has received a summer firefighter grant for possible changes to the ways County Public Works has been scheduled to discuss outcomes during a community meeting on Saturday, June 24th. The session, organized by Lane County Public Works, was aimed at sharing ideas with engineers and allowing the public to provide feedback on different options for the area.

**MCKENZIE BRIDGE:** The Upper McKenzie Bridge received additional funds for the grant program. As a volunteer department, UPRFD wants to express our sincere appreciation to OSFM for allowing them to enhance on-site firefighting during the fire season and minimize response time. The state is asking for community input to enhance on-site firefighters during the fire season and minimize response time. The goal is to catch and control small fires before they get out of control and turn into wildfires. Their motto for the grant program is “Keep Small Fires Small.” The program started in 2022, largely in response to the horrendous wildfire season of 2020 of which the Holiday Farm Fire was a part. UPRFD wants to express our sincere appreciation to OSFM for the grant program. As a volunteer department, UPRFD wants to express our sincere appreciation to OSFM for the grant program.

**Prescribed fire improves habitat**

**Benefits result both for plants and animals**

By Andrew Avitt, USFS Pacific Southwest Region

Prescribed fire, the intentional and scientific use of fire on the landscape, reduces risk to communities that dot the wildland landscape. There are other inhabitants the Forest Service considers when preparing for a prescribed fire — the wildlife that calls those very same wildlands home, that rely on forests for food and shelter.

Brandon Dethlefs, a prescribed fire and fuels specialist on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, recently walked the fire line on Backbone Ridge, overlooking Shasta Lake near Redding, California. He did not see destruction as the flames crept across the ridge, he saw renewal.

It’s a natural process, he says, one that has been a part of the landscape since the beginning. “Historically fire burned through this area naturally every five to 10 years for thousands of years. That process kept the fuels pretty tidy,” said Dethlefs, referencing the dead trees, brush, and litter on the forest floor. “Prescribed fire is an important tool for us to restore that balance.”

Todd Johnson is one of those experts. He has worked with the Forest Service as a wildlife biologist for 25 years. He said that when it comes to stewarding the land and restoring fire to the landscape, plants, and animals are at the top of the list for consideration.

Wildfire But Wildlife Experts Unite

The Shasta Salamander is one of the many species that the interdisciplinary team of fire and wildlife experts took into account when planning for the prescribed fire on Backbone Ridge.
**Guest Opinion**

**Shop local:**

**Protecting the free flow of public information**

- By Ken Paulson

There’s admirable support for independent local businesses these days. Many expected Amazon to put local bookstores out of business, but after a steady decline in the august, independent stores have had a resurgence, fueled in large part by a sense of community and the need to support businesses in our own backyards.

We’ve seen the same thing with independent record stores. Though few saw the revival of vinyl coming, there has been a concerted effort to support local records because they are the value of the community. Against the odds, many independent record stores are thriving, thanks in part to Record Store Day promotions that let local customers to their doors.

Of course, there are also the ubiquitous campaigns to “Buy Local.” Although local businesses can offer unique merchandise and enhanced customer service, a driving force behind these campaigns is that we should support businesses in our hometowns. Neighbors understand neighbors.

The most independent and local business in any community, though, is the local newspaper. Local bookstores come and go, and mails open and close, but the local newspaper is often the only institution open and close, but the local news is the local newspaper. Though independent record stores and bookstores have niches that set them apart, too, so do local newspapers. One of those is the publication of local legal notices. These concern budgets, public meetings, election dates, foreclosures, property auctions, and other important public matters, and their publication is often mandated by law.

It’s a natural fit for newspapers, the local business committed to keeping an eye on the government and looking out for the community’s interests. The revenue from these ads also helps underline this critical watchdog work.

Inevitably, though, government officials try to tamper with this ideal arrangement. Three years ago, I was leave as dean of the College of Media and Entertainment at Middle Tennessee State University, I received a call from a local legislator who knew of my past work as editor of USA Today and an advocate for transparency. He explained that he thought it would be a good idea to have those public notices published and posted online, saving the costs associated with publishing the notices in a local newspaper. He asked whether I thought would be a good step, and my reply boiled down to “Only if you don’t care about democracy.” I still don’t know why he thought I would be an ally.

This was not an isolated effort. There are ongoing efforts by those required to pay for the public notices to cut newspapers out of the mix, creating a government outlet to publish the information.

Think about that. Public legal notices are designed to keep the public informed about what government is up to. Do we turn that responsibility over to government officials, while also taking revenue away from the one local business dedicated to keeping the government honest?

The week of Feb 6 included National Yogurt Day and Send a Card to a Friend Day and yes, a celebration of the value of public notices in the state of Tennessee. With all due respect to fermented milk and friendships, the latter is a very big deal.

Consider stopping at your local bookstore and picking up the work of a local author. You may want to dust off that turntable and refresh your record collection at a local shop. And in any way you can, of course, support your local newspapers, and democracy to boot.

Ken Paulson is director of the Free Speech Center at the College of Media and Entertainment at Middle Tennessee State University and former dean of the College of Media and Entertainment at MTSU.

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OSPF&W Troopers discovered fish with embedded hooks, sliced fins, circular scars, and other evidence of illegal tactics, while assisting ODFW hatchery staff during the spring salmon spawning season.

Snagging occurs when a person hooks, or attempts to hook, a fish anywhere on its body other than inside the mouth. Although snagging is an unlawful practice with steep consequences, many people still engage in this unethical behavior, according to OSPF&W Trooper Cameron Jamison.

“Indicators that a person may be attempting to snag fish include quickly and repeatedly ripping the gill plate, cutting off the tail of the fish, and failing to release the fish when it has been hooked anywhere on its fins or body,” Trooper Cameron said.

Evidence of snagging and other illegal tactics are visible on salmon and steelhead as they reenter the stream enrichment program. In 2022, hatchery, and ninety five percent of the salmon and steelhead harvested in Oregon originate from a hatchery, and ninety five percent of the salmon and steelhead harvested in the Willamette River originate from a hatchery. In 2022, hatcheries estimated returns of about 142,000 salmon and 27,000 steelhead.

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**Torn fins, embedded hooks**

Spawning salmon and steelhead returning to hatcheries

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June 4: 8:05 a.m: Criminal Mischief - 56500 blk, McK. Hwy. The back door to the area fire station was damaged.

June 5: 7:54 a.m: Suspicious Subject - Medical – Disturbance, Medical

June 5: 8:01 a.m: Vehicle Brush Fire - Vicious Animal - known to the caller.

June 8: 7:20 a.m: Theft - 45400 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported a theft that occurred in 41800 blk, Madrone St. A caller provided a description of the Vehicle was a crash at an area business. No description of the Vehicle was provided.

June 8: 12:24 p.m: Theft - 37600 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd. - 37500 blk, McK. Hwy.


June 8: 4:28 p.m: Dog At Large - 91800 blk, Mill Creek Rd.

June 8: 5:48 p.m: Foot Patrol – Paradise Campground.

June 9: 12:24 p.m: Safety Hazard – Bellinger Landing.

June 9: 5:18 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 56400 blk, Old Foley Ridge Rd.

June 9: 5:41 p.m: Assault - 7900 blk, Thurston Rd.

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June 10: 2:25 a.m: Menacing - 89700 blk, Upper Johnson Creek Rd. Domestic dispute where one partner reportedly assaulted the other and grabbed them by the throat. Deputies responded and arrested the aggressor.

June 11: 11:22 a.m: Fraud - 94400 blk, Marcola Rd.


June 11: 5:34 p.m: Tree Down - Marcola Rd.

June 11: 2:23 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Cascade View staging area.

June 12: 6:10 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 89700 blk, Upper Johnson Creek Rd.

June 12: 5:06 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Leaburg area.

June 12: 6:37 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 88000 blk, Bridge St.

June 12: 8:36 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 40000 blk, Deerhorn Rd.


June 13: 1:23 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Cascade View staging area.

June 14: 2:35 p.m: Traffic - 39400 blk, Upper Camp Creek Rd.

June 15: 5:06 p.m: Assist, Follow Up - Leaburg area.


**Police Report**


June 7: 17:50: Medical – 56000 blk, Hall Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

June 8: 14:06: Medical – 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

June 9: 18:59: Traffic – Marcola Rd. & Old Marcola Rd. Driver was stopped for improper display of front plate. He admitted having a suspended driver’s license, Driving While Suspended violation, and was unable to provide proof of insurance – warned for improper display of plate. Vehicle was towed from the scene. Involved: white Lexus IS3, 25-year-old male from Fall Creek.

**State Police Report**


June 11: 19:41: Brush Fire – 88000 blk, Antlerdsitte Dr. Tree stump and grass on fire.

June 12: 6:06: Medical – 54000 blk, McK. River Dr. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**McKenzie Fire & Rescue**


First woman cop was Portland’s “municipal mother”

By Finn J.D. John

The Rescuers” in 1977, the idea of a “Rescue Aid Society” dedicated to the eradication of kidnapping felt quaint, old-fashioned, and fun. But not many years earlier, when memories of the Progressive Era were fresher, it would not have seemed that way. In fact, “The Rescuers” was first pitched in 1962, at which time Walt Disney himself, before it could be made, it’s more funner …”

By Slim Randles

Watching the fly fishing going on down at Lewis Creek is a little like box seats at the Bolshoi ballet. You might not even know that those two girls were there, but dang they seem to do it well. Long, sinuous casts out from the bank to the Lewis. My friend Dunker, often dreamed, never caught, but our community would be the worse for none. “Fish flying,” said Marvin Pincus, “is just another name for life.” “Or love,” said our cowboy, Steve. “Or frustration,” said Dad, who was about to shimmy up a tree to cut loose a tangle made by his buck cast. He wouldn’t have bothered, but that fly hanging down from that tall branch was tied by Marvin Pincus. And was therefore an object ‘d arte, which we learned in a French class—tangled, darned cute. But if left in that tree, it might cause death and suffering to someone.”

“It could be a metaphor,” said Windy, making a little scud fly skitter across the surface. “Maybe that story, that whole Windy shrugged. “Heard that the other day. Means somethin’ like that there, I think. Might be a metaphor …”

“Don’t think so, Windy.” “Thanks, Doc, for the cognition,” you know, ‘bout life and when to use a dry fly or when to drag a little streamer along and try for a fish. That’s pretty deep, Windy,” Dad said, nodding his head. “I don’t know, Doc,” said Dad, “Last time I fell in ‘twas ‘bout three feet or so. I jest fly fish cuz it’s more funner than drownin’ worms.”

“You can say that again!” “Okay, Doc. I jest fly fish cuz it’s more funner.”

Were you aware you can hear six men groan above the noisy clacking of a creel? …

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Contingency McK. Fire & Rescue will hold its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, June 19th at noon in the Training Center, 42870 McK. Hwy.
Rain gardens help keep pollutants out

As water runs down roofs, over driveways and patios, and off other impervious surfaces, it might pick up rain garden runoff from stormwater pipes and ditches with little infiltration or treatment. According to Derek Godwin, Oregon State University Extension Service water management and conservation specialist, this is because municipalities focused on getting the water off the property as quickly and efficiently as possible. However, stormwater runoff has become the No. 1 source of residentialpollution for waterways. It also increases potential flooding. Municipalities have responded by installing rain gardens, a type of green infrastructure, in public and commercial spaces to slow down and treat the water before it enters streams, wetlands, lakes, and groundwater aquifers. Rain gardens can be designed to work with the water on the property as slowly as it flows directly into streams, wetlands, lakes, and groundwater aquifers.

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June 15 McKinzie Chamber
The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce meets every third Thursday of the month via Zoom from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. for a link to the meeting, contact: info@mckenzichamber.com

June 16 Leaburg Food Pantry
Free groceries provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 3 - 6 p.m. Behind the McKenzie Bible Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

June 17 Living River Day
The Living River Exploration Day is from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 31799 Green Island Rd. Eugene. Join the McKenzie River Trust and take a walk near the place the Willamette and the McKenzie Rivers meet. Observe 15 years of tree-planting work on Green Island, a habitat for beaver, river otter, and over 150 species of birds.

June 17 Cookie Bake-Off
Camp White Branch plans to bake several large trays of cookies to freeze and serve as snacks and desserts for all the youth that come through camp this summer. People are invited to come for an hour or stay overnight. Plans include starting with the ingredients to make Chocolate Chip, Oatmeal Chocolate Chip, Sugar, Molasses, No Bake, and Chip, Oatmeal Chocolate Chip, Sugar, and the prompts. Cost will be $25.00 per show vehicle. Registration includes an Event T-Shirt and goody bag while they last. For more info or to donate raffle items text or call Fun Randazzo, Event Coordinator at 541-501-2007. Or E-mail jmm5220@gmail.com.

June 19 McKenzie Fire & Rescue
The Capital Dental Care Mobile Dental Van will be at Orchard Health McKenzie Clinic. Donations begin at $9 in Harris, unless other- wise noted on the published agen- da. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednes- day Board meetings are on as needed basis.

June 20 Mobile Dental Van
The 9th Annual Waypoint Community Church Father’s Day Car Show will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with great food, raffle prizes, kids’ games, and much more! Including a return appearance from local favorite Gode Red bringing the sounds of summer with some great live rock and roll! - plus some of the best Hood River Street Rods, Classic Cars, Motorcycles, Rat Rods, Race cars, and lots of other cool rides.

Family Story Time
From 10 to 11 am at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 35729 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

June 21 BCC Meeting
Lane County Board of Com- missioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene. The Board of Com- missioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris, unless other- wise noted on the published agen- da. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednes- day Board meetings are on as needed basis.

June 21 Free Produce
Free high-quality fresh fruits and vegetable provided by FOOD for Lane County, Tullium Produce Plus, & Orchard Health Clinic will be available for community loca- tions free of charge. Who can get Produce Plus? Households & in- dividuals residing in Lane Coun- ty. All McKenzie River Commu- nity members who sign a yearly, or request an emailed or earth-mailed subscription - phone or send email to Nancy Ashley, nancy.w.ashley@ tfaforms.com/493494730bA/tgl0390000080QhJFekA&ShiftID= dItv3S00007MCeLAS

June 21 father’s Day Breakfast
The Walterville Grange will host the annual Father’s Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 18. Bring dad to the Walterville Community Center from 8 to 11 a.m., where Grangers be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, and coffee and orange juice. It is located at 30929 Camp Creek Road in Old Monroe. There will also be a collection for canned food items for the upriver food bank. Donations will gratefully accepted. Funds are also be- ing collected for new windows and siding for the east side of the community center. For more in- formation call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be re- turned).

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June 23 - 25 Camp Creek Sales
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June 24 Celebration & Petfest
Children’s Celebration featuring Petfest will provide fun for all family members whether they have two legs, four legs, fins, or scales. These two classic events are now happening at Island Park, 200 W B St, Springfield Willamalane, community partners and exhibi- tors will share resources and fun interactive activities including live performances and more from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No registration is required; just stop by!

June 24 Blue River Bottle Boys
Lake County will host a community meeting on it from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 24, to get feedback from everyone on the concepts for Blue River Drive, including bike lanes, on-street park- ing, and sidewalk. The meeting will be in the McKenzie School’s Old Gym, 51187 Blue River Drive.

July 7 - 9 Lavender Festival
McKenzie River Lavender is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday – Sunday, for an annual summer weekend featuring the aromatic flower. Take a tour, take photos, purchase your favorite fragrant products, and listen to talks on lavender while enjoying the surrounding purple fields. Also, walk through the fields, cut your own lavender to take home. The McKenzie River Lavender farm, located just east of Walter- ville, offers a Lavender Labyrinth, specialty lavender products from oils to skin care products, u-cut lavender, lavender gift packages, lavender arts, foods, music, and lavan- der refreshments. The farm is not dog friendly.

Steve Severin of McKenzie Bridge was seriously injured in an auto accident on May 26th. Ever since moving back to the River he has donated countless hours helping countless people throughout the area. Now we can do the same for him and his wife Kathy during his recovery.

Donations are being accepted at the McKenzie Station Pub, Leaburg Market, Everyone’s Market, and Tekoa’s Restaurant - as well as online via Rozanne Wergeland at tinyurl.com/Mkt7awt.

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The Friends of the McKenzie River are offering you a chance to support local artists and authors. The Friends of the McKenzie River would like to bake from 1 to 3 families of summer with some great live performances will happen at the Wildish Theater, 630 Main St, Springfield at www.youtube.com/channel/UC1CfF6q7mLuI4UMCQ/videos.

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Stay in touch with events online with the McKenzie Community Events Calendar.
I was recently looking through some old photos I found when I was an ex-boyfriend when he was a child. I remember him talking to me at the time these were the pictures he had of himself as a child, and that these are the only copies. I want to send the photos to him so his family can have them. I have an old address for his parents. However, I don’t want to send them there with his address on the back of the envelope because I do not want any contact from him or his parents, nor for them to know where I live or work.

I’m happily married and desire no further contact from him. If I send the photos to him without a return address and they no longer live there, the pictures will be lost forever. It’s important for me that his family has these photos. Please help.

Pamela, people love anyone who send the photos anonymously, it may well induce someone to play private investigator. It could also set off a series of unintended effects. Imagine your ex-boyfriend is recently divorced. The arrival of the photos may seem cosmic and spiritual. He’ll think divine forces are drawing him back to his ex. Or if he has not been in touch with his parents, they may think the prodigal son is returning. Or they may even fear he’s been a pedophile.

You cannot control other people’s reactions, but you can minimize their effect on you, especially if you follow a straightforward course.

Most residential addresses can be verified using public records. If you are not sure how to do this, ask your librarian.

When you send a note with the photos to the parents. Explain to them what you explained to us. Mention now you are married, you realize the importance and value of family photos in the family. Use the address of a third party, such as a relative or a friend in a different city or country, and mention the return address is that of another.

I am at an age where men want younger women, and I have never been interested in anyone who I could totally reject it. It is a void, no matter how busy or productive I am, I never stop feeling. How can someone rid themselves of this empty feeling? And please do not say be busy and make yourself happy. I do that and it is not working.

Evette

Evette, we cannot make the empty space in your life go away. The space is there for a reason, and you have twice learned it cannot be filled by just anyone. That space is there for the person who belongs there. That is where who person fits. If you take your son fishing, you cannot guarantee he will catch a fish. But it could happen. He has put himself in the way of catching fish. It is possible.

If you are busy in the sense of always working, you cannot expect anything to happen. But if you are busy in the sense of living, growing and enlarging yourself, you have put yourself in the way of this happening for you.

Wayne & Tamarah are the authors of Cheating in a Nuthatch and The Young Woman’s Guide to Older Men, coming later this fall.

The Poetry Foundation is now providing a Poem of the Day.

The Ivy Green

Charles Dickens

Oh, a dainty plant is the Ivy green,
That creepeth o’er ruins old!
Oh, a dainty plant is the Ivy green.
Is the Ivy’s food at last.
A rare old plant is the Ivy green.

Charles Dickens was one of the most famous and successful writers in 19th-century England. Along with 24 novels, many of them rich with social commentary, he produced a body of work as reporter, essayist, correspondent, and editor that constitutes a lifelong account of the facts of Victorian life as he knew them.
Stay in touch with what's happening - open the McKenzie Community Calendar!

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ACROSS
1. Necklaces lock
6. Blue
9. Mr. McCoy in "Who's the Boss"
13. "The Tortoise and the Hare," e.g.
14. Beer acronym
15. Check recipient
16. Angler's basket
17. Circle part
18. "Orange" warning
19. Mr. Keaton in "Family Ties"
21. Mr. Cunningham in "Happy Days"
23. Dad's offspring
24. "Jack and the Beanstalk" instrument
25. General Post Office
28. Plural of cecum

DOWN
1. Olden-day aerosol can propellant, acr.
2. Lawrence, for short
3. Ad and
4. Like gelled hair
5. Relating to pelvis
6. A.K.A. X'an
7. Credit card rate, acr.
8. Putin's country house, e.g.
9. Samoan money
10. Deed hearing
11. Eghead
12. Up to the present time
15. A.K.A. melon tree
20. Organ swelling
22. What organa and forgiveness have in common
24. And peaceful
25. Mr. Addams "The Addams Family"
26. Outhouse
27. Populated like Argo
29. Mr. Winslow in "Family Matters"
31. Give the cold shoulder
32. Twotid
33. Mr. Johnson in "Black-Is"
34. Giltyp stone
36. Like certain Ranger
38. Seaside bird
42. Old hat
45. Scatteredbrain, in U.K.
49. Top secret
51. Nickname for dad (2 words)
54. Speak like Cicero
55. Virginia's Great One
56. Often goes with "willing"
57. Couple in "Modern Family"
58. "All joking ____"
59. Big Bang's original matter
60. Compass bearing
61. "Mr. White "Breaking Bad"
62. "Mr. Stark "Game of Thrones"
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Keep an EYE OUT FOR KIDS.
Fire improves habitat

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Prescribed fire can reduce the risk of high severity wildfire. This also results in reduced risk to wildlife habitats such as nesting trees. (USDA Forest Service photo by Andrew Avitt)

Prescribed fire improves habitat. "I'm talking to the fuels guys all the time. They want to get the work done to reduce fuels across the landscape, but they are also very receptive to how to limit negative effects on plants and wildlife," said Johnson.

The prescribed fire implemented on Backbone Ridge is a great example of how collaboration works, Johnson pointed out. The area is teeming with wildlife, and each species has its own special relationship to fire, so it's important for wildlife biologists to consider the benefits and impacts.

Prescribed Fire and Vegetation

When it comes to forest health, thriving wildlife, and thriving vegetation are inextricably linked.

"One example, the black oak, is an abundant source of food for wildlife, especially around Shasta Lake," said Johnson. "The acorn production feeds a variety of species. Black oak also tends to have good cavities for birds and mammals to establish nests and dens."

These black oaks need fire to maintain their place on the landscape.

"Black oaks need fire occasionally, to kill off the encroaching conifers. When fire is excluded from a landscape, often Douglas-fir seedlings will grow. And if there's no disturbance, such as fire, they'll eventually grow their way up through the oak canopy, overtop the oaks, and then slowly choke out the black oaks, depriving them of sunlight and competing for water," said Johnson.

The migration and propagation of Douglas-firs around Shasta Lake, due to fire exclusion policies in the early 20th century, can be seen today. "Excluding fire from the landscape allowed these trees to spread out across the landscape," Johnson said. "But if fire had been coming through on a regular basis, there would be quite a bit less Douglas-fir around Shasta Lake than there is now."

Eagle Habitat

In his biologist role, Johnson also pays close attention to sensitive species. Shasta Lake is home to more than 30 nesting pairs of bald eagles. "So, when we are planning and coordinating the prescribed burn, we are focused on protecting those areas," said Johnson.

One consideration — protecting big nesting trees like the ponderosa pine.

"Eagles prefer to nest in large trees like ponderosa pine. So, when we are looking at reducing wildfire risk to bald eagle habitat, we are focused on reducing fuels around these trees," said Johnson.

"We've lost a lot of these larger trees to high-severity wildfires in recent years, also drought, insects, and disease. Reducing fuels can mitigate each of those risks. "We also don't want to create any disturbances for them during nesting season, when they are incubating eggs and raising young chicks," added Johnson.

There are a number of other species taken into account when planning such as deer, turkey, quail, songbirds, osprey, Shasta Salamanders, and bats.

Fire — Just Another Day for Forests

"For wildlife, trees and shrubs, it's business as usual, said Johnson. "It's common for people to think that wildfire is bad for wildlife, but wildlife has evolved with fire. They have ways to deal with fire."

During the Backbone prescribed fire, Johnson saw a gray fox emerge from the brush. "It just came down to the lake's edge, hung out for a little bit, and then went back up into an unburned pocket on the hillside. It's not an unnatural thing for them, just another day."

Explore more! Backbone Prescribed Fire | Flickr Fire teams from the Shasta-Trinity National Forest conducted prescribed burns in Redding, California, on April 15 and 16, 2023. The project's goals are to reduce dead and downed limbs, commonly referred to as surface fuels. Using prescribed fire to reduce these surface fuels will contribute to reducing fuel loading, aid nutrient recycling, improve wildlife habitat, and support a healthy forest ecosystem.

The prescribed burn that took place over two days, April 15 and 16, was applied in two distinct phases. On the first day, firefighters reinforced a fuel break, by using fire to widen it. On the second day, a helicopter aerial ignition aided in starting low-intensity fires across the peninsula. (USDA Forest Service photo by Andrew Avitt)

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A Moment in Oregon History

By Rick Steber

June 8 - David Thompson, of the North West Fur Company, named the Blue Mountains of Northeastern Oregon in 1811 for their distinct blueness when viewed from a distance. This range of upland mountains is one of the most prominent features in Eastern Oregon with several peaks of more than 9,000 feet. Oregon Trail pioneers faced relatively few major changes in elevation until they reached the Blue Mountains. Here the trail climbed steeply, and in the heavy timber narrowed to only allow for the passage of wagons in single file. Once the pioneers had fought their way over this range and dropped to the Columbia Plateau the only obstacle before the Wallowa Valley was the Cascade Range.

McKenzie River Reflections

Thursday, June 15, 2023