

# Phase C public use restrictions implemented on southern forest

Blue Mountain Eagle

Because of continued hot temperatures, lack of moisture and extreme fire danger, the Malheur National Forest's Emigrant Creek Ranger District officials have implemented Phase C of public use restrictions.

Campfires are prohibited; only liquid and bottle (propane) gas stoves are

allowed. No internal combustion engine operation, including chainsaws, is allowed, except for motorized vehicles.

Electrical generators must be operated in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material or fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is empty of all flammable material.

No off-road/off-trail vehicle travel or travel on roads not cleared of standing grass or other flammable material is allowed. Smoking is allowed only in enclosed vehicles and buildings, developed recreation sites or in cleared areas.

To report a wildfire, call 911.

For more information, visit [fs.usda.gov/malheur](http://fs.usda.gov/malheur).

# Prairie City declares water emergency

## Only 'essential use' allowed

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Prairie City Mayor Jim Hamsher has declared a water supply emergency with mandatory restrictions on water

use. Prairie City Municipal Code authorizes the city to limit water usage to "essential use" — consumption, sanitation and fire emergencies — only, according to an Aug. 6 statement from Hamsher.

"All use of water for other purposes is prohibited at all times during this emergency,"

Hamsher said. "That includes but is not limited to: all irrigation; washing vehicles, sidewalks or other hard surface areas and structures; filling or refilling pools, ponds or storage tanks."

Continued use of city water for non-essential purposes will result in citations, he said.

# AIR AMBULANCE RESPONDS FOR CRASH



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An Air Link helicopter transported the victim of a motorcycle crash that happened at about 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, on Highway 402 near Monument. The helicopter met with an ambulance that was transporting the victim at the Dayville School football field.

# COPS AND 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.

## Grant County Circuit Court

Jeremiah J. Alsop, 36, Prairie City, pleaded guilty Aug. 1 to being a felon in possession of a firearm committed on June 25. He was sentenced to 11 months in prison, two years post-prison supervision and a \$200 fine. A misdemeanor charge of second-degree theft and a citation for driving with a suspended license were dismissed.

A charge of first degree criminal trespass against Kevin D. Rodriguez, 18, Nyssa, was dismissed following a motion by the district attorney's office to dismiss in the best interests of justice.

## Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Aug. 1:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 12
- Average inmates: 14
- Bookings: 9
- Releases: 10
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 0
- Civil papers: 16
- Warrants processed: 2
- Asst./welfare check: 0
- Search and rescue: 0
- July 30: Danny Kidd, 23, John Day, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

## Oregon State Police

July 30: Responded to a motor vehicle crash on Highway 19 in the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument. Unsecured half-ton straw bales slid off a trailer as it rounded a curve and struck another vehicle.

## Justice Court

Violation of speed limit: Dillon G. Winters, 21, John Day, May 22, 43/25 zone, fined \$165.

Exceeding speed limit: Gunnar J. Peterson, 27, Bend, June 11, 46/35 zone, fined \$165.

Violation of basic rule: Sun Soon Paik, 76, Buena Park, California, July 6, 78/55 zone, fined \$265; Casey L. Schultz, 39, Long Creek, July 9, 77/55 zone, fined \$225.

Driving uninsured: Cejay M. Villa-Portelo, 22, Challis, Idaho, May 29, fined \$265; Dillon G. Winters, 21, John Day, May 22, fined \$265.

Violation of overall maximum length: Komal Singh, 29, Elk Grove, California, July 17, fined \$115.

Stephanie A. Burrows, 44, transient, was convicted of second-degree criminal trespass and first-degree disorderly conduct. She was sentenced to \$905 in fines and fees.

## Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 143 calls during the week of July 30-Aug. 5, including:

### • John Day Police Department

July 30: Responded to a report of fraud at a credit union in John Day.

July 31: Dispatched for a theft report in John Day.

Aug. 1: Advised of a woman in John Day who reported someone from Florida attempting to access her information.

Aug. 1: Received a report of trespassing or criminal mischief on West Main Street in John Day.

Aug. 1: Responded to Northeast Dayton Street in John Day for a city ordinance violation.

Aug. 1: Dispatched with sheriff's deputies to the Grant

County Fairgrounds for a report of a fight. Jeffrey Porter, 53, Canyon City, was arrested and charged with a probation violation.

Aug. 1: Responded to Southwest Brent Drive in John Day for a verbal dispute.

Aug. 2: Dispatched to a motel in John Day for a domestic dispute.

Aug. 2: Advised of suspicious circumstances on Northwest Third Street in John Day.

Aug. 2: Received a report of a repeat trespasser on Southwest Brent Drive.

Aug. 4: Advised of a suspicious person at a motel in John Day.

Aug. 4: Responded to West Main Street in John Day for a trespassing call.

Aug. 4: Following a traffic stop on West Main Street in John Day, Taylor Myers, 29, Canyon City, was cited for using a cellphone while driving.

Aug. 5: Responded to Airport Road and Southwest Fourth Avenue for a report of children throwing rocks at cars.

Aug. 5: Following a traffic stop on South Canyon Boulevard at Southwest Third Avenue, Adrian Couey, 33, Prairie City, was cited for driving with a suspended license, no insurance and expired registration.

Aug. 5: Following a traffic stop on Main Street in John Day, Cherith Sheedy, 42, John Day, was cited for using a cellphone while driving and expired registration.

Aug. 5: Following a traffic stop on West Main Street in John Day, Ben Voigt, 35, Ontario, was arrested and charged with driving with a

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