

Cliff Knox Project comment period opens

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The Cliff Knox Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for public review and comment starting Aug. 27. Specific comments will help the team determine if other actions are needed, explore alternative proposals or identify concerns or gaps in information, according to a Forest Service press release.

The 40,000-acre Cliff Knox Project includes vegetation restoration actions and related road activities to improve forest resilience, reduce the risk of uncharacteristic disturbances like catastrophic wildfire or widespread insect and disease outbreaks and improve unique habitats such as riparian, quaking aspen, mountain mahogany, shrub

steppe and meadows.

The project would enhance existing forest road networks to provide access while reducing road related impacts to aquatic and terrestrial habitat and water quality. The restoration activities would also benefit public and firefighter safety as well as provide economic value of forest products to support economies and provide employment opportunities.

“These fire-adapted ecosystems need restoration to prevent uncharacteristically severe disturbances from wildfire or insect and disease outbreaks,” said Craig Trulock, forest supervisor. “This project will restore our dry pine forest types, create healthier forest conditions, support jobs, and improve fish and wildlife habitats.”

Comments must be post-marked or received within 45 days from the date of publication of the notice of availability in the Federal Register; therefore, to be most useful, comments on this proposed action should be received by the Prairie City Ranger District on or before Oct. 12.

The 45-day comment period for the landscape restoration project on the Prairie City and Emigrant Creek ranger districts of the Malheur National Forest began with the publication of the notice of availability in the Federal Register.

The Cliff Knox Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available on the Malheur National Forest website at fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50433.

Grant School District seeks to fill board vacancy

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Grant School District 3 is accepting applications for a board of director vacancy until Sept. 8. Applicants must be registered voters for one year.

The appointed candidate will need to run for election in the May 2022 and the May 2023 election.

Candidates interested in applying can pick up an application from the district office at 401 N. Canyon City Blvd., Canyon City, or by emailing Superintendent Bret Uptmor, uptmor@granted.k12.or.us.

Elks National Foundation provides multiple scholarship opportunities

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The Elks National Foundation is proud to announce the start of the 2022 Elks Most Valuable Student scholarship contest. The MVS scholarship is available to high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. The judging criteria is based on academics, leadership, service and financial need.

The application is completed online and must be submitted by the Nov. 15 deadline. The 500 national winners will be announced in April 2022. The ENF will award 20 top scholarships ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000. The top 20 national finalists participate in the Leadership Weekend and interview for the top awards. The remaining 480 runners-up will receive \$4,000 scholarships. In addition to these awards, students may also receive awards earlier in the judging process at the local lodge, district, and state levels.

This year, the Elks National Foundation is investing \$4.2 million in college scholarships. MVS scholars — all of whom demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and a commitment to service — are graduating from college at a rate of 90%, 30% higher than the national average.

Applications for the 2022 contest are available on the Elks National Foundation's

website. For complete Most Valuable Student scholarship contest details including the application, visit enf.elks.org/MVS.

In addition to the Most Valuable Student scholarships, 350 \$4,000 Legacy Scholarships are available to college-bound graduating seniors that are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks. The ENF requires Legacy Awards recipients to serve at least once per year with an Elks Lodge. The application process opens on Sept. 1 with a deadline of Feb. 7. Visit enf.elks.org/leg to apply.

Also available for those who are not attending a four-year college or university, the Oregon State Elks Association offers a Vocational Grant scholarship for those attending a program specific to a trade or profession (nursing, mechanics, hair/nails, construction, plumbing, welding, firefighter, EMT, etc.) or community college (not pre-bachelor's) program. This is not limited to high school students and adult learners are welcome to apply. These \$1,500 awards can be applied for a second year if needed. Applications for the Vocational Grant are also available online at <https://oregonelks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/OSEA-VOCATIONAL-GRANT-PROGRAM-2022-23.pdf>. Applications open Aug. 2 and must be received by the Oregon State Elks office by midnight March 1.

OBITUARIES

Leo Martin Holthouse

Leo Martin Holthouse of John Day, Oregon, passed away of natural causes on Aug. 21, 2021. Leo was born in Sacramento, California, and raised on the family ranch near Mountain View, California, where his father instilled a hard-working spirit and passion for ranching in him, something he would pass on to his own children.

In 1959 Leo and Diane (Gianandrea) were married in Milpitas, California, and shortly after in 1966 they moved their growing family to Grant County where they would spend the next 62 years together. Leo was a rancher by trade, starting his first ranch in Dayville, Oregon, but his true calling came in serving his community. In addition to being a member in the Marine Reserves, Leo also volunteered as an ambulance driver and firefighter. Many will remember Leo as an Exalted Ruler in the local chapter of the Elks Lodge, but he also belonged to the Knights of Columbus, and the John Day Golf Club. Leo may have been born in California, but there's no doubt that he quickly became a true Oregonian! In his spare time, Leo loved to tinker on tractors and trucks, hunt, fish and fly his single engine plane.

Leo was a loving father and husband and is survived by his wife, Diane; children Jeffrey, Cerena (Lee) and Shannon (Murphy); and his three grandchildren, Bertina, Justin and Jessica. He also leaves behind a legacy of lifelong friendships in John Day.

Leo was honored with a private ceremony on Aug. 30 at St. Elizabeth's church and interred at Canyon City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Leo's name to either the Blue Mountain Home Health and Hospice (oregonhospice.org/donate), or St Elizabeth's Church Building Fund is welcomed.



Danny Joe Hammond

Jan. 5, 1950 – July 26, 2021

Danny Joe Hammond, 71, passed away July 26, 2021.

Danny was born Jan. 5, 1950, to Lovelle “Joy” and Louis Junior “Clifford” Hammond in Burns. The family moved to Prairie City when Danny was 8. Danny graduated from Prairie City High School in 1969.

On May 5, 1973, Danny married Rosetta Marie Riley. He became a stepfather to her two sons, Brian and Jim. In June 1974, their daughter Danetta was born. Danny and Rosetta divorced in 1982. Danny married Anna Fay Kimball Jan. 5, 1995.

Danny was a truck driver all his life. He taught many guys how to drive trucks and is still said to be one of the best that ever got behind the wheel. He was also a mechanic, learning everything he knew from his father.

Danny was an avid gun collector and a fighter for his, and everyone else's, Second Amendment rights. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping and gold mining. He took home many trophies in bass tournaments with his father. He also loved archery hunting. Danny loved fast cars, and his favorite was his 1966 GTO. Even later in life, he still enjoyed the hot rods.

Danny was a member of the Central Oregon Wild Horse Coalition. He had a love and passion for helping these animals.

Danny is survived by his daughter, Danetta Lewis, of Prairie City, Oregon; Brian Combs of Union, Oregon; Jim Combs of Baker City, Oregon; sisters Penny Estrada of Prairie City and Candy Makela of Peoria, Arizona; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; many dear friends; and one very special lifelong friend and brother, Les Woodworth.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Hammond; and his parents, Joy and Cliff Hammond.

Donations may be made in Danny's memory to the Central Oregon Wild Horse Coalition, P.O. Box 1242, Prineville OR 97754.



Beth Nolta

April 9, 1947 ~ August 27, 2021

Helen Elizabeth Nolta, known to all as Beth and suspected by some to be D.B. Cooper, died Friday, August 27, 2021, at home, surrounded by her family and a disconcerting number of cell phones. She was suspected to be 74.

As far as the authorities know, Beth was born April 9, 1947, to Robert and Myrl Ellis, somewhere in northern California. The third of eight children, Beth had a relatively satisfying childhood despite never developing superpowers that she would admit to. Shortly after graduating high school, she married Clint Nolta and embarked on a wide-ranging career across multiple industries that records show was mostly focused on helping others. After nearly seven years of marriage, Beth and Clint had a son, Brandon, who made such a mess of things that it took nearly five years before they tried again and had a daughter, Courtney. The resulting team-up made Beth and Clint decide to stop while they were ahead.

Over the 28+ years of their marriage, Beth and Clint laughed, swore, fought, made up, moved more times than was healthy, and finally settled outside of Meridian, Idaho. Upon Clint's passing in 1995, Beth set out on a new phase of her life, returning to the workforce and preparing for a new challenge: grandmotherhood. The first of her three grandchildren was born in 1997, and she enjoyed spoiling her grandchildren and marvelling at the weird stuff they would say; her oldest grandson's impression of an Austin Powers character amused her for decades. After nearly 20 years in Idaho, Beth decided the Gem State had lost its sheen, and moved to Oregon, living in John Day, Bend, and finally buying a home with her daughter in La Pine, where she lived out her final days.

Unless Beth is pulling a long con, she is survived by her son, Brandon (and wife Paige); her daughter, Courtney; Brandon's children Nicodemus and Athena; and Courtney's son Raimi. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clint, her brother David, her sisters Sharon and Pam, and David Bowie, whom she had zero connection with in any way but was probably very cool to know. No services are planned, as she didn't care for get-togethers anyway.

Requiescat in pace, Mom. Paid for by the family of Beth Nolta.

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LoLieta "Babe" Gregg

August 7, 1938 ~ August 21, 2021



LoLieta “Babe” Gregg, 83, of John Day, died Saturday, August 21, 2021 at home surrounded by her family. A graveside service will be held Thursday, September 2, 2021-11 a.m. at the Dayville Cemetery in Dayville, Oregon.

LoLieta was born August 7, 1938 in Prairie City, Oregon. She was raised and educated in Dayville, Oregon and graduated from Dayville High School in 1956.

LoLieta met her husband Gary Gregg while he was home on leave from the Navy. They were married July 1, 1956 and celebrated 65 years of marriage this summer.

LoLieta worked many places during her life including the Dreamers Lodge Motel, the Clothes Closet, and Montgomery Ward. She also volunteered her time to count election ballots.

LoLieta's hobbies included sewing, embroidery, reading poems and putting together puzzles. She delighted in summer, yellow roses, dragonflies and hummingbirds. She was an avid bird watcher and loved collecting their feathers after they so graciously dropped them in her yard. She also enjoyed stargazing and teaching her grandkids all about the planets.

What LoLieta cherished most was her husband, children, grandkids and her dog Tia. She was an amazing, loving, loyal wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

LoLieta was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Velma Craig; step-father Carl Andersen; sister Glee Gregg.

She is survived by her husband Gary Gregg of John Day, OR; son Mitch (Janet) Gregg of John Day; daughters Shannon (Chris) Bravos of Kimberly, OR, Mindy (Mike) Alley of John Day; half-brothers Mike and Jim Craig; half-sister Danni Jo James; grandchildren Amanda Couzens, Jeffrey Lippert, Britt Wilcox, and Riley Gregg; great grandchildren Jenna Kelso, Shelby Couzens, Ryan Lippert and Aura Wilcox.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of LoLieta the family suggests the Carrie Young Memorial foundation (CYM) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. Online condolences can be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com. Paid for by the family of LoLieta Gregg.

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In Loving Memory

George Ernest Ziermann October 2, 1938 - August 8, 2021

George was born in Armour, South Dakota. He was preceded in death by his father George Ziermann, his mother, Bertha Claussen Ziermann and sister, Peggy Ziermann.



George started his working career logging at age 10, pulling one end of a crosscut saw with his father in the Black Hills of South Dakota. His greatest enjoyment in life was being out of doors. Whether he was hunting, fishing, logging or mining, it didn't matter -- he loved working and being in nature.

In 1961, he moved to Eastern Oregon. In 1963, he would welcome the birth of his daughter, Melanie,

while working as a mechanic for Garrett Freightlines in John Day, Oregon. George was a master multitasker and had many projects going at any given time. While in John Day, he opened a secondhand store. In 1967, he opened his first storefront in Baker City, Oregon, featuring outdoor supplies and gun repair and learned the trade of making boots.

Over the years, George had store locations in Harper, Oregon and Pendleton, Oregon. In 2016, he joined Melanie in Prineville, Oregon, offering custom handmade boots, boot repair, leatherwork and custom sewing. The shop is also known as a great place for coffee and storytelling. George was well known for his custom boots and after 51 years in the business, his talents will be sorely missed.

George is survived by his daughter, Melanie Ziermann-Marlow; granddaughters, Kandice Ziermann Magnuson of Bozeman, Montana, Laura Marlow of Arlington, Texas and Courtney Magnuson-Burton of Baker City, Oregon; sisters, Mary Titus of Baker City, Oregon and Francis Satter of Rapid City, South Dakota; and his love, Dolly Fuge of Prineville, Oregon.

Following George's wishes, there will be no services. Paid for by the family of George Ziermann.

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Last Week's Temps

John Day	HI/LO
Tuesday	81/41
Wednesday	81/49
Thursday	80/58
Friday	79/54
Saturday	85/45
Sunday	93/49
Monday	85/52

24/7 FORECAST

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NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY
162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 1-7

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Hazy	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny
78	80	85	90	88	86	88
42	44	49	52	51	40	45