

## Business Notes

# Apply now for permits to work in streams during this summer

Landowners considering work this summer in streams or on streambanks, are reminded to check with the Division of State Lands on the need to apply for a removal-fill permit before starting work and to apply soon if a permit is needed.

Steve Purchase, DSL assistant director, encouraged people planning streamside or wetland projects to contact DSL at least three months before they

plan to do the work. "Before beginning an application, landowners should talk to one of our staff members to determine whether a permit is necessary or whether a streamlined type of permit (a General Authorization) might suffice," he said.

Purchase reported that the agency's Web site has incorporated new features to help people understand the application process for a removal-fill per-

mit. A new introductory page provides information and offers quick links to other helpful pages, including:

Field Operations Staff – areas served, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Working with Consultants – advice on choosing an environmental consultant to assist with permit applications and a list of consultants providing services in Oregon and Washington.

Application Review Process – detailed explanation of the criteria and process DSL staff uses to approve or deny an application.

Examples of forms and documents that often are needed to accompany applications, are listed under "Permit filing help."

People without Web access may request print versions by calling the DSL office in Salem or Bend. New materials have been added for people who request a removal-fill application. DSL also recently developed a survey that is sent to permit applicants at the end of the permit process.

In general, Oregon's Removal-Fill Law requires people who will remove or fill 50 cubic yards or more of material in waters of the state to obtain a permit from the Division of State Lands. "Waters of the state" include natural waterways such as intermittent streams, constantly flowing streams, lakes, wetlands and other bodies of water.

The movement of ANY material in streams designated as

essential salmon habitat or in a state scenic waterway may require a permit, according to Purchase.

Purchase said that another factor to be considered is when to perform the work. There are in-water work periods associated with most streams in order to reduce potential impacts to important fish, wildlife and habitat resources. In many bodies of water, the preferred in-water work period begins in June or July and ends in August or September, Purchase noted.

Information about the removal-fill program is also available on the agency's Web site. Go to the removal-fill heading on the left-side list under "Direct links." People without Internet access should call either the Salem office (503) 378-3805 or the Bend office (541) 388-6112.

Additional information and technical assistance for projects can be obtained from local Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife offices and local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.



One corner of the Washington Grade School gym was turned into a full service garden store by Vernonia Hardware & Supply during the Vernonia Business Expo last Saturday. The number of people attending the event was down this year, due to exceptionally good weather.

### — NOTICE —

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