

State awards \$4 million grant for fish habitat

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After four years of work, the John Day Basin Partnership recently learned it has been awarded a \$4 million Focused Investment Partnership implementation grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

OWEB received applications from 10 organizations for the competitive grant, and the local partnership was ranked No. 1, partnership coordinator Kristen Walz said. The group was nominated for an OWEB Outstanding Partnership Award in 2015.

The application was for \$12 million over three bienniums, and the OWEB announcement was for \$4 million for the 2019-2021 biennium. According to OWEB, the partnership estimates it can leverage an additional \$9.7 million from other funding sources for the 2019-2021 biennium.

The grant funding will be used to improve fish habitat for steelhead, spring chinook salmon, bull trout and other native fish species, with three focus areas in the John Day River basin: the Middle Fork, North Fork and the Thirtymile and Butte creek watersheds.

The partnership represents 28 organizations in Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam and Sherman counties. That includes watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts, forest and landowner collaboratives, tribes, state and federal agencies and conservation groups from across the basin.

The partnership was formed in 2014 to leverage partners and resources to accelerate the pace and scale of watershed restoration in the John Day River Basin. The partnership's goals are to improve Endangered Species Act-listed and Oregon-priority native fish species viability, ridge-top-to-ridgetop watershed health and promote local economies.



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North Fork John Day Watershed Council youth workers complete work on a culvert project in 2016 to improve fish passage.

Amy Charette, a watershed restoration coordinator in John Day for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, said the partnership has focused on organization building over the past four years, including developing operation and action plans.

A steering committee serves in an advisory capacity. Each partner can cast a vote on adding partners, submitting grant applications and other matters. A technical team will review project proposals. The partners bring technical expertise to projects, Charette said, including hydrology, civil engineering, fish biology, range management and grazing specialists.

The partnership relies on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for advice on evolving fish and water

quality monitoring technologies. The soil and water conservation districts along with the Forest Service provide civil engineering expertise.

The OWEB funding in this grant is focused on aquatic projects, but the John Day Basin Partnership will look for other funding for projects such as enhancing upland watersheds, Charette said. A basin-wide goal is to improve streamflow and reduce stream temperatures by retaining runoff from snowpack.

Mid-Columbia chinook salmon spawn in the John Day River's main stem in late August and September. Steelhead spawn in tributaries in spring. Bull trout spawn in headwater tributaries in the fall, such as Desolation Creek in the North Fork "area.

"This investment benefits native fish species while improving water quality and supporting the local natural resource economy," OWEB Executive Director Meta Loftsgaarden said.

From 1999 through 2017, OWEB awarded \$17 million in grants for projects in Grant County. About 65 percent of that funding went to projects to improve irrigation efficiency, fish passage and upland conditions. That work took place on 228 miles of streams, 1,161 miles of fish habitat, 108,673 acres of upland habitat and 189 acres of wetland or estuarine habitat.

For more information about the John Day Basin Partnership, contact Kristen Walz at jdbpcoordinator@gmail.com or 541-421-3018, or contact local watershed councils.



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Members of the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps under direction of the North Fork John Day Watershed Council in 2016-2017 placed tree limbs in meadow gullies to slow erosion and capture sediment at the Big Mosquito Project along the Middle Fork of the John Day River downstream of Galena.

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 Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Feb. 6:

Concealed handgun licenses: 8

Average inmates: 16

Bookings: 7

Releases: 7

Arrests: 1

Citations: 1

Fingerprints: 9

Civil papers: 21

Warrants processed: 1

Asst./welfare check: 0

Search and rescue: 0

Feb. 4: Kyle Milner, 22, John Day, was cited for failure to update registration, to provide proof of insurance and to yield.

Justice Court

• Violation of basic rule: David H. Ross, 25, Bend, Jan. 3, 78/55 zone, fined \$265.

• Exceeding speed limit: Jodi M. Steward, 35, Cedarville, California, Dec. 11, 46/35 zone, fined \$140; Donald A. Jenson, 66, Bend, Jan. 21, 54/30 zone, fined \$225.

• Violation speed limit: Andrew S. Ballou, 25, Caldwell, Idaho, Nov. 3, 74/55 zone, fined \$165; Paul L. Roark, 22, Mt. Vernon, Dec. 16, 46/25 zone, fined \$140.

• Driving uninsured: Christine N. Daum, 30, Prairie City, Jan. 21, fined \$500; Jan. 25, fined \$500; Stephen P. Hancock, 43, Canyon City, Dec. 17, fined \$265; Jan. 26, fined \$265; Shannon L. Bradley, 49, Dayville, Jan. 5, fined \$225; Sarah M. Colton, 30, Prairie City, Jan. 12, fined \$225; Jeremy F. Gibson, 32, John Day, Sept. 4, fined \$265; Kevin G. Kimberling, 46,

Prairie City, Dec. 17, fined \$265; Jason W. Hardrath, 30, Klamath Falls, Dec. 22, fined \$265; Aaron M. Roseberry, 32, John Day, Feb. 21, fined \$265; Andria L. Kelley, 24, Mt. Vernon, Dec. 9, fined \$350; Shadwick E. Moles, 32, John Day, Nov. 27, fined \$265.

• Driving while suspended: Christine N. Daum, 30, Prairie City, Jan. 21, fined \$1,000; Jan. 25, fined \$1,000; Kevin G. Kimberling, 46, Prairie City, Dec. 17, fined \$440; Aaron M. Roseberry, 32, John Day, Feb. 21, fined \$440; Joshua W. Haskins, 34, Prairie City, Dec. 3, fined \$550; Shannon L. Bradley, 49, Dayville, Jan. 5, fined \$375.

• Driving while revoked: Jeremy F. Gibson, 32, John Day, Sept. 4, fined \$440.

• Failure to pay appropriate registration fee: Christine N. Daum, 30, Prairie City, Jan. 21, fined \$250.

• Failure to renew registration: Shadwick E. Moles, 32, John Day, Nov. 27, fined \$110; Stephen P. Hancock, 43, Canyon City, Jan. 26, fined \$115.

• Operating with a non-standard light: Shilo Dawn Burton-Harper, 29, Mt. Vernon, Dec. 20, fined \$140.

• Expired registration sticker: Sara M. Colton, 30,

Prairie City, Jan. 12, fined \$95.

• Illegal alteration of display of license plates: Andria L. Kelley, 24, Mt. Vernon, Dec. 9, fined \$350.

• Use of cellphone while driving: Kellie Combs, 38, Prairie City, Jan. 27, fined \$265.

• Unsafe passing on the left: Patrick E. Wright, 37, Burns, Jan. 7, fined \$265.

• Anne M. Mingus, 47, John Day, pleaded no contest Feb. 6 to keeping a dog as a nuisance. She was ordered to pay \$605 in fines and fees.

• Peter J. Rupe, 38, John Day, pleaded guilty Jan. 30 to third-degree theft. He was sentenced to two days jail, 12 months probation, 10 hours community service and \$200 in fines and fees.

Oregon State Police

Feb. 5: Investigated a single-vehicle noninjury crash on Highway 26 in Mt. Vernon. The driver lost control on a curve and struck a guardrail. Daven W. Mauseth, 18, was cited for careless driving.

Feb. 8: Brett A. Nelson, 56, Mt. Vernon, was arrested on North Mountain Boulevard in Mt. Vernon and charged with a warrant from Josephine County.

Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 144 calls during the week of Feb. 4-10, including:

• **John Day Police Department**

Feb. 4: Received a fraud report from a restaurant on Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 5: Responded to a shoplifting report from a grocery store in John Day.

Feb. 5: Received a report of a probation violation of a no-contact order at a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 6: Advised of harassment at an apartment complex on East Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 7: Received a burglary report from a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day.

Feb. 9: Responded to South Canyon Boulevard in John Day for a woman reporting someone knocking on her door in the middle of the night.

Feb. 9: Following a traffic stop on West Main Street in John Day, Holly B. Smith, Elgin, was cited for driving with a suspended license and no insurance.

Feb. 10: Following a traffic stop on Main Street in John Day, Tylor J. Gifford, 25, John Day, was cited for

driving with a suspended license, no insurance and altered license plates.

• **Oregon State Police**

Feb. 5: Advised of a non-injury crash on Highway 395 near Starr Ridge that was blocking the highway.

• **Grant County Sheriff's Office**

Feb. 4: Received a theft report from North Johnson Avenue in Prairie City.

Feb. 4: Search and rescue personnel traveled to the Starr Ridge Snow Park.

Feb. 4: Advised of criminal mischief at the Depot RV Park in Prairie City.

Feb. 4: Received a fraud report from Monument.

Feb. 10: Advised of a domestic dispute on West Front Street in Prairie City.

Feb. 10: Received a report of trespassing at a mini mart in Prairie City

• **John Day ambulance**

Feb. 4: Transported a patient from North Washington Street in Prairie City.

Feb. 5: Responded with state police and sheriff's deputies to a possible rollover crash on Highway 26 in Mt. Vernon.

Feb. 6: Dispatched to a senior home in Prairie City for an elderly woman.

Feb. 6: Responded to Southwest First Avenue in John Day for a 64-year-old

woman.

Feb. 7: Dispatched to Long Creek.

Feb. 8: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Feb. 8: Responded to South Fork Road in Dayville for a woman who had fallen.

Feb. 9: Dispatched to a mobile home park on West Main Street in John Day for a 79-year-old woman with an insulin reaction.

Feb. 9: Transported a patient to the airport in John Day.

Feb. 9: Responded to the Hall Hill area of Highway 26 east of Prairie City.

Feb. 10: Dispatched to Charolais Heights in John Day for a 9-year-old boy with a head injury.

• **Prairie City ambulance**

Feb. 6: Dispatched to Summit Prairie Road for a medical alarm.

• **Seneca ambulance**

Feb. 7: Paged to C Avenue in Seneca for a woman who had fallen.

• **Seneca fire**

Feb. 10: Responded to a structure fire on Park Avenue in Seneca.

• **Oregon Department of Transportation**

Feb. 5: Advised of poor road conditions on Highway 26 between Mt. Vernon and Dayville.

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MONDAY (4:00) 7:00
TUES-THURS 7:00

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It's been five years since everything was awesome and the citizens are facing a huge new threat.
FRI-SUN (4:10) 7:10 9:40
MONDAY (4:10) 7:10
TUES-THURS 7:10

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Security guard David Dunn uses his supernatural abilities to track Kevin Wendell Crumb, a disturbed man who has twenty-four personalities.
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Notice
Grant County Taxpayers

The second installment of the 2018-19 property tax is due Friday, February 15th, 2019 by 5:00 p.m.

Payments may be made at the Tax Collector's Office at the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and postmarked no later than February 15th, 2019. Please remember that delinquent taxes accrue interest at the rate of 16% per year. If you have any questions, please call the tax office at 575-0107 or 575-0189.

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