

Public use restrictions eased on Umatilla National Forest

PENDLETON—As of last Friday, Phase A public use restrictions pertaining to chainsaw use, smoking, and off-road travel will be lifted on the Umatilla National Forest. Seasonal campfire restrictions will remain in place. This change allows firewood cutting to resume all day.

Seasonal campfire restrictions will remain in place until Oct. 31; however these campfire restrictions do not apply to designated wilderness areas and specified exempted developed recreation sites (see Forest websites for exempted sites or areas).

“The intent is to allow campfire use, while promoting safe campfire techniques that, in the long

run, will protect lives, property, and our natural landscapes,” said Brian Goff, Umatilla Fire Management Officer.

Seasonal campfire restrictions include:

- Campfires allowed only in fire pits surrounded by dirt, rock, or commercial rings and in areas not conducive to rapid fire spread, clear of flammable material within a radius of at least five feet from the edge of the pit and free of overhanging material. Use existing pits wherever possible.

- Campfires must be attended at all times and completely extinguished prior to leaving. The use of charcoal briquettes is permitted within the clearing requirements outlined

above.

- Persons with campfires are required to have an axe, shovel and one gallon of water in their possession (except in specified developed recreation sites listed in the Forest Order).

- Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled gas and wood burning stoves equipped with a chimney that is at least five feet in length with a spark-arresting screen consisting of ¼-inch mesh hardware cloth are allowed.

As a reminder, there are also site-specific year-round public use regulations still in effect; see www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla for further information or call the Heppner Ranger District at 541-676-9187.

Partnership works for youth



Jessica Bleth and Onna DeLoach work on the Umatilla National Forest as part of a five-week work partnership between the forest's Heppner Ranger District, Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) and Oregon Youth Conservation Corp. Other youth who participated were Andrew Ames, Saul Erickson and Aaron Smythe. Priorities of the crew included appropriate dress, safety and proper tool usage, showing up to work on time, teamwork, pride in quality work and worksite organization. The crew learned work skills, enjoyed scenic beauty and was able to perform fulfilling and meaningful work that will assist the Forest Service and patrons for years to come. —Contributed photo

Free youth pheasant hunt set for Irrigon

Registration is now open for ODFW's free pheasant hunts for youth (ages 17 and under) happening around the state in September.

A free pheasant hunt for youth will take place at the Irrigon Wildlife Area on Sept. 26-27.

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and partners stock pheasants at these special hunts that give youth a head start on regular pheasant seasons, which don't begin until October. Quail and dove may also be hunted. Volunteers often bring their trained hunting dogs to hunt with participants. Some events also begin with a shotgun skills clinic, so participants can practice clay target shooting before hunting.

The hunt is only open to youth who have passed hunter education. An adult 21 years of age or older must accompany the youth to supervise but may not hunt.



A free pheasant hunt for youth will take place at the Irrigon Wildlife Area on Sept. 26-27. —Photo courtesy of ODFW

“If your child made it through hunter education but is still new to the sport, this is a great way to get them started,” says James Reed, ODFW hunter education coordinator. “These events happen before regular pheasant seasons open and are a great opportunity for kids to get out hunting.”

ODFW stresses safety during the hunts. Both hunter and supervisor must wear a hunter orange hat, eye protection and a hunter orange vest—equipment provided by ODFW at the clinics to anyone who doesn't have it. Hunters

also need to check in and out of the hunt.

The hunts are free, though youth hunters need a valid hunting license (\$14.50) and Harvest Information Program validation (free) to hunt. Youth hunters age 14-17 also need an upland game bird validation (\$8.50). The can be purchased online. Licenses and tags will not be sold at the events.

While most areas have a hunt both Saturday and Sunday, youth hunters may only sign up for one hunt. They are welcome to hunt stand-by on the other day.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

- Darwin David Smith, 28, was convicted of Assault IV – Constituting Domestic Violence, a Class A Misdemeanor, and sentenced to 180 days jail time. However, execution of 175 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community service, no contact with the victim and five days jail time, to run consecutive to the following counts. Smith was additionally convicted of two counts of Criminal Mischief II, a Class A Misdemeanor, and sentenced on each count to 180 days jail time. However, execution of 175 days jail time was suspended for both counts and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community service, no contact with the victim and

five days jail time, to run consecutive to other counts. Additional counts were disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$1,690.

- Darwin David Smith was additionally convicted of Failure to Appear II, a Class A Misdemeanor, and sentenced to 180 days jail time. However, execution of jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 20 hours of community service. Additional counts were disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$200.

- Russell Gene Whitbeck, 55, was convicted of Contempt of Court. Sentence of 30 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 12 months bench probation, to include 30 hours community service, no contact with certain listed individuals, and the defendant was trespassed from an Irrigon Property. Fines, fees and

assessments totaled \$200.

- Yanike Binene, 25, was convicted of Giving False Information to a Police Officer, a Class A Misdemeanor, and sentenced to 180 days jail time. However, execution of jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 20 hours of community service. Additional counts were disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$350.

- Yanike Binene additionally was convicted of Resisting Arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor, and sentenced to 180 days jail time. However, execution of jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 20 hours of community service. Additional counts were disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$350.

Sheriff's Report

August 9: -Morrow County Sheriff received report that a suspicious person was trying to get into the caller's pickup, but then took off running. MCSO and Boardman Police Department responded but were unable to locate the suspect.

-MCSO received report through a language line that the caller advised of a bullet hole in their house after hearing a gunshot. MCSO and BPD responded. MCSO, BPD arrested Efrén Hurtado, Jr., 25, for Unlawful Use of a Firearm and two counts of Reckless Endangerment. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$19,500 bail.

-MCSO received report of a dog with a chain around its neck, trying to get loose. Caller advised it was hungry and thirsty, but couldn't get anywhere close to water. MCSO responded and made contact with the caller and the person caring for the dog and reported all was well.

-MCSO, Boardman

Ambulance, Boardman Fire Department received report from a subject on I-84 Boardman that his 68-year-old brother-in-law was having some mental troubles and possibly has a gun with him. The caller said his gun was missing from his dresser. The caller said that when the wife of the brother-in-law woke up, he was gone. She said he called, said he was on I-84 and just yelled at her. She was worried he was going to commit suicide. MCSO, Boardman Ambulance and Life Flight responded. He was transported to Kadlec Medical Center.

-MCSO received request for a welfare check on a subject. The caller said she had not heard from him since July 31 and she usually hears from him. MCSO responded and made contact with some people who had seen him a few days ago.

-MCSO, Boardman Fire Department, Irrigon Ambulance, Irrigon Fire Department received report

of a shed on fire in Irrigon, with structures threatened. Irrigon Fire Department, EMS, MCSO and Boardman Fire Department responded. The fire was put out.

-MCSO received a request from a subject who said he was in a silver VW at the entrance of Marine Park. He said he wanted to see his kids and wanted a deputy to stand in with him so no problems arise. MCSO made contact with the caller and advised him he would have to go through proper court channels, but MCSO could not assist him.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject concerning the manager of the mobile home park. She said that the manager of the park said he wanted to raise the rent on her brother-in-law and call the pound on the dog. MCSO made contact and advised her what they could do.

-Boardman Ambulance received report of a female in her 20s, barely conscious and barely breathing. Boardman Police Department and Boardman Ambulance responded. The

subject was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

-Boardman Ambulance received report of a 23-year-old female who had been vomiting all day and couldn't keep anything down. Boardman Ambulance responded and transported her to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-Boardman Ambulance received report of a 74-year-old male with low blood pressure. He was transported to Good Shepherd.

-Irrigon Ambulance received report of a 30-year-old female with an earache, bleeding from the right ear and right eye, but conscious. Irrigon Ambulance transported her to Good Shepherd Hospital.

August 10: -Morrow County Sheriff's Office received report of the sick room door tripped at Irrigon Elementary School. MCSO made contact with custodians and the building was cleared.

-MCSO received report from a woman in Irrigon that a guy in a blue car was watching her house. MCSO responded and determined

that the owner of the vehicle was working with a construction company on a job nearby.

-MCSO received report from a woman on Hwy. 207, Heppner that her husband was out doing chores when a subject, whom they knew, in a dark green Blazer stopped and dumped garbage in their driveway. MCSO made contact with the subject; he said was unaware that he had left trash out there and said he would pick it up.

-MCSO received report from an officer that two subjects walked into the Irrigon Sheriff's Office regarding a trespass incident.

-MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that a male was stalking his family. MCSO responded and determined there were no court orders in place and nothing criminal at the time. They were advised to call the sheriff's office if anything else occurred.

-MCSO received report of a maroon vehicle parked in front of 40-Taps in Pendleton with an African American male in it. The caller said he saw a post on Facebook of an

African American male subject trying to pick up juvenile girls in a maroon vehicle. An officer was unable to locate the subject.

-MCSO received report from a Boardman woman that when she came home, her door had been kicked in. She said that nothing was stolen as far as she could tell and the subject was no longer there.

-MCSO received report from a woman in Irrigon that an intoxicated male subject had come over 30 minutes earlier and was yelling, but no weapons were involved. She said she thought he had gone back in his trailer.

-MCSO received report that Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Jeffery Robert Balster, 61, on a MCSO warrant. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$763.50 bail in full.

-Heppner Ambulance received report of a 50-year-old woman with an allergic reaction. She was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

-Irrigon Ambulance, Irrigon Fire Department received request for an ambulance for a 34-year-old male who may have gotten food poisoning. He was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

-Irrigon Fire Department received report of a fire on Crooked Rd., Irrigon, with a deputy reporting seeing smoke. MCSO and Irrigon Fire responded and the fire was put out.

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CELEBRATION of Life

A memorial in celebration of the life of Allen Burkenbine will be held on Saturday, October 3, at 11 am at All Saints Episcopal Church. Allen passed away on June 7th in Arizona. The family invites friends to come and share memories and a potluck lunch to be served after.

MORROW/GRANT COUNTY OHV PARK SPECIAL YOUTH HUNT

GENERAL SECOND SEASON, SPIKE ONLY NOVEMBER 7TH — NOVEMBER 15TH, 2015

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MORROW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE, 365 WEST HIGHWAY 74, P.O. BOX 428, LEXINGTON, OREGON 97839. APPLICANTS **MUST** BE A MORROW OR GRANT COUNTY RESIDENT. A VALID HUNTING LICENSE, CURRENT HUNTER'S EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OR BE PARTICIPATING IN THE MENTORED YOUTH HUNTER PROGRAM ARE REQUIRED. APPLICANTS SHALL BE 12 TO 17 YEARS OF AGE. ALL APPLICATIONS **MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2015 @ 3:00 PM.** TO THE MORROW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE IN LEXINGTON, OREGON. APPLICATIONS WILL BE SELECTED BY A DRAW AND REVIEWED AT MORROW COUNTY COURT. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE AT 541-989-9500.