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Letters to the Editor

“National Forest for Nobody” airing March 25, 26, and 27

To the Editor:
I cordially invite Ed Glenn, David Sykes, Judge Louis Carlson, and the County Court, the Mayor and the City Council, the Port of Morrow and interested citizens to view in the comfort of your own homes “National Forests for Nobody” airing Friday March 25 at 7 p.m., Saturday March 26 at 10 a.m. or Sunday March 27 at 7:30 p.m. The Umatilla National Forest is one of twelve National Forests in America being audited by the General Accounting Office because of mismanagement by the Forest Service.

For their bureaucracy (over 50% of reforestation funds go to administrative costs at the local, supervisor, regional, and national level). Of the taxpayer funds that did get to the forest, I mean plantation, nearly \$800,000 was spent on plastic tubing for browse control in the Heppner district alone. They should have built another building because Elk and deer don't browse on dead trees (just examine the reforestation above the Western Route Road at Kelly Prairie). Soon there will not be any elk or deer or any other nuisance of wildlife to hamper the forest service plantation spending spree. Guess these wildlife are like us humans, Ed, just can't handle change. I guess you're right-what have our kids ever done for us? Have they ever left us one thing? Who would want to live in Eastern Oregon anyway? It's time to get back to the city and let the pros clear out the overgrown trees and wildlife pests. Come Lord Jesus.

P.S. Do grapes grow in a dry and barren mountain desert?
(s) Rev. Stuart Dick
Lexington, Oregon

Editorial

Forest plan deadline is March 28

March 28 is deadline for public comment on the very important, “Umatilla National Forest plan.” Not only will the plan spell out the use of the Umatilla Forest for the next 10 to 15 years, it will most likely set the tone for usage of the forest lands and resources for the next generation to come. For these reasons it is important that we, the people who use the forest for recreation, water, grazing, and timber harvest, help make the decision on its future.

Writing a letter that you are in favor of “more snowmobiling”, if you are an avid snowmobiler for instance, is a good idea, but local people should do more. Developed recently by a large group of diverse persons, is the forest plan for “Multiple Use and Resource Conservation.” The plan includes a wide variety of uses of the forest, and is actually a compromise worked out by the many different groups which use the forest.

Much thought and planning was put into the plan, and several persons from the Heppner area served on the committee which drafted it. Not everyone will get all they want out of the forest, or the Multiple Use plan. However, we feel it best represents the interests of our area, and the needs of our communities. We urge support of the Multiple Use and Resource Conservation plan, and urge local persons to support it.

All comments, whether on the multiple use plan, or any other comments on forest usage, should be mailed to the following address before March 28, 1988. Those who are apathetic relinquish power to those who are not.

Mail comments to: Mr. James Lawrence Umatilla National Forest, 2517 SW Hailey Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.
David Sykes

The National Forests of America are being clearcut at taxpayer expense because of reforestation kickbacks even when the “plantations” aren't reforested. Five recent timber sales in the Heppner District: Buffalo Lodgepole, Big Mac Lodgepole, Chips Ahoy Lodgepole, Porter and Texas brought more money back to the Forest Service than the sale sold for. The Forest Service serves itself. The more forest they can benevolently swindle from the municipal authorities representing the people through clearcuts, the more reforestation taxpayer dollars they can appropriate.

Another concerned resident sends a letter

The following letter has been sent to the Forest Service supervisor of the Umatilla National Forest in Pendleton.

Sir: As concerned life-time residents of the Heppner area, we are asking that the Forest Service reconsider it's current proposed forest plan. Our area is already semi-arid. To schedule this forest for an over 84% clearcut harvest is to sign a death warrant for the future of the area.

At a time when we are warned at every turn about the elimination of forest creating vast deserts worldwide, it staggers the mind that a respected government agency like the forest service, created to preserve and protect our forest for our children, grandchildren and their descendants for all time, could come up with a plan like this.

This area has been settled for over 100 years-there are a lot of Century Farms here, and many third and fourth generation residents. The principal industries, agriculture and logging, have always co-existed peacefully.

If this plan is implemented, it will affect our watershed, drying up our

small creeks, affecting every human and animal in the area. Our towns depend not only on ranchers, farmers and the timber industry for their livelihood, but tourists, hunters and fishermen. They will not come if there is no longer anything here for them.

We have gotten along very well all these years with selected timber harvest, taking only mature trees, leaving our forests intact for future generations.

Please consider the future of our area.

Sincerely,
(s) Mike and Eileen Saling
Heppner

Obituaries

Mildred P. Ferrell

Mildred P. Ferrell, 71, died March 12 at the Wallowa County Nursing Home.

She was born July 9, 1916, in Montrose, Colorado and as a young girl moved to The Dalles where she graduated from high school. She and her family moved to Enterprise in 1960 which has been her permanent home since then.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church. She served as executive secretary to the county school superintendent between 1965 and 1977, at which time she retired.

She is survived by her husband, Robert E. Ferrell of Enterprise to whom she was married in 1941; two daughters, Judith Fletcher, and Nancy Ingram, both of Enterprise; her mother who is in the Columbia Basin Nursing Home in The Dalles; two brothers, Roy Hattenhauer of Pendleton, and Dick Hattenhauer of The Dalles. She has five grandchildren all of whom reside in Enterprise.

Interment of cremains was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in The Dalles.

Homer E. Robins

Homer E. Robins, 77, of Lexington, died Saturday, March 12, 1988, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

The funeral was March 14 at

Touring the Oregon Coast



I tried to write this column about tourism in a single installment but ran out of space. It grew to a three part series beginning with this one about the Oregon Coast. If that seems a little distant to the issues in Morrow County, just stick around. We'll get closer to home.

For many years my family has made a pilgrimage to the Oregon Coast, usually during the winter. That seemed like a good time because the beaches were uncrowded and that's when the ocean is most violent. We liked both.

Winter was also the time when our favorite motel offered off season rates and our favorite suite was most likely available on short notice.

Off-season has its disadvantages too. Many of the shops are closed for the season and I wonder what the clerks and owners are working at during the winter. Some of the shops up and down the coast look like they've been closed for a lot longer than the season.

Some days the weather was so rainy that we just sat at the motel bay window and watched the ocean roar, and ate smoked salmon with my favorite beverage. Several years ago, we discovered the price of smoked salmon was about half in Portland so we stop there on our way down.

Each trip included a drive down to Newport to eat clam chowder at Mo's. That's the thing to do on the coast. Was I surprised to find a brand of canned clam chowder available in local grocery stores that's every bit as good as Mo's and a whole lot cheaper.

Recently, we discovered Trinidad Bay on the California Coast that's just as picturesque as any spot on the Oregon Coast. We had a wonderful time on the San Juan Islands in the Puget Sound. Friday Harbor was about like the string of shops at Depot Bay but much classier, not so hurried and much more enjoyable. We even bought a few things there that were not grossly overpriced.

Bottom line, even visiting the Oregon Coast is a seasonal thing, let's face it, most folks vacation in the summer, and competition is steep. Both California and Washington have coastlines just as nice.

Next week: Leavenworth, Washington.

PMH Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

Archie Cox, Fossil-admitted March 9; discharged March 10.

Homer Robins, Lexington-admitted March 10; discharged March 11.

Ambrose Chapin, Heppner-admitted March 10; discharged March 11.

Martha King, Heppner-admitted March 14; discharged March 15.

Patients still receiving care as of press time were:

Myron Huston, Heppner-admitted March 10.

Lois Hunt, Lexington-admitted March 20;

Ethel Bowers, Heppner-admitted March 20.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the Courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

Feliciano Florez, 25, and Maricella Reyes, 20, both of Boardman;

Kenneth K. Marshall, 84, of Lexington and Beulah E. Duncan, 80, of Zillah, WA.

Notices

The District 7, Home Extension meeting will be held March 30 in Irrigon

April 9, the Food Fair will be held in Hermiston at Thompson Hall. This will be replacing the Homemakers Day usually held in Morrow County. The Extension Woman of the Year award will be given at this time.

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