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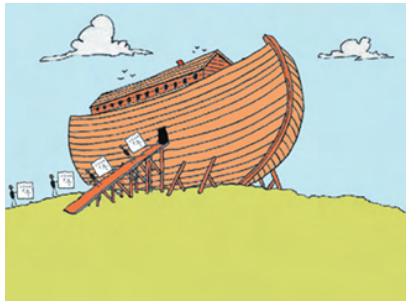
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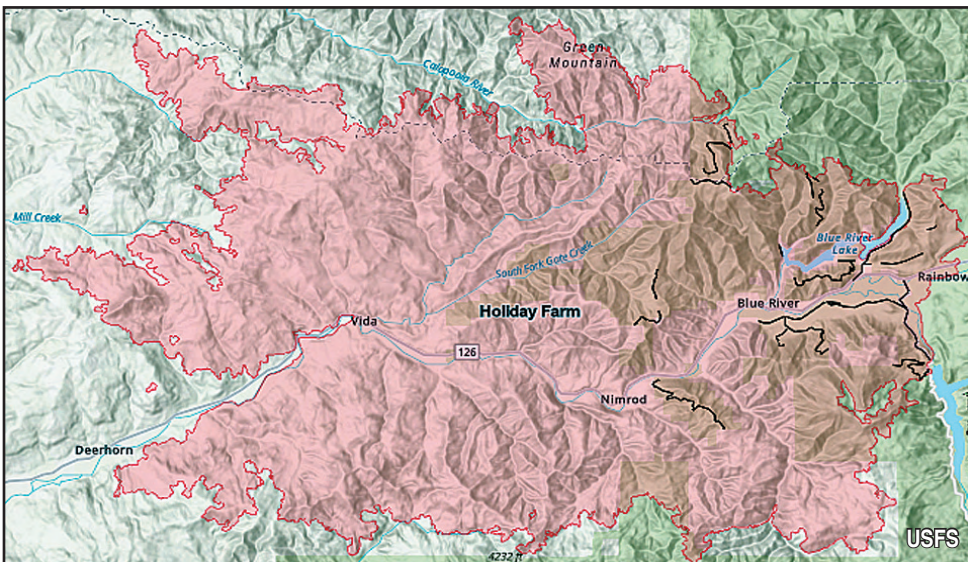
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## Map targets fire repairs

Includes interactive links Holiday Farm Fire projects



An interactive map is now available that lists areas where repair projects are either planned or underway on U.S. Forest Service roadways.

A new interactive "story map" has developed by the Willamette National Forest to showcase projects designed to reduce risks in areas impacted by the 2020 wildfires. Officials say data from the 2020 Fire Affected Road Risk Reduction Project's "will be recorded and updated directly on the site for the public to stay informed of the latest updates. Although the 2020 fires impacted other public and private lands, this project is centered on Forest Service lands as one piece of the overall fire recovery to restore safe road access.

In what have become known as the "2020 Labor Day Fires," the Holiday Farm, Beachie Creek, and Lionshead Fires burned approximately 571,435 acres of land across private, municipal, State, Tribal, and Federal

lands. A historic windstorm on September 7th, 2020, caused the fires to rapidly spread west on the Willamette, Deschutes, and Mt. Hood National Forests.

This story map was created to increase understanding of the 2020 Fire Affected Road Risk Reduction Project's purpose and implementation process on the Willamette National Forest. Although the 2020 fires impacted other public and private lands, this project is centered on Forest Service lands as one piece of the overall fire recovery to restore safe road access.

Across the Willamette National Forest, the Labor Day Fires affected 550 miles of National Forest System roads, as well as state highways that connect millions of

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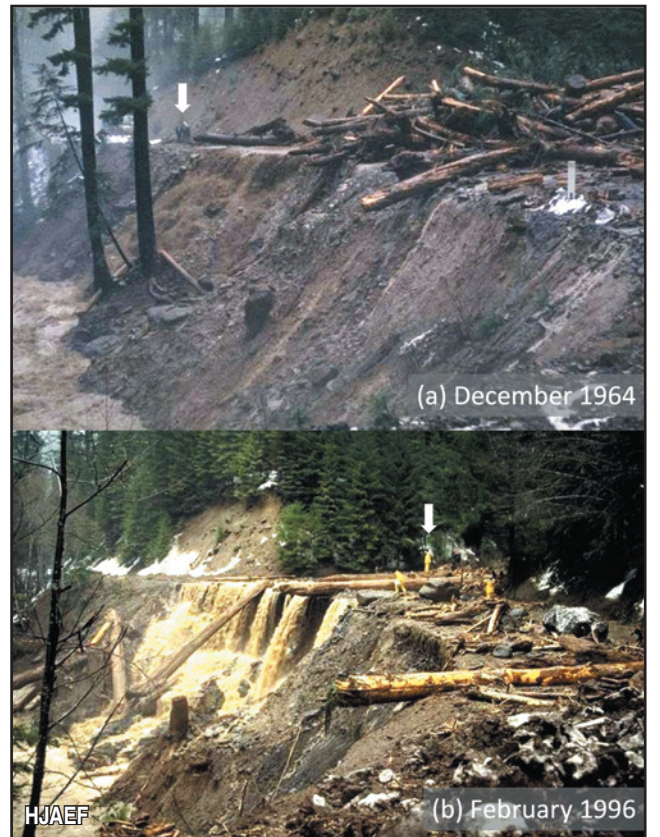
## Roads impacting landslides

Lookout Creek focus of research near Blue River

By Steve Lundeberg  
A long-term Pacific Northwest study of landslides, clear-cutting timber and building roads shows that a forest's management history has a greater impact on how often landslides occur and how severe they are compared to how much water is coursing through a watershed.

Findings of the research, led by associate forest engineering associate professor Catalina Segura and graduate student Arianna Goodman of the Oregon State University College of Forestry, were published in the journal Earth Surface Processes and Landforms.

Probing the factors behind landslide frequency and magnitude is crucial because slides occur in all 50 states, causing an average of more than 25 deaths per year, according to the United States Geological Survey. The USGS puts the total annual average economic damage resulting from landslides at greater



The same area, in a time span of 32 years.

than \$1 billion.

"Understanding the long-term effects of forest practices like logging and road building is critical to sustainable forest management,"

Segura said. "This requires observations on time scales that capture responses to past and ongoing management practices - looking

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## Hwy. 126 safety study underway

Area extends from Springfield to the Santiam

The Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) is asking the public to share their safety concerns and experiences on the McKenzie Highway, - whether people drive, walk or bike.

Those experiences will be on the agenda for an ODOT open house scheduled for Saturday, February 4th, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at McKenzie Fire & Rescue's Leaburg Training Center at 42870 McKenzie Highway.

ODOT and Lane County officials said they are working on a safety study because of the number and severity of crashes along the route. Both a technical advisory committee (TAC) and a stakeholder advisory committee (SAC) have been formed to provide input for the study. Some of their focus will be on better



A \$123,000 state study is now underway to examine 66-miles of Hwy. 126E - from the edge of Springfield to the junction with U.S. 20.

understanding the causes of crashes and identifying low cost, high benefit safety solutions that can possibly be funded and constructed within the next five years.

Members of the study groups include emergency responders, local residents, bike and pedestrian advo-

cates, freight representatives and local partners from Lane County.

For more information, call Bill Johnston at 541-747-1354. People looking for access to a virtual connection can go to: [tinyurl.com/5n9xx2ue](https://tinyurl.com/5n9xx2ue).

## "Fatalists" resist wildfire preparation

Others, though, respond to mitigation codes

By Molly Rosbach  
People's cultural world-views play a part in how they respond to wildfire risk, and should be taken into account in efforts to get homeowners to engage in pre-fire mitigation efforts such as adjusting landscaping and preparing an evacuation plan, an Oregon State University study found.

The study tapped into participants' cultural world-views and perception of risk to help predict which communication strategies work best to convince different types of people.

"There's going to have to be multiple different avenues to reach people to get them to engage in pre-fire mitigation," said study author Erika Allen Wolters, an assistant professor of political science in OSU's College of Liberal Arts. "Our identities are not monolithic; our experiences are what

comprise our understanding of risk and our willingness to engage in risk mitigation."

For the study, OSU's Oregon Policy Analysis Laboratory conducted a survey in Deschutes County in the spring and summer of 2021. It was completed by 458 households located in the wildland-urban interface, the transition zone between wilderness and developed land.

About one-third of housing in the lower 48 states of the U.S. now lies in the wildland-urban interface, where they are more susceptible to wildfires, prior research has found.

The OSU survey asked participants about their experience with wildfire near their homes; the probability of a fire occurring near their home in the near future and their level of concern about

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People living in "wildland-urban interfaces" were polled to see how they react to the risks.



Guest Opinion

Legislative session opens with dozens of proposed constitutional changes

By Randy Stapilus  
oregoncapitalchronicle

Lawmakers face 38 proposed changes to the state constitution this session.

Few will pass. Massive and drastic change is something to be wary of when it comes to altering the state’s core governing document, though the voters do approve changes from time to time.

But the proposals do carry messages, including of Republican frustrations in Oregon.

Constitutional amendments are introduced as joint resolutions (a form also used to create interim committees and take some other actions) which, unlike bills, require no action by the governor for passage.

There are two bipartisan proposals. Senate Joint Resolution 10 would shift control of the legislative and congressional redistricting process from the Legislature to a new Citizens Redistricting Commission, along the lines of those in the states bordering Oregon. Early in the decade-long cycle before the next remapping effort would be the optimal time for pas-

sage. And the sponsors, Sens. Suzanne Weber, R-Tillamook; Jeff Golden, D-Ashland; Bill Hansell, R-Athena; and Reps. John Lively, D-Springfield; and Greg Smith, R-Heppner; are split between the parties.

Two alternative Republican proposals, SJR 9 from Republican Sen. Daniel Bonham of The Dalles, and SJR 25 from Sen. Fred Girod of Stayton, have a similar goal.

Another bipartisan proposal, House Joint Resolution 8, lists seven Republican sponsors and one Democrat (Sen. Lew Frederick of Portland), and is aimed at requiring citizenship for voting.

Democrats contributed three amendment proposals. Secretary of State Shemia Fagan asked to allow same-day voter registration (HJR 4). Sen. Chris Gorsek of Troutdale asked for expanded uses for motor vehicle tax revenues (SJR 2). Rep. David Gomborg of Otis proposed a simple word change (HJR 14), replacing “declaration of emergency” in referring to bills intended to be effective quickly, replacing that with “early implementation date.” Only Fagan’s measure seems likely to generate much discussion.

All the other ideas were proposed by Republican legislators, and one of their biggest



concerns is the Legislature itself. Some Republicans have not made peace with the relatively recent addition of regular, short legislative sessions in even-numbered years. Sens. Art Robinson of Cave Junction (SJR 4) and Fred Girod of Stayton (SJR 24) proposed amendments to eliminate them.

Other legislation-limiting proposals were suggested. Two (SJR

16 and SJR 20) would require two-thirds vote for passage of certain bills in even-numbered sessions.

Rep. Werner Reschke, R-Klamath Falls, urged in HJR 6 that the supermajority or three-fifths requirement on revenue-raising bills cover more subjects, and Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale, proposed SJR 1, which would raise the 60% supermajority to two-thirds. Measures deemed an emergency would need a two-thirds vote under an amendment (HJR 11) from Reps. Kevin Mannix, R-Salem, and Lily Morgan, R-Grants Pass, and another (SJR 5) from Sen. Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer.

biennium.”

Some are more specific, requiring legislative approval for some specific spending decisions (SJR 15), road tolling (SJR 19) or even Senate signoff on gubernatorial pardons (HJR 10 and SJR 11).

The state’s pandemic experience led to a proposed amendment “to place durational and other limitations on declarations of emergency by governor” (SJR 14 and HJR 9), the latter drawing 10 Republican legislative sponsors, the most of any proposed amendment. Yet another is more specific (HJR 7), prohibiting Oregon’s executive branch from “requiring medical procedure or vaccine or type of vaccine to be administered to any individual or class of individuals, unless legislative assembly has enacted law that expressly identifies medical procedure, vaccine or type of vaccine and individuals or classes of individuals for which medical procedure or vaccine administration is required.”

Oregon is the only state that doesn’t provide for impeachment of elected officials, and Senate Republican leader Tim Knopp of Bend offered a corrective (SJR 13) to provide that “officials could have been impeached for malfeasance in office, corruption, neglect of duty or other high crimes or misdemeanors.”

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McKenzie Eagles Sports Report



By Cliff Richardson

**McKenzie Varsity Sports Schedule This Week**

The McKenzie Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball teams travel to Mapleton on Tuesday, January 24. The Boys game starts at 5:30 pm and the Girls game starts at 7 p.m. Mohawk’s teams travel to McKenzie on Thursday, January 26. The Boys game is scheduled for a 5:30 tip-off and the Girls game is scheduled for a 7 p.m. start.

**Eagle Girls Earn Second Hoops Victory**

McKenzie’s Varsity Girls Basketball team earned its second victory of the season with a 27-22 win over Siletz Valley on the Coast last Tuesday, January 17. The Eagles, 2-5, 2-10 defeated Siletz Valley. 40-19, earlier in the season at Finn Rock, in both teams opener. Siletz Valley fell to 0-8, 0-11 on the season.

The Eagle girls returned home to host Crow on Thursday, January 19, and fell to the Cougars 50-24. No game stats were available at press time.

**Warriors And Cougars Beat Eagles Last Week**

The Eagle Varsity Boys Basket-

ball team lost to the Warriors of Siletz Valley last week over at the Coast Range School. Siletz Valley improved its 4-5, 4-9 record with the 53-24 victory over win less McKenzie, 0-9, 0-15.

Eagle Allen Acevedo led his team with 9 points, 4 rebounds, and 1 steal but the freshman point guard also committed a team high 11 turnovers. Will Meister contributed 5 pts. 1 rebound and 5 steals, and Trent Peek scored 3 pts., and grabbed 4 rebounds. Griffin Withalm had 6 rebounds to go with 2 pts. and 5 steals, Salomon Acevedo scored 2 pts., finished with 4 rebounds and 2 steals and Jovial Jordan also scored 2 pts., and he had 1 steal. Thomas Hayes hit one free throw and had 5 boards.

The following Thursday, January 19, the Crow Cougars came calling and crafted a 50-24 victory over their hosts.

Will Meister had a solid game for the Eagles, scoring 12 pts. grabbing 2 rebounds and finishing with a couple of steals. Allen Acevedo finished with 7 pts. and 2 boards, Griffin Withalm added 4 pts., 2 rebounds and 2 steals, and Trent Peek scored 2 pts., had a team leading 6 rebounds and 1 steal. Thomas Hayes finished with 2 pts. and 3 rebounds, Salomon Acevedo with 1 free-throw, 3 boards, and a steal and Jovial Jordan grabbed 3 rebounds.

**Three Weeks Remain In MWL Regular Season**

The Mt. West League Basketball Regular Season is down to three

weeks and six games per team.




The Mohawk Boys are residing in first place in the current standings with a perfect 8-0 record. The Mustangs are 12-5 overall and have a one game lead over Triangle Lake, sitting in second with a 7-1, 10-2 mark. The Lakers lone MWL 36-39 loss came courtesy of Mohawk at Triangle Lake on January 5. Both teams tangle at Mohawk on February 7, the last scheduled MWL Regular season game for both.

Alsea looms just back in third place with a 6-3, 11-7 record and the only other team with a winning record, Mapleton is fourth at 5-3, 6-8. Siletz Valley follows in fifth at 4-5, 4-9, then Crow, 2-6, 4-9 and Eddyville Charter at 2-7, 2-12 and McKenzie, 0-9, 0-15.

Over on the Girls side of the court, Eddyville Charter sits on top of the heap with a 6-2, 8-6 record. Crow is chasing with a second place mark of 5-1, 8-6. In third, Triangle Lake has fashioned a 5-2, 7-2 record and could challenge the Cougars for second.

Mohawk is fourth at 4-2, 5-10. Most of the Mustangs losses have come at the hands of 2A or better-ranked 1A teams and Head Coach Tim Yokum knows how to prepare his teams for post season. Look for the Mustangs to challenge the MWL leaders these next three weeks.

Sitting in fifth place is Mapleton, 2-4, 3-9, McKenzie, 2-5, 2-10, and in last place is Siletz Valley, 0-8, 0-11.









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McKenzie Valley Showers 50% chance precip High: 46 Low: 37	Santiam Pass Snow Showers 50% chance precip High: 33 Low: 23	McKenzie Valley Showers 60% chance precip High: 43 Low: 30	Santiam Pass Snow 70% chance precip High: 29 Low: 11	McKenzie Valley Partly Cloudy 20% chance precip High: 40 Low: 24	Santiam Pass AM Snow Showers 30% chance precip High: 19 Low: 7

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READINGS TAKEN AT THE US ARMY CORPS COUGAR DAM					READINGS TAKEN AT EWEB LEABURG POWERHOUSE				
Date	High	Low	Rain	Releases	Date	High	Low	Rain	Riverflow
1/17	45	37	0.01	598 cfs	1/17	52	39	0.02	3,760 cfs
1/18	39	35	0.35	612 cfs	1/18	49	40	0.03	4,080 cfs
1/19	44	35	0	868 cfs	1/19	43	37	0.49	3,380 cfs
1/20	40	28	0	753 cfs	1/20	48	31	0	3,050 cfs
1/21	37	28	0.19	868 cfs	1/21	47	30	0	2,870 cfs
1/22	40	33	0	740 cfs	1/22	39	33	0.19	2,870 cfs
1/23	43	31	0	458 cfs	1/23	45	30	0	2,580 cfs



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**Jan 15: 12:02 p.m:** Theft - 51500 block, McK. Hwy. A caller advised that someone stole the caller's firewood.

**3:41:34 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 38600 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd. A caller advised that a man by the name of 'Glen' came by and was possibly on drugs. The caller believed that the male has recently been released from prison.

**Jan. 16: 11:33 a.m:** Hate Crime - 8200 blk, Thurston Rd. Some anti-Semitic materials were dropped off in peoples' driveways in the area. No specific threats were made. No suspect description.

**3:39 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 87900 blk, Dowdy Ln. A caller reported a dispute involving a neighbor over ownership of a Vehicle. Deputies learned that the dispute was civil in nature.

**1:31 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - 90900 blk, Marcola Rd.

**Jan. 17: 7:58 a.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 92000 blk, Marcola Rd.

**9:13 a.m:** Abandoned Vehicle - Wendling Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**1:58 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Parsons Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**Jan. 18: 5:25 p.m:** Open Gate - Mohawk River main line.

**5:52 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

**6:23 p.m:** Theft - Showalter Creek Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd. A 'no parking' sign was stolen from the area.

**Jan. 19: 1:41 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - 45600 blk, McK. Hwy.

**3:14 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Hwy. & Gate Creek Rd.

**5:05 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - 90400 blk, Mountain View Ln.

**6:04 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 39900 blk, Log Creek Rd.

**Jan. 20: 4:26 a.m:** Alarm - 44800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**1:15 p.m:** Illegal Dump - Showalter Creek Rd. & Shotgun Creek Rd.

**1:52 p.m:** Safety Hazard - Bellinger Landing.

**5:03 p.m:** Civil Service - 42700

blk, Leaburg Dr.

**4:24 a.m:** Alarm - 39200 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:53 p.m:** Citizen Contact - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:14 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - Marcola Rd.

**Jan. 21: 12:58 p.m:** Theft - 95200 blk, Marcola Rd.

**1:08 p.m:** Civil Service - 42700 blk, Leaburg Dr.

**3:15 p.m:** Animal Complaint - 54700 blk, caddis Ln.

**3:56 a.m:** Threat, Harassment - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**4:53 p.m:** Blocked Driveway - 92200 blk, Carson St.

**5:26 p.m:** Illegal Burn - Parsons Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**7:41p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4.

**Jan. 22: 3:56 a.m:** Harassment - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**9:37 a.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - Marcola Rd. & Old Mohawk Rd.

**2:17 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 92200 blk, Carson St.

**5:45 p.m:** Suspicious Conditions - 45000 blk, Leaburg Dam Rd.

**Jan. 23: 6:01 a.m:** Unlawful Use of Vehicle - 89200 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

**7:25 a.m:** Intoxicated Subject - 93100 blk, Paschelke Rd.

**1:51 p.m:** Repossessed Vehicle - 56400 blk, N. Bank Rd.

**1:43 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 45100 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:51 p.m:** Assist, Follow Up - 40300 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

**7:46 p.m:** Attempt To Locate Drunk Driver - Marcola Rd. Mp. 10.

**Comments as reported may not be complete or accurate. If further information is required contact the Lane County Sheriffs Office.**

## McKenzie Fire & Rescue

**Jan. 16: 2:36:** 88000 block, Miller Ave. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

**18:32:** 38000 blk, Kickbusch Ln. Medical, General. Patient Refusal.

**Jan. 17: 9:55:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Refusal.

**10:58:** 41000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**13:00:** 88000 blk, Ross Ln. Carbon Monoxide Alarm. Investigate, Faulty Detector Found.

**Jan. 18: 16:49:** 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd Medical, General. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

**Jan. 19: 2:22:** 87000 blk, Lupe Ln. Mistaken Alarm. Disregarded by Dispatch Prior to Going En Route.

**18:45:** 42000 blk, McK. Hwy. Public Assist. Lift Assist.

**Jan. 21: 15:10:** 8800 blk, McK. Hwy. Legal Backyard Burn. Legal Backyard Burn Pile.

**20:46:** 38000 blk, McK. Hwy. Medical, Heart. Patient Assessed, 1 Transported.

In order to observe the President's Day holiday, McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at noon, in the Leaburg Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy. The district maintains Facebook, Twitter, and web pages. If you have a question or concern about any Fire District business, give Chief Bucich a call @ 541-896-3311. If he is unavailable, please leave a message and he will respond ASAP.

## Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Jan. 19: 11:40:** Motor Vehicle Accident - McK. Hwy./Carmen Smith Hydroelectric Power Station. Non-Injury, Not Blocking. 2 vehicles involved.

**Jan. 20: 07:27:** House Fire - Yeager Rd./McK. Hwy. 1 story house on fire, flames coming through the window.

**Jan. 21: 17:30:** MVA, Unknown Injury - McK. Hwy./Milepost 54. Vehicle is on its side.

**Jan. 24: 09:39:** Medical - 54000 block, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

The Upper McK. Fire District board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.



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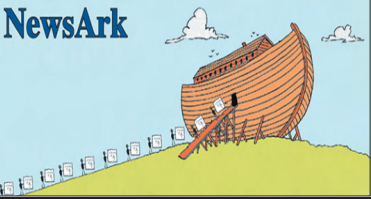




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# A history of fly tying

From River Reflections - May 30, 1983 edition



By Fitz Moore

Most of us have noticed fishing flies for sale somewhere here along the river. They are casually bought and sold in tackle shops, hardware stores, gas stations, restaurants, and taverns from Springfield to Sisters — thousands of them every year. Hundreds more are made and fished by individuals, who add to the pleasure and satisfaction of their sport fishing with flies of their own manufacture. Though the numbers increase yearly, the demand for professionally tied flies increases at an even greater annual rate. This has generally been the fact since flyfishing became a popular sport among English gentlemen of the 18th century.

Fly tying probably originated in the common sense approach of a man observing fish feeding on natural insects or examining the contents of their stomachs, and attempting to lure fish to his hook by “dressing” it to imitate this natural fish food. When man first wrapped feathers around a hook, we will never know, but he started a method and tradition in angling that has

grown in scope and popularity ever since. Though artificial flies were used in ancient china and Japan, the first known historical description of a man-made insect imitation is from Aelian, a Roman naturalist of the 3rd century A.D. He wrote of fishermen in northern Greece angling for what were almost certainly trout. Simply made of red wool and the hackle (neck) feathers of a rooster, these flies would be considered crude by modern standards, but the artificial fly has come down to us basically as it was at that time: a bit of fur and feather wound on a hook by hand.

Flyfishing and tying undoubtedly came to Britain with the Roman legions, but the first known reference to fly tying (or fishing) in the English language came twelve hundred years after Aelian, in 1486. Generally attributed to Dame Juliana Berners, Sister and Prioress of a nunnery at Sopwell, near St. Albans, England, the “Treatise on Fishing with an Angle” gives detailed instructions on the design and use of rods, lines, and leaders for flyfishing, as well as a descrip-

tion of twelve artificial flies. The greater part of the book concerns bait fishing for trout and salmon as well as several other species, and became the standard reference of sport fishing for nearly two hundred years. One of the first books printed in England, the “Treatise” was a best-seller of its day, and reprinted several times before its list of flies was included in Izaak Walton’s “The Complete Angler,” first published in 1653.

Dame Juliana’s original twelve flies were probably based on natural insects observed at streamside, but only a few of them can be positively identified with such insects today. Constructed mainly of wool and various bird hackle and wing feathers, they were crude but effective. Like today’s artificials, they probably didn’t look much like the naturals in hand, but gave a reasonable impression of them to the fish when in the water. Most artificials, both historical and modern, are of this “natural” or impressionistic type, but there are also “attractor” type flies that represent nothing but the tiers’ imagination, though they may have a generally “buggy” appearance. Also, these early flies were tied entirely by hand, before the use of a small jawed vice to hold hooks as the materials for the fly are wound on them. As the art of fly tying developed, so did its tools: the vise, hackle pliers, finely pointed scissors and tweezers, and bobbins to hold spools of thread, which are considered necessary to the craft today.

Izaak Walton was neither a fly tier nor a fly fisherman, but his friend Charles Cotton was. Cotton wrote the first essay on flyfishing for the fifth edition of Walton’s book (1676), including a list of sixty-five flies, their dressings (patterns), and written instructions for tying the flies. Cotton’s, and the only type of flyfishing practiced until the mid-nineteenth century was with “wet” or subsurface flies. Even so, experimenters with the fly had produced the nymph and streamer types of wet flies, and fly patterns numbered in the hundreds by the time the dry fly was becoming popular in the 1890’s. The advent of the dry fly, fished as a natural fly riding on the water’s surface, led fly tiers to imitate the insects fish took them for more exactly. Frederick Halyard, the leading proponent of these new methods in England, sent his dry fly imitations of English insects to American Theodore Godson in 1890. Both these men were dedicated Flemishes, fly tyros, and voices for flourishing through their writings on the sport published on both sides of the Atlantic. Halyard

wrote the first insect identification guide for dry fly tiers in his “Dry Fly Entomology” (1897). Godson adopted Halberds methods and patterns to match North American Insects, and the modern American dry fly was born.

Gordon’s influence was so great, he is acclaimed as “The Father of American Dry Fly Fishing.” Some of his original fly patterns are still in use, and just as effective in our Cascades as they were in New York’s Catskills, where Godson did most of his fishing. A Catskill style of fly tying, especially of mayfly imitations, continues to the present day, and can be traced directly to Theodore Gordon’s tying bench. Since Gordon’s time, there have been many innovations in fly tying, mainly in the use of newly developed materials, or emphasis on techniques to produce certain desirable effects. In some cases, new materials have led to new types of flies, a material enabling the tyer to make his artificial in a way not possible or extremely difficult with materials previously available. Similarly, flyfishing methods have been influenced by the use of new materials and designs of rods, reels, lines, and leaders. These new fishing methods always seem to call for new fly patterns. The dry fly vs. wet fly controversy of 1900 has been complicated by men fishing artificials in lakes and streams at every depth from top to bottom.

The modern artificial fly that we see on sale is the product of a professional tyer, but unless he is employed full time by a large tackle company, or sells large numbers of flies at the wholesale level, tying flies is a part time activity that provided only a small part of his income. Many professional tyers are housewives, retired persons, students and people who are seasonally employed, usually working out of their own home. The flies they tie are sold to wholesalers, retailers, or directly to fishermen, and are generally of average quality. The true professional, who derives all or most of his living from fly tying, usually produces a superior product, and has often built a reputation on a particular pattern or style of tying high quality fishcatchers. There is a point where skill, talent, and craft combine to become art; the very best tyros are considered masters of the art of fly tying, and deservedly so. All of them tied thousands of flies before gaining recognition in the field. The master, or even a true professional fly tyer may be considered a rare breed, but one that will always be with us, as long as there are free-rising fish in the streams.



By Slim Randles

There was Steve, our resident cowboy, sitting at the round table in the Mule Barn truck stop, doodling on paper. Other members of the world dilemma think tank gravitated to Steve’s table.

Steve appeared to be oblivious of the rest of us. “Downspout,” he mumbled.

Doc nodded at Herb. “Downspout, Herb.”

“I thought so, too,” Herb said. “Oh hi guys,” said Steve. “So Steve ... downspout?”

“Hot tub,” Steve said, as if that cleared everything up. “For the cabin. You know. I’m going to put in a hot tub.”

“And you need a downspout for this?” Herb said.

“For the rain,” Steve said. We looked at him.

“No water,” Steve said. “You know, at the cabin.”

“Let’s see if I have this right,” Dud said. “You want to put a hot tub in at your cabin and you don’t have water.”

“Exactly.”

“So you need a downspout...?”

“For when it rains,” Steve said. “To fill the hot tub.”

“Okay. So how will you get it hot?”

“Going to wrap copper tubing around the stovepipe in the cabin, you see, and then send it on out to the hot tub. The tub will be outside on the porch.”

“You don’t have a porch.”

“But I will by the time I get the hot tub built,” Steve explained. “I’ll bet that copper tubing will heat that water right up and then I can have a good soak up there any time I want.”

“Not quite,” said Doc. “Not the way I figure it.”

Steve looked at him. “Why not?”

“If the water comes down the downspout, around the stovepipe through the copper tubing and then outside to the hot tub, it looks to me like the only time you can soak in the tub is in a rainstorm.”

Steve thought about that for a minute. Then sipped his cold coffee. Loretta heated it up.

“And Steve,” said Doc, “you ever been on that mountain when the lightning’s popping? If you’re in that hot tub, with your moustache flopping around in the wind while you watch the surrounding countryside explode, well ...”


Steve wiped out what he was drawing with the pencil and started in on a fresh napkin.

He looked up after a few minutes. “Pool table,” he said.

It’s a good thing dreams are free.

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## Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



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Now is the time to prune grapes



Michael Tampakakis

Once grape vines lose their leaves, the plants fade into the background of the winter landscape. That’s the time to take action and get out the clippers. January through the first of March is the season to prune your vines, said Bernadine Strik, a berry specialist with Oregon State University Extension Service. First, though, you’ve got to know how to do it properly. “Home grape growers don’t prune their vines enough,” said Strik, who is the author of Extension’s Growing Table Grapes publication. “When gardeners

prune, they should remove the majority of wood produced the previous season – until about 90 percent is pruned off.” That’s a lot. But look at it this way: There’s no need to evaluate shape and size like when you cut back shrubs and trees. The instructions are straightforward and illustrations and photos in Strik’s guide, which includes information on all aspects of growing grapes, help you visualize the process. Grapes are produced from buds that will grow into shoots on 1-year-old canes (the long stems or “shoots” after they’ve borne fruit

for at least one year). The most fruitful canes will be those that were exposed to light during the growing season. These are thicker than a pencil in width and as close to the trunk as possible, Strik explained. There are two types of grape pruning – cane pruning and spur pruning. Mature plants should be pruned yearly to remove all growth except new 1-year-old fruiting canes and renewal spurs (a cane pruned back to one to five buds). To cane prune, select two to four new fruiting canes per vine. Cut back each of these to leave about 15 buds per cane. For wine grapes, leave about 20 to 30 buds per plant. In table grapes, leave 50 to 80 buds per plant. Leave a one- or two-bud spur cane near the fruiting cane with one or two buds each. These “renewal spurs” will produce the fruiting canes for the following year and thus maintain fruiting close to the trunk. All other cane growth should be pruned off. Most table grapes produce the highest yield of good-quality fruit when cane-pruned. To spur prune, prune along main canes to leave two- to three-bud spurs, each four to six inches apart. Leave no more than 20 to 80 buds per plant, depending on the type of grape. Remove all other 1-year-old wood. “If you prune properly, your vine will be more manageable and have better fruit,” Strik said. “Poor pruning year after year leads to low yield and poor fruit quality.”



## Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



BLIZZARD WEATHER

Although in our “neck of the woods” we have experienced snow storms, but not blizzards so far, it’s still time or hearty, warming foods. when we came in from snow shoveling tasks, Mother usually had something cooking on the kitchen wood burning cook stove, whether it was simply the usual meal or special treats. Favorite Winter Recipes Do you have favorite winter recipes? These will vary depending on the part of the country, or the world, where you live. \*In northern climates, they often are hearty fare - soups, stews, slow cooker meals. \*The southern, warmer weather favors salads, chilled soups, and even barbecues. \*Somewhere in between, we find a mix of the two. \*Busy folks, coordinating work, cooking, and family may rely upon prepared or from freezer to microwave to table fare. Soup Pot Stock The question, “Do we throw these peas out? 1/2 when a family member was sorting through the refrigerator reminded me I needed to get my leftovers pot started again for making soups and stews. A friend once told me she had a container in her freezer. Into this went any leftover vegetables and meat, even if it were a spoonful or two.

Then when the container was getting full, it was time to make a winter soup. She also saved meat stock, gravies to add to the brew. What may be considered economical use of our food, particularly leftovers, also can result in tasty meals. Hamburger Rolls for Variation Hamburger Rolls - Mix a package of packaged stuffing as directed on the package. Stir together, one-pound lean ground beef, 1 tablespoon catsup, 1 tablespoon mustard, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, pinch of onion salt, sprinkling of salt and pepper. Shape this mixture into 6 fairly large patties. Add some stuffing in the middle of the patties. Fold over and seal the edges. Place in a casserole or baking dish. Pour 1 can golden mushroom soup mixed with 1/2 cup evaporated milk or regular milk over the roll-ups. (Use low fat, low sodium soup if desired.) Put any extra stuffing into a buttered casserole dish and bake until heated through and top is crisp. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 45 minutes. (c) Mary Emma Allen

(Mary Emma writes from her NH home. Here she researches the recipes in her family’s history. E-mail: me.allen@juno.com)

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# Direct Answers

By Wayne & Tamara Mirthell



Janko Ferlic

### Unalienable Rights

Five years ago I married someone wonderful. Two years ago I had my son, our first child. I gave up my job to stay with the baby, and now I am a full-time, stay at home mom. My son is wonderful, but I feel cheated and upset that I'm no longer independent. I now have to ask my husband for everything, including money for underwear, which I find upsetting. He sees nothing wrong with this. I've handled my own money from the age of 15, and I'm now 27. Everything he wants seems important and needed, whereas what I want is second or not important. A month ago, I asked for money for new clothes. He said the amount was outrageous, and he had things around the house that needed to be done. I haven't said

anything since. A few weeks ago, he told me he's having a rack made for his Jeep. Is this at all fair? It seems all I'm here for is to cook his meals and look after our son. I feel neglected and taken for granted. I was told by my mother-in-law that my place is in the home caring for my husband and son. I am lost as to my purpose in life. Every time I try to talk about how I feel, my husband says I'm being negative. I feel I'm about to go completely mad. Raine

Raine, each of us needs to grow and expand, to express what is in us. If we cannot do this, our feelings and frustrations will surface in ways which are destructive to ourselves and others. You are not being negative. You feel your husband is trying to keep you in a diminished or childlike role. We understand just how vital this issue is for you. First, decide what your goal is. Do you want a certain amount of money to spend at your discretion? To return to work? Or to have joint decision making about all expenditures? Once you have decided, tell your husband how important this issue is to the survival of your marriage. You need to make your

husband face this issue because your happiness, and his, depend on it. The Declaration of Independence says that among the unalienable rights of men are "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." People need to find happiness. There is nothing trivial about finding fulfillment. It is in our nature to do so. All the pain in this world is caused by unhappy, thwarted, frustrated people. Happy people don't hurt other people. They enrich the planet and bring fulfillment to others. That is why your happiness is so important. Wayne

### Wrong Number

A good friend stood me up one night after I changed plans for him. I got mad and prank called him about four times on my phone. He will ask me why I did this. What do I respond? I am thinking of lying and making up some story or changing my cell phone number. What should I do? Kim

Kim, you had good reason to be angry, and there is nothing wrong with the honest, appropriate expression of anger. You might have gone to a driving range and driven golf balls until you vented your feelings, or thrown darts at a dartboard, or kneaded bread dough until you felt the anger subsiding.

But you didn't. You took out your feelings in a way which was directed at the person who deliberately stood you up. Don't lie or change your phone number. Let your friend know it was you, and why you did what you did. It would have been better to speak to your friend directly, but when we are upset, we often don't take the wisest course. However, I would not apologize. When you apologize, you minimize what he did and make it more acceptable. Tamara

Wayne & Tamara are also the authors of "Cheating in a Nutshell, What Infidelity Does to the Victim," available from Amazon, Apple and most booksellers.

## American Life in Poetry

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A poem need not go on at great length to accomplish the work of conveying something meaningful to its readers. In the following poem by the late Marnie Walsh,

just a few words, written as if they'd been recorded in exactly the manner in which they'd been spoken, tell us not only about the missing woman in the red high heels, but a little something about the speaker as well.

### Bessie Dreaming Bear

By Marnie Walsh  
we all went to town one day  
went to a store  
bought you new shoes  
red high heels  
  
aint seen you since

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Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 38 degrees at the base and 25 degrees at the summit on Tuesday. Clear blue skies were expected through the day with temperatures in the mid 30's. The summit lift is open again for the season. Winds up top were averaging 36 mph. 119 of 122 trails were open, along with 12 of 15 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

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ACROSS

1. COVID tester

5. Pep rally syllable

8. To overlay with thin gold coating

12. Sky bear

13. Abundant

14. Worrier's worry?

15. Fishing spot

16. Blackhearted

17. Full of coral

18. \*2023 Super Bowl stadium sponsor

20. Research facil.

21. Egg cell

22. King Charles to Prince Harry

23. Thief's target

26. \*2023 Super Bowl Halftime Show

DOWN

1. Paddleboarding acronym

2. Court order

3. Between ports

4. Hungarian composer Bela \_\_\_\_\_

5. \*Either one of the opposing Super Bowl teams

6. Flamb 

7. Position of leadership

8. \*2023 Super Bowl AZ location

9. Frosts, as a cake

10. Hit the road

11. Like certain humor

13. Disprove

14. Dickens's Heep

19. Each and all

22. One of a set of dice

23. Father, colloquially

24. Round openings

25. Pickled garnish

26. \*Last year's Super Bowl winners

27. Nimbus, pl.

28. Nigerian money

29. Torcher's crime

32. Elmer's, e.g.

33. Found at the pump

36. \*Team with most Super Bowl appearances

38. Signing tool at the cash register

40. Greenwich-related acronym

41. Superior ones

44. Itsy-bitsy bits

46. Patterned table linen

48. Lacking clarity

49. Bread spreads

50. Donned

51. As opposed to base in chemistry

52. Snatchers' quest

53. Cantina pot

54. \*Overwhelming Super Bowl defeat

55. Fear-inspiring

56. 100 lbs.

star

30. Mozart's "L'\_\_\_\_\_ del Cairo"

31. Bob Marley's music

34. Yarn spinner

35. "The Poky Little \_\_\_\_\_"

37. Skedaddle

38. 18-wheelers

39. "Guilty," e.g.

40. Fabric inset

42. One of the sibs

43. \*Super Bowl advertiser's purchase

45. Anatolian language

47. Decay

48. "There it is,"   Paris

50. "Hold on!"

52. \*Home of the Ravens, for both

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Super Bowl appearances  
56. Cuckoo for these puffs!  
57. Curved molding  
58. Medicinal plant  
59. Court orders, e.g.  
60. Sonny & Cher and Abbott &Costello  
61. Talk like a drunk  
62. Actor Danson and character Lasso  
63. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band  
64. \*Star of the most-watched Super Bowl Halftime Show

DOWN  
1. Paddleboarding acronym  
2. Court order  
3. Between ports  
4. Hungarian composer Bela \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \*Either one of the opposing Super Bowl teams  
6. Flamb   
7. Position of leadership  
8. \*2023 Super Bowl AZ location  
9. Frosts, as a cake  
10. Hit the road  
11. Like certain humor  
13. Disprove  
14. Dickens's Heep  
19. Each and all  
22. One of a set of dice  
23. Father, colloquially  
24. Round openings  
25. Pickled garnish  
26. \*Last year's Super Bowl winners  
27. Nimbus, pl.  
28. Nigerian money  
29. Torcher's crime  
32. Elmer's, e.g.  
33. Found at the pump  
36. \*Team with most Super Bowl appearances  
38. Signing tool at the cash register  
40. Greenwich-related acronym  
41. Superior ones  
44. Itsy-bitsy bits  
46. Patterned table linen  
48. Lacking clarity  
49. Bread spreads  
50. Donned  
51. As opposed to base in chemistry  
52. Snatchers' quest  
53. Cantina pot  
54. \*Overwhelming Super Bowl defeat  
55. Fear-inspiring  
56. 100 lbs.



# SHELFNOTES FROM LEABURG LIBRARY

JANUARY 2023

Last year, my husband and I had the dubious distinction of becoming "octogenarians." For those of you who don't fancy Latin, that would be "80 years old." So - now what? Well, the first thing is we had to get over the shock of seeing those numbers associated with our names. Then we wondered, "How did this happen so soon?" And, of course, we then quickly realized that it didn't; we just weren't paying attention.

Suddenly our perspective began to change from viewing life as open-ended, to realizing that it might be time to get the rest of our life sorted!

For instance: our home is stuffed with bookshelves, which are packed to overflowing with all sorts of books - all precious to us for one reason or another. Where do they go when we leave this earth? Along with all the other things, like my grandmother's piano, my dad's framed baseball glove, Steve's fishing rods, his 1949 Plymouth which he so lovingly restored. It's a bit staggering when you actually start thinking about it.

But back to the books. Steve's fishing library is almost as remarkable as the collection in Angler's Roost; lots of first editions, some of which are signed; rare copies of Ernest Thompson Seton's books including a four-volume set of the "Lives of Game Animals"; first editions of nearly all of Roderick Haig-Brown's books.

My treasures include beautiful editions of Jane Austen's marvelous stories; the complete works of Charles Dickens in thirty-one volumes; a favorite childhood book called "The Blue Cat of Castleton"; copies of classic stories for young people that belonged to my mother.

Then there are all the books that we bought together, like the very special 1899 signed copy of Theodore Roosevelt's "Big Game Hunting", once owned by a dear friend. And the list goes on.

The point is these are all special to us - not necessarily to our children or grandchildren. Things that we love to look at every day,

are just 'things' to most everyone else. So when we walk through the rooms of our home, many of the pieces of furniture, paintings, books, photographs, and antiques, are family heirlooms. And when I see them it's rather like being embraced by the person who first owned them.

My grandmother's four-poster bed sits in one of the bedrooms, and I can't look at it without remembering her tucking me into it when I was five years old. I have a first edition copy of the "Burgess Book of Animal Stories" which contains all the stories that my grandfather read to my brother and me long years ago. We adored him, and those moments with him were warm and sweet. That book holds all those memories.

There are books that instantly remind me of where I was and what I was doing when I read them, and of why they meant so much to me at the time.

Some are books that I read to our children. One in particular comes to mind. It was called "The Happy Rabbit", and it was our son Robert's favorite story when he was three. Even now I get lost in the illustrations, and in that space in my mind where nothing changes, I can see him sitting on my lap waving to the rabbit.

The book is old and a bit tattered, and could easily be mistaken for a 'throw away.' But for me, it holds an indescribably precious memory.

This topic is a heavy one, and it deserves serious thought and consideration - much more than can be written here. But what has become very clear to me is that most of us, throughout our lifetimes, surround ourselves with the things that bring us joy and comfort, things that make our homes feel warm and cozy. We collect these things because we like them.

When I leave this life, most of my 'treasures' will find their way into someone else's home to be loved by someone other than myself. But that's okay. I don't really mind leaving them behind, because I'll take the memories with me. And maybe someday my son will read "The Happy Rabbit" to his great-grandson - and remember.

I'll see you at the library.  
Marty Mealey, Director

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"Never let yesterday use up too much of today."  
Will Rogers



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# Fire repairs

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Travelers can expect to come face-to-face with fire damage along U.S. Forest Service wildfire impacted roadways. Oregonians

living west and east of the Cascade Range. These roads provide access to private land holdings, communications sites, recreation sites, utilities, and for fire and forest management activities, including fire recovery. Areas of fire-killed and injured trees remain standing or have fallen across hundreds of roads across three ranger districts in the Willamette Forest. Assessments have shown fire-killed and injured trees are impeding access and present hazards to people traveling the impacted forest roads, with risks increasing over time.

For wildfire areas that have since reopened, officials say visitors should expect a changed experience. This could include roads and trails blocked by fallen trees, hard-to-navigate stands of burned trees, eroded slopes that lack signage, and missing sections of trail.

People are being cautioned to look in three key areas:

\* Look up in the upland burned areas, snags, and exposed rocks that may fall,

\* Look down for debris from falling rocks, erosion – especially at road and trail edges, and ash pits (which may form from root pockets or stumps of burned trees),

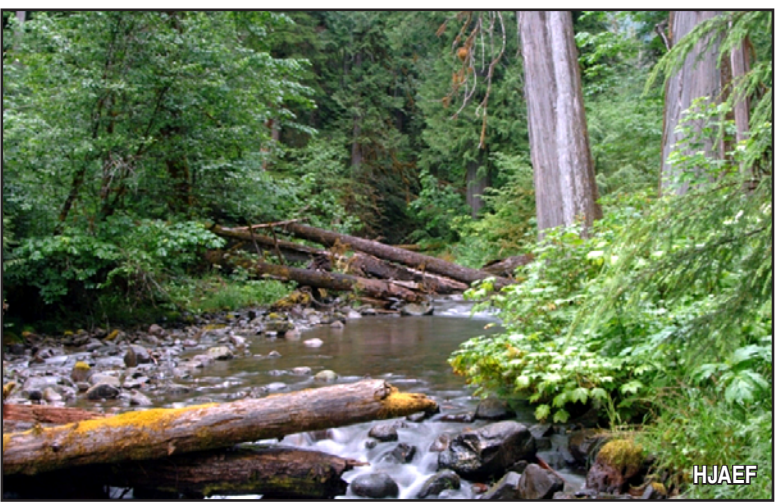
\* Look around to be aware. Check the weather before you travel, including at higher elevations. Wind, rain, ice and snow can increase the risk of tree fall, rock fall, slides and other hazards. Flash floods and landslide risks are elevated below severely burned areas.

\*And look below the surface of standing water or moving water for floating logs, submerged trees and other debris, which can strike or entangle swimmers and boaters and damage other infrastructure.

For more information about other wildfire recovery work, visit the Willamette National Forest’s website at [fs.usda.gov/willamette](https://fs.usda.gov/willamette).

# Road building

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The 15,800-acre H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest is the watershed, or drainage basin, of Lookout Creek.

Researchers studied five time periods: 1950 to November 1964 (initial logging and road building; December 1964 to January 1965 (first major flood); February 1965 to 1995 (between-floods period); 1996 (second major flood); and 1997 to 2020 (post-flood period).

The scientists note that three zones of distinct and contrasting geologic history comprise the Lookout Creek watershed: one zone with relatively smooth terrain and U-shaped valleys; another characterized by irregular topography, rough surfaces and moderate steepness; and a third featuring V-shaped valleys, steep slopes and narrow drainages.

“In each of the five time periods, the frequency of landslides and debris flows depended on the conditions created by management practices during prior time periods,” Segura said. “Watershed responses did differ somewhat

among the zones, as would be expected – places that were once glaciated and have broad valleys are less vulnerable to landslides and debris flows than steep terrain with weak, erodible rock.”

Even small floods caused landslides and stream channel changes during the first 15 years of road construction and logging, and amid ongoing logging in the early part of the time period between large flood events, she said.

“Big flooding in 1964-65, when harvesting was taking place, produced much larger geomorphic responses than the large flood of 1996, more than a decade after logging stopped,” Segura said.

Landscape effects were negligible in 2011 for the third largest flood event on record, the researchers found; by that time clear-cut areas of the forest had been replanted and the new trees were 20 to 70 years old.

# Wildfire preparation

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it; and whether their home was under any neighborhood or zoning rules regarding fire-safe landscaping or building materials.

It also asked participants if they engaged in pre-fire mitigation activities, such as planting fire-resistant plants, cleaning gutters to limit wildfire fuel, preparing a home evacuation plan or seeking out information from local organizations on how best to prepare for wildfire.

The survey included questions meant to determine participants’ dominant cultural traits, dividing them into four groups: egalitarian, fatalist, hierarchical or individualist. Cultural theory holds that hierarchical and egalitarian people are more likely to act collectively, while individualist and fatalist people are more likely to act independently.

For two of the cultural trait

groups, participants’ traits were significantly related to their responses regarding wildfire risk and mitigation.

On each of the 11 pre-fire mitigation efforts listed in the survey, egalitarians were the most likely of the four groups to engage in the activity. Fatalists reported doing the least mitigation behaviors.

These results are not surprising in the context of cultural theory, Wolters said. Egalitarians are risk-averse and more likely to recognize how their efforts could benefit both self and community, and more likely to want to protect the environment. Conversely, fatalists view risk as unpredictable and outside their control, so they are less likely to engage in mitigation.

“The takeaway with the cultural theory is thinking about how we adopt policies that would reach

out to those worldviews in different ways. For example, individualists would be more inclined to engage if there are market-based incentives for doing the work, and egalitarians and hierarchical people are more responsive to community messaging,” Wolters said.

Across the board, official poli-

cies also made a significant difference in people’s level of engagement, she said. People were more likely to participate when building codes or neighborhood associations mandated certain wildfire mitigation activities.

Demographic factors were significantly predictive, as well: Women were more likely than men to engage in home planning and home protection activities, while younger adults were more likely to engage in home protection activities compared with old-

er adults.

“There’s not going to be one right thing that’s going to work for everybody,” Wolters said. “We need a combination of appeals and ways we can incentivize people.”

She pointed to recent Oregon legislation aimed at improving the state’s wildfire preparedness, which includes efforts to build fire-adapted communities, as an avenue where policymakers might consider a variety of approaches to capture more people’s attention.

# Guest Opinion

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Substance as well as process has turned up as some of the more intriguing ideas. Some are simply constitutional versions of normal Republican legislative ideas, such as carrying concealed firearms (SJR 3 by Robinson), enacting a Right to Work labor law (HJR 15), legal provisions concerning aggravated murder (HJR 3), and property tax help for owners who live in their residences (SJR 6, SJR

17, and SJR 8, the latter aimed at seniors).

Another would establish a right to hunt and fish (HJR 5), but does allow for legal restrictions, which raises the question of what its effect would actually be. Even more explanation might be useful for SJR 7 from Sen. Cedric Hayden of Roseburg, who proposed a “constitutional right to subsist,” which would include a “right to save

and exchange seeds and grow, raise, harvest and consume food of one’s own choosing.” Depending on what this might mean on a concrete level, it might get either a lot of support at the Legislature, or very little.

Good thing the Legislature has about half a year to work: Lots of paperwork has piled up already.

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