



Freezing Temps

from Tami Quinn Hollenbeck

It seems like it was just 80° outside - but the weather man predicts freezing temps!

We want you to be prepared for this freezing cold weather. It is time to make sure your pipes are insulated, and that your pump house is clean and warm. If the temp is below freezing for a couple of days we suggest leaving a faucet running at a trickle. There is nothing more frustrating than waking up to no water to make coffee or brush your teeth.

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Don't forget, even though it is light outside the temperatures can be below freezing, so keep that faucet running!!

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Water is a geological cocktail so drink MORE water!



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Protecting a natural gem: Keeping Pipe Fork intact

BY CHERYL BRUNER

Last summer, after the Josephine County Commissioners received more than 500 letters objecting to their plans to clear-cut in Williams's Pipe Fork watershed, they agreed to delay the timber sale till next spring to give the Williams Community Forest Project (WCFP) time to find an alternative solution.

The best solution we've found is for BLM to buy the land. The agency wants to incorporate it into the existing Research Natural Area adjoining the property, purchasing it with money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF, funded by Congress). WCFP is looking for a conservancy organization to buy the property in the meantime and hold it till BLM acquires the money.

Pipe Fork is a gem worthy of this protection:

(1) It feeds East Fork Williams Creek, contributing to domestic and agricultural water for residents and businesses.

(2) Logging its steep, highly erodible soils (see BLM's "Williams Watershed Analysis"), would increase silt and temperatures in the creek and have a detrimental effect on the fish in the tributaries to Williams Creek.

(3) Clear-cuts, by exposing the forest floor, limit the land's ability



Pipe Fork is the name of a creek that flows into East Fork Williams Creek south of Williams.
Photo: Kevin Peer.

to hold water, contributing to a drying climate and a drier region.

(4) Pipe Fork is a beautiful creek. It tumbles down the steep mountainside with a series of gorgeous waterfalls and is home to the easternmost range of the Port Orford cedar and to giant Douglas firs and incense cedars.

Pipe Fork has been nominated as a Wild and Scenic River. That designation would help LWCF look favorably on a purchase by BLM.

If you would like to contribute to the effort to save Pipe Fork, you can:

(1) write Senator Wyden in support of the Wild and Scenic nomination,

(2) write a letter to the county commissioners at Josephine County Commissioners, 500 NW 6th Street, Dept 6, Grants Pass, OR 97526,

(3) put up a yard sign, or
(4) take a hike in the area.

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Free anti-overdose drugs distributed

Free distribution of life-saving overdose medication and HIV tests is set for 10:30 am to 1:30 pm Sunday, December 6, at the Sugarloaf Center, 206 Tetherow Road, in Williams.

Volunteers from the nonprofit group Rogue Harm Reduction will offer free doses of naloxone to take home, along with instructions for use. They'll also have fentanyl test strips, take-home HIV tests, and overdose response training.

Safety protocols include masks, gloves, and social distancing.

Rogue Harm Reduction, a volunteer-run, nonprofit health collective, promotes community wellness and harm reduction strategies in response to substance use disorders and other community health concerns. We host these events the first Sunday of each month.

For more information, email rogueharmreduction@gmail.com.

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