at rodeos and promoting the rodeo and western industries.

In 2017, she served as Little Miss Northwest Professional Rodeo Association.

The daughter of Nicole Israel, she will be in seventh grade at Dayville School in the fall and is active in volleyball, basketball and the Cinnabar Mountain Playdays rodeo series.

She will hold a fundraising coronation event on March 2, 2019, in John Day.

OBITUARIES

Ann Pauline Rader Sprouffske

Nov. 23, 1942 - July 20, 2018

Ann Pauline Rader Sprouffske, 75, died July 20 in Newberg. She was born Nov. 23, 1942, in Astoria and considered Newberg her hometown. Smart Cremation is in charge of arrangements.



Norman C. Strawn

Norman C. Strawn, 88, of Mt. Vernon passed away July 24 at the Oregon Veteran's Home in The Dalles. No services are planned at this time, but contributions may be made to the John Day Senior Center in his memory through Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845.

About Obituaries

News obituaries of 300 words or less are a free service of the Blue Mountain Eagle. The paper accepts obituaries from the family or funeral home. Information submitted is subject to editing. Obituaries submitted to the Eagle with incorrect information may be corrected and republished as paid memorials. Obituaries longer than 300 words may be published as paid memorials. Send obituaries by email, office@bmeagle.com; fax, 541-575-1244; or mail, 195 N. Canyon Blvd., John Day, OR 97845. For more information, or to inquire about a paid memorial, call 541-575-0710.

CORRECTION

In last week's article about the Wildfire softball team winning state, the coach was quoted as saying "Drew had 14 walks in the championship series." His quote was actually referring to the team and should have read "The team drew 14 walks in the championship series." Halle Parsons also went 11 for 20 in the series.

The name of the bicycling group in last week's photo is Bicycle Rides Northwest.

The Eagle regrets the errors.

SEMPER FI



On July 20, Molly Mae Hoodenpyl graduated from Marine Corps Boot Camp and became a United States Marine. She is the daughter of Dean and Elizabeth Hoodenpyl of Kimberly.

Contributed photo

Two-day closures planned at some campgrounds for pine beetle treatment

Blue Mountain Eagle


Contractors will begin spraying tree trunks in efforts to prevent mortality from pine beetles, closing several camp-

grounds on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District for two weekdays.

Campground closures include Joaquin Miller, Aug. 1-2; Idlewild, Aug. 2-3; Rock Springs, Aug. 6-7; Delintment

Lake, Aug. 8-9; and Buck Springs, Aug. 9-10.

For more information, contact the Emigrant Creek Ranger District office at 541-573-4300.



Betty Freeman

August 11, 1945 - July 11, 2018

Mrs. Betty Freeman died 07/11/18 at the age of 72 in Lafayette, OR. Betty was born 08/11/45, in Payette, ID and considered John Day her hometown. Betty Freeman passed away peacefully in her home on July 11, 2018 after a battle with liver cancer.

Betty was born August 11, 1968 in Payette, Idaho to Carl and Elsie Swigart. She met her husband, David, of 52 years, while growing up in Payette, ID. They began dating when they worked together at the Charm Theatre - she sold tickets and worked the snack bar, David ran the projectors. They moved to Caldwell and lived there until David decided to go to school at the University of Idaho.

Betty worked at US National Bank while Dave attended college. They had their first daughter Jodie in 1969. They had their second daughter, Amy, in 1972. After Dave graduated with an accounting degree in 1973 the family moved to Baker City, Oregon. They lived there for 18 years. While in Baker City, Betty worked for PCA and then at US Bank. In 1989, Betty and Dave bought an accounting firm in John Day, OR where Betty worked as the office manager. They lived in John Day for 25 years. Betty's first granddaughter arrived in 1997 with the second coming in 2000. Once Betty and Dave retired in 2015, they moved to Lafayette, OR to be closer to Jodie, Amy, and their granddaughters.

Betty was active in Girl Scouts for many years, starting by volunteering for Jodie and Amy's troops. She continued working with many different troops in Baker City and John Day as well as volunteering for other jobs in the service unit and across the Girl Scout Council. Betty gave a lot of time, energy and love to the Girls Scouts to benefit the girls of Baker and Grant Counties. She made lifelong friends during her time in scouting and had many adventures during her time in Scouts. Once in Lafayette, Betty enjoyed going to activities her granddaughters participated in. She also enjoyed camping, fishing with David, crafting, and needlework.

Loved ones surviving her include her husband David, daughters Jodie Kester and Amy Freeman, granddaughters Paige & Abbey Kester, sisters Carol Wilson and Wanda Newton, and beloved Norwegian Elkhound, Elka. She's also fortunate to have a large family of cousins, brother and sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, Carl & Elsie Swigart.

Memorial donations can be made to Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Campship Fund in honor of Betty Freeman: Girl Scouts of Silver Sage, 8948 W. Barnes St., Boise, ID 83709; <http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/en/give/donate.html>. A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 11 AM at the Payette United Methodist Church (502 N 11th St., Payette ID), with a lunch to follow.

Paid for by the family of Betty Freeman



Charles Lamar Hill Memorial

Please join family and friends as we celebrate the life of Charles Lamar Hill on Saturday, August 4, 2018.

1:00 First Baptist Church
300 W Main Street, John Day

2:00 Graveside at the Canyon City Cemetery
Marysville Lane, Canyon City

Celebration at the John Day Elk's Lodge
140 NE Dayton St., John Day

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

70111

LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	98/67
WEDNESDAY	98/61
THURSDAY	97/59
FRIDAY	96/59
SATURDAY	95/60
SUNDAY	97/58
MONDAY	102/62

24/7 FORECAST

AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122

ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY

162.500 MHz

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 1-7

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Hot	Plenty of sun	Sunny	Sunny	Partly sunny	Slightly cloudy	Mostly sunny
95	88	83	82	88	80	84
55	53	51	52	55	43	49