

Public workshops scheduled to discuss forest access and plan revision on the Umatilla National Forest

Workshop planned for July 23 in Heppner

Pendleton, OR—The Umatilla National Forest, in cooperation with High Desert Partnership, will host a series of workshops to discuss the topic of forest access and how it should be addressed in the Revised Forest Plan. Workshops will be held during the month of July in communities across the forest including Clarkston, Walla Walla and Tri-Cities in Washington and Heppner, Ukiah and Pendleton in Oregon.

A workshop is planned for Heppner July 23 from 6-9 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Main Hall. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

These workshops are in response to comments received on the Draft Blue Mountains Forest Plan and are open to the public.

“Whether you are interested in motorized access, back country hiking, cutting firewood, camping, off-road vehicles, snow-

mobiling, bicycling or cross-country skiing, we encourage you to attend and provide input on how the Umatilla National Forest should address access in the Revised Forest Plan,” said Jack Southworth, meeting facilitator with High Desert Partnership.

“We hope community members will work together to find zones of agreement, new ideas, and creative solutions that will help us improve the draft Forest Plan,” said Kevin Martin, Umatilla National Forest Supervisor. “We need to hear from people with diverse perspectives and values in order to discuss the full range of access interests on public lands managed by the Umatilla National Forest.”

All who attend the workshops will be encouraged to provide input. The Forest Service says it will analyze community input from the upcoming

workshops and compare it against the range of alternatives and past discussions on the topics, looking for new ideas and solutions. Those new ideas will be reviewed in more detail by the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Team, and they could recommend changes to Forest Plan Components, modify existing alternatives or create a new alternative. The Forest Plan Revision Team Leader and the Forest Supervisors will carefully consider all recommendations.

“We want our communities to know that we heard them, to have a sense of ownership in the planning process, and to understand how access is addressed in the draft plan. Our objective is to have a final plan that more people can support—or at least live with,” said Martin.

High Desert Partnership is an organization that operates out of Burns, OR

with a mission to “enhance the ecological sustainability, economic well-being and social vitality of our community by using a collaborative decision-making process with all interested stakeholders to solve challenging issues.” Jack Southworth, a rancher from Seneca, OR, will facilitate the six workshops.

For more information about these workshops, contact Jack Southworth, 541-542-2558, Peter Fargo, 541- 523-1231, Public Affairs Officer for the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Team, or Joani Bosworth, Public Affairs Officer for the Umatilla National Forest at 541-278-3722. Additional information and a draft meeting agenda will also be posted on the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision webpage at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMountainsPlanRevision>.

Every child is a hero at summer reading



A small but spirited group participated in the Ione summer reading program on Tuesday, July 7, at the Ione City Park. Under the direction of summer coordinator Mary Rietmann, children created superhero identities and made costumes, then took part in activities such as leaping buildings, smashing down brick walls and “wrapping up” evil-doers. Afterward, snacks furnished by the Ione Topic Club were served. —Contributed photo

Ione to wrap up summer reading

As the final celebration of its summer reading program, the Ione Public Library will host the Dragon Theater Puppets in a presentation of “The Home Grown Heroes” on Tuesday, July 21, at the Ione City Park at 1 p.m.

Dragon Theater Puppets and Princesses is based out of Portland and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. They have a strong following and a reputation for presenting high-quality entertainment for the whole family. The hour-long program is free and open to the public.

Nuketown at Irrigon Music in the Parks



Nuketown
July 20 as part of the Music in the Parks program, Irrigon will present Nuketown at the Irrigon Marina Park starting at 7 p.m.

Nuketown is homegrown in Tri-Cities, WA and has been playing music together for 12 years. All four members sing as well as play instruments. Although they are a country band (“gotta have a fiddle in the band,” they say) they have been known to play a little R&B, classic rock, blues and whatever requests come their way.

LAW CHANGES POT SENTENCING

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and should not receive a benefit just because the law changes after they chose to commit a crime.”

“Just last week I convicted a defendant for unlawful manufacturing of marijuana,” adds Nelson. “I sought that conviction because the defendant knew was the law was at the time, and they chose to not follow that law. They need to be held accountable for that.”

The new law allows individuals to apply to have prior marijuana convictions set aside as if they were

convicted under the law’s new sentencing structure. For example, if a person was previously convicted of possessing over eight ounces of marijuana, formerly a Class C felony punishable with up to five years in prison and a \$125,000 fine, the conviction would be eligible to be treated under the law’s new classification of unlawful marijuana possession: a Class A misdemeanor. A person with a Class A misdemeanor conviction is eligible to have his or her conviction cleared under Oregon statute 137.225.

—MCSO received report of a two-year-old in the hospital being treated for a dog bite that occurred in Irrigon.
—MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her daughter had taken a large screen TV from her residence. She said she believed that a man was also involved.

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Sheriff's Report

November 9 (cont.): -MCSO received report of suspicious activity on Washington Lane in Irrigon. The caller said his neighbor was shooting a shotgun in the yard and it had been an issue previously, possibly with alcohol involved. MCSO responded. Subjects were setting off fireworks in the backyard.

-MCSO received report of a motor vehicle accident on I-84, Boardman. Union Pacific Railroad reported that one of their units had reported a motor vehicle accident with one vehicle rolling several times. Boardman Ambulance, Boardman Fire Department, Boardman Police Department, Morrow County Sheriff’s Office and Oregon State Police responded. A patient was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

-MCSO received report that La Grande Police Department arrested Anthony Michale Shrou, 33, on Morrow County Circuit Court warrants for Failure to Appear/Failure to Appear II and Failure to Appear/Driving While Suspended-misdemeanor. He was lodged at Union County Jail with \$15,000 bail.

-MCSO received report of hunters shooting into the safety zone near a residence on Highway 730, Irrigon. The call was referred to Oregon State Police/Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that her son was touched inap-

propriately. MCSO arrested Kimberlee Castellanos, 42, for Initiating a False Report. She was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$1,500 bail.

-MCSO received report from a subject at the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge, Irrigon, that his vehicle was broken into with the window broken and four bags of clothing taken.

November 22: -Morrow County Sheriff’s Office received report of an abandoned vehicle in a farm circle at Miller Rd./Kunze Lane. The vehicle was stolen out of Kennewick.

-MCSO received report from a subject on Main St. in Heppner that his neighbors were hitting golf balls onto the highway intentionally. A deputy responded and advised the subjects that they would be responsible for damages to vehicles. The subjects would not be hitting any more golf balls.

-MCSO received report of a commercial burglar alarm at Irrigon High School. It was a false alarm. There was a wrestling tournament going on and someone pulled the alarm.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her next door neighbor stole \$3,000 from her.

-MCSO received report that the front and back doors of a house on Water St. in Heppner were kicked in and items stolen.

-MCSO received report of two young children driving a Green Honda. MCSO, Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office and Oregon State Police were advised. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

November 23: -Morrow County Sheriff’s Office received a juvenile complaint in Irrigon. A deputy made contact with approximately 10 kids regarding beer in the parking lot behind the Irrigon Shell station.

-MCSO, Boardman Ambulance, Boardman Fire Department received report of a vehicle swerving and then going off the road on I-84, Irrigon. MCSO arrested Leroy Steven Frady, Jr., 46, for DUI. He was also cited for refusing test for intoxicants. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$6,000 bail.

-Heppner Fire Department received report of a fire burning under a residence on 3rd St. in Ione. Ione Fire Department, Ione Ambulance and Heppner Fire Department responded.

November 24: -Morrow County Sheriff’s Office received report that Madras Police Department arrested Desirea Devin, 20, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear. She was lodged at Jefferson County Jail with \$3,000 bail.

-MCSO received report from a Heppner woman that her Accura was stolen from her residence that morning.

-MCSO received report that Pendleton Police Department arrested Daniel Michael Long, 20, on an Irrigon Justice

Court warrant for Failure to Appear/DUII. He was to be lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$6,000 bail.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that door to door salesmen were selling meat, so she invited them in. When she decided not to buy the meat, she said they acted disgusted. She wanted to know if they had a permit.

-MCSO received report of a missing person. The subject said her friend was supposed to be at her house, but hadn’t shown up. Her friend’s mother said that her daughter had left about 45 minutes earlier. The caller said she had been driving around looking for her, but could not find her.

November 25: Morrow County Sheriff’s Office, Boardman Ambulance received report of a diabetic female in her mid-40s in Boardman having a seizure. She was transported.

-MCSO received report from subjects on Gilmore St. in Heppner that someone had tried to steal their rhino the previous night. They said they got it to the driveway but were unable to get it past there.

-MCSO received report from a woman in Irrigon who said that when she dropped off a juvenile with his mother he said he was very scared and did not want to be left alone with his mother.

-Heppner Fire Department received report from a subject on Sperry St. who said it sounded like wires were burning in her house.

November 26: -Morrow County Sheriff’s Office received report from a woman on Kangaroo Court Lane in Irrigon that she was at her neighbor’s house because a male subject was at her house threatening her life. She said he then left and described the vehicle he left in.

-MCSO, Heppner Ambulance received report of a 15-year-old female who had fallen from a third-floor window, landing on her feet. She was complaining of ankle pain and was transported.

Irrigon Watermelon Festival
July 25, 2015
Irrigon Marina Park

IRRIGON WATERMELON FESTIVAL

IRRIGON, OREGON
JULY 25, 2015

Entertainment ALL DAY
Featuring:

Three River Saxette
Roundup City Cloggers
Vaughn Jensen
The Trio
Rock Blythe
The Sahara Dancers
Frazer Wambeke Trio
Funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District

MELONS DONATED BY BELLINGER FARMS

JOIN US NEXT YEAR TOO! FESTIVAL HELD EVERY YEAR DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN JULY

ALL DAY RAFFLE

Craft Booth

Water Slide

Kid's Games

Bingo

Duck Race

9:00 pm Street Dance by Desert Sounds

Breakfast 6:30 to 9:30 am

Parade 10:00 am

FOOD AVAILABLE ALL DAY

Chicken Dinner
Hamburgers/Hot Dogs
Fries/Nachos
Melons/ Pies/Pies ala mode

Morrow County Sheriff Boat Rides

Car Show

Time to CELEBRATE! THE 60s

The Heppner High School Class of 1965 will be hosting a "Celebrate the 60s" class reunion. Every Heppner High School Class of the 60s has been invited. Friends and family welcome.

Friday, July 24: No-host Parmesan Chicken dinner, Elks Lodge, 6-8 p.m.
Saturday, July 25: Golf, Heppner Willow Creek Country Club golf course, pizza, drinks & fellowship, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring chairs.
Saturday July 25: afternoon, Morrow County Museum and Morrow County Agriculture Museum, Heppner, open 12-4 p.m.
Saturday, July 25: evening, dinner/dance, Heppner Elks Lodge, social hour 5 p.m.; dinner & program (reservations required), 6-8 p.m.; 8 p.m.-midnight, 60s music with alumni karaoke talent.
Sunday, July 26: worship, Heppner City Park, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bring chairs.
Contact Stuart Dick, 541-377-5451, or Ken Evans, 541-922-3849 for more information.