

Business

Forest Trust Land meeting to review harvest level data

The Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) will meet Friday, June 17, in Salem to discuss preliminary, computer-modeled harvest levels for northwest Oregon state-managed forestlands.

The meeting will be held at the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) operations building, 2600 State St., in room 101 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. FTLAC meetings are open to the public. An opportunity for public comment is provided at 10 a.m.

The committee will review and discuss forest modeling outputs for harvesting and habitat. The modeling outputs, along with other information, will be used by the Oregon Board of Forestry (BOF) to consider possible changes in the northwest and southwest forest management plans. The committee will provide input to the board.

Other topics include reports on Swiss needle cast (a disease affecting Douglas-fir), watershed effectiveness monitoring and an update on the BOF's new process for consid-

ering technical information in decision-making.

FTLAC is a legally mandated committee of county commissioners representing counties that in the past deeded lands to the state. The committee advises the governing BOF on matters where counties may have a responsibility related to forestland managed by ODF. Counties depend on revenue generated from management activities on these lands.

About \$45 million in annual revenue — earmarked for 15 counties — has come from timber sales on county forest trust lands. The revenue is used primarily for local schools, and also helps fund county government and local taxing districts.

The committee is made up of seven members who represent the 15 counties that have state forest land within their county boundaries. Counties with forest trust lands include Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Douglas, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook and Washington.

Council hears park manager

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grounds and some of the other services. Lucas said this will be the first State Park built in 33 years. It is being funded primarily by lottery dollars.

Matt Chesley followed with a presentation on "Mountain Biking and Vernonia," using information from the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA), which has over 32,000 members worldwide. They build or help build 5,000 miles of trail every year in order to make the trails erosion-proof (even in climates with more than twice our average rainfall). According to Chesley, the average IMBA member is a 37 year-old, college-educated male, who makes \$62,000 per year. Chesley suggested mountain bikers as a good source of tourist dollars for our area.

Councilor Shirlee Daughtry received the city's thanks for

her donation of photos and help in getting the framing and matting for the photos on display in the halls of City Hall.

The Council also accepted jurisdiction of Rose Avenue and Alder Street from Columbia County, and approved an amendment to the City Employee Personnel Manual changing from 20 to 32 the number of hours for regular part-time employment.

Mayor Harrison appointed Burt Tschache, Josette Mitchell, Ilene Grady, Steve White-man, Kim Wallace and Randy Aultman to the Technology Center committee for the Learning Center. Harrison will represent the City.

Bassett told Council that there should be paddle boats for rent at the Lake by the end of June.

The next City Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on June 20 at City Hall.

Internet phone service may not reach 9-1-1

Technology improves our lives in so many ways and "Voice Over Internet Protocol" (VoIP) appears to be the next wave. VoIP provides voice telephone service through your computer internet connection — instead of through a traditional landline or cellular telephone service. While VoIP may streamline some communications options, and may be a less costly connection, it may also limit or even prevent you from calling 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Before deciding to switch to VoIP, be sure to ask if you'll have 9-1-1 service. Some internet service providers who offer VoIP do not provide a connection to 9-1-1 at all. Others route 9-1-1 calls to regular, non-emergency telephone numbers (a seven or ten-digit number) that may or may not reach the correct public safety dispatch center to respond to your call.

Furthermore, when your call is routed to one of these seven or ten-digit numbers, there is no enhanced 9-1-1 with its au-

tomatic, lifesaving features: routing to the correct emergency dispatch center, identification of the closest emergency personnel and location identification that enables emergency personnel to pinpoint where you are. Most Voice Over Internet services simply don't connect you with Enhanced 9-1-1 at this time.

Because the market for VoIP is taking off, there are some

providers who voluntarily assure a connection to the 9-1-1 network. In some cases that includes Enhanced 9-1-1 services for their Oregon customers. Other providers are intensely developing systems to improve 9-1-1 connections from desktop and laptop computers.

But for now, it is strongly recommended that you keep a cellular phone or landline to call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

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