

# Fire season implemented in John Day Unit

Blue Mountain Eagle

The John Day Unit joined The Dalles and Prineville units of the Oregon Department of Forestry's Central Oregon District in implementing fire season June 1.

Cooler temperatures and precipitation over the last few weeks has been a welcome reprieve from the rising fire danger observed this spring. However, warm temperatures and windy conditions in the forecast will quickly dry wildland fuels bringing the return of unseasonably high wildfire danger across the area.

Human caused fires for 2021 within ODF's Central Oregon District are more than double the 10-year-average for fire starts year-to-date. Thirty-one fires have burned

243 acres of ODF protected lands already this year. On average the district responds to 136 fires each year, 66 lightning starts and 70 human ignitions.

The following acts are prohibited during fire season in accordance with ORS 477.510 and ORS 477.512:

- Smoking while working in or traveling through any operation area.
- The use of fuse and caps for blasting, unless approval is granted by the forester.
- The discharge of an exploding target inside the district or within one-eighth mile of the district.
- The discharge of tracer ammunition on land that is within the district or within one-eighth mile of the district, or when discharged, crosses above land that is within the district or

within one-eighth mile of the district.

Operators should refer to [www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Documents/fire-season-requirements-for-industrial-operations.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Documents/fire-season-requirements-for-industrial-operations.pdf) for information specific to industrial operations during fire season, or call their local ODF Office.

For more information on the John Day Unit — Grant, Wheeler, Morrow, Harney and Gilliam counties — call 541-575-1139.

- Burning of logging slash and larger debris piles is not currently allowed in the John Day Unit.
- Burning yard debris and burn barrels is no longer permitted on lands protected by ODF.

Malheur National Forest crews are also continuing to monitor conditions for prescribed fires.



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Fire burns along the ground in the Soda Bear prescribed fire area in 2019.

## 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

Michael A. Salanti violated the terms of probation by using intoxicants while on house arrest, according to a May 27 supplemental judgment. He was ordered to serve 75 days in jail.

A count of tampering with a witness against Scott L. McMahan Sr. allegedly committed June 28, 2020, was dismissed May 25 based on a motion by District Attorney Jim Carpenter that an out-of-state victim refuses to return to the state to testify.

### Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week of May 26:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 9
- Average inmates: 12
- Bookings: 12
- Releases: 13
- Arrests: 4
- Citations: 1
- Fingerprints: 2
- Civil papers: 15
- Warrants processed: 2
- Assistance/Welfare check: 2
- Search and Rescue: 1

### Oregon State Police

May 24: A trooper stopped a vehicle for multiple violations on Highway 26 near milepost 126. The driver presented an Arizona driver's license and had a felony warrant out of Ada County, Idaho, for voyeurism. The suspect was arrested and transported

to the Grant County Jail where he was lodged. The Department of Human Services made arrangements for two juveniles inside the vehicle.

May 25: Following a driving complaint, a vehicle was stopped on Highway 26 near Keeney Fork Road. The adult female driver displayed multiple indicators of impairment. After field sobriety tests, she was taken into custody for driving under the influence of intoxicants. At Grant County Jail, she provided breath samples indicating blood alcohol content of 0.22%. Laura M. Brunton, 59, of Mt. Vernon was charged with DUI and cited for no identification. The vehicle was secured on scene.

May 26: A trooper responded to assist the sheriff's office on Southeast Council Drive in Mt. Vernon for a report of an ongoing disturbance and dispute between neighbors. The residents, Spencer Leifheit, 44, and his wife, Stacy Heinrich, 54, were arrested by the sheriff's office for violating conditional release provisions.

### Dispatch

John Day dispatch worked 197 calls during the week of May 24-30, including:

### John Day Police Department

May 24: Dispatched to a report of loud music on West Main Street.

May 24: Cited Tye Rookstool, 40, of John Day for speeding.

May 24: Responded to a theft of service at a business on Main Street.

May 25: Cited Ashlie Clark, 29, of John Day for driving while suspended and uninsured.

May 26: Cited Joshua Fisher, 37, of Madras for

speeding.

May 30: Cited Karin Thompson Barmish, 67, of John Day for speeding.

May 30: Cited Katherine M. Boula, 67, of La Grande for speeding.

May 30: Cited Matthew P. Walker, 37, of John Day for driving while suspended and uninsured.

May 30: Cited Janet M. Teague, 60, of Prairie City for speeding.

### Oregon State Police

May 25: Advised on a non-injury crash with a boulder on Highway 26.

May 25: A cow was reported on Highway 26.

### Grant County Sheriff's Office

May 25: Responded to an alarm at a business on Front Street.

May 25: A theft was reported in Seneca.

May 25: Arrested Brogan C. McKrola, 22, on a Grant County warrant.

May 25: A person having mental problems was reported in Mt. Vernon.

May 25: Cited Ryan Gerry, 45, of John Day for speeding, 43/25 zone.

May 26: Responded to a report of harassment on Washington Street.

May 26: A dispute was reported on Council Drive in Mt. Vernon.

May 27: Cited Kurt Streit, 55, of Prineville for speeding, 52/35 zone.

May 27: Cited Luke Manning, 28, of Eugene for speeding, 46/25 zone.

May 27: Cited Caroline Nordman, 24, of Redwood City, California for speeding, 80/65 zone, and later for speeding, 46/25 zone, and careless driving.

May 28: Cited Michael R.

Huson, 64, of Tahuya, Washington, for speeding.

May 29: Cited Jane Cartwright, 57, for speeding.

May 30: Advised of a non-injury crash on the Izee-Paulina Highway.

### John Day ambulance

May 25: Assisted a resident on West Main Street with oxygen during a power outage.

May 26: Responded for a 34-year-old man with chest pain on Northwest Second Avenue.

May 26: Paged for an unconscious patient on South Canyon Boulevard.

May 27: Responded for a 70-year-old man with trouble breathing on East Main Street.

May 27: Responded for an 82-year-old woman who fell on West Main Street.

May 27: Dispatched for a man having a possible heart attack on Dugout Lane.

May 27: Responded for a man who was not feeling well on Southwest First Street.

May 28: Responded for a 69-year-old woman with leg pain on North Mountain Boulevard.

May 29: Paged for a 76-year-old woman with chest pain on West Main Street.

### Long Creek ambulance

May 29: Responded for an 85-year-old woman with chest congestion on Highway 395.

### Dayville fire

May 25: Responded to an alarm at the Thomas Condon Paleontology Center.

### BUSINESS MANAGER—GRANT COUNTY ESD

Grant County ESD is seeking a Business Manager/Deputy Clerk. The business manager directs the operations of the Fiscal Services Department to provide effective and efficient business services to schools and the ESD and to assist the superintendents in providing the best possible administrative services to constituent district employees and ESD personnel with the financial and human resources available.

The Business Manager/Deputy Clerk will often work beyond an eight-hour day and a five-day week to take care of daily work, attend meetings, conferences and district/school activities. The business manager must have extensive knowledge of GAAP, budget laws and regulations, demonstrated knowledge of the audit process. Must have excellent communication, problem-solving and small-group process skills. Must frequently make decisions; use independent judgment and/or independent action; mentor, use discretion; and analyze problems. Ability to verbally respond to common inquiries from various people. Frequently present and teach or train. Must have the ability to read and interpret documents, write routine reports and correspondence. Confidentiality is crucial. Workloads are heavy and timelines can be unreasonably short and inflexible. Requests and issues are often received which require immediate attention and conflict with other priorities.

Position reports to the superintendent, supervises the fiscal services personnel, and is ultimately responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fiscal Services Department.

### PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Enforces district accounting practices and policies to affirm that all financial records are maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), district policies, and federal, state, and local laws or regulations.
- Researches, interprets, and understands current and proposed regulations, accounting principles, and other statutory requirements.
- Provides management and oversight or performs the following accounting services and activities: accounts payable, accounts receivable, cash receipts, contracts, fixed assets, general ledger, payroll, purchasing, grant accounting, student body funds, debt management, ADM student reporting and accounting, and treasury.
- Provides counsel, expertise, and guidance to the superintendent, the boards, district staff, administrators, in financial and human resource matters.
- Oversees grant accounting including expenditure reporting and auditing of expenditures to submitted budgets
- Oversee and manage the software accounting system for district revenues and expenditures and cash management in accordance with generally accepted government accounting principles and district policy.
- Assists, leads and directs the budget process in accordance with Local Budget Law; coordinates, plans, and oversees the development of the district budget; monitors budget expenditures to ensure compliance and a positive financial status, in accordance with District, State and Federal Guidelines, and GASB Standards
- Performs a variety of revenue forecasts and cash flow analysis; prepares revenue and expenditure projections; invests funds for safety of principal, liquidity, and for maximum return.
- Attends all school board meetings; take minutes, prepare and present reports/responses related to the financial status of the district and other matters under their responsibility.
- Communicates effectively with customers at all levels (management, clerical support, regulatory officials, and component district personnel) to clearly ascertain the concerns raised and respond courteously, promptly, and accurately.
- Maintain general ledger; generate reconciled monthly financial statements, prepare journal entries as needed.
- Manage, report, and draw down funds for all district state and federal grants.
- Oversee internal auditing system to ensure accurate tracking of financial information in preparation for yearly external audit.
- Maintain records required by district policy and state statute, including bid files, contract, etc. Prepare and submit reports and records required by state and federal agencies and district superintendents.
- Responsible for monthly payments of employee insurance premiums and payments to savings plan(s) as selected by the employee.
- Responsible for monthly PERS payments and reconciliation of the account.
- Responsible for maintenance of current and accurate files on all active and inactive employees as related to payroll records, insurance, PERS, and leave reporting.
- Provide Human Resource services for all employees, including assisting with health insurance options, PERS, life insurance, etc.
- Responsible for accurate monthly payroll. Prepare payroll checks and direct deposit stubs for distribution and maintain payroll records, prepare ACH for bank, ensure all payroll liabilities (including federal and state taxes) are correct and paid timely. Prepare all quarterly and annual payroll reports.
- Perform other tasks and work-related duties as requested by the superintendent.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree in accounting or a comparable field or evidence of equivalent knowledge of accounting principles, data processing, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll procedures.
- Knowledge of Generally Accepted Government Accounting Standards with five years of progressively responsible governmental fund accounting, preferably in a public school or educational institution.
- Demonstrated skills in accounting software, data processing, spreadsheets, and word processing (such as Visions Fund Accounting system, MS Word, and Excel).
- Ability to operate standard office equipment with 10-key proficiency.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills with a high degree of accuracy.
- Ability to exercise judgment and integrity on the job with confidentiality, tact, and diplomacy.
- Ability to work independently prioritizing tasks to meet deadlines while maintaining a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality of sensitive and confidential information related to personnel, employee contracts, and legal matters affecting the district(s).
- Must be bondable and never been refused a bond.

**COMPENSATION:** The position is full-time and year round. The compensation package is competitive with similarly sized districts and negotiable based on experience. Candidates must possess, or be able to obtain, an Oregon Driver's license and pass a background check including fingerprints

**Timeline:** Applications will be accepted immediately and duties will begin as soon as the successful applicant is available.

### APPLICATION PACKET CONTENTS:

- A completed application form from Grant County ESD (<http://www.grantesd.k12.or.us/employment.html>)
- A resume including three current references

All Application materials will be sent to:  
Grant County ESD  
attn: Robert Waltenburg, Superintendent

835A S. Canyon Blvd.  
John Day, OR 97845

Applications may also be dropped off at the above location during regular business hours.

Grant County Education Service District is an equal opportunity employer and complies with all applicable state and federal statutes and regulations in employment and district programs. Equal employment opportunity and treatment shall be provided in recruiting, hiring, retaining, transferring, promoting, and training of all employees regardless of the individual's race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, marital status, age, or disability.

## Committee Volunteers Needed

Grant County is now recruiting volunteers to serve on active boards and committees.

**Obtain an Application to Volunteer from County Court, 201 S. Humboldt, No. 280, Canyon City OR 97820; (541-575-0059) puckettk@grantcounty-or.gov Applications are due by Tuesday, June 15th, 2021.**

**Committees are formal public bodies required to comply with Oregon Public Meetings Law ORS 192.610.**

### College Advisory Board

Seven members plus three ex-officio members serve a three year term and meet monthly to promote local educational opportunities and identify educational needs within the community.

### Extension & 4-H Service District Advisory Council

Eleven members serve three year terms and meet semi-annually to provide guidance and assistance to local OSU Extension staff in planning, developing, and evaluating balanced educational programs directed to high priority needs of county residents. Membership is limited to one re-appointment.

### Library Advisory Board

Seven members serve four year terms and meet monthly to promote public awareness and support of library services, receive public input, review and update library materials, and coordinate activities with the Grant County Library Foundation. Membership is limited to one re-appointment.

### Natural Resources Advisory Committee

Nine members serve one and two year terms. Members must live in Grant County and constitute a representation of agriculture and livestock production, timber and wood products production, recreation, hunting and fishing, water resources, mining, cultural resources and advocates for natural resources stewardship through continuation of the customs, culture, health, safety and economic stability of Grant County.

### Planning Commission

Nine members serve a four year term and two alternates serve a two year term, meeting as needed to review land use and zoning applications and discuss city and county growth issues and siting new facilities. Members must be residents of various geographic areas within the county and no more than two voting members shall be engaged in the same kind of business, occupation, trade or profession with agriculture designations of livestock / forage crop production and horticulture / specialty crop production. Commissioners serving in this capacity must file an Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. Members must re-apply to the County Court before their term ends if they wish to be re-appointed. The commission is a formal public body required to comply with Oregon Public Meetings Law ORS 192.610.

### Wildlife Advisory Board

Created by Resolution 1993-29. Nine members serve three year terms and meet as needed to discuss issues regarding big game management and make recommendations to Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, including tag allocation and hunting season structure as they relate to population and damage of property.ocation and hunting season structure as they relate to population and damage of property.