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Salvage, rehab of Lionshead burn area

Loggers are in the forest this week working on the Lionshead timber salvage operation. This is part of the work that will happen this year and beyond in the burn area of the September 2020 Lionshead fire. The Lionshead impact area is large: 96,266 acres burned on the reservation; 108,203 acres burned off-reservation immediately to the west; for a total acreage of 204,469.

Much of the fire salvage operation is scheduled to happen this year, as the value of the salvaged timber decreases over time, said Vernon Wolf, tribal forest manager.

The Lionshead and other large wildfires last year in the state have caused a shortage of logging trucks, Mr. Wolf said. In 2020 wild fires in Oregon burned about one million acres. Off-reservation, some logging equipment was lost to fire; fortunately, this did not happen on the reservation, Mr. Wolf said.

In addition to the timber salvage operation, Forestry and the Branch of Natural Resources will be working various mitigation programs on the Lionshead burn area. A first phase of rehabilitation will be in “suppression repair,” Wolfe said. This involves repairing damage that may have happened during the fire-response effort itself. This would be damage to roads and fences, for example. Then work on the sites to pre-suppression condition. The emergency stabilization phase will include monitoring for invasive species, documenting cultural sites in the area, and processing salvage from runway. With the loss of trees and vegetation there is the risk of erosion and sedimentation into streams. The goal is to address this during 2021.

Long-term work will be the actual rehabilitation. This can take up to five years or more. The goal at Forestry this year is to replant new trees on 1,000 acres of burned area. In future years the Natural Resources will use seedlings, grown in nurseries, to address this during 2021.

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There are two positions open on the Indian Head Casino Board of Directors. The openings call for one tribal member, and one non-member. Submission deadline, and means of submission are the same as above.

Water Board

There are two positions open on the three-person Water Board of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. There are currently two positions Tribal Council seeks to fill: One position is for a tribal member, and one for a non-member. Duration of each term will be until December 31, 2023. Submission deadline, and means of submission are the same as above.

On the reservation: The number of positive Covid-19 tests (the orange line) and negative tests (grey bars) by week among the Warm Springs tribal community. As the graph demonstrates, the December holidays brought on a spike even bigger than the one following the Fourth of July. Data reported by Community Health and HES.

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Tribes set winter commercial fishery

A winter commercial gillnet fishery will open on the Columbia River from 6 a.m. on Monday, February 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 6. The area is the John Day pool and The Dalles pool only. Allowed gear are gillnets with no more than 250 feet of line. Allowable sales are salmon (any species), steelhead, catfish, carp, sturgeon, and yellow perch. FiveGithub, 172,093 tests have been administered by IHS. The Navajo area was at 16.9 percent positivity. The Phoenix area, 146 percent. And the Oklahomia City area, 13.4 percent. So far this year, five areas have seen dramatic growth in the state’s Alert Immunization Information System—IIS.

IHS updates its Covid-19 testing data

The Indian Health Service has updated its Covid-19 testing data for Indian Country. According to the report, 172,093 tests administered by IHS, 172,093 tests have been administered by Or-

A fast-spreading variant of the coronavirus that causes Covid-19 has been found in at least 10 states—including Or-egon—and people are wonder- ing: How do I protect myself now?

The new variant has been estimated to be 50 percent more easily transmitted than common variants, though for now it appears to affect people’s health in the same way.

Additionally, there is some evidence that patients infected with the new variant—called the B.1.1.7 variant—may have a higher viral load: That means they may expel more virus-contaminating particles when they breathe, talk or sneeze. With people possibly having more virus in their bodies and the virus being more infectious, everyone should take extra care and precautions. Wearing face masks and social distancing are essential.

Spaces and activities that were previously deemed "safe"—such as some indoor work environments—may present an elevated infection risk as the variant spreads.

The concentration of auto- mobiles is usually highest next to the individual omit- ting the particles and decreases with distance from the source. However, in indoor environ- ments, aerosol concentration levels can quickly build up, sim- ilar to how cigarette smoke ac- cumulates within enclosed spaces.

This is particularly problem- atic in spaces that might not be previ- ously poised a risk could now lead to infection.

What can you do to stay safe?

Pay attention to the rules of face mask use, and how it fits.

Follow social distancing guidelines.

Think carefully about the environments when entering an enclosed area—as to both the ventilation and how the people interact.

You may wonder whether you still need to quarantine when you have been exposed to Covid-19 if you have received your vaccination.

Some answers.

If you have been fully vacci- nated with the Covid-19 vaccine and it’s at least 14 days since your final dose, you are no longer required to quarantine if you have had close contact with someone who is infected with Covid-19, according to guide- lines from the Oregon Health Autor- ity.

If you’re fully immunized, you should still monitor yourself for symptoms of Covid-19 during the 14 days after exposure, and if symptoms develop, you should iso- late and seek testing.

People who have been fully vaccinated should continue to fol- low measures to protect them- selves and others, including main- taining physical distance, avoiding crowds, washing hands often and wearing a mask—as now recommended, two masks.

State covid, vaccine update

The Oregon Health Authority this week reported that 14,755 new Covid-19 cases were reported, and 14,755 new cases were added to the state immu- nization registry. An individual was killed in a remote part of the reserva- tion earlier this month found a human skull, said Bill Elliott, Warm Springs Public Safety general manager.

A preliminary examination by the medical examiner’s office revealed the remains could have been in the area for anywhere from one to six weeks. Warm Springs Tribal Police said they will check their database for missing people or runaways from the reservation to process the site.

Elliott, Warm Springs Public Safety general manager.

Looking forward to 2021 Valentines Day with Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.

Skull found on reservation

An individual who was hiking in a remote part of the reserva- tion earlier this month found a human skull, according to Warm Springs Tribal Police. The hiker was apparently salvaging wood from an old dock, January 10, along Tensino Road. The person noticed a round item on the ground, then realized it was a human skull, said Bill Elliott, Warm Springs Public Safety general manager.

The individual who came across the skull called the police, who searched the area, finding “several other bones that were of interest,” Mr. Elliott said. The FBI was notified, and agents ar- rived on the reservation to process the scene.

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From the desk of the W.S. Veterans Representative

Frankie Williams, W.S. Veterans Representative

Identification Cards

Types of Veteran ID cards:

There are many types of identification cards you can use to show you're a Veteran. You only need to have one of them for the purpose.

Learn about the different types of VA ID cards and other Veteran ID options.

Department of Defense Identification Card:

A Department of Defense Identification Card is used to show your military status and to gain access to services at military bases. You may also use this card to gain discounts at VA stores, museums and restaurants. If you have a Department of Defense Identification Card, you don’t need to request another Veteran ID Card.

Department of Veterans Affairs Identification Card:

A VA Identification Card is an official form of photo ID card to be used to secure VA benefits, check in to VA medical appointments and other VA-related matters. You may also use this card to get discounts offered to Veterans at many stores, businesses and restaurants. You'll need to fill out an application for Identification Card.

Time Automated Personnel System (TAPS) Enrollment Card/DEERS Enrollment Application for Identification Card:

The DEERS card is a Social Security card that you can use to check in to your VA appointments and is used for VA Health Care eligibility. You may be eligible if you have a VA ID card, please contact your VA representative.

Veteran ID Card:

A Veteran ID Card is a VIC—a form of photo ID that you use to get discounts offered to Veterans at many stores, businesses and restaurants.

When you have this card, you won't need to carry multiple cards to show you're a Veteran.

Consistency is key. Stick to a goal to walk more, consider your long term behavior. It's not always the size of the steps you take, but the number of times you take those steps. Home to school connections to make once olds habits more automatic. The key is to always prioritize the actions about how to prioritize those needs that are most effective. Researchers from University in London College in England, reported in the journal Science, it takes 66 days for a new habit to stick. By increasing the frequency of repetition, new connections to make once old habits more automatic. You can use this to your advantage. Mr. Williams’s character of discharge, other than honorable, bad conduct, dishonorable, and uncharacterized or unclassified type of VA ID card to visit our VA health centers or VA retail stores.

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Congratulations to the Oregon Teacher of the Year

Nicole Butler-Hooton

The Oregon Department of Education has named the 2021 Teacher of the Year. Here is her story.

Nicole Butler-Hooton is a Skilet and Apache tribal member who resides in the city of Springfield, community and grew up in the community of her classroom. Ms. Butler-Hooton was raised in a small tribal town, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Ethnic Studies from the University of Oregon. She grew up in a tribal town, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Ethnic Studies from the University of Oregon. Ms. Butler-Hooton arrived in a small tribal town, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Ethnic Studies from the University of Oregon. Ms. Butler-Hooton arrived in a small tribal town, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Ethnic Studies from the University of Oregon.

After completing her Master’s, Butler-Hooton began teaching second grade teaching at Irving Elementary in Bethel, which has been her work home for 14 years. Her vibrant, inclusive and culturally responsive teaching style is highly respected and supported by the school community.

She is Eugene/ Springfield’s most recognized teacher and is a local expert in Bethel, mentoring and coaching teacher students and colleagues.

Every day, Nicole dem- onstrates how inclusive and culturally responsive education has the power to shape our future for generations to come,” said Governor Kate Brown.

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Engaging a broad coalition of partners, Neda had requested for her final journey. Neda had an honorable life of love for her family, children, and her Lost Legacy book collection. She was one of the last fluent speakers of the Ichishkin language, as an instructor and for her important role as an Ichishkin medicine society member.

As a child, Neda and her late sisters, Nellie Henry and Alta M. Henry, were trained to learn to operate a sewing machine, which was set aside in favor of regular domestic and as a bead worker, too. Her fine beadwork was entered in numerous county fairs for ongoing prizes.

As the wife of a Treaty fisherman, Neda prepared the traditional foods for decades. The late fisherman, Harald Greene, was appointed by the Tribal Council to fish 22 rafted fishing sites, to continue their tribal fishing rights.

She saw her people fish nets and di moj repairs to the boats. She helped Harald and both Nellie and Harald to work closely with the police and as the law enforcement were constantly involved. Additionally, Neda was well known for her work on behalf of tribal lands as a member of the Tribes of Northwest Indians, Land Use Class as well as with the Elections Committee.

Neda responded to the call of the Cascade Lakes area for the naming of the main street, which she provided the name, "Warimpe Senor", which translates as "by the river." She always taught us to be proud of "Chic-Ca-Wa," One Big River.

The Portland Metropolitan Area Transportation District awarded a grant to plan for a Center for Tribal Nations on property of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Metro awarded the $750,000 grant to OMSI and the City of Portland.

The grant will support strategic planning and engagement efforts for the Center for Tribal Nations, and a waterfront education park at the OMSI District.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC) is looking to hire a Geomarica Laboratory Specialist, located in Hagerman, Idaho. Starting salary range: $53,529 to $70,460. Closing date: February 28. Employment application and full job announcement located at www.critfc.org.
By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 22nd day of MARCH, 2021 @ 10:00 AM.

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Each bag had sand to encourage the spread of virus, such as shortening funeral pro-
cedures, eliminating coffee hours in tribal businesses and canceling dances and sand, said Dionne.

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**Trivial fishing: occupational hazards**

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Despite the virus, the Columbia River salmon runs have forced the tribes to strike a delicate balance between the safety of their workers and the need to ensure that commercial and recreational fisheries can continue. The pandemic has further complicated the challenges facing the tribes, which are already struggling with deteriorating habitats, several species having been added to the endangered species list.

**Occupational hazards**

- Jaime Pinkham, executive director, CRITFC

**‘Could have been worse’**

In the Columbia River basin, many tribal members have been greatly impacted by the pandemic, but it could have been worse, said CRITFC. The commission provided technical assistance to the four Columbia Plateau tribes.

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The pandemic also brought new procedures for mask wearing and physical distancing, which added to the work load and raised the stress levels of fisheries managers and workers. The federal government has not provided additional funding to help the tribes with the impact of the pandemic, but the tribes have been able to adapt to the new conditions.

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The Dalles, residents still lack access to schools and libraries, and the federal government has not provided additional funding to help the tribes with the impact of the pandemic.

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But despite the challenges, the tribes have been able to adapt and continue fishing.
Covid outbreak at St. Charles-Redmond facility

St. Charles Health System this month reported an outbreak of Covid-19 cases at the St. Charles Redmond hospital campus.

Thirty-one caregivers at the facility this month tested positive. The outbreak was traced to a patient who, during care, had tested positive. “We are using every possible measure to stop the spread of the virus, to protect our patients and our caregivers,” said Aaron Adams, chief executive officer for the Redmond hospital.

OSU Cascades minority business help in C.O.

To help increase the success of minority-owned businesses in Central Oregon, the Oregon University—Cascades’ Innovation Co-Lab has partnered with area organizations to launch a program to provide under-served entrepreneurs and businesses in the Warm Springs Reservation, the rest of Jefferson County, and Deschutes and Crook counties.

The program will provide participants with coaching, business plan development tools, and access to financial resources including loans, investment capital and grants, as well as ongoing advising.

The Blue Fund program is made possible thanks to a $10,000 gift from Facebook’s Priveince Data Center that was received by the OSU Foundation. “The number of minority-owned small businesses in the U.S. grew by 79 percent between 2007 and 2017, yet minority entrepreneurs are three times as likely to be rejected for a business loan,” said Adam Krynicki, executive director of the Innovation Lab.

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Tribe leader welcome cancellation of XL pipeline

Tribal leaders, especially in South Dakota, are applauding the federal government’s move to halt the Keystone XL Pipeline.

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