

Off-road vehicles to be controlled

WASHINGTON—By the end of 1976 owners of off-road vehicles—dune buggies, amphibians, scooters, four-wheel drive and all-terrain vehicles—will have designated areas and trails in the National Forests System lands where they may and may not operate.

The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, has announced that it is beginning a three-plus year process to establish controls over use of off-road vehicles on all 187 million acres of national forests, grass lands and other lands administered by the Forest Service.

Supervisors of the 155 national forests will have until Dec. 31, 1976, to establish places where off-road vehicle use will be allowed, curtailed to some degree or prohibited. Before final decision is made, the public will be given an opportunity to participate in the designation or revision of designation where restrictions or closures are involved.

The program of designation for full, limited or no use by off-road vehicles is an outgrowth of a 1972 executive order to set up a system for controls which would minimize damages to natural resources, protect public safety and reduce conflicts among users on public lands.

Limitations will not apply to authorized vehicles under permit, lease, license or contract, to military, fire, emergency or law enforcement vehicles, to official vehicle use, nor to vehicles used for prospecting or mining under provisions of the General Mining Law of 1872. The exception for prospecting and mining was included because the Forest Service is in the process of issuing revised mining regulations that will, in part, be designed to minimize adverse impacts from vehicles use in connection with mining operations.

Forest Service Chief John R. McGuire says the regulations will build on closure actions which have already taken place in the National Forest System over the years as the result of the explosive increase in use of off-road vehicles. He noted that approximately 8,000 of the 80,000 miles of trails outside wilderness and primitive areas

are now closed to avert resource damage or to provide for special management objectives, such as hiking areas, nature trails, national scenic trails, trails leading to wilderness and trails limited to travel by foot and horse.

In addition, he said, off-road vehicles are banned from 14.5 million acres of wilderness and primitive areas and from about 4.8 million acres in 395 other special purpose or damage-prone areas.

The environmental impact statement estimates the cost of putting the regulation process into action will total about \$3.5 million. Annual cost of administration and enforcement after designation will amount to about \$6 million, the report says.

The final environmental statement was completed after the Forest Service considered and weighed comments from the public on the draft statement which had been filed with the CEQ March 14, 1973, McGuire reported. He said a total of 566 written responses were received on the proposed regulations and the draft statement. The responses represented all levels of government, private organizations, companies, formal groups and individuals.

NEEDLE THREADERS DISCUSS PROJECTS

The Needle Threaders plan to make quilts for the Good Samaritan Hospital in Hermiston, and to take a club tour of the Pendleton Woolen Mills, according to Elizabeth McKinney, reporter.

A food sale to defray expense of the two projects was discussed at the Oct. 17 meeting at the home of the club leader, Mrs. Francine Evans.

Officers of the club are: Christy Brandt, president; Mari Evans, vice-president; Cristy Key, secretary-treasurer; and Elizabeth McKinney, reporter.

Bill VanSchoiack, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob VanSchoiack, Heppner, has entered Heppner High School as a sophomore after an extended illness.

Some days are like that...

Mrs. Leo Crabtree of Cecil believes she is a candidate for the Did-You-Ever-Have-One-Of-Those-Days Clubs.

Irene is the local representative for a cosmetic firm, and Thursday, Oct. 18, was one of her best days.

It all started on Main Street in Lone as she proceeded to make her usual customer calls. A car that had been stopped at the intersection suddenly accelerated, spurted out into the street, and very narrowly missed the rear end of her car. The near-collision left her somewhat shaken.

She continued on her route down 2nd Street. Just as she stopped at a customer's house, she heard a yip and saw one of the local well-known dogs go scampering away. The dog is known to have limited vision

and he apparently stepped into the rear wheel just as Mrs. Crabtree parked her car. She drove around the area several minutes until she spotted where he was hiding and then coaxed him to her. Satisfied he had no injuries, she resumed her calls.

Her calls took her into the country, and to a remote spot, where a tire went flat. She found the lug nuts had been put on so tightly that she could not remove them. She started walking toward a ranch for help, and was overtaken by Bob Peterson and Dale Woodward. They drove her back to her vehicle and helped her get the tire changed.

Mrs. Crabtree then had a relatively quiet period. Until that evening when the gravy she was fixing went lumpy!

Adult education program offer

Want to earn a high school diploma or improve English, math, science, social studies or reading skills?

The Heppner Adult Basic Education program is offering classes to help achieve these goals. The classes are held Thursday evenings at the Neighborhood Center, Heppner, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

From these classes adults can earn an adult education diploma which is equivalent to a high school diploma. To earn this diploma, a test will be given at the end of the classes in five areas: English, math, social studies, science and literature. The test will be given at Pioneer Hall, Blue Mountain Community College, in Pendleton.

McDANIELS VISIT IN MARYLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McDaniels, Heppner, flew to Hampstead, Md., from Pendleton Oct. 23, to visit their daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Barnes, and her husband, Douglas, and their three children for nine days.

Adults who want to refresh basic skills in these subjects may do so during the Thursday evening classes.

For further information contact Anne Doherty or attend one of the Heppner Adult Basic Education classes.

SOROPTIMIST CLUB'S MOONLIGHT SALE

The Heppner Soroptimist Club is sponsoring a baked and cooked food sale during Thursday night's Moonlight Sale. The sale will be held 7-9 o'clock in Peterson's Jewelers.

Coffee, jerky and pepperoni will also be on sale during the two-hour event.

E.O. editor talks 'shop' to Chamber

Mike Forrester, editor of the Eastern Oregonian, spoke to members of the Chamber of Commerce Monday on the subject of the "press."



MIKE FORRESTER

"I think there is a lot of ignorance about the press, as there is about a lot of other professions," he prefaced his remarks. The press has its share of incompetent and biased people, he said, but the press is not "riddled with incompetents—we are just more on display" than the other professions.

He pointed to the Watergate affair as evidence that the press is important to all Americans, and said that it is necessary that the press be free to give people a free flow of information. "It must be a free flow, not regulated by government agencies. The press must also be free to make mistakes; the press is either free or it is not."

Citing the recent revolution in South America, the editor pointed out that the first thing a dictator does is take over the news media. People, he said, can best be handled if the people are kept in ignorance. And while the American press has its faults, it is still the best source of factual reporting and news free of government management.

Forrester was accompanied to Heppner by his wife and small son, Bob.

'Improve highway' --lone

Meeting on solid waste Monday night

A petition is being circulated in Lone that requests the assistance of the League of Eastern Oregon Counties to assist in getting Highway 74 improved from Lexington to Heppner Jet.

The petition cites dangerous rock bluffs, broken and soft shoulders, narrow stretches of roadway and hazardous passing conditions. It requests that improvements be made.

The petition also states there have been seven deaths in 10 years on this stretch and that there have been no less than 35 non-fatal accidents. It points out that the first curve north of Lone is only 18½ feet from the rock bluff to the guardrail, and that most of the highway is only 20 feet wide.

The highway was built in 1918 and little has been done in intervening years to accommodate increased traffic.

There will be a meeting of the Morrow County Solid Waste Advisory Committee Monday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m., at the court house, according to George D. Smith, planning director.

There will be a discussion of the "First Draft of Final Report of the Morrow County Solid Waste Study," prepared by John K. McDonald, Clark & Groff Engineers, Inc., Portland.

The Department of Environmental Quality must have approval of the draft by the county before it will make recommendations of its own. If time permits, Smith said, there will be a reading of the proposed Solid Waste Management Ordinance which is scheduled for adoption under terms of the county's money grant from the DEQ.

Interested county taxpayers are invited to attend and present their views.

Tannehill rites in Boardman

BOARDMAN—Funeral services for Clyde Tannehill, 81, who died Saturday, Oct. 20 in a Portland hospital after a month's illness, will be held at the Boardman Community Church today (Thursday) at 11 a.m.

Rev. Neil King, pastor of the Boardman Community Church, will conduct the services.

Mr. Tannehill was a former resident of Boardman for 27 years. He was born Jan. 22,

1892 in Norfolk, Nebr., and was married to Leola McCurry, Jan. 16, 1915. They moved to Glendale, Ca., where he was a city mail carrier until 1935, at which time they came to Boardman where he was a rural mail carrier for 20 years. He retired in 1955.

He is survived by three sons, Donald of Portland, Lyle of Santa Rosa, Ca., and Keith of La Grange; a brother, Allen, Glendale, Ca.; one sister and nine grandchildren.

Winning jockey a Heppner guest

John Watson, the jockey who rode the quarterhorse, Time To Think Rich, to victory on Labor Day in the All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, N.M., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Max Barclay, Heppner.

The All American Futurity is the richest race in the United States with a purse of \$1 million. Owner of the horse is Frank Vessel, Los Alamitos, Ca., and his share of the purse was \$330,000. The jockey earned 10 per cent of the owner's winnings for his 440-yard ride, officially clock-

ed at 21.58 seconds. Watson, in Morrow County for opening of pheasant season, has ridden several Barclay quarterhorses to the winners circle at the Los Alamitos racetrack, three this year.

Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Rufus, Los Alamitos, the Barclay's horse trainers; Ted Bucas and Nick Begleries, both of Astoria. The Barclay's daughter, Judy, was home for the weekend from Gresham to help entertain the week's guests.



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