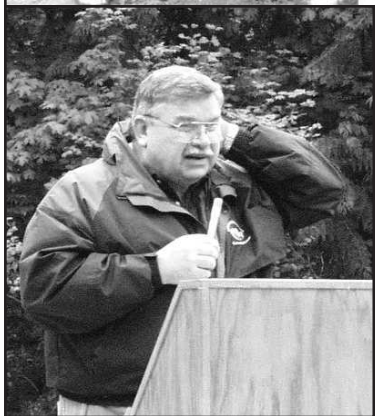


Governor attends groundbreaking for Hare's Canyon State Park



Washington County Commissioner Tom Brian

State, county and city officials and employees, construction workers, parks supporters and area neighbors attended the official groundbreaking for Hare's Canyon State Park last Friday, at the Hwy. 47 entrance to the park. This is Oregon's first new full-service park in over 30 years.

Developments planned for the park include campsites,

shower/restrooms, trails, day-use areas, an observation tower, a trailhead on the Banks-Vernonia State Trail, yurts, a horse camp and interpretive exhibits. Located on 1,755 hilly and forested acres east of Hwy. 47 and north of Hwy 26 near Buxton, the park is scheduled to open in 2007.

Oregon Parks & Recreation Director Michael Carrier spoke

briefly before turning the microphone over to Gov. Ted Kulongoski, praising the efforts of local parks supporters Hollie and Alice Pihl, as well as Oregon Youth Corps members.

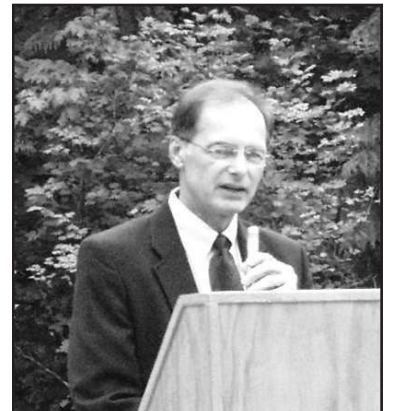
Gov. Kulongoski spoke of his plan to start one new park a year for ten years, as a response to Oregon voters' approval of lottery funds for park development and maintenance.

Ready to turn the first shovel of dirt, top left, from left, are Washington County Commissioner Tom Brian, Columbia County Commissioner Tony Hyde, Gov. Ted Kulongoski, ardent park supporter and retired judge Hollie Pihl, and Vernonia Mayor Cindy Ball, with state Parks Commissioner Bob Green looking on.

Above, Gov. Kulongoski addressed the crowd before the official groundbreaking.

Left, Oregon Youth Corps members who have worked on area parks posed with Gov. Kulongoski.

Right, OPRD Director Michael Carrier



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