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### Sheriff's Report

**Suspicious Conditions** - A passerby observed a vehicle that was thought to possibly be associated with a burglary.

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Some of the earlier knights of the coffee table arrived just before daylight, flipping their cups to the upright

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## Briefs...



The Lane Transit District and RideSource have suspended service on Monday, January 15. Diamond Express and South Lane services were also canceled for Tuesday.

Officials say LTD passengers should check the weather forecast and bus schedules, as inclement weather continues to impact the area. Check LTD.org and follow **Lane Transit - Page 2**



Orion Falvey, Executive Director and co-founder of Orchid Health, has received the 2023 University of Oregon's UOAA Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

This award honors outstanding professional achievement and personal dedication to the community before the recipient's 41st birthday. Falvey's contributions to the field of healthcare earned him this recognition.

The award has been presented to only 29 Oregon alumni, including US Senator Ron Wyden and renowned journalist Ann Curry. Falvey's selection by the UOAA Board of Directors' Awards Committee marks him as the 30<sup>th</sup> recipient of this prestigious award.

Falvey co-founded Orchid Health as a student at the University of Oregon after **Alumni Award - Page 2**



Looking forward to warmer days? The Lane County Chapter of Oregon Small Woodlands Association will host its Annual Seedling & Native Plant Sale on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Alton Baker Park. Hours are 8 to 11 or until sold out (please arrive early to receive a number for entrance – sales are on a first-come, first served basis).

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# Iceathon hits the area hard

Storm that began on Saturday put a severe strain on area's infrastructure

From turning on a light to mail delivery, normal activities have been suspended after predicted blizzard-like conditions hit Oregon over the weekend.

"The ongoing challenge of ice accumulation on trees, power lines, and devices is significantly impeding our power restoration efforts," according to a statement from the Lane Electric Cooperative. "In addition to the McKenzie and Cottage Grove areas, the Bonneville Power Administration is now grappling with trees obstructing the transmission line to our Fox Hollow substation, rendering it without power and impacting members in parts of Eugene. The ice-coated protective devices on BPA lines pose an additional hurdle, preventing them from safely restoring power to us. These devices are essential for both activating and deactivating power, particularly when detecting obstructions like trees on the lines."

Across Eugene, the Eugene Water & Electric Board reported on Tuesday that crews have been following EWEB's restoration protocols – called the "hierarchy of repair" – to focus first on fixing equipment that serves the greatest number of customers, then moving on to fixing equipment that serves fewer customers.

As of mid-day, about 4,900 customers remained without power, while EWEB has restored the power of thousands more since the storm began.

"Our crews appreciate the support of community members grateful for their work as they navigate slick roads and frigid



Steve Severin

Despite the icy conditions, the Upper McKenzie Fire District responded to fire at the Caddisfly Resort shortly after 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday. Two people evacuated a residence on the property after smoke coming from beneath the structure began filling the house. No major structural damage was reported and there were no injuries.

conditions to get the power back on for customers," said Tyler Nice, EWEB electric operations manager. "But we know many other customers are still out of power. We're thankful for customers' patience as we all band together to get through this ice storm."

Five contract crews start-

ed working on Tuesday, bolstering EWEB's capacity to fix outages and restore power.

Crews from Oregon Trails Electric Cooperative, Midstate Electric Cooperative, Harney Electric Cooperative, and DJ's Electric all responded to assist Lane Electric. They've

been contending with trees falling into roadways and onto power lines during repair work, causing further delays in restoring power.

According to EWEB, their "hierarchy of repair" comes into play when restoring power after major outages. The utility says **Iceathon - Page 2**

# EWEB unveils decommissioning plan

Unanimous board vote calls for dismantling Leaburg Dam by 2032

EUGENE: The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) Board of Commissioners is moving forward with plans to begin dismantling Leaburg Dam by 2032. An action plan was unanimously approved by the board at their regular meeting Tuesday.

The Leaburg Decommissioning Action Plan (LDAP) outlines actions, activities, and regulatory processes required for the decommissioning of the Leaburg project. The work would involve the removal of the Leaburg Dam and the restoration of the McKenzie River to a free-flowing state within the hydroelectric project area.

In October 2018, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), ordered the utility to cease generation at the project when extensive seepage and internal erosion was observed in the Leaburg Canal, raising safety concerns. Originally built in 1928, EWEB says the project no longer meets modern safety standards.

The decision to remove the facility came after years of studies ranging from analysis of the financial, social, and environmental costs of either rehabilitating

the canal to make it safe or decommissioning the project. The EWEB commissioners determined that project upgrades to keep the project in service would cost far more than purchasing electricity from other sources.

In January 2023, the board unanimously decided to decommission the Leaburg project.

In the interim, the utility is implementing risk-reduction measures to mitigate safety concerns with the Leaburg Canal. As part of the process, the utility plans to permanently modify portions of the Leaburg Canal to safely convey water from tributary creeks over to the McKenzie River.

FERC oversees hydropower licenses and EWEB is mapping out how it will navigate FERC processes to retire the project. Consultations with Indian Tribes, public agencies that manage natural resources and public health, as well as community members are all required to be involved.

Studies on the effects of decommissioning, both positive and negative, will

be designed to address how the hydrology of the river will change, the effects on water quality, and the effects on endangered species, to develop strategies for enhancing positive effects and mitigating potential negative ones, according to EWEB spokesmen.

Components of the project are also parts of a Historic District, so the utility will need to consult with the State Historic Preservation Office to determine appropriate mitigation strategies.

The Leaburg Dam structure currently serves as a bridge connecting Hwy. 126 to several south bank residences, the Leaburg Fish Hatchery, a commercial blueberry farm, and timber plantations. EWEB and Lane County are already in contact regarding the effects decommissioning would have on access to Leaburg Dam Road.

EWEB says it estimates it will take at least five years to assemble all the information required to apply to modify its license with FERC.

The full LDAP report is available online at: [tinyurl.com/v6eyadr9](https://tinyurl.com/v6eyadr9).



## Guest Opinion

### Unilateral priorities: A broken-record of failure

By Representative Jami Cate  
(R-Lebanon, Oregon House District 11)

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently proposed plans to lethally remove 470,000 barred owls in our West Coast forests to try and help the spotted owl species survive. If the spotted owl sounds familiar, it’s probably because this problem was already supposed to have been solved—back in the 1980’s.

The spotted owl was the catalyst of environmental activists crippling our logging industry. They leveraged the plight of the spotted owl to result in drastic reductions of our ability to log and proactively manage our forests—all in the name of preserving owl habitat, and thus saving the species. Or so we were led to believe.

But decades later, those devastating measures which have decimated the economies of logging and mill towns throughout the Pacific Northwest, and lead to our current reality of megafires scorching our landscape and threatening our communities every summer, has in fact done nothing to “save” the spotted owl. Hence the latest drastic measure being proposed by USFWS.

This trend of drastic measures, guided solely by a unilateral prioritization of one species at the complete dismissal of any other consequences, is one we see far too often as our court system continues to side with extreme activists and fails to adequately consider a comprehensive balance of priorities for our communities. The recent deep drawdowns

of Green Peter Dam and Lookout Point Dam are no exception.

Chinook Salmon were leveraged under the Endangered Species Act to result in an injunction forcing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct drawdowns throughout the Willamette River Basin dams. Despite the USACE’s grave concerns about the devastating impacts to human health and safety, to communities’ economies and clean water supply, and even the survival of numerous other species, the State of Oregon joined those plaintiffs and offered staunch support of the remedies demanded by activists.

As a result, our rivers have turned to mud, thousands of Kookanee are dead, the survival of other fish and aquatic species living in our rivers remain threatened, and communities downstream from our dams are enduring tens of millions in unexpected costs to try and maintain their water supplies. And the long-term damages of flushing decades of sediment down our waterways and drastically decreasing our stored water to bolster summer flows, are yet to be seen.

Yet Governor Kotek is trying to blame this mess on the failure of the USACE to predict such problems, while ignoring her own agencies’ critical role in dismissing such concerns and helping making the mess in the first place. The State vowed that these drawdowns would actually result in cleaner water, and promised that “the potential for conflicts have been considered and addressed.” But no mitigation plan for the



numerous negative consequences cautioned by the USACE was ever included in the orders.

It is easy to wonder what all these devastatingly high costs will benefit us. And if this latest drawdown strategy turns out to be anything like the over \$9 billion in restoration efforts invested in the Columbia River Basin, the answer is likely to be: nothing.

According to a recent study by Oregon State University, though fish populations have increased thanks to fish collection and hatchery efforts, the billions spent on increasing wild Chinook salmon have had no measurable effect. Kind of like the non-existent benefits to the spotted owl populations by crippling our timber industry.

These extreme measures always demand an equally extreme price from our communities, but their promises of immense benefits to a single species never seem to materialize. We need to stop living in the land of good intentions, and start realizing that this broken record of unilateral prioritization of any single species will always result in failure. Oregonians deserve balanced solutions that consider all the priorities necessary for our communities to thrive. The only way to achieve that is take these decisions out of the hands of a select few far-removed individuals, and finally allow our communities to have a seat at the decision-making table.

## Briefs...

### Lane Transit

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LTD on social media for the latest information. The LTD Service Alerts page and social media profiles will be updated as conditions change.

Remember to tune into the local television or radio newscast for weather conditions and closures.

### Alumni Award

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learning how rural communities lacked access to quality health care. Since then, Orchid has grown from a single clinic in Oakridge to a network of clinics providing quality, local health care for over 6,600 patients in five rural Oregon communities.

Falvey’s healthcare journey has garnered widespread recognition. In 2020, he was named the Rural Health Hero of the Year by The Oregon Office of Rural

Health, and in 2022 he received the Healthcare of the Future Leadership Award from the Portland Business Journal

Falvey was honored during the Class of 2013-2014 10th reunion, where University President Karl Scholz officially presented the award.

### Seedling Sale

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While waiting to enter the pavilion, Oregon Dept. of Forestry representative, Dan Menk, Stewardship Forester with Oregon Department of Forestry, and Lauren Grand, OSU Extension Forester, will be on hand to answer questions. Once the sale begins, folks will be asked to enter as numbers are called.

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## Iceathon

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the system aims at getting power turned on the fastest to the highest number of people by repairing downed transmission and distribution lines to restore power to the greatest number of people and then focusing on repairing lines that serve fewer customers.

Besides impacts to the power grid, the US Postal Service, area schools, bus service, and many businesses had to close. A bright spot was Everyone’s Market in Vida, which has a generator to power the store and fuel pumps/

Another round of freezing rain was forecast for Tuesday through Wednesday morning across north-west Oregon, likely adding another day or two to cabin fever.

The Oregon Dept. of Transportation was advising people who must travel Tuesday or Wednesday to carry tire chains, fuel, water, and other supplies for a longer trip than usual – as well as possible closure of roads if conditions become unsafe. ODOT crews are still working to reopen

highways impacted by ice and downed trees, as well as preparing for the next round of the storm.

Although the backup on the northbound side of Interstate 5 south of Eugene has been clearing, the accumulated ice is continuing to make that 15 to 20-mile stretch very slow. Crews are again sanding that stretch of I-5 as well as other highways, but they also report seeing vehicles traveling too fast for conditions even when traffic is light.

## Letters to the Editor



Letters To The Editor should contain no more than 250 words. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Addresses and phone numbers will not be published upon request. Deadline for submission is Monday at 5 pm.

Friday 1/19		Saturday 1/20		Sunday 1/21	
McKenzie Valley PM Showers 80% chance precip High: 48 Low: 43	Santiam Pass PM Showers 40% chance precip High: 35 Low: 31	McKenzie Valley Showers 80% chance precip High: 54 Low: 46	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow 50% chance precip High: 38 Low: 33	McKenzie Valley Light Rain 40% chance precip High: 54 Low: 46	Santiam Pass Rain/Snow Showers 60% chance precip High: 39 Low: 30

WEATHER REPORT									
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
1/9	44	34	2.68	810 cfs	1/9	48	38	0.96	6,480 cfs
1/10	37	32	0.48	893 cfs	1/10	42	33	0.98	8,870 cfs
1/11	38	32	0.2	963 cfs	1/11	40	32	0.44	7,370 cfs
1/12	39	33	0.13	928 cfs	1/12	42	35	0.72	6,480 cfs
1/13	33	24	0	973 cfs	1/13	43	35	1.20	7,480 cfs
1/14	37	27	0	468 cfs	1/14	37	23	0.86	NA
1/15	36	26	0 484 cfs		1/15	31	21	0	6,740 cfs



# Sheriff's Report

**Dec. 31: 9:34 p.m:** Theft - 91000 blk, hill Rd. A caller reported that personal property had been stolen by some people known to the caller.

**Jan. 1: 12:30 p.m:** Disturbance, Dispute - 90400 blk, hill Rd. Verbal dispute between the caller and three known males over property. Determined to be civil in nature.

**Jan. 2: 4:32 a.m:** Suspicious Conditions - Worth Rd. & Upper Camp Creek Rd. A passerby observed a vehicle that was thought to possibly be associated with a burglary. Deputies arrived and determined no crime had occurred.

**Jan. 9: 1:30 a.m:** Alarm - 39300 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:32 a.m:** Tree Down - Goodpasture Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**3:07 a.m:** Traffic Hazard - McK. Hwy. Mp. 39.

**3:22 a.m:** Assist, Information - 40600 blk, Dehorn Rd.

**3:29 a.m:** Tree Down - 91900 blk, honeybee Ln.

**4:11 p.m:** Civil Service - 45800 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:49 a.m:** Traffic Signal Malfunction - Camp. Creek Rd. & Marcola Rd.

**12:21 p.m:** Citizen Contact - Marcola Rd. Milepost 4.

**4:39 p.m:** Disorderly Subject - 36300 blk, Sherra Ln.

**7:09 p.m:** Disoriented Subject - 35200 blk, Camp. Creek Rd.

**9:11 p.m:** Down Line - McK. River Dr. & W. King Rd.

**10:07 p.m:** Burglary - 88900 blk, Ross Ln.

**Jan. 10: 2:06 p.m:** Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**2:07 p.m:** Assist Motorist - McK. Hwy. Mp.13.

**2:37 p.m:** Abandoned Vehicle - 88300 blk, Walterville Lp.

**3:32 p.m:** Civil Service - 56400 blk, N. Bank Rd.

**4:18 p.m:** Citizen Contact - McGowan Creek Rd. Mp. 2.

**Jan. 11: 7:04 a.m:** Truck

Inspection - 89100 blk, Old Mohawk Rd. A caller reported trespassers on the caller's property. Caller believed they were possibly stealing wood.

**7:48 a.m:** Criminal Mischief - 89300 blk, Old Mohawk Rd.

**8:18 a.m:** Foot Patrol - 38400 blk, Shotgun Creek Rd.

**2:05 p.m:** Suspicious Vehicle - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln. A deputy patrolling the area checked on a vehicle.

**2:57 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - McK. Hwy. & Holden Creek Ln.

**5:00 p.m:** Assist Oregon State Police - McK. Hwy. Mp. 37.

**7:06 p.m:** Injured Animal - Marcola Rd. & Saunders Rd.

**7:20 p.m:** Civil Service - 56400 blk, N. Bank Rd.

**Jan. 12: 12:50 p.m:** Foot Patrol - 39500 blk, McK. Hwy.

**6:15 p.m:** Assist Oregon State Police - McK. Hwy. & Mp. 12.

**Jan. 13: 12:53 a.m:** Down Line - McK. Hwy. & Collins Ln.

**13: 12:40: p.m:** Traffic Hazard - Dehorn Rd. & McK. Hwy.

**1:21 p.m:** Citizen Contact - McK. Hwy. Mp. 13.

**1:39 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - Millican Rd. & Bryant Ln.

**1:48 p.m:** Traffic Hazard - Marcola Rd. & alder branch Rd.

**2:05 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Marcola Rd. & Lisa Ct.

**2:14 p.m:** Vehicle Stop - Lisa Ct. & Marcola Rd.

**3:36 p.m:** Tree Down - 8200 blk, Thurston Rd.

**5:21 p.m:** Tree Down - 91200 blk, Marcola Rd.

**5:41 p.m:** Down Line - 91100 blk, Sunderman Rd.

**5:50 p.m:** Down Line - McK. Hwy. & Thurston.

**6:28 p.m:** Tree Down - Marcola Rd. & moss Rd.

**8:14: p.m:** Down Line - 8700 blk, Thurston Rd.

**8:22 p.m:** Tree Down - Camp Creek Rd. & MJ Chase Rd.

**8:41 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, No Injury - Marcola Rd. & Nadeau Rd.

**9:42 p.m:** Welfare Check - 90900 blk, Angels Flight Rd.

**10:13 p.m:** Tree Down - 51600 blk, Blue River Dr.

**10:33 p.m:** Down Line - Dehorn Rd. & Tiki Ln.

**10:57 p.m:** Safety Hazard - 54800 blk, McK. River Dr.

**10:29 p.m:** info - McK. Hwy. & Thurston Rd.

**Jan. 14: 12:53 a.m:** Down Line - McK. Hwy. & Collins Ln.

**10:21 a.m:** Welfare Check - 37300 blk, Parsons Creek Rd.

**11:01 a.m:** Down Line - 7700 blk, Thurston Rd.

**12:23 p.m:** Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 35800 blk, Ellington Dr.

**1:06 p.m:** Assist Public - 55400 blk, McK. River Dr.

**1:29 p.m:** Welfare Check - 87600 blk, Cedar Flat Rd.

**2:44 p.m:** Assist Fire Dept. - Dehorn Rd. & York Ln.

**3:07 p.m:** Welfare Check - 92800 blk, Fir Ridge Rd.

**3:30 p.m:** Welfare Check - 90300 blk, Hill Rd.

**3:54 p.m:** Welfare Check - 90400 blk, Hill Rd.

**4:03 p.m:** Assist Public - 9900 blk, McK. Hwy.

**5:49 p.m:** Welfare Check - 37000 blk, Goats Rd.

**6:55 p.m:** Welfare Check - 37200 blk, Conley Rd.

**7:29 p.m:** Assist Fire Dept. -

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# State Police Report

**Jan. 11: 22:43:** Crash, Non-Injury - Hwy. 126E, Milepost 29. Troopers responded to a single vehicle non-injury crash. A tree fell across the road and the driver of a gray Toyota Tacoma was unable to avoid crashing into it. Fire/EMS and ODOT responded, both lanes of travel were shut down while the tree was removed. Involved: 49-year-old male from Junction City.

# Upper McKenzie Fire/Rescue

**Jan. 11: 17:23:** Medical - 59000 block, N. Belknap Springs Rd. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**Jan. 12: 03:01:** Medical - 50000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**Jan. 13: 20:12:** Unknown Fire - 51000 blk, McK. Hwy. Two houses in immediate vicinity, fire is larger than a house.

**19:37:** Down Line - River St./ Blue River Dr. Two very large trees on power lines, low enough that vehicles would not be able to pass through.

**Jan. 15: 10:59:** Medical - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy. Female, Conscious, Breathing.

**Jan. 16: 10:59:** Fire - 56000 blk, McK. Hwy. 2 people have evacuated, smoke coming from under the house.

**The Upper McK. Fire District's board of directors will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at the McK. Fire Station, 56578 McK. Hwy. in McKenzie Bridge.**

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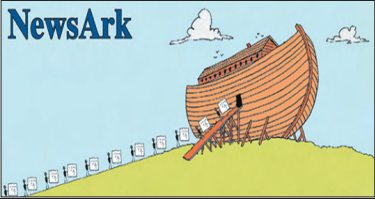
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# HISTORY OF THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST

By Lawrence and Mary Rakestraw



Raising the flag (Smith Taylor) at Olallie Guard Station, 1934.

**BEGINNINGS, 1891-1898**  
The movement for forestry and Federal forests in the period 1876 - 1891 was a complex one. It involved a variety of agencies, ranging on the Federal level from the Division of Forestry to the U.S. Fish Commission and included state activity. At least three western states, Colorado in 1876, California in 1885, and Oregon in 1889, asked that forest reserves be created within their boundaries. Motives for creating forest reserves, now national forests, varied; they included desire to preserve natural beauty, protection of city watersheds and watersheds of value for irrigation; preservation of game habitat; and hostility to land speculators, light burners, and sheepmen. Actually, in the creation of each national forest there were a variety of motives, representing a wide cross section of people. In this history a large amount of material is summarized, since the creation of the area in the middle Cascades, which became the Willamette National Forest, was a part of a broader movement to create the Cascade Range, Ashland, and Bull Run Forest Reserves. The story has been covered in greater detail elsewhere. People in western Oregon during the latter years of the 19th century were closely attuned to the intellectual currents of their time. A large share of the leadership came from the cities in the Willamette Valley-Portland and Salem, the economic and political centers of the state; and to the south Eugene and Roseburg.

Urban dwellers who relied on the mountains for their recreation, read scientific reports dealing with the forests and became caught up in the demand for reform of the land laws. John Breckenridge Waldo, the son of an Oregon pioneer and former Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, was a mountain lover who spent his summers in the wilds of the Cascades. Inspired by the efforts of Colorado and California to establish forest reserves by legislative action, he developed an idea for a forest reserve along the spine of the Cascade Range. In January of 1889, he introduced into the Legislative Assembly of Oregon a memorial to Congress regarding reservation of the crest of the Cascade Range and two townships (12 miles) on either side. The House Joint Memorial #8 stressed the importance of the projected reserve for its wilderness values, scenery, forests, waterflow, and game. The projected management of the forest reserve was an interesting attempt at state-Federal cooperation. The area was to be administered by a board headed by the Governor, and consisting of six men named by the Governor, and six appointed by the President of the United States. The members would also serve as state game commissioners. They would protect the game and make leases for resorts in the reserve, and report to the state legislature each session. Grazing except for saddle stock in transit would be forbidden; mines

could be worked but would be forfeited if assessment work ceased for a two-year period; railroads crossing the area could use the timber and stone needed for construction but no more. Essentially it was a state park with a great deal of Federal supervision and management. In the House the memorial was modified first by eliminating the grazing land in the extreme south of the state, and second allowing a ten-year moratorium on the prohibition of grazing to allow stockmen already using the mountain ranges to find other grazing grounds. With these modifications, the bill passed the House. In the Senate, however, grazing interests mobilized their forces and succeeded in having the measure tabled.

**FOREST RESERVE ACT OF 1891**  
On March 3, 1891, Congress passed an act revising land laws and in the last section included a provision authorizing the President by proclamation to set aside public lands covered with timber or undergrowth, whether of commercial value or not. States in the West suggested to the Federal government that certain lands should be protected because of their potential value for national parks, to protect city watersheds, to protect salmon spawning grounds, to preserve irrigation water, and to preserve amenity values. In the Cascade Range of mountains in Oregon, two small reserves were established to protect the city watersheds of Ashland (the Ashland Forest Reserve) and Portland (the Bull Run). The movement for a larger reserve was led by William Gladstone Steel, supported by a large and miscellaneous group of respectable and not-so-respectable citizens. Steel had been instrumental a few years previously in having ten townships withdrawn from entry around Crater Lake, pending acceptance by Congress of a national park bill. With the assistance of the Oregon Alpine Club, he began circulating plans to create a forest reservation around the Mt. Hood area. At the same time a group from Klamath County petitioned for withdrawal of fur-



John Breckenridge Waldo was an American politician and jurist from the state of Oregon. A native of Oregon, he grew up near Salem as part of a prominent pioneer political family that included father Daniel and brother William.



Stephen Arnold Douglas Puter was a criminal and author from the U.S. state of Oregon. After being convicted of land fraud, he lived as a fugitive for several months before capture, wrote a book after conviction, received a Presidential pardon, and later was convicted of mail fraud.

ther areas around Crater Lake. Both groups were in touch with the American Forestry Association, which strongly supported the reserve action. Meantime a group of land speculators led by Stephen A. Douglas Puter saw an opportunity to profit by lieu land provisions in the bill. They took a copy of the Waldo proposal of 1885 along with a linen map showing the proposed boundaries, and suggested that Steel ask for the whole Cascade Range. Steel took the bait and rounded up petitions for reserving the entire range. Petitions by the dozen came to the General Land Office signed by boards of trade, state officials, Federal and state judges, and members of the Oregon Alpine Club. A General Land Office official, R.G. Savery, investigated the area and found sentiment overwhelmingly for the reserve. By November 1892, a few protests were registered. They included protests from some homesteaders, and from the miners in the Bohemia Mining District near Cottage Grove. By January 1893, Steel became aware that the large reserve would aid speculators, and backed off from the larger proposal asking that the reserve be limited to the Mt. Hood and Crater Lake areas. The movement for the whole range had momentum however, and on September 28, 1893, the Cascade Range Forest Reserve reaching from the Columbia River nearly to the California border was created.

**THE CASCADE RANGE FOREST RESERVE, 1893-1897**  
In the period 1893-1897 the forest reserves were areas reserved from use rather than for use. Congress considered a variety of bills designed to open the reserve for use, but the bills failed on one account or another. Meantime, discontent grew. In Oregon this discontent was spearheaded by the stockmen, particularly the **History of the Willamette - Page 9**



By Slim Randles  
Some of the earlier knights of the coffee table arrived just before daylight, flipping their cups to the upright and fillable positions, and were joined quickly by Dewey, which is an unusual occurrence. Doc was the only one of us downwind from Dewey, and we watched to see if any fainting took place, but evidently Dewey had not yet begun his job of transferring soil nutrients from the dairies to people's yards. "How's it going, Dewey?" Dud said. We all like Dewey. "Finer'n frog hair, Dud. My shoulder's in shape for a shovel and I'm sure gonna shovel..." "Well, yes you are," Doc said, quickly. "Dewey's an interesting name," Dud said. "Was your mother ... dewy eyed when you were born?" "That's D-E-W-Y. My name has the extra e in it. Actually, I was named for a famous man." We sipped over that one for a minute. "Thomas E. Dewey!" shouted Doc. "Governor of New York. Candidate for President. Your mother was a Republican, right?" "Uh, no ... not him, I'm afraid." "I know ..." said Steve. "Admiral Dewey. Whats-his-name ... George. George Dewey of the Spanish-American War! Your dad was a fan of the Navy." "Well, not exactly," Dewey said, although privately he thought that would've been a good guy to be named for. "Well?" said Doc. "I've run out of Deweys. Who was it?" "Melvil." "Who?" "Melvil Dewey," Dewey said. "You know ... Dewey Decimal System? My mom was a librarian."

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Gardening Tips

By Kym Pokorny



Oregon State University

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Feed winter birds with berry-bearing plants



Beautyberry

When winter comes and the menu for birds shrinks in urban backyards, they rely on the kindness of humans.

That doesn't mean just a bird feeder of seeds and nuts.

"Different birds are attracted to different foods and it's good to have a variety," said Dana Sanchez, a wildlife specialist for Oregon State University's Extension Service. "In addition to bird feeders, which people sometimes forget to fill, they need plants to forage on."

This time of year, you'll notice winter wrens, pine siskins, scrub jays, chickadees, and robins. All are searching for food to give them the energy they need to survive the prolonged stress of cold and wet weather.

"Birds need a lot of energy to make it through cold nights," according to Sanchez. "They can't eat during the night and they burn off whatever food calories they found during the day."

Fortunately, birds have feathers – the ultimate down jacket, she said. They fluff them and huddle together to reduce heat loss. And shivering keeps muscles warmer. For all that, they still need the right foods for energy production. A few insects remain, flying around

or hiding under moss and lichen ripe for the picking. Some plants, like thistle, hold on to seeds that birds fit into their diet. Plants with berries full of good fat provide necessary nutrients, too. Take a look at Sanchez's suggestions and consider adding some berry bearers to your garden.

Dana Sanchez's picks for plants with berries for birds:

Oregon grape (Mahonia aquifolium) breaks out in brilliant yellow flowers in mid-winter that leave behind bunches of blue-black berries. The state flower of Oregon grows to an erect 6 feet tall and 5 feet wide. Hardy to



Oregon Grape

Zone 5.

Beautyberry (Callicarpa bodinieri) was named for a reason: The exquisite violet-to-purple berries in mid-winter stop people in their tracks. This shrub puts on a good display at the back of the border where its 6-by-6-foot stature has room to develop. The cultivar 'Profusion' exhibits an especially abundant amount of berries. Hardy to Zone 5.

Snowberry (Symphoricarpos albus) is recognized for distinctive clusters of white berries that last well into winter. At 5 feet tall and 6 feet wide and rather rangy, snowberry makes a great choice for a bird-friendly hedgerow and its vigorous roots will help with erosion control on slopes. Hardy to Zone 3.

Himalayan honeysuckle (Leycesteria formosa) takes some room to accommodate its 6-foot height and width, but it's more than worth the space. Long inflorescences of white flowers with purple bracts hang from the shrub for an extended time in summer and fall and are followed by berries that start green, turn deep red, and then purplish black with all three colors on the plant at once. Hardy to Zone 6.

Pacific wax myrtle (Myrica californica) is an evergreen that grows up to 30 feet at maturity, making it a popular option for a screen or small tree in the garden. A Pacific Northwest native, wax myrtle presents purplish berries in the fall that persist into the winter months. Hardy to Zone 7.



Country Kitchen

By Mary Emma Allen



PAPER DOLLS OF DAYS AGO

Do young girls play with paper dolls anymore? My sister and I enjoyed many delightful hours with paper dolls, those made commercially that we cut from purchased booklets and those we created ourselves.

The dolls I booklets were made from the heavier stock paper and the clothes from lighter weight stock. Usually the dolls had perforated edges, so we could punch them from the booklet. Then we cut out the numerous clothes. Often the dolls were illustrated to resemble movie stars or storybook characters.

When we played with them, we made up activities in which they participated and had reasons to wear their numerous outfits. These dresses, gowns, skirts, blouses, slacks and coats had tabs at the shoulders and sides, which we folded over so the outfit would stay in place.

Making Paper Dolls

Even though the paper doll booklets might cost 25 cents, it often was money we didn't have or Mother needed toward food. So Sister and I made out own paper dolls from magazines and catalogs.

Our parents did much of their purchasing from the Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward mail-order catalogs. When one was outdated, we could use it for arts and crafts. Sister and I cut out men, women and children. We selected clothing and cut these

items out, putting tabs on them so they would stay on our "people."

Then we played house with them. From the catalog we also could find furniture, kitchen utensils, etc.

If we were really creative, we might draw our own people and clothing. Then we might make stages for them, with backdrops and scenery.

Collecting Paper Dolls

Collectors seek these old doll books today. There are clubs and conventions for paper doll enthusiasts. However, I don't see many little girls playing with them as Pauline and I did.

CORNED BEEF BURGERS - Mother used canned corned beef for hash and in numerous other ways. It was economical and easy to prepare.

Flake 1 can corned beef with a fork. Crumble 1 slice bread in to soft crumbs and add to the meat with 1 slightly beaten egg. Mix well and shape into four uniform patties.

Brown these "burgers" in pan with butter, margarine or pan spray. When lightly browned, turn and brown on other side until burger is heated through. Serve at once on warmed or toasted hamburger buns.

Serve with pickle sticks and tomato slices, mustard and catsup.

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(Mary Emma Allen, who grew up on a farm, often writes about nostalgic and Inspirational topics.)

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8:53 a.m: Welfare Check - 90800 blk, Hill Rd.

9:58 a.m: Assist Public - York Ln. & Deerhorn Rd.

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10:47 a.m: Down Line - 40100 blk, Deerhorn Rd.

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## Community Notes

**January 18**  
**Leaburg Food Pantry**  
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 Fellowship Church, 45061 McKenzie Hwy.

**January 20**  
**Dime At A Time**  
The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

**January 22**  
**Kids Eat Free**  
Kids eat free every Monday (with adult meal purchase) at Craig's Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry's Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. Takeout, Dine-in, Outdoor seating (541) 726-9088.

**January 22**  
**Fire Recovery Funding Committee Meeting**  
The PIER Committee will meet online and in-person from 1 to 4 p.m. at McKenzie Fire and Rescue in Leaburg, 42870 McKenzie Highway. One week before the meeting, the agenda and materials will be posted on the Lane County PIER website: [lanecountyor.gov/PIER](https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER). To receive an online meeting link, register for the meeting on the website.  
Background info: The State of Oregon is providing funds for Holiday Farm wildfire recovery and all are welcome to join the conversation. A committee of individuals, organizations, and agencies are meeting regularly online and in-person to make recommendations. There is time set aside at the beginning and end for public comments and questions. The State of Oregon program is called PIER - Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization – visit [lanecountyor.gov/PIER](https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER) to access meeting materials, provide comments, confirm meeting dates/timelines/locations, sign up for project updates, and register for the meeting zoom link. Email [megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov](mailto:megan.m.heurion@lanecountyor.gov) or call 541-852-8259 to submit comments or questions. The Committee will formally vote on priorities during these public meetings.

**January 23**  
**McK Food Pantry**  
Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food For Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in need. 11 am - 1 pm, every 2nd & 4th Friday, McKenzie Bridge Christian Church, 56334 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie

Bridge.  
**January 23**  
**Family Story Time**  
From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

**Jan. 22 & Feb. 7**  
**Wildfire Recovery**  
The State of Oregon is providing funds for Holiday Farm wildfire recovery and all are welcome to join the conversation – the next Committee meetings are Monday, January 22 and Wednesday, February 7, both from 1-4 PM and there is time set aside at the beginning and end for comments and questions. The State of Oregon program is called PIER - Planning, Infrastructure, and Economic Revitalization – visit <https://lanecountyor.gov/PIER> to confirm meeting time and dates, sign up for project updates, provide comments, and get information on upcoming meetings and materials.

**January 23**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
Lane County Board of Commissioners. Harris Hall, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, The Board of Commissioner meetings begin at 9 a.m. in Harris Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday. Wednesday Board meetings are on an as needed basis.

**January 24**  
**Watershed Wednesday**  
Green Island, 31799-31601 Green Island Rd, Eugene, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Join McKenzie River Trust every Wednesday morning to help care for this special area where the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers meet. Projects vary based on the season but typically include invasive species removal, habitat care, or planting/tree establishment.

**January 24**  
**Wacky Wednesday**  
Cards go on sale at 6 pm, at Craig's Lucky Logger Restaurant & Henry's Bar, 39297 McKenzie Hwy. in Waterville. Bingo is from 7 to 9 pm. Call 541-726-9088 for reservations in the morning spots fill up quickly. Burger and brew special all day.

**January 24**  
**Lane Electric Board**  
The Lane Electric Coop Board of Directors meeting  
9 to 10:30 a.m. at 787 Bailey Hill Rd. in Eugene. Members of the Cooperative can join in. Each

meeting begins with a member comment period. Individual members have three minutes to address the board at that time. Topics presented will be discussed amongst the board and followed up on accordingly. If you wish to address the Lane Electric board please complete a meeting request form at least five days prior to the meeting you would like to attend. <https://laneelectric.com/attend-a-board-meeting/>

**January 26**  
**McK Chamber Board**  
The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Board of directors will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.  
The Chamber is a business organization of volunteers providing members key opportunities for visibility, marketing, support and recognition. The board meets every third Thursday of the month via Zoom. To sign up for a link to the meeting, contact: [info@mckenziechamber.com](mailto:info@mckenziechamber.com)

**January 27**  
**Dime At A Time**  
The Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting sessions are held every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. at the Leaburg Store. Donations can be dropped off there as well.

**January 30**  
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**January 30**  
**Family Story Time**  
From 10 to 11 a.m. at the Camp Creek Church Fellowship Hall, 37529 Upper Camp Creek Rd. Some special fun for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship.

**February 3**  
**Seedling & Native Plant Sale**  
The Lane County Chapter of Oregon Small Woodlands Association will host its Annual Seedling & Native Plant Sale on Saturday, February 3rd, at Alton Baker Park (100 Day Island Road, Eugene - Building B: east end of the park). Hours are 8 to 11 or until sold out (please arrive early to receive a number for entrance – sales are on a first come, first served basis).

While waiting to enter pavilion, Oregon Dept. of Forestry representative, Dan Menk, Stewardship Forester with Oregon Department of Forestry, and Lauren Grand, OSU Extension Forester, will be on hand to answer ques-

tions. Once the sale begins, folks will be asked to enter as numbers are called.

**February 9**  
**Chili Feed**  
The Waterville Grange will host their annual Chili Feed on Friday, February 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. Family, and tell your friends and neighbors are invited for some rootin' tootin' homemade chili, cornbread, salad, dessert, and beverages. The Chili Feed will be held at the Waterville Grange Community Center, located at 39259 Camp Creek Road, in Waterville. As usual, there will be a collection of donated canned food for the upriver food bank. The Grange is also still taking donations for the new siding and windows on the west side of the building, so feel free to add to the donation can (check out the thermometer to see how it's going). Donations for the meal will also be accepted. For more information, please call 541-521-4760 and leave a message (calls will be returned).

**Paver Sales Remain Open**  
The Vida McKenzie Community Center will continue to offer opportunities to buy engraved pavers for their patio. As a fundraiser, continuing sales will support the completed work and

provide for additional enhancements. As batches of new paver purchases are made, the engraver will furnish and install the newly etched pavers. Call 541-953-3440 or [willmarlys@gmail.com](mailto:willmarlys@gmail.com).

**Spring 2024**  
**Master Gardeners**  
The OSU Extension Service Lane County Master Gardeners have announced their public Pruning class schedule for 2024. Lane County Master Gardeners are offering public pruning classes in the winter and spring of 2024. Class participants will learn about pruning tools and equipment, tool care, as well as techniques to prune specific types of trees and ornamentals. Master Gardeners are eager to share their knowledge and experience with participants and want their class experience to be interactive, fun, and educational. Pre-Registration is required. For a full list of classes, details, locations, and pre-registration information visit our events page: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/lane/events> For more information, please contact the OSU Extension Service – Lane County office, 996 Jefferson Street, Eugene (enter on 10th at the wheelchair ramp) 541-344-5859 or at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane>

## EWEB expands septic system grant program

The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) has over \$1 million in its Septic System Repair and Replacement Grants program and is broadening the grant requirements to meet a September 2024 deadline for allocating the funds.

Eligible grantees can receive up to \$35,000, depending on the type of septic systems and household income qualifications.

Previously, the grants were eligible only for properties that sustained damage in the Holiday Farm Fire.

Now, the grants will be available for properties within the following areas:

- \* Properties within the Holiday Farm Fire footprint.
- \* Properties within the McKenzie Watershed, above Hayden Bridge.

EWEB is able to offer these Septic System Repair and Replacement Grants thanks to a collaboration with Lane County and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Onsite Financial Aid Program (OSFAP). Both Lane County and DEQ OSFAP received federal funds from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) and chose to partner with EWEB to distribute the money to affected residents.

To receive Septic System Grant funding through ARPA, applicants

must meet the following criteria:

- \* Applicant must be the current property owner.
- \* Septic system repairs or installation must be completed by the property owner or a Licensed Onsite System Installer, certified by the DEQ.
- \* Completed septic projects must be inspected by Lane County, with permit status listed as “final.”
- \* If applicants are outside of the Holiday Farm Fire footprint, they must have a household income below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- “At this point, we are encouraging everyone in the eligible areas to apply,” said Misty Fisher, EWEB’s Customer Programs Coordinator, who is helping with applications. “Once you apply, we can match your request to the funds we have available. If we can’t match you with these grants, we can recommend other sources of funding and still help you along.”

EWEB is currently accepting applications and has already matched dozens of people to funds.

To learn more about the Septic System Repair and Replacement Grants, interested landowners can go to [eweb.org/septic](http://eweb.org/septic), or call or email Misty Fisher at 541-685-7318, [misty.fisher@eweb.org](mailto:misty.fisher@eweb.org).

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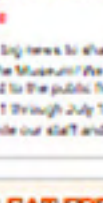
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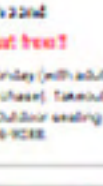
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## Events from Jan 18th



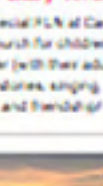
**Mon Jan 1st - Thru Jan 11th  
Springfield Museum closure**

We have big news to share. Here at the Museum/We will be closed to the public from January 1 through July 11, 2024, while our staff and ...



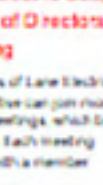
**Thurs Jan 18th 3:00pm - 6:30pm  
Leasburg Food Pantry**

All are welcome! Please send food!



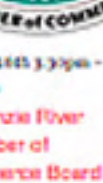
**Sat Jan 20th 10:00am - 12:00pm  
A Time At A Time**

Blue River Bottle Boys Collection/Sorting - Saturday morning sorting sessions every Saturday from 10:00 noon. Donations can be




**Mon Jan 22nd  
Kids eat free!**

Every Monday (with adult meal/purchase). Takeout, Dine-in, Outdoor seating (501) 726-9088.




**Mon Jan 22nd 4:00pm - 4:00pm  
Holiday Farm Fine Recovery Funding Committee Meeting**

On Monday January 22 the PRRC Committee will meet online and in-person from 1-4 PM at McKenzie Fine and Rescue in Leasburg 42870



**Tue Jan 23rd  
Lane County Board of Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Main Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular



**Tue Jan 23rd 10:00am - 11:00am  
Family Story Time**

Some special PLN at Carip Creek Church for children 5 and under (with their adults) to enjoy stories, singing, laughter, and friendship!



**Tue Jan 23rd 11:00am - 1:00pm  
McKenzie River Food Pantry**

Free groceries are provided in accordance with Oregon Food Bank and Food for Lane County guidelines for food distribution to those in



**Wed Jan 24th  
Lane County Board of Commissioners**

The Board of Commissioners meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. in Main Hall, unless otherwise noted on the published agenda. Regular



**Wed Jan 24th 6:00pm - 9:00pm  
Wacazy Wednesdays Bingo**

Cards go on sale at 6 pm. Bingo starts at 7 pm. Call (501) 726-9088 for reservations in the morning slots fill up quickly. Burger



**Wd Jan 24th 3:00pm - 4:30pm  
McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce Board meeting**

The McKenzie River Chamber of Commerce is a business organization of volunteers providing members a key opportunity



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**Mon Jan 29th  
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**Tue Jan 30th 10:00am - 11:00am  
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Ski Report

January 16, 2023

The Hoodoo Ski Resort is open for this season from 9 a.m.to 4 p.m. Surfaces were power tilled over a 52” base. The freezing rain created a breakable crust, with plenty of snow beneath when softened or broken. For more information call 541-822-3337.

Mt. Bachelor reported temperatures of 17 degrees at the base and 22 degrees near the summit on Tuesday. No new snow fell overnight, leaving the snowpack at 76 inches. The skies were clear, with the inversion expected to warm things up, compared to town, although clouds and snow showers might return later in the day. 66 of 122 trails were open, along with 8 of 12 lifts. For more information call 541-382-7888.

A Moment in History

Info provided by History.com

**January 18, 1803** - Thomas Jefferson requests \$2,500 in funding from Congress to finance the Lewis and Clark expedition, though some sources indicate it ultimately cost closer to \$50,000. Meriwether Lewis was joined by his friend William Clark and 50 others on the journey, including an enslaved African American and a female Native American guide named Sacagawea. The team, which Jefferson called the Corps of Discovery, first surveyed the territory that comprised the Louisiana Purchase, a vast expanse that reached as far north as present-day North Dakota, south to the Gulf of Mexico and stopped at the eastern border of Spanish territory in present-day Texas. The team then crossed the Rockies and navigated river routes to the Pacific coast of present-day Oregon. Upon their return, the duo’s reports of the exotic and awe-inspiring new lands they had encountered sparked a new wave of westward expansion.

Quote of the Week

“I used to be Snow White, but I drifted.”

Mae West

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History of the Willamette

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sheepmen.

The sheep industry in Oregon developed at an early time first in western Oregon and then on the range lands of eastern Oregon. Sheepmen wintered their flocks in the valleys of eastern Oregon, and after lambing season began to trail their flocks toward the foothills in May or June, then move toward the higher elevations as the snow receded, and reach the alpine meadows by August. In September before the storms set in they would begin trailing their flocks out of the area. Usually a herder and his packer would her a band of 1,500 to 2,500 sheep.

They had established drive-ways and established ranges in the Cascades and the Sisters area; some sheepmen had used the same range in the Mt. Jefferson area since the 1880s. Sheepmen protested against their exclusion from the Cascade Range Forest Reserve and there were instances of trespass. However, government regulations dated April 14, 1894, forbade ‘driving, feeding, grazing, pasturing or herding of cattle, sheep or other livestock’ within any of the reserves. In the summer of 1896 several arrests of sheep herders and owners were made; and suits were brought within the U.S. District Court against several owners to enjoin them from grazing within the reserve.

There were other factions involved in the controversy. First sheepmen were often in the non-grazing areas of the West heartily disliked. Sheep herders were often the butt of jokes and pictured as individuals of low mentality and questionable morals. There is something of a paradox in this since in the Old World the shepherd was admired for his devotion to duty, and in literature from the Holy Bible to the novels of Sir Walter Scott he is idealized. But whereas in Scotland the townsman would remark ‘here comes the braw herd wi’ his flock,’ the western townsman would remark, ‘here comes that damned herder with his stinkin woolies.’

There is also a paradox in the tendency to idealize the cowboy, who is only a hired hand on horseback, and to denigrate the herder who with his dog has sole responsibility for the care of a large monetary investment.

There was some opposition to sheep grazing in the reserve from recreational groups, who continued to use the reserve for their

outings, mountaineering, hunting, and fishing. A great many members of the Mazamas, Oregon’s most prestigious mountaineering club, were opposed to sheep grazing. There was also opposition from Indians and whites alike who utilized the huckleberry meadows, as the presence of sheep was considered incompatible with berry picking.

The years 1896 and 1897 were momentous years of decision for the Cascade Range Forest Reserve. First the inertia of Congress in passing legislation regarding use of the lands in the reserve had brought about a wave of protest. Sheepmen in Wasco, Gilliam, Crook, and Sherman Counties petitioned the Department of the Interior to open the reserve to grazing; they also lobbied successfully in the state legislature. In June 1896, that body passed a resolution to the effect that the reserve interfered with development of the state, and that the reserve should be dismembered and cut into three smaller reserves: 900,000 acres around Crater Lake; 30,000 acres near Mt. Jefferson; and 30,000 around Mt. Hood. Except for these areas the reserves should be opened to grazing and settlement.

In the same year a National Forest Commission, appointed by the National Academy of Sciences to help “the inauguration of a national forest policy,” made an extensive western trip. The members of the Commission were Charles S. Sargent (who served as chair), General Henry L. Abbot, Alexander Agassiz, Professor William H. Brewster, Wolcott Gibbs, Arnold Hague, and Gifford Pinchot (who served as secretary).

While they were visiting Crater Lake, Henry S. Graves was in the Cascades to see portions of the Cascade Range Forest Reserve the Commission had missed, to study the growth rate of Douglas- fir trees, and to make himself familiar with the effect of sheep grazing on the Forest.” They were accompanied through part of the trip, including Oregon by John Muir, the California naturalist and writer who detested sheep; and the Commission’s report reflected his viewpoint.

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In June 1897 the Organic Administration Act of 1897 was passed, which authorized the Secretary of the Interior to “make such rules and regulations” as were necessary to ensure the objectives of such reservations. Acting on this authority, the General Land Office issued some tentative regulations on grazing, permitting pasturing on forest reserves provided that no damage was done to forest growth. However in lack of any scientific evidence about the effect of grazing, no permits were to be given except in Washington and Oregon, where ample rainfall allowed for rapid renewal of herbage; and no pasturage would be permitted in areas of public resort, such as Mt. Hood, the Bull Run area, and Crater Lake. The regulations were issued so late in the year that they were inoperative in 1897.

COVILLE REPORT ON GRAZING

However, scientific investigation was pending. Frederick V. Coville, a botanist working for the Department of Agriculture, conducted a botanical expedition across southeastern Oregon from the Snake River to the Cascade Range. On his return he delivered an address before the National Geographic Society, which was published in the National Geographic Magazine, December, 1896. In the speech and the article, he called attention to overgrazing on the public lands, and suggest remedies. Henry Gannett of the U.S. Geological Survey, which was then about to engage in mapping the reserves and collecting data on their resources, asked Coville if he would make an examination of the Cascade Range of Oregon and find out what could be done. This was followed by a formal request from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture and the request was granted. Thus the first crucial step was taken in formulation of grazing policy on national forest lands.

Coville outfitted at Klamath Falls. His party, consisting, besides Coville, of E.I. Applegate as guide and collaborator and a camp hand with three saddle horses and five pack horses, entered the southern end of the reserve on July 23 and traversed the reserve until they emerged at The Dalles on September 6. They interviewed sheep owners, packers, cattle owners, recreationists, and public officials. Coville issued a preliminary report to the Secretary of the Interior on November 22, 1897, and a final report in February 1898.

Coville’s report was a model of thoroughness and fairness. He described in detail the yearly routine in handling sheep, from the time they were brought in from their summer range in October through their wintering on the owner’s ranch, lambing and shearing season, and the spring/summer trip to the mountains.

He described the duties of herders and packers, and varied practices in handling sheep. He collected statistics on the number of sheep grazed on the reserve, and their ownership; the character of the grazing lands and their locations.

This he divided into three districts; the Mt Hood District, from the Columbia River to the northern boundary of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation; the Three Sisters District, from Mt. Jefferson to and including the souther headwaters of the McKenzie River: and the Upper Deschutes District, south to Diamond Lake. Each in turn he subdivided into ranges.

These included in the Willamette National Forest, Mt. Jefferson, Three Fingered Jack, Fish Lake, Mt. Washington, McKenzie River, Horse Creek, Three Sisters, Davis Lakes, and Willamette Cow Pastures. He analyzed the forage favored by sheep. Overgrazing in the Cascade Range Reserve, he thought, was limited to a few areas near Mt. Hood and a part of the Three Sisters area, though there were small local areas of overgrazing on bedding grounds near the driveways. He thought that the widely held belief that sheepmen started fires to increase range was at best unproven and at worst exaggerated, and devoted several pages in his report to the causes of fire.

In dealing with the question should sheep be permitted to graze on the Cascade Range Reserve, he analyzed the problem in detail. One problem was the fact that sheep, on their way to their summer range, devoured grass necessary for the stock at ranches along their routes. Coville felt this was a matter to be solved by local regulation, and of mutual consent in using established driveways separated by a reasonable distance from ranches. Other difficulties were that sheepmen from Wasco County and Sherman County using the Three Sisters range, drove their sheep through Crook County, devouring forage belonging to stockmen of that county. Coville suggested a toll on sheep crossing county lines.

Coville believed that a new set of regulations would solve most of the problems. These would include closed areas to protect places of public resort by vacationers and sources of reservoir supply. Such areas would include the Bull Run watershed and other blocks near Mt. Hood and the Crater Lake area. Also huckleberry patches should be preserved. Ranchers and townspeople, following the aboriginal customs of Indians,

were in the habit of taking their families to the mountains and camping out for a few weeks offhunting, fishing, and gathering huckleberries. Huckleberry patches, including several near Mt. Hood, Huckleberry Mountain near Crater Lake and just south of the Santiam-Prineville Road, should be closed to sheep grazing.

For grazing, a system of permits should be granted. This would allow an owner to graze on a given territory for a certain number of days, with a given number of sheep, such as the area could support without detriment; to give him an exclusive right to graze in that area, but request him to confine himself to the area He would also be asked to keep the area free, so far as possible, from man-caused fires. The permit should be granted for a number of years-five, with privilege of renewal, Coville regarded as satisfactory - and there should be cooperation with the sheep owners in having them help recommend allotment of range, adjudicate disputes, and make recommendations; and finally, there should be a fee for permits to cover costs of administration.

Coville gave as an example the Fish Lake Range in the Three Sisters area. This range Coville divided into five smaller ranges, known as The Parks, Bald Mountain, Iron Mountain, Browder Ridge, and Blue River.

These ranges would support, without overgrazing, six bands of 2,000 head each, one band on the first four, two on the last. In 1896 there were eight bands grazing (illegally) on the Fish Lake Range. This was a larger number than the range could support, and as a result, the sheep did not come out in good condition and there was general dissatisfaction under the Coville system, the Fish Lake Range would be limited to 12,000; each sheep owner was to be given a subdivision of the range with exclusive right to grass there. In return, he was to see that no man caused fire occurred in the area, and if tires did occur, would notify the Department of the Interior.

If fires were set, the individuals responsible could be prosecuted under forest fire laws. Coville’s regulations were put into effect. Various areas were closed to grazing, including Bull Run watershed, and several huckleberry patches, including one near the headwaters of the McKenzie River.

A flare-up of the controversy over grazing occurred in 1899, largely due to a visit by John Muir to the Northwest, but peace on the range developed and persisted. Clashes over range use developed, but these were largely confined to the eastern Oregon reserves, which are beyond the scope of this study. The early development of regulations, plus their capable enforcement on th Middle Cascades area by able men such as Cy Bingham, Smith Bartrum, and Addle Morris, brought about a highly cooperative attitude between the community and the forest administration.