

Volunteers needed at Boardman Grasslands

The Nature Conservancy invites those interested in protecting the ecology of Boardman Grasslands to participate in a volunteer work party May 19-20. This preserve is located in the gently rolling hills south of the Columbia River near Boardman. Sandy flood-deposit and loamy lakebed soils host excellent examples of globally rare Columbia Basin habitat types: four native bunchgrass communities; four sagebrush-steppe communities; and one bitterbrush community. The Conservation Area and adjoining military lands harbor Oregon's largest viable population of the Washington ground squirrel, listed in Oregon as an endangered species. The grassland and shrub-steppe habitats also host a suite of sensitive bird species, such as ferruginous hawk, loggerhead shrike, sage sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, long-billed curlew, and burrowing owl, as well as a diversity of other wildlife. Volunteers will meet in lone at 9:30 a.m. to remove non-native knapweed. Participants should bring a lunch, water, and appropriate clothing, including work gloves and sturdy hiking shoes.

Morrow County area host families needed

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set forth in 'CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Morrow County area families interested in

learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

Salvage logging will close portion of Murderers Creek Unit

Salvage logging on the Malheur National Forest will close Aldrich Lookout Road (Forest Service Road 2150) and surrounding areas beginning this fall, limiting hunter access to Aldrich Mountain on the northwest side of the popular Murderers Creek Wildlife Management Unit.

The closure is due to the Thorn Salvage Fire Recovery Project and runs from Oct. 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. It directly affects 7,800 acres of the 735,762-acre Murderers Creek unit and includes portions of the Murderers Creek-Flagtail Travel Management Area.

For public safety during harvest operations, National Forest lands within the salvage area will be closed to all public entry, including foot travel. In addition, Forest Service Roads 2140, 2150, 2170 and associated roads will be closed to all vehicles to reduce safety concerns associated with logging and log haul.

"Though salvage logging will occur on only a small portion of the Murderers Creek Unit, the road closures will restrict access to a larger portion that happens to be popular with hunters," said ODFW District Biologist Ryan Torland. "Hunters need to be aware of the closure of both roads and forestland in the Aldrich Mountain area this season and plan their hunting trips accordingly."

Hunters may still walk in to hunt in areas outside the salvage project perimeter. Maps showing the area and road closures are available at all Malheur National Forest offices and can also be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur/> (see Shake Table Fire Complex Road Closure Map).

The controlled hunts in Murderers Creek affected by the closure are:

- 246X Murderer Cr Unit - One bull elk
- 246A W Murderers Cr - One elk
- 246C Flagtail - One antlerless elk
- 146 Murderer Cr Unit - One buck deer

Hunters that selected one of the above hunts as their first choice and now wish to change their selection should contact ODFW's Licensing Division at (503) 947-6100 no later than June 1. Bighorn sheep and antelope hunts will not be affected by the closure.

The Thorn Salvage Fire Recovery Project is expected to salvage trees killed in the Shake Table Complex Fire, which burned in August 2006. The current proposal could salvage dead and dying trees on up to 3,900 acres and remove potential hazard trees along as many as 43.4 miles of open roads. For more information on the Thorn Salvage Fire Recovery Project, contact the Malheur National Forest at (541) 575-3000.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

March 24: -MCSO received a report that the Washington State Police recovered a stolen ATV that was entered stolen in January, 2004.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that her daughter was possibly assaulted. It was determined no assault occurred; it was a misunderstanding between the caller and her daughter.

-MCSO received a report of an audible alarm at a business in Irrigon. The alarm company called the business but a subject gave the wrong pass code.

-MCSO received a report of a male subject driving; the subject has a suspended license.

-MCSO, Boardman ambulance, Irrigon ambulance received a report from a caller on Highway 730 that he witnessed a roll-over, one-vehicle motor vehicle accident with a subject ejected. There were two subjects, one with head and neck injuries and one showing signs of shock.

-MCSO deputy advised there was a group of young teenagers leaving an area at one time. The deputy was going to check the area to see if there was anything suspicious.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that his vehicle was broken into sometime during the night. The window was broken and items taken.

-MCSO received a request for a deputy contact from a caller in Irrigon. The caller was moving and a male subject won't leave her alone. The subject wouldn't let her (the caller) leave and wouldn't give her things to her.

-MCSO deputy arrested a subject on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while License Suspended Violation. The subject would be lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of a multiple number of intoxicated people who rode a 4-wheeler through a fence. Citations were issued for Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver-Property Damage, Dangerous Operation of an ATV and Careless Driving-Motor Vehicle Accident.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that someone stole electrical irrigation controls out of a garage.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman of a disturbance; a male subject was "really drunk and doing drugs."

-MCSO received a report of possible drug activity from a caller in Irrigon. The caller reported a lot of traffic coming to and from a residence. A deputy checked the area.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller with Umatilla Electric that someone hit a power box behind C&D's.

-Heppner ambulance received a report of a medical complaint in Heppner.

-Heppner ambulance transported a 77-year-old female subject to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

-Irrigon ambulance received a report from a

caller in Irrigon of an 89-year-old male who was bleeding.

March 25: -MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner of a domestic situation that had occurred. Stacey Lee Jessen, 38, was arrested on Probable Cause charges of Harassment-Domestic and lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report of a possible drunk driver with children in the vehicle. The driver left Hermiston heading towards Heppner.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a missing 15-year-old juvenile who had not been home since yesterday.

-MCSO received a hang-up 911 call from a residence in lone. On call-back, the dispatcher spoke to a female subject who advised it was a probable misdial and there was no emergency.

-MCSO deputy assisted Boardman Police Dept. on a traffic stop.

-Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of a \$54 drive-off. The caller advised the driver of the vehicle said he was going to Umatilla for a fish tournament.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that her van windows were broken.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman of a female subject in a vehicle that was running. The subject was slumped over the steering wheel.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer assisted the Boardman ambulance at a location in Boardman for a 76 year old male who was dizzy and had high blood pressure. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Derek Alan Oja, 20, for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

Mar. 26: -MCSO received a report about a cat that was partially shaved.

-MCSO received a report that a female had rolled her vehicle and it was in a wheat field. OSP was advised.

-MCSO received a report that a blue suburban made an illegal turn in front of the reporter on Main Street in Heppner.

-MCSO received a report about a gold Nissan Maxima that was driving at a very high rate of speed and cut in front of the reporter.

-MCSO arrested a juvenile male for parole violation, harassment, disorderly conduct, curfew violation and criminal mischief II.

-MCSO received a report about a vehicle parked beside the road. It turned out just to be tourists taking photos.

-MCSO received a report that a reporter had had a Volkswagen parked at a residence for over a year and they now notice it was missing. The vehicle did not run.

-MCSO received a report that there was a shot up sign at Valby.

-MCSO received a report that a reporter's blue heeler dog jumped out of their truck in Heppner, possibly by Jay Coil's shop and they could not find it.

-MCSO received a report that a subject's son stole his bike and the subject requested the son leave the house. The son left the

residence and was told not to return.

-MCSO received a report that a female violated a restraining order by putting a note on the reporter's vehicle.

-MCSO received a phone call from a female in Irrigon who seemed very upset. The female said, "You have to go to Riverside," and then hung up.

-MCSO received a report about a broken window found at the old Lexington lumberyard building. The reporter didn't notice anything missing but did request contact.

-BPD noticed a bunch of young teenagers leaving an area in Irrigon at one time. There was nothing in back in the area.

-Heppner FD had a training exercise. It involved a controlled burn of an old cabin.

Mar. 27: -MCSO received a report that a pickup was taken. The reporter requested deputy contact.

-MCSO received report of a stolen pickup in lone.

-MCSO issued a citation to Ryan Lee Miller, 35, for violating the basic rule by going 80 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report about a one-vehicle rollover with an entrapment.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter's neighbor's dog was in the yard next to him. A citation was issued.

-MCSO received a report from the Boardman Fire Chief about a car alarm that was going off repeatedly in the area of Mt. Adams and Wilson in Boardman.

-MCSO received report of an aggressive black and tan dog going after a man walking down the street. A citation was issued to Julie Marie Evans, 47, for a Dog at Large.

-MCSO received a report that The Dalles PD arrested Richard Leroy Wiese, 33, for an IJC warrant for failing to pay fine for less than an ounce of marijuana. He was lodged at Norcor

-MCSO received a report that a subject was missing a heifer. The heifer is 450 pounds and a yellow ear tag. The cow went into the refuge. The reporter was searching for the cow on horseback.

-MCSO received a report that a subject's daughter threatened to break all the windows. According to the report, everybody calmed down, the fight was just verbal; there were no crimes committed.

-MCSO arrested Dana Jo Willis, 44, for Parole Violation and Theft II.

-MCSO issued a citation to Kristina Buchanan, 29, for failing to pay fine for maintaining a dog as a public nuisance.

-MCSO received a report about motorcycles on the Turkey Shoots.

-MCSO arrested Chantel Ann Robinson, 20, for Criminal Trespassing I and Criminal Mischief II.

-MCSO issued a citation to Carmella Leone Michaels, 46, for a Dog at Large.

-MCSO received a report about juveniles throwing a ball against the wall of the elementary school in Heppner.

-MCSO received a report about a disturbance in Albany. A grandmother and granddaughter were fighting. The Albany PD

figured out the address and would take care of the situation.

-MCSO received a report about a juvenile with a gun in his vehicle.

-MCSO received a report that a relative in Portland called the reporter and told her that there was a nerve gas leak at the Depot.

-BPD received a report that a reporter had a NFS check that needed to be picked up.

-BPD issued a citation to Deborah Lynn Pearson, 52, for illegal window tint.

-BPD received two hang up calls. There was not an emergency.

-Heppner Ambulance transported a patient to Deena's Foster Care in Irrigon.

-Heppner Ambulance assisted with picking up airlife crew.

Mar. 28: -MCSO assisted UPD on a K9 search.

-MCSO received a report from a reporter who had two checks stolen from his checkbook.

-MCSO Detective Sergeant assisted a male subject with unlocking a rental property of his.

-MCSO arrested Francisco Contreas Garcia, 27, for failing to appear for driving while suspended.

-MCSO received a request for contact regarding someone living at the reporter's place and wanted him to leave.

-MCSO received a report that a reporter needed to have his son taken off his property. The son was smoking Marijuana and his dad caught him.

-MCSO arrested Robert Wade Eastep, 46, for failing to appear and Orfer revoking release and Forfeiting security.

-MCSO received a report that three and four year boys wandered into the reporter's residence without adults.

-MCSO received a report that a 37-year-old diabetic female subject had not been feeling very well, feeling really dizzy, nauseated, and a hard time breathing. The subject requested an ambulance.

-MCSO received a report that involved a reporter who advised his sister was attacked by her husband. Another subject and he tried to take the grandchildren away from them. The reporter advised that the husband pushed them around and pushed his sister and her niece onto the ground. The reporter requested deputy contact.

-MCSO received a request for some extra patrol around the reporter's residence to see who is letting her horse out of the gate.

-MCSO received a report that there were several semi's speeding at high rates of speed.

-MCSO received a report that a kid was going back up to the door at a residence.

-MCSO issued a citation to Miguel Garcia Michel, 28, for violating speed limit 80 mph in a 65 mph.

-MCSO was flagged down by a citizen regarding a theft that occurred.

-BPD issued a citation to Jaime Castillo Guerrero, 25, for no operating license and driving uninsured.

-BPD issued a citation to Mario Rodriguez Armenta, 20, driving uninsured.

**Don't Forget to Vote
Election Day is
Tuesday, May 15**