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Efforts To Rehabilitate Fire-Scarred Land Near Pocatello Will Begin Monday, Weather Permitting.

The Bureau Of Land Management Will Conduct Helicopter Operations And Mulch Application Treatments Around Chinese Peak For About Two Weeks. It Follows A Similar Aerial Seeding Contract That Was Completed On December 1st.

The Pocatello Field Office Awarded A Contract To Columbia Basin Helicopters To Apply Wood Straw Mulch To About 128 Acres Of Land That Was Burned By The 1,546-Acre Chinese Peak Fire On July 19, 2020. The Project Will Rehabilitate And Stabilize The Land To Prevent Further Resource Damage. The Entire Operation Is Expected To Take 12 Days, With 6-8 Days Of Helicopter Activity Planned Within That Time Frame.

An Emergency Stabilization And Rehabilitation Plan Was Developed To Address Erosion And Vegetation Concerns Immediately Following The Fire.

According To Blm, The Earlier Contract Seeded Approximately 460 Acres With A Grass/Forb Mixture And An Additional 1,363 Acres With A Sagebrush/Forb Mixture. The Mulching Operation Beginning Next Week Is Similar To A Successful Treatment That Was Conducted After The 2011 Drive-In Fire, In Which Wood Straw Mulch Was Applied Following Aerial Seeding.

If Conditions Allow, The Helicopter Will Begin Applying Wood Mulch In Strategic Areas By Dropping Wood Straw From A Cargo Net. The Helicopter Will Be Based At The Old Drive-In Theater Location Off South 5th Avenue.

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Miller Says Construction Is Under Budget As Well.

"They've Done A Great Job, Right Now They're Planning On The End Of April Being Pretty Much Done With Construction," Miller Said. "And Then The Month Of May We'll Start Moving Furniture In. June We'll Allow The Teachers Who Are Transferring From Other Schools To Get Their Stuff Moved Over Here And Into Their Classrooms."

Bonneville Joint School District 93 Had Safety In Mind When Designing, And Has Lots Of Security Measures, Starting With The Main Entrance.

"It's Access Controlled," Miller Said. "It Will Kind Of Be Like How Sandcreek And Rocky Mountain Is Now, Where People Can Come In The

Front Doors, But They Cant Get Into The Second Doors, They Have To Come Right Into The Office. So It's A Nice Security Measure For That."

Miller Also Says The Classroom Pods They Have Set Up Not Only Provide Additional Safety For Students And Staff, But Allow For More Space For Learning And Working.

"So There Are Six Of These, Each Pod Has Five Classrooms In It," He Said. "They All Have One Science Lab, And Then Four Other Classrooms. So Students Will Be In Here For All Their Core Classes, Science, Math, English And History. And Then We'll Have An Elective Class In Each Pod As Well."

This Makes It So Students Are Staying In One Area For Most Of The Day. The Door To The Pods Lock, Allowing The Students To Use The Exit To Escape In Case Of An Emergency Situation.

Miller Also Says The Thing He's Most Excited For Is To Just Fill The School With Students In The Fall.

"I Think Our Focus This Next Year Is Really Going To Be About Building Relationships And Working With Students On The Social Emotional Side Of Their Health," Miller Said. "Because With The Pandemic And Everything Else Going On In The Last Year, Kids Are So Used To Being Behind A Screen And Not Interacting With People As Much As They Need To Be." Miller Expects There To Be About 800 Students When The New School Year Starts.

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## Chubbuck Adjusts Development Rates To Spur Housing

The City Of Chubbuck Is Taking Steps To Encourage Construction Of New Housing In The Community.

According To City Officials, Housing Availability Has Been Identified As The Number One Risk To The Southeast Idaho Economy. Housing Has Been Impacted By Increasing Construction Costs And The Negative Impacts Of Covid-19.

As A Result, The Mayor And City Council Of Chubbuck Have Ordered A Temporary 30% Reduction In Both Water And Wastewater Capacity Fees. That Will Reduce Fees To \$1,575 Per Edu For Water And \$2,872 Per Edu

For The Wastewater Capacity Fee. The Incentive Will Take Effect April 1 And Continue For 12 Months.

Chubbuck Officials Said They Were Pleased To Do Their Part To Boost The Housing Market To Assist Those Living In The Community.

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Teton County To Oversee \$300,000 Teton Pass Corridor Plan

Teton County, Wyoming Has Received \$300,000 To Conduct A Teton Pass Corridor Planning Effort.

The Grant Will Review Transportation, Outdoor Recreation Access, And Wildlife Safety.

"Teton Pass Is A Critical Transportation Corridor. That Also Traverses Extraordinary Public Lands Access And Wildlife Habitat," Said Teton County Engineer Amy Ramage. "This Grant Will Allow Us To Develop A Cohesive Plan To Address Unprecedented Levels Of Recreation And Commuter Use, While Also Looking At Ways To Reduce Wildlife/Vehicle Collisions And Improve Pedestrian Safety."

Recreational Use Has Risen Sharply In The Corridor Since The 1990's. There Are Multiple Trailhead Facilities Linking To High-Use Trails During The Summer And Backcountry Ski Terrain During The Winter. Along With Growth In Commuter And Commerce Traffic, The Demand Has Increased Parking Congestion, Conflict, And Safety Concerns.

The Bridger-Teton National Forest And Caribou-Targhee National Forest Manage Most Of The Public Land Adjacent To Highway 22. The Forests Will Work With Teton County, Wyoming, Wyoming Department Of Transportation, And Advocacy Groups, Including Wyoming Pathways And The Teton Backcountry Alliance, Will Work To Balance The Demands.

"The Use Of This Area Is Not Going To Decrease So We Need To Develop A Solid Corridor Management Plan That Looks At The Issues Holistically From Idaho To Wyoming," Said Jay Pence, Teton Basin District Ranger For The Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

Teton County Applied For The Grant Because Of Concerns For The Escalating Conflict Between Pedestrian Safety And The Highway Corridor.

An Early Plan Proposes Designs To Improve Pedestrian Safety, Define And Separate Recreation Parking And Improved Signage. The Federal Lands Access Program (Flap) Was Established To Improve Transportation Facilities That Provide Access To Federal Lands, With An Emphasis On High-Use Recreation Sites And Economic Generators. The Teton Pass Corridor Hosts Up To 200,000 Visitors Per Year, 3 Major Trailheads, And Thousands Of Acres Of Public Land.

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Many Parents Give In To "Easter Bunny" Temptation And Buy A Rabbit (Or Chicks) For Their Children, Vastly Underestimating The Amount Of Care That These Animals Require. Peta'S Thoughtful Psa, Which Encourages

Parents To Include Stuffed Toys In Easter Gift Baskets Instead Of Live Animals, Can Be Previewed And Downloaded In Mp3 Format [Here](https://www.peta.org/media/psa/dont-buy-bunnies-or-chicks-for-easter-030/).  
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Wyoming Lawmakers Are Working On Competing Proposals To Address A Projected \$300 Million Shortfall In K-12 Education Funding Over The Next Two Years — And Are Looking To Solutions For A Longer-Term Deficit In School Funding.

The State's Rainy Day Fund Of About \$1.3 Billion Is Available To Cover The Short-Term Shortfall. But House Legislators Are Working On A Bill That Would Phase In Cuts Of About \$68 Million Over The Next Three Years, And A

Senate Proposal Would Cut \$130 Million From The School Finance Model, The Wyoming Tribune Eagle [Reports](#).

Lawmakers Are Working On A Solution With Two Weeks Left In The Legislative Session.

House Lawmakers Also Are Discussing A Proposal To Raise The State Sales Tax From 4% To 5% Once The State's Primary Savings Account Falls Below \$650 Million. The Rainy-Day Fund Could Reach That Threshold As Soon As The 2023-24 Biennium, Legislative Staff Estimate. Many Senators Want To Explore Other Possible Cuts Before Supporting Tax Increases. One Proposal Includes Increasing Class Sizes.

The House Bill Is Set For A Final Reading This Week, With Several Amendments Possible. Lawmakers Will Likely Use That Legislation To Bridge The Difference Between The Two Chambers, According To Senate Education Committee Chair Charles Scott Of Casper.

The House Education Committee Rejected Another Bill That Would Have Consolidated School Districts To Save Money.

Future Service Dogs In Idaho Could Use A Little More Of Our Help, To Help Others.

Members Of "East Idaho Service Dog Advocates" Are Inviting Everyone To Their Webinar On Wednesday At 1 P.M.

The Advocates Are Looking For Feedback On Changes To Assistance Animal's Public Access Since State Laws Were Updated In 2019.

Those Updates Include Allowing 'Service-Dogs-In-Training' Into Public Places And Made Interfering With A Service Dog Or Its Handler A Misdemeanor.

Dog Handlers And Business Owners Are Expected To Have Their Say On How These Changes Will Improve The Lives Of The Disabled And Our Community As A Whole.

If You're Interested In Participating The Webinar Will Be Held On March 24 At 1:00 P.M. [Via Zoom](#).

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The American Public Power Association Awarded Idaho Falls Power A Reliable Public Power Provider (Rp3) Designation For Providing Reliable And Safe Electric Service.

Of The 2,000 Public Power Communities In The United States, Idaho Falls Power Is One Of Only 275 Utilities That Hold The Rp3 Designation.

“I Think Over The Last Year Or So, We’ve Seen The Vital Importance Of Running A Reliable And Safe Utility,” Says Aaron Haderle, Chair Of Appa’S Rp3 Review Panel And Manager Of Transmission And Distribution Operations At Kissimmee Utility Authority, Florida. “The Utilities Receiving The Rp3 Designation Have Proven That They Are Committed To Running A Top-Notch Public Power Utility By Implementing Industry Best Practices.”The Rp3 Designation, Which Lasts For Three Years, Recognizes Public Power Utilities That Demonstrate Proficiency In Four Key Disciplines: Reliability, Safety, Workforce Development And System Improvement.

Criteria To Receive The Designation Include Sound Business Practices And A Utility-Wide Commitment To Safe And Reliable Delivery Of Electricity.

Idaho Falls Power Was Last Recognized With The Rp3 Designation In 2018. This Year’S Designation Is The “Diamond” Level, Or The Highest Level A Public Power Entity Can Achieve. This Designation Is One Step Higher Than Three Years Ago.

“We Are Honored To Be Recognized As One Of The Best Public Power Utilities In The U.S.,” Said Bear Prairie, General Manager Of Idaho Falls Power. “This Is The Recognition Of A Lot Of Hard Work From A Dedicated Team Who Are Committed To Reliable And Affordable Service To Our Community. But This Designation Is Not A Final Destination. We Remain Committed To Continuing To Find And Implement Ways To Improve Our Operations And Service To Our Customers.”

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Eastern Idaho Public Health Announced The Presence Of The United Kingdom (UK) Coronavirus Variant (B.1.1.7) As Well As The California Coronavirus Variant (B.1.429) Monday.

Both Of These Are Variants Of The Sars-Cov-2 Virus, Which Is The Virus That Causes Covid-19.



Both Variants Have Been Identified In Other Areas Of The State.

With The Emergence Of These Variants In Eastern Idaho, It Is Imperative, Now More Than Ever, To Follow Public Health Recommendations To Slow The Spread Of The Virus That Causes Covid-19.

These Recommendations Include:

- Keeping Hands Clean And Avoiding Touching Your Face Unnecessarily.
- Staying Home When Sick Except To Seek Medical Attention.
- Following All Guidance On Quarantine And Isolation.
- Maintaining Space Between Yourself And Others Not Of The Same Household.
- When Not Able To Distance, Wearing A Mask Correctly.
- Getting Vaccinated When You Are Eligible.

The Best Results In Reducing Virus Transmission Come When All These Strategies Are Done In Conjunction With Each Other As No Single Intervention Is Perfect At Reducing The Spread Of The Virus.

For More Information On The Covid Vaccine, Including Who Is Currently Eligible To Receive The Vaccine, How To Schedule An Appointment, What To Expect At Your Appointment, And Vaccine Safety And Efficacy Information, Click [Here](#).

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As The Pandemic Continues And Idahoans Face Financial Problems, One Program Is Here To Help Pay The Rent. It's The Housing Preservation Program. Here's Who Qualifies To Get Help:

"A Lot Of The Households Have Kids Who Are In School And, You Know, They All Need A Place To Just Be Stably Housed And Not Be Evicted Because Of Something That Was Out Of Their Control," States Brady Ellis. He's The Vice President Of Housing Support Programs For The Idaho Housing And Finance Association.

He Says Money Has Been Tight For Many Idahoans During The Pandemic, But The Housing Preservation Program Helps Renters Keep A Roof Over Their Heads.

"There Was An Additional Stimulus In December That Was Approved And Dedicated To An Emergency Rental Assistance Program," Explains Ellis.

The Housing Preservation Program Got \$175-Million To Help Cover Rent Across The State.

"It's Easy To Apply," Adds Ellis. When Renters Go To <https://www.idahohousing.com/> One Of The First Things They Will See Is A Moving Banner. One Of The Moving Banner Headlines Reads: "Need Help Paying Rent?" There Is A Large "Apply Now" Button Under The Headline That Takes Website Visitors Straight To An Application. For Those Who Don't Have Access To The Internet, There's Also A Phone Number They Can Call: 1-855-452-0801.

Ellis Says All Applications Should Be Fully Processed Within Seven Days Of Being Submitted.

So Who Qualifies For Help? "Individuals, Or Households, At The 80 Percent Median Area Income Level, Or Below," Explains Ellis. "They Have A Covid-Related Financial Hardship, And They're Renters."

If Approved, Renters May Get Assistance For Up To 15 Months. The Money Is Sent Directly To The Landlord Or Utility Companies. Landlords Can Even Apply On Behalf Of Tenants.

So Far, 3,000 People (1,000 Households) Have Been Approved For This Latest Round Of Rental Assistance Totaling \$3-Million.

Ellis Encourages Anyone Who May Qualify To Apply. He Adds, "You Know, If They Do Have Some Source Of Income They're Able To Use That For Things Like Food, Health Insurance, Health Care, Those Kinds Of Things That Are All Also Necessities."

Ellis Explains In The Last Round Of Aid (Which Began Last Summer And Was Used Up By January), 50 Percent Of Help Went To Ada County, Where They Saw The Most Applicants. However, He Says Any Region Is Eligible And Encourages More Southeast Idahoans To Apply This Round.

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The Eastern Idaho Board Of Public Health Voted To Replace Current Restrictions For Athletic Events With Governor Little's Revised Restrictions At An Emergency Meeting Monday Morning.

The Previous Restrictions, Which Allowed For No More Than 2 People Per Athlete At Sporting Events, Were Replaced With Governor Little's New Plan. Most Notably, The Plan Will Allow Local Education Agencies To Fill School Gymnasiums Up To 40% Capacity, Or 4 Spectators Per Student Athlete, Whichever Is Larger.

Health And Safety Measures Such As Masks, Hand Sanitizer, And Bathroom Cleanings Will Be Required At Events. Full Details Of The Plan Can Be Found Here: <https://Boardofed.Idaho.Gov/Resources/Updated-Athletics-Plan-Allows-More-Spectators-At-School-Athletic-Events/>

“It Came As A Surprise To Us; We Didn’t Have Any Advance Knowledge Of This, But A Surprise When He Raised The Capacity To 40%. When This Happened, It Immediately Caused A Significant Amount Of Confusion, With The Public And With The School Superintendents Because Many Of Them Quickly Realized That The Health Orders That Are In Place For Eastern Idaho Public Health That Allow For A Capacity Of 28 Square Feet Per Person Are More Restrictive Than The 40% That The Governor Changed It To,” Bonneville County Commissioner Bryon Reed Said About The Governor’s New Recommendations.

The Board Indicated They Will Further Discuss The Governor’s Changes At Thursday’s Regular Meeting.

Wyoming Game And Fish Shelley, Some Rabbits Rescued By Volunteers Are Getting A New Home. There Are About 50 Hares At The Haven Hollow Animal Refuge's Current Location At Their West Sunnyside Road Location In Idaho Falls. Director Elissa Turpin Tells Us The Operation Is Moving To A New Facility In Shelley On North 900 East. She Plans To Move In By April 30

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Jackson, Wyo. Albertsons And Smith’s Pharmacies Are Now Offering Community Members Who Fall Into Phase 1c Covid-19 Vaccine Appointments. Both Pharmacies Have Received Vaccine Allocations Through The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. This Program Is A Collaboration Between The Federal Government And National And Independent Pharmacies To Increase The Availability Of The Covid-19 Vaccine Across The United States

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Idaho Falls, Idaho A Power Project More Than Four Decades In The Making Is Getting Underway In Idaho Falls. The Project Will Improve Power

Transmission Capacity And Provide Critical Redundancy To The Power System Throughout Idaho Falls And Across East Idaho.

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Pocatello, Idaho \ Salt-Lake Based Company Savage Has Announced Plans To Build The State's First Intermodal Rail Terminal.

The Transportation And Logistics Company Reached An Agreement With Union Pacific Railroad To Build And Operate The Terminal Within The Pocatello Rail Yard.

The Facility Will Be Renamed Savage Railport-Southern Idaho.

The New Rail Terminal Will Make It Quicker And Cheaper To Export A Variety Of Agricultural Products, With Hay Being Their Dominant Export.

"It Is Making A Big Difference, Because It's Allowing The Productivity To Be Increased So Much More, And Is Helping Local And Established Businesses Here Use And Facilitate Their Products To The Global Market Faster And More Efficiently," Said Bannock Development Ceo Miacate Kennedy.

Savage Plans To Ship Up To 250 Containers Per Week On 125 Rail Cars From The Terminal. Union Pacific Will Transport The Containers To Northwest Seaport Alliance Terminals In Seattle And Tacoma, Washington, Where They Will Be Shipped To Asia And Other Global Markets.

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The Deadline To File Idaho State Income Taxes Will Be Extended To May 17 To Conform With Temporary Changes To The Federal Tax Filing Deadline.

Before Recessing For Two Weeks Due To A Covid-19 Outbreak, The Idaho Legislature Was Prepared To Advance Legislation Required To Extend The State Filing Deadline From April 15 To May 17, Making Idaho One Of Only A Few States With A State Filing Deadline That Does Not Match The Federal Deadline.

Governor Brad Little Instructed The Idaho State Tax Commission To Hold A Special Meeting On Thursday To Extend The State Filing Deadline

To May 17 To Provide Taxpayers And Tax Preparers With Immediate Clarification.

“I Appreciate The Tax Commission And The Idaho Legislature For Prioritizing The Actions Needed To Ease The Burden On Idahoans In Preparing Their Taxes This Year,” Governor Little Said.

[Details On The Tax Commission’s Special Meeting Are Available Here.](#)

“It Is A Priority For The Idaho Legislature To Act As Quickly As Possible When We Return April 6 To Approve Legislation Simplifying Tax Preparation For Idahoans,” Senate Pro Tem Chuck Winder And House Speaker Scott Bedke Said.

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Pocatello, Idaho Idaho Is Continuing To Roll Out The Covid-19 Vaccine Across The State.

The Next Priority Group, Which Can Schedule An Appointment Now, Is Adults Ages 45 Years And Older.

Starting On March 29, Ages 16-44 With A Medical Condition Will Be Able To Schedule An Appointment, And Then On April 5, The General Population, 16-44 With No Medical Condition, Will Be Able To Receive A Vaccination.

“Siph And Our Community Partners Are Committed To Doing Everything Possible To Vaccinate People In Our Communities, And We Are Excited That After April 5<sup>th</sup> All Individuals 16 And Older Will Be Illegible To Receive A Vaccination,” Siph District Director Maggie Mann Said.

Siph Has A List Of Vaccine Providers On The Website [Here](#) That Are Currently Scheduling Appointments.

To Schedule An Appointment With Southeastern Idaho Public Health, Call 208-234-5875 Or [Click Here](#) To Schedule An Appointment Online.

“This Vaccine Provides Hope, But We Are Not In The Clear Yet,” Mann Said. “While We Roll These Vaccines Out Across Southeast Idaho, It Is Important That We Continue To Choose To Protect Those Around Us By

Wearing Masks, Frequently Washing Their Hands, And Avoiding Large Gatherings.”

Siph Has A Call Center To Field Questions From The Community And Is Open Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M. To 4:00 P.M. You Can Reach The Hotline At (208) 234-5875.

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POCATELLO, Idaho The City Of Pocatello Sanitation Department's Yard Waste Collection Program Is About To Get Underway.

Starting Monday, April 5, You Can Place Grass Clippings, Leaves And Garden Trimmings In Your Designated Autocart For Pick Up. No Other Material Will Be Accepted.

Yard Waste Autocarts Are Picked Up The Same Day As Your Regularly Scheduled Trash Pick-Up Day.

“Yard Waste Is Another Form Of Recycling And Helps Divert Waste Away From Landfills,” Deputy Public Works Director Tom Kirkman Said.

To Sign-Up For The Yard Waste Collection Program, Contact The Sanitation Department At 208-234-6192. The Cost Is \$5 Per Month From April To November And Is Billed To Your City Of Pocatello Utility Bill.

Starting With 500 Customers In April 2013, The Program Has Expanded To 1,615 Customers And Diverted 3,591.84 Tons Of Waste From The Bannock County Landfill.

Compost Generated From The Program Is Available For Purchase For \$35 Per Ton At The Bannock County Landfill Monday Through Saturday From 9 A.M. To 5 P.M.

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