

KHKF-Issues and Programs-2nd Quarter 2019

1. ISSUE: Garbage in the wilderness
GUEST: Wallowa Whitman Nation Forest
DESCRIPTION:

The Wallowa Whitman National Forest is reminding citizens about illegal caching and dumping in the wilderness. According to information released by the Wallowa Whitman **National** Forest in recent years visitors and staff to the forest have found more than 80 illegal equipment caches and dumps in the Eagle Cap wilderness area. This was created by those who have packed in items to the wilderness but didn't pack it back out. In a social media post, Wallowa Whitman National Forest representative said that "up to 1,000 pounds of gear has been found at a single site - costing thousands of dollars and many hours of staff and Wallowa Mountains Hells Canyon Trails Association volunteer time to clean up and haul out. This takes time and money away from other important wilderness projects, like trail maintenance."

Citizens are reminded to keep the wilderness wild by practicing the Leave No Trace principles. Please report any illegal dumps to the Forest Service, and make sure your friends and fellow explorers know it's not cool to turn your wilderness into their mini-storage unit or trash dump.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM May 1, 2019

2. ISSUE: Scholarship winners
GUEST: Oregon Trail Electric
DESCRIPTION:

One high school senior whose family is served by Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative has earned a \$2,500 trade school scholarship from the cooperative.

Caden Spencer, who attends Baker High School, plans to attend the Volta Trade School in Astoria. Spencer plans on utilizing the school's entry level lineworker program.

"I have a strong interest in this field of work," he said. "It will provide a background and certification in a discipline that I feel will be rewarding as well as challenging."

Trade school scholarship winners are selected by the cooperative's board of directors from a pool of candidates from OTEC's four service counties, Grant, Union, Hamey and Baker. Scholarship funds come from unclaimed capital credits and do not affect electric rates.

"The cooperative's seven principles include a commitment to education, and we strive to do that by being involved in our school systems," said OTEC Manager of Communications and Public Relations Andrew Cutler. "This scholarship, and the others OTEC provides, are another way we can add to that effort."

Applications are still being accepted for trade school scholarships and are available online at www.otec.coop.

About the cooperative

Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative (OTEC) is a not-for-profit, member-owned electric cooperative that serves over 31,000 homes and businesses in four counties in Eastern Oregon. Headquartered in Baker City, OTEC has district offices in Burns, John Day and La Grande.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM May 10, 2019

3. ISSUE: Construction in Wallowa County
GUEST: WV Health District
DESCRIPTION:

The Wallowa Valley Health Care District in Enterprise has begun construction on two projects in the name of facility advancement. Expansion of the Medical Office Building at Medical Park Way was approved by the District Board in April and the expansion will provide additional exam rooms and office space allowing for improved privacy and patient care. Additionally, construction on a covered walkway between the Medical Office Building and Wallowa Memorial Hospital is also underway.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM May 7, 2019

4. ISSUE: Mainline work in Baker City
GUEST: Baker City Manager Fred Warner
DESCRIPTION:

Water mainline work on Washington Avenue will continue the week of May 20, 2019. Work will include boring under the Powder River in order to increase the size and capacity of the line. This work will help to improve the volume of water in this area as well as increase flow to fire hydrants. This phase of the project will be performed from the approximately 40 feet west of the Powder River east to Clifford Street. Utility improvements on Washington Avenue are being completed in advance of street preventative maintenance work to be performed this summer from the Powder River to Clark Street including curb and sidewalk replacement and asphalt thin overlay. Please

expect delays and possible rerouting of traffic during this project. Should inclement weather conditions or mechanical issues arise, the work will be rescheduled for the next available work day. Your cooperation and patience during this project are appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Baker City Public Works at (541) 524-2047 or (541) 524-2046.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM May 20, 2019

5. ISSUE: Fatal plane crash in Summerville
GUEST: Union County Sheriffs Office
DESCRIPTION:

On June 4th, 2019 at about 7:43 P.M. the Union County Sheriffs Office responded to a single occupant, fatality plane crash in Summerville, Oregon. The incident is being investigated by the Union County Sheriffs Office, Union County District Attorney's Office, **National** Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM June 6, 2019

6. ISSUE: Local motels closed after fire violations
GUEST: Baker City Fire Chief John Clark
DESCRIPTION:

On Monday, June 24, 2019, the Baker City Fire Department received two complaints alleging that fire and life safety systems at the Motel 6 and Super 8 Motel on Campbell Street were intentionally disabled. The complainant reported that the fire alarm systems at both motels had been disabled, as well as the fire suppression (sprinkler) system at the Super 8 motel. The complainant also reported that the suppression system at the Super 8 had been partially dismantled, and parts removed.

Investigation by fire department inspectors found the above described conditions existed, in violation of the Oregon State Fire Code, as adopted by Baker City. Of paramount concern was the discovery that the fire department connection (FDC) for the suppression system at the Super 8 had been removed. With the system disabled and FDC removed, if a fire occurred at the motel, the automatic sprinkler system would not operate, and the fire department would be unable to pump water into the system to supply water to the sprinkler heads to control the fire.

These system disablements pose a significant life safety risk to occupants of the motels, particularly guests that sleep in these facilities.

Based on the conditions found, the risk to public safety, and verifiable information that motel management at both locations were aware of the safety system disablements for an extended period of time and failed to take corrective action, both motels were ordered closed.

The fire department has provided specific information to motel management clearly defining what corrective action is needed to re-open the motels. Fire department inspectors will continue to work with motel management to ensure the required life safety systems are restored and the motels can re-open as soon as possible.

TIME: KHKF MORNING NEWS 6:00AM-9:00AM June 26, 2019