

Oregon OKs cap and trade plan

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SALEM — Oregon's Environmental Quality Commission, or EQC, a governor-appointed panel, voted 3-to-1 Thursday to approve the "Climate Protection Program," a sweeping plan aimed at cutting greenhouse gas emissions by regulating

fuel-related pollution.

The move is controversial and sparked more than 7,600 comments from Oregonians during the public comment period, according to Department of Environmental Quality staff.

Climate activists say the new rules are long overdue and may not be extensive enough. Critics say the program has

the potential to significantly increase fuel prices, impacting all Oregonians and disproportionately hurting sectors that rely on transportation, including agriculture.

The plan, which will be phased in starting Jan. 1, 2022, will require fuel suppliers in Oregon to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the products they sell 50% by

2035 and 90% by 2050.

DEQ will issue free compliance credits to fuel suppliers covering each metric ton of carbon dioxide emitted from burning the fuel they sell.

The allowable emission cap will become smaller each year, forcing suppliers to substitute "cleaner" options for fossil fuels, raise prices to lessen demand or purchase

alternative credits.

The plan was developed by DEQ after Republican walkouts in 2019 and 2020 killed efforts to pass economy-wide "cap and trade" legislation.

After the walkouts, Gov. Kate Brown outflanked Republicans with a far-reaching use of her executive powers to achieve the same general goals. March of 2020, she signed an

executive order directing agencies to craft a plan to regulate emissions.

A year and nine months later, commissioners voted to approve the new rules.

"I'm proud that today, Oregon is taking the historic step to put tools in place to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions," Brown said in a statement.

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

Dec. 9: Travis Mark Bryers, 22, of John Day pleaded guilty to second-degree disorderly conduct and was sentenced to 18 months of bench probation and 40 hours of community service or work crew time. Bryers also was ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation, complete any recommended treatment programs and take medications as prescribed.

Dec. 14: A charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants against Stacy Lee Heinrich was dismissed.

Grant County Sheriff

The Grant County Sheriff's Office reported the following for the week ending Dec. 15:

- Concealed handgun licenses: 4
- Average inmates: 11
- Bookings: 8
- Releases: 7
- Arrests: 2
- Citations: 0
- Fingerprints: 5
- Civil papers: 13
- Warrants processed: 5
- Asst./welfare check: 1
- Search and rescue: 1

Justice Court

The Grant County Justice Court reported the following activity for the week ending Dec. 15:

- Traffic citations filed: 3
- Violations filed: 0
- Misdemeanors filed: 4
- Small claims/civil filings: 3
- Hearings held: 5
- Persons on probation: 43
- To collections/DOR: 69
- Community service hours: 10
- License suspensions: 7

- Violation of basic rule: Andrew James Hendrickson, 28, Eugene, Nov. 25, 85/55 zone, fined \$265; Kegan Wayne Forrester, 29, Monument, Nov. 11, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Joshua Lewis Edward Allan, 25,

Newberg, Nov. 13, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Kyle Linn Cook, 50, John Day, Nov. 8, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; John Raymond Harvey, 37, Pendleton, Nov. 21, 74/55 zone, fined \$165; Dale Richard Clifton, 21, Springfield, Nov. 10, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Dusty Dale DeGrande, 29, Terrebonne, Nov. 27, Nov. 27, 75/55 zone, fined \$165; Nicholas S. Loman, 24, Boring, Nov. 8, 73/55 zone, fined \$165.

- Exceeding speed limit: Daniel Lee Farmer, 73, La Pine, Dec. 2, 75/65 zone, fined \$165; Nicole Marie Mills, 21, Seneca, Nov. 8, 77/65 zone, fined \$265; Joan Constance Smit, 75, Denver, Nov. 15, 56/30 zone, fined \$265; Mark Groom, 51, Prineville, Nov. 13, 38/25 zone, fined \$165; Marcus R. Vinson, 22, Baker City, Nov. 12, 75/65, fined \$165; Adam Caesar Guzman, 25, Klamath Falls, Nov. 8, 40/20 zone (school zone), fined \$325; Rachel Ellen Bellinger, 31, Mt. Vernon, Dec. 6, 74/65 zone, fined \$165.

- Driving uninsured: Nicholas Adam Houston, 28, Springfield, Nov. 27, fined \$265; John Thomas LaFranchise, 56, John Day, Nov. 6, fined \$265.
- Operating without proper fenders: Sharon Dee Christensen, 48, Canyon City, Nov. 8, fined \$165.
- Driving while suspended: Timothy Alan Edwards, 30, John Day, Nov. 3, fined \$440; John Thomas LaFranchise, 56, John Day, Nov. 3, fined \$440.

- Failure to register vehicle: John Thomas LaFranchise, 56, John Day, Nov. 6, fined \$115.
- Careless driving causing an accident: Stephanie Marie Moothart, 28, Canyon City, Dec. 13, fined \$440.

Oregon State Police

Dec. 5: Shortly after 5 p.m., a trooper responded to Highway 26 near milepost 173, where a Honda CRV had struck and killed a deer on the roadway. The driver, a 29-year-old woman, was unhurt. Her vehicle was damaged but drivable. The deer was removed by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Dec. 13: At 1:51 p.m., a trooper

responded to Main Street and Canyon Boulevard in John Day for a report of a vehicle vs. pedestrian accident. A Nissan Murano had struck a 65-year-old woman who was walking across South Canyon Boulevard in the crosswalk. The pedestrian was taken by ambulance to Blue Mountain Hospital. The driver of the Nissan, Stephanie M. Moothart, 28, was cited for careless driving.

Dec. 13: At 9:42 p.m., a trooper responded to Highway 26 near milepost 171 for a single-vehicle rollover. The vehicle was totaled and was towed from the scene. The driver, who had been given a ride home by a passer-by, refused medical treatment.

Dec. 16: At 9:03 a.m., a trooper responded with the Grant County Sheriff's Office to the John Day Trailer Park for a domestic assault report. Brandon Lee Stout, 28, was arrested on charges of assault and menacing.

Dispatch

Grant County dispatch worked 165 calls during the week ending Dec. 17, including:

- Oregon State Police
 - Dec. 10: Advised of a slide-off crash on Highway 26 near milepost 187.
 - Dec. 11: Responded to Highway 7 near milepost 23 to assist a motorist.
 - Dec. 11: Advised of cattle trucks that had slid off Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.
 - Dec. 11: Responded to multiple vehicles that had spun out on Highway 26 near Dixie Summit.
 - Dec. 11: Advised of a driving complaint on Highway 395 near milepost 84B. While the 911 call was being transferred to OSP, the vehicle drove off the road.
 - Dec. 12: Advised of non-injury accidents on Highway 26 in the Dixie Mountain area.
 - Dec. 12: Advised of jackknifed trucks blocking Highway 26 near Fireside Lodge.
- Grant County Sheriff's Office
 - Dec. 10: Responded to the Dollar General store in John Day for a suspicious person.

restraining order violation.

Dec. 13: Responded with Oregon State Police to West Main Street, John Day, for a report of prowlers.

Dec. 14: Responded to West Main Street, John Day, for a theft report.

Dec. 14: Responded to Sunset Motel, John Day. Travis Freniere, 35, of John Day was arrested on an Oregon parole Board warrant.

Dec. 14: Responded to South Canyon Boulevard, John Day, for an injured animal.

Dec. 14: Responded to Southwest Fourth Avenue, John Day. Jacob Dolecki, 27, of Ortonville, Michigan, was arrested for theft by receiving.

Dec. 14: Responded to Highway 395 South near milepost 25C to assist a motorist.

Dec. 14: Responded to Chester's Market, John Day, for a report of an intoxicated motorist. Rhonda Lee Hilliard, 54, of Mt. Vernon was arrested.

Dec. 15: Responded to Riverside Mobile Home Park, John Day, for an unattended death.

Dec. 15: Responded to West Bench Road west of John Day to assist a motorist.

Dec. 15: Responded to East Main Street, John Day, to assist a motorist.

Dec. 16: Responded to the John Day Trailer Park for an assault report. Brandon Stout, 28, of John Day was arrested.

Dec. 16: Responded to Depot RV Park, Prairie City, for a welfare check.

Dec. 16: Responded to North Mountain Boulevard, Mt. Vernon, for a civil problem.

Dec. 16: Responded to Barnes Avenue, Seneca, for a parking complaint.

Dec. 16: Responded to Southwest Council Drive, Mt. Vernon, for harassment complaint.

Dec. 17: Responded to Rebel Hill Road, Canyon City, for a welfare check.

Dec. 17: Responded to Riverside Mobile Home Park, John Day, for a trespassing complaint.

- John Day Ambulance
 - Dec. 11: Dispatched to Dog Patch Lane east of John Day for

a 96-year-old man with a medical issue.

Dec. 11: Dispatched to Belshaw Creek Road for an 84-year-old female with severe abdominal pain.

Dec. 11: Dispatched to Valley View Assisted Living for a 68-year-old female with a fall injury.

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Dec. 13: Dispatched to Portal Lane, Canyon City, for an elderly female with a fall injury.

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Dec. 13: Dispatched to West Main Street for a pedestrian vs. vehicle accident.

Dec. 13: Responded to Valley View Assisted Living for a female with a medical issue.

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Dec. 15: Dispatched to Adam Road for an 83-year-old male with breathing difficulties.

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Dec. 16: Dispatched to Chester's Market for a fall injury.

Dec. 17: Dispatched to Northwest Thompson Avenue for an 80-year-old female with breathing difficulties.

- Prairie City Ambulance
 - Dec. 13: Responded with John Day Ambulance to South Main Street for a 28-year-old male with injuries to his hands and back.
- John Day Fire
 - Dec. 11: Responded with Grant County Sheriff's Office to Valley View Drive, John Day, for a structure fire.

THE JUNIPER ARTS COUNCIL / GRANT COUNTY CULTURAL COALITION IS SEEKING GRANT PROPOSALS FOR OREGON CULTURAL TRUST GRANT AWARDS

The coalition has \$12,000 from the Oregon Cultural Trust to distribute in Grant County to organizations for projects relating to culture and / or heritage.

Applications are available from Karin Barntish, 131 W. Main Street, John Day, Oregon, or call Kris Beal at (541)932-4892 for more information or an application.

Applications are due by 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

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