

# Campers, hunters evacuated near Ukiah

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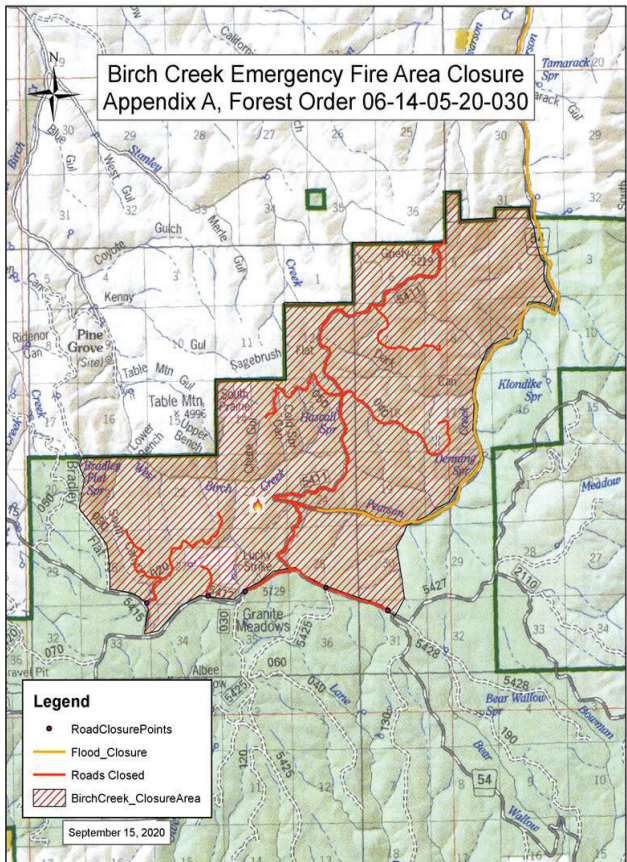
The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Forest Service worked to evacuate campers and hunters about 12 miles northeast of Ukiah on Monday, in light of the new, "fast-moving" Birch Creek fire.

According to a news release from the U.S. Forest Service, the fire was reported at 11:22 a.m. and had burned about 30 acres of brush and timber by 5 p.m. The fires was estimated to be 50 acres Tuesday.

Forest Service roads 5411, 5412 and 54 were being evacuated and were closed to the public, the Forest Service warned, and visibility was poor. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The sheriff's office posted on Facebook about 3:30 p.m. that deputies and search and rescue personnel had been requested by the U.S. Forest Service to respond to assist with evacuations.

Darcy Weseman, public affairs officer for the Umatilla National Forest, said people in dispersed campsites around Granite Meadows and Pearson Canyon were being evacuated.



"Gusty winds are increasing fire activity that is already torching and spotting," Weseman said. A Type 3 overhead team took over control of the fire from the Ukiah District Tuesday, according to

Weseman, and an incident command team will be set up in Ukiah.

"Current resources on scene include two Forest Service engines, two ODF engines, the Umatilla Veterans Crew, and the North Fork John Day hand crew. With the large number of wildfires across the region, resources are stretched thin and currently no aircraft are available to assist with suppression efforts. Additional resources are en route, including dozers, hand crews and engines," a news release stated.

The sheriff's office is asking people not to call the 911 dispatch center to ask about the fire out of curiosity, as that takes resources away from the emergency. Those who do need information can call the Blue Mountain Inter-agency Dispatch Center at 541-963-7171.

"The City of UKIAH is NOT effected at this time. Information is still very new regarding this fire," the sheriff's office stated in an update shortly after 4 p.m. Monday.



Contributed photo/Oregon State Police

This buck was shot and left to waste in Dayville.

# Buck left to waste in Dayville city limits

Blue Mountain Eagle

Oregon State Police troopers are requesting the public's assistance in locating the subject that shot a mule deer buck, inside of Dayville city limits, and left it to waste, according to a press release.

On Sept. 5, OSP was notified of a dead mule deer buck near the Dayville Cafe.

The deer was examined and determined to have been shot with a firearm, most likely on the day prior.

The deer was not salvageable for donation.

OSP Fish and Wildlife troopers request anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the TIP Hotline, 1-800-452-7888 or \*OSP, or email tip@state.or.us.

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

Richard T. Smith, 38, pleaded guilty Sept. 10 for unlawful possession of methamphetamine committed on March 9, 2019, and a count of failure to appear on a criminal citation committed on June 11. He was sentenced to serve 45 days in jail.

Donald Hildreth was found in contempt of the court on Sept. 10 and was sentenced to 12 months of bench probation, 30 hours of community service and to have no contact with the victim, Jenifer Marcucci. A second count of contempt of the court was dismissed.

## Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of Sept. 9:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 6
- Average inmates: 10
- Bookings: 3
- Releases: 5
- Arrests: 0
- Citations: 3
- Fingerprints: 0
- Civil papers: 10
- Warrants processed: 4
- Assistance/Welfare check: 0
- Search and Rescue: 0
- A juvenile, 14, of Prairie City was cited for a curfew violation.
- Robert Sloan Jr., 36, of Bend was cited for violation of

basic rule, 81/55 zone. Joy Davis-Diede, 48, of Baker City was cited for violation of posted speed limit, 56/30 zone.

## Oregon State Police

Sept. 6: Oregon State Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver, a 30-year-old man, had a Ruger bolt action .270 rifle between the front seats. The driver told OSP he had just gotten the rifle from his father. OSP learned the father of the driver, who is 60 years old, had an active restraining order with an immediate firearm prohibition. OSP seized the rifle pending further investigation of a restraining order violation.

Sept. 6: OSP contacted two anglers, an adult male over 21 years old and a 19-year-old woman, on the John Day River near milepost 98 on state route 19. OSP had observed the woman drinking alcohol on the river and possessing alcoholic beverage containers. Upon contact, the woman discarded the alcohol containers into the river. Further investigation resulted in the man, Hayden J. Young, 23, cited and released for furnishing alcohol to a minor and the woman, Taylor A. Lovell, was cited for minor in possession of alcohol. The subjects retrieved the containers and were warned for littering within 100 yards of a waterway and angling violations.

Sept. 9: OSP took Karina Robinson, 20, into custody on several arrest warrants without incident. While transporting Robinson to the Grant County Jail, she removed her seat belt

and began spitting, kicking and striking her head on the divider cage, while screaming incoherent statements. She was lodged in the Grant County Jail.

Sept. 9: OSP interviewed two subjects who had information pertaining to a 30-year-old man whom OSP had arrested in December 2019 for driving under the influence of intoxicants—drugs. They provided information that the 30-year-old male subject was continuing to use controlled substances in violation of his release agreement and the terms of his probation.

Sept. 10: OSP received a report of a reckless driver on Highway 395B near the Ritter Hot Springs turnoff. OSP stopped the suspect's vehicle on Highway 395B, near milepost 89.5. The driver exhibited indicators of impairment. Sabrina M. Tippett, 27, of Monument refused to cooperate with field sobriety tests and was arrested. Tippett was transported to the Grant County Jail where she provided a breath sample of 0.22% blood alcohol concentration. She was issued citations for DUII-alcohol, reckless driving and open container.

Sept. 11: OSP stopped a known suspended driver near milepost 2 on Highway 395C. Steven M. Warrington, 30, of Granite has been cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured numerous times by OSP and John Day Police Department. OSP issued the driver citations for driving while suspended and driving uninsured. Frontier Towing responded to impound the car.

Sept. 12: OSP stopped a Toyota pickup near milepost

154 on Highway 26 for multiple traffic violations. On contact, the driver, Eric M. Retana Quiroz, 34, had glassy, bloodshot eyes. The driver consented to field sobriety tests where he displayed further indicators of impairment. OSP arrested the driver for DUII and secured his vehicle at the scene. OSP transported the driver to the Grant County jail where he submitted to a breath test with a BAC result of 0.10%. OSP issued the driver citations for DUII-Alcohol and open container and lodged him at the jail.

Sept. 12: OSP was stopped on the side of Highway 26 in the area of milepost 177. OSP saw a vehicle westbound approaching and OSP obtained a speed reading of 70/65 zone. The vehicle rapidly decelerated to 45 mph and then rapidly accelerated to 88 mph. After the vehicle passed OSP, OSP began following it and saw it was weaving in its lane and driving on the center and fog lines. OSP stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver, Bobbi J. Workman, 38. OSP saw the driver had glassy, bloodshot eyes. There was a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. Workman admitted to drinking two beers. There was an adult male passenger and two minor children passengers. Workman consented to field sobriety tests and displayed further indicators of impairment. OSP arrested Workman for DUII. The vehicle was released to the adult male passenger with one of the minor children to drive. OSP transported Workman to the Grant County Jail where she consented to a breath test which

showed a BAC result of 0.18%. OSP issued Workman citations for DUII-Alcohol, three counts of recklessly endangering another person and speeding, 88/65 zone. OSP lodged her at the jail.

## Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 205 calls during the week of Sept. 7-13, including:

### John Day Police Department

Sept. 7: Responded to a report of a hit and run on East Main Street.

Sept. 7: Advised of an harassment complaint on Charolais Heights.

Sept. 8: Received a report of trespassing on West Main Street.

Sept. 8: Steve M. Warrington, 33, of John Day was cited for driving while suspended and no insurance on Fourth Street.

Sept. 10: Received a report of juveniles riding an ATV recklessly on West Main Street.

Sept. 11: Adrian L. Couey, 35, of John Day was cited for driving while suspended and driving uninsured.

Sept. 12: Cited a driver for speeding on Highway 395 near milepost 1.

Sept. 13: Cited a driver for speeding, driving while suspended and driving uninsured on Highway 26 near milepost 163.

### Oregon State Police

Sept. 7: Received a report of

illegal hunting on County Road 62.

Sept. 8: Responded to a vehicle-deer accident on Highway 26 and the sheriff's office assisted.

Sept. 9: Advised of a road-struck elk on Highway 402.

### Grant County Sheriff's Office

Sept. 7: Received a report of fraud on West Bench Road.

Sept. 7: Responded to a report of downed power lines on the county roadway on Canyon Creek Lane.

Sept. 10: Received a report of violation of release agreement on Patterson Drive.

Sept. 11: Received a report of a noninjury crash on Strawberry Road near milepost 6.5.

Sept. 11: Received a report of harassment on Patterson Drive.

### John Day ambulance

Sept. 7: Responded for a 15-year-old woman with difficult breathing on South Washington Street.

Sept. 9: Received a report of a 60-year-old woman with extreme trouble of breathing on Southwest First Avenue.

Sept. 12: Responded for a subject with heart attack symptoms on Dog Creek.

Sept. 13: Responded for a subject with severe vomiting and weakness on First Street.

### Prairie City fire

Sept. 7: Responded to a report of downed power lines on the roof of a residence on West Sixth Street.

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