

Business Notes

Many volunteers helped with trails, corrals, landscaping at new park



Above: An early view of some of the 15 rustic cabins at Stub Stewart State Park.

Left: Jake and Dottie Barry are full-time RVers from Crystal Lake, Illinois, who were volunteers at Stub Stewart State Park. Here they are shown helping with the landscaping at the Welcome Center just weeks before the park is scheduled to open.

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Future plans call for 35 more full-hookup RV sites, a group tent camping area, sheltered group picnic areas, a group lodge, an observation tower and more trails, including a single-track mountain bike trail.

Volunteers have helped build hiking trails, worked on the corrals at the horse camp, assembled picnic tables and helped landscape and finish the cabin interiors and the Welcome Center.

Lottery funds provided most

of the funds for the land and construction. Construction has incorporated principles of sustainability such as solar heating for restroom water, recycled and renewable materials, and use of materials that look like wood and stone but are actually low maintenance concrete.

State seeks suggestions on forest priorities

What issues should the Oregon Board of Forestry put on its priority list for 2008 and 2009? The seven-member board is inviting the public to help answer that question.

During June and July, people are invited to suggest forest-related issues for the board to consider as it sets its future priorities.

"Forests cover almost half of Oregon's land area," said Dan Postrel, public affairs director with the state Department of Forestry. "They make a huge contribution to the state's identity, environment and economy. The board is interested in hearing from people about trends, challenges, and ideas for managing forests sustainably."

Ideas can be submitted through the mail or the board's Web site. Those who would like to use the Web will find background information and an electronic form at www.oregon.gov/odf

People using postal mail are asked to provide their name, affiliation if desired, postal or email address and phone number, along with their suggestions. This material can be mailed to: Oregon Department of Forestry – Attn. Dan Postrel, Building B, 2600 State Street, Salem, OR 97310.

People are asked to limit the description of each proposed issue to 500 words. Submittals are due by 5:00 p.m., July 31.

A work group appointed by

the board will review the submitted ideas and make recommendations later this year. The board will then begin discussions leading to possible changes in its work plans and priorities. The board conducts this process every two years.

Appointed by the governor and confirmed by the state Senate, the board oversees all forest policy matters within the state's jurisdiction. The board's duties include appointing the state forester, managing state-owned forests, and adopting rules regulating timber harvest on private land. The board also provides a forum for public debate and policy-making on all forest ownerships in Oregon, including federal lands.

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