

Birds of Prey Area Expanded

Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus announced today that he has directed that the Birds of Prey Study Area in Idaho be expanded to provide additional protection to one of the most unique raptor nesting populations in the world.

Secretary Andrus said that preliminary research findings indicate that raptors from the Birds of Prey Natural Area are using a much broader area than contained within the present Birds of Prey Study Area boundaries.

The 31,000 acre Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area near Boise was set aside in 1971 to protect the nesting habitat for eagles, falcons, hawks, and owls. An additional 290,000 acres was administratively designated as a study area in 1974. Land disposals or other actions in the Study Area which might jeopardize the raptor prey habitat have been suspended.

The directive announced today would expand the study area by about 230,000 acres of Federal land. The expanded study area does not include the Indian Hills area.

All actions in the expanded Area that might conflict with the raptor habitat, such as approval of Desert Land or Carey Act applications, or oil and gas or geothermal leasing, are to be suspended until a permanent natural area boundary is established and a plan for management of the land is implemented. Secretary Andrus said that other uses that do not conflict with use of the area by birds of prey may continue.

Secretary Andrus also directed that by June 1979 alternatives be prepared, including proposed legislation, which would permanently protect the area necessary for the Snake River Birds of Prey.

For further information on this action, contact John Hough, Director of the Western Field Office, Department of the Interior, Office of the Secretary, 915 Second Avenue, Room 3090, Seattle, Washington 98174; BLM Idaho State Office, Federal Building, 550 W. Fort Street, Box 042, Boise, Idaho 83724; or Dean Bibbes, Boise District Manager, 230 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho 83702.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTOR OF BIG BEND IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election for the office of one Director for the Big Bend Irrigation District in Malheur County, Oregon, for a term of (3) years, will be held within said District on November 12, 1977. The polling place for said election shall be the Big Bend school house located 3 1/2 miles southeast of Adrian, Oregon and the polls shall be opened at 8:00 a.m. on the day of election and shall be kept open until 5:00 p.m. when the polls shall be closed.

Nominations for such office may be made by petition, signed by at least ten (10) electors of the District or at an assembly of not less than twenty-five electors. All nominations shall be filed with the Secretary of the District at least fifteen (15) days before the date of election. Nominating petition forms may be obtained from the Secretary of the District.

By Order of the Board of Directors of the Big Bend Irrigation District, Joe Zueger, Secretary, Published October 13, 20, 27, 1977.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Thursday, October 27 - Adrian City Council, regular meeting, Adrian Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

Thursday, October 27 - Nyssa City Council Special Meeting, 113 Main Street, 12 noon.



A sparrow has 14 vertebrae in its neck. A giraffe or a man has only seven.



CHAMBERLIN COUNTRY as seen from Rock Rabbit Lookout.



HERB [CHUB] RUETH, Parma, Idaho

Elk are Where You Find Them

The horses were loaded and we were on the road to Big Creek, the jumping-off point for a hunt in Idaho's Primitive Area. Our ultimate destination was the Chamberlin Basin.

I think my hunting partner pretty well summed up hunting as it is today when we stopped in Emmett to fuel up the truck. Here we are with a pickup full of saddles, grub boxes, and other hunting gear, pulling a four-horse trailer with four horses and the attendant asks "Going hunting?" Chub replies, "No, we're going camping, but we'll shoot an elk if we see one."

The road to Big Creek is a long one about six hours from Nyssa. The following morning with the horses saddled and packed we set out for Chamberlin, a distance of 27 miles. The first six miles are easy going. But at the junction, rather than follow Beaver Creek, we decided to take the Esep cutoff. The sign says Rock Rabbit Lookout, 4 miles; what it doesn't say is four miles straight up. This is the hardest part of the trip, requiring sure-footed horses in good shape; Fortunately ours are both, and four hours later we are at Rock Rabbit Lookout. From here to our camping site it is down hill and at 6:30, nine hours later, we pitch camp.

I was once told elk are where you find them and the next morning we found them; Six head were practically in our tent. However, Lady Luck was elsewhere that morning. After pushing them about a half mile down the ridge they slipped by us without a shot being fired. The bull bugled several times within a hundred yards of me but would not answer my call. The rut was apparently over and the bull had no interest in the challenge.

So it went for the next two days. It seems like you're chasing ghosts. We saw several head but still no blood on our hands. On Tuesday, our legs numb from so much walking, we decide to let the horses do the walking and head for a new area about twelve miles south of camp. The first few miles are not very encouraging with very little fresh sign and extremely rugged country. In a few miles the horses are wringing wet from the steady climb. Once on top we see lots of fresh sign and decide

to walk the horses so they can regain their wind.

Then almost like a ghost, appears a bull standing a few yards off the trail, apparently surprised to see us. Almost that fast its over with. Now the work begins, after about an hour we have him ready to load, half on each horse. First we load Dolly, an older mare with lots of meat packing experience. She gives us no problem, and in a matter of minutes she is ready for the trip to camp. Now it's my horse's turn. Cav, a seven-year-old gelding, with very little experience packing meat is not so easily loaded. In fact, he even puts on a little rodeo for our benefit, but with a front foot tied up and a blindfold, he is loaded and we're on our way to camp.

At this point I asked Chub "How can you figure elk? We beat the bushes for four days with no success and then shoot one standing next to the trail." His reply, "Elk are where you find them."

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Spice of Apple Valley
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The other night about 10:30 we stopped at the store to pick up a few things. Not unusual you say? That depends on where you live. Shops in Northern Scotland close at 5:30 sharp! The shopkeepers also have other surprises for unsuspecting Americans. The first week we were in Invergordon I decided to go shopping on Wednesday afternoon while my husband was at work. None of the stores were open. Then I found out that one day a week all shops in a given town have "half day closing" and Wednesday was Invergordon's day. To top it all off, the bus for home wasn't due for two hours.

We regret to note the passing away last Thursday of Mrs. Jennie Seward, a long-time resident of Apple Valley. She had been a patient in Malheur Memorial Hospital since she broke her hip in the fall on September 27. The funeral was held

October 24. We send sincere condolences to Mrs. Seward's family.

Some of the relatives who have come for the funeral and are staying in our area are Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Everhart of Dodge City, Kansas; Mrs. Seward's niece; a brother, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Eaton of Wakeeney, Kansas; Minerva League from Woodward, Oklahoma; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Eaton of Palco, Kansas.

Mrs. Arch Englehardt spent Wednesday and Thursday visiting with Muriel Englehardt in Nampa.

Last week Mrs. Lee Stubblefield moved her mobile home into Parma.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Anders of Caldwell were Thursday lunch guests of Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Smalley. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smalley and family from Hermiston, Ore. visited his parents on Friday afternoon and Saturday.

On Sunday Dwight Seward's brothers and sisters were guests for dinner at his home.

On Wednesday Lila Mullin and Charlene Hurd of Parma visited with Mrs. Elmer Smith.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Rainey of Mountain Home.

Kelly Bay, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bay, had his fifteenth birthday last week. Coming on Thursday to help celebrate were Trudi Bay from Hawaii, Gary Bay from Reno, and Deena Bay from Twin Falls. Rick and Brenda Fitzsimons of Boise came on Friday. Also attending the Sunday birthday dinner were Bill and Betty Kepler from Idaho Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Kepler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Kepler and son, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Clawson and son, Joni Kepler, Pam Bertolotto, and Mrs. Ruby Walker, the family grandmother from Notus.

Saturday visitors at the Bays were Mrs. Bonnie Nichols and Jodi, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Edgar, and Steve Kerby from Medford, Oregon. Sunday callers were Mrs. Lou Emery from Parma and Mrs. Zellah Kerby of Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Collins were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Russell in Boise.

Mrs. Tom Ferguson is out of the hospital in Portland. She is improving but will be staying at her daughter's Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krebs for a while longer.

Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dibble last week included Esther Harold on Wednesday, Mrs. Alma Moore of Payette on Friday and a former neighbor Pete Kratzer from Marsing on Sunday. Mrs. Dibble's brother Bert Sandy called her from Washington to visit by long distance.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Knox have returned from their trip to Iowa where they visited with friends and relatives.

They report they had a lovely time with good weather and good roads—even through Wyoming. On Sunday Don Sommers from Nyssa visited at the Knox home.

Mrs. Nell Correll and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Correll had a dinner in Caldwell and visited in Boise last week. Gordon and Jean left for their home in Marysville, Washington on Thursday.

Overnight visitors Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fritts were Mr. and Mrs. George Lindsay from Cottage Grove, Oregon. Mrs. Dorothy Larkin from Eugene and Mrs. Winifred Larkin from Monroe also visited on Thursday and Winifred is spending a few days with the Fritts.

On Friday Mrs. Fritts and Mrs. W. Larkin had lunch with Mrs. Mary Honey and on Saturday called on Luella Brekeman in the nursing home in Ontario. On Sunday the ladies visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Smalley and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Wagner.

Happy Anniversary

October 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Ray McPeak
October 31 - Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Windom, Mr. and Mrs. John Price

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