

North Fork Currents

June 2008

Council Update

After carefully considering several outstanding candidates, the Council is excited to announce that we will at last have a new coordinator on board in July. Amy Charette comes to us from Hawaii, where she has spent the last five years conducting marine ecosystems research. A native of Kansas City, Missouri, she has an impressive resume with the education and experience to help the Council grow and develop. After spending a week here recently in the cold and rain, she and husband

Stephane were ready to give up the warm beaches of Hawaii for the mountains and rivers of Grant County. Amy is anxious to learn the area, meet folks and get to work on a variety of Council projects. Stephane is anxious to do some hunting and fishing. Both enjoy the outdoors and are looking forward to hiking, camping and exploring the watershed that will be their new home. Stop by and meet Amy this summer and let her know what the Council can do for you.

Weed Program Update

A partnership between Oregon Public Broadcasting, SOLV, The Nature Conservancy, and the Oregon Invasive Species Council has resulted in a statewide project called "Stop the Invasion". Stop the Invasion is a project that has Oregonians taking a stand against invasive species on our lands and in our waters. In April, the Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) aired "The Silent Invasion" an hour long documentary on invasive species.

which harms the environment, economy, or human health when it spreads uncontrolled. An invasive typically arrives without the predators that keep it in check in its native habitat. Examples of invasive species in Oregon include yellow starthistle, feral swine, bullfrogs, and mosquito fish.

Why worry about invasive species? Once established, they can pollute waterways, destroy crops and kill or displace native plants, fish and wildlife. They also take an enormous economic toll, estimated worldwide at more than \$1.4 trillion.

For more information visit: www.opb.org/silentinvasion.

Invasive species aren't limited to plants. Animals & pathogens can also be invasive. Basically, an invasive species is a plant, animal or pathogen that is not native to an area and

NFJDWC Statistics (Streamflow)

North Fork of the John Day River at Monument:

June 4th, 2008: 7280 cfs (cubic feet per second)

June 4th, 2007: 618 cfs

Middle Fork of the John Day River at Ritter:

June 4th, 2008: 1500 cfs

June 4th, 2007: 121 cfs

Source: www.or.water.usgs.gov

Charitable Donations

The North Fork John Day Watershed Council (NFJDWC) is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization devoted to protecting the ecology and economy of a watershed encompassing approximately 1.7 million acres in Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Wheeler counties. The John Day River is the longest un-dammed river in the Columbia River Basin. It is also the last remaining major tributary of the Columbia River managed exclusively for wild anadromous fish (no fish hatcheries).

The NFJDWC brings divergent interests together to undertake projects that benefit the long-term economic and ecological health of the watershed

and its communities. These projects include, but are not limited to, the development of upland livestock watering sources, irrigation diversions, riparian improvement projects, water quality monitoring, and noxious weed control. Because we are not-for-profit we rely on charitable donations and grants to fund our organization. We ask for your support to help us continue with our efforts to strengthen the economic stability of the individuals and communities that rely on the watershed's natural resources.

Your support will help us be more successful in our grant-seeking efforts and charitable donations can be used as

"match funds" when we apply for grants that benefit the watershed. Cash donations are always greatly appreciated. However, we are in need of some non-cash items such as a used 4x4 pickup and ATV for our weed program. If you have an item you would like to donate, but are unsure if we have a need for it, feel free to contact us.

Please remember that donations are tax-deductible. Checks or money orders can be made payable to NFJDWC and mailed to our office at PO Box 444, Long Creek, OR 97856. Feel free to use the form on the reverse of this newsletter. Thank you!

Weed Profile: Whitetop

Whitetop is a deep-rooted perennial that can grow up to 2 ft tall. This plant reproduces from root segments and seeds. Whitetop has blue-green leaves and many

white flowers, giving the plant a white, flat-topped appearance. Plants emerge in early spring and bloom and set seed in mid-summer. This perennial is common in

alkaline, disturbed soils and is highly competitive with other species. Herbicide treatment in the early stages of infestation can be an effective control of whitetop.



Next Council Meeting

The following is the DRAFT agenda for the Council's June 17th Meeting:

1. Introductions
2. Approval of May Meeting Minutes
3. Review of May Action Items
4. Anderson Perry Presentation: Fox Creek
5. CWMA Report
6. Financial Report
7. Budget Review
8. Review Mission Statement
9. Grant Opportunities

Fun Facts From the Past

At one time, Oregon had two towns named Marysville. One later became Corvallis and the second, a ghost town in Grant County. On June 14th, 1862, two groups of miners from California camped on Little Pine Creek where they discovered gold. They named their camp, Marysville, in honor of their home town in California. The settlement grew as more miners, gamblers, & merchants flocked in. A school was built and the small mining town flourished until Canyon City was founded nearby and then, in a pattern familiar to many mining settlements, Marysville was abandoned, leaving only a few weathered shacks as its marker in time. Source: www.onthisdayinoregon.com

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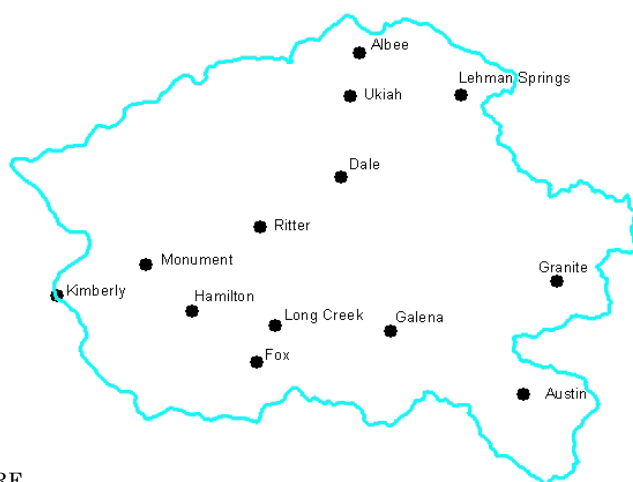
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Map of the North Fork John Day Watershed Council



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