

# DEADWOOD DITTO

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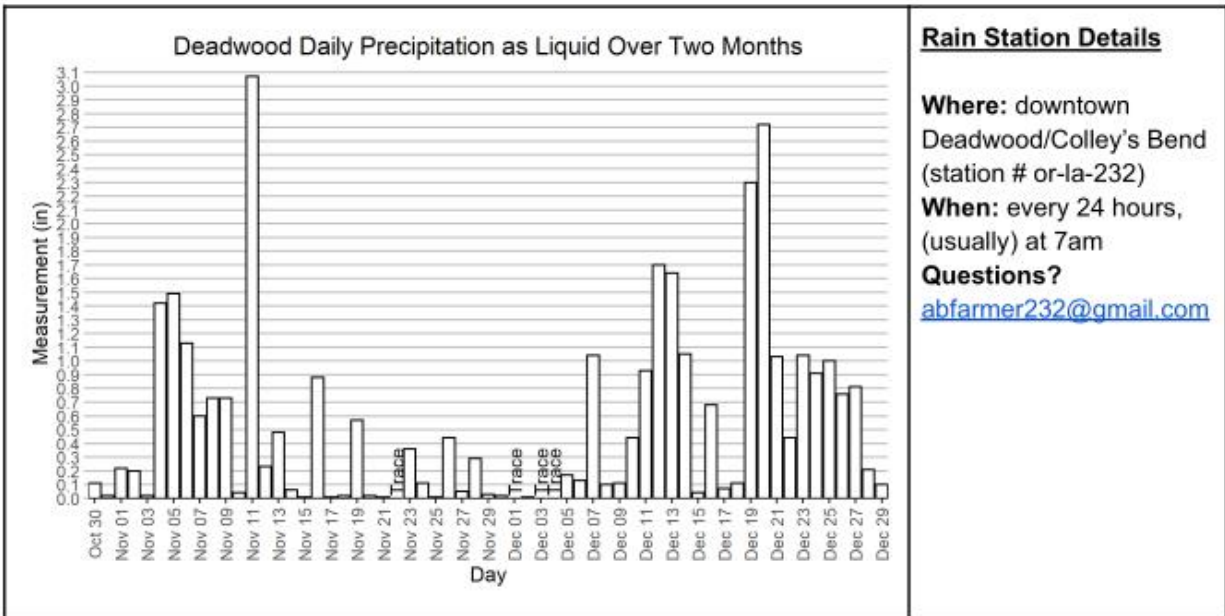
Deadwood Food Coop	Next order in February	Thank you to all the volunteers!
Swishhome/Deadwood Fire Dept Board mtg	January 6th, Thursday at 7 pm, Swishhome station (next to the Post Office)	Contact Mona Arbuckle at <a href="mailto:sd.rfpd@gmail.com">sd.rfpd@gmail.com</a> or Call 541-964-3225
Mapleton Food Share- contact 541-268-2715 or 541-268-2919	January 6th, Thursday and January 22nd, Saturday	10am-2pm
Triangle Lake Food Box- contact 541-925-3090	January 21st, Friday	11am-2pm
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In my dark winter  
Lying ill . . .  
At last I ask  
How Fares My Neighbor?  
Basho (1644-1694)

*Submitted by Kaki Burruss*

## Rain and Snow (!) Records



Date	New Snow (melted)	New Snow (depth)
Dec 14	NA	Trace
Dec 25	NA	Trace
Dec 26	0.32"	1.75"
Dec 27	0.63"	3.5"
Dec 28	0.18"	1.3"
Dec 29	0	0

Month	Total Precip	Total Evap	Notes
Sept	4.38"	2.15"	Last month with consistent evapotranspiration data
Oct	6.75"	NA	Evapotranspiration data too inconsistent for reporting
Nov	13.25"	NA	Minor flooding



## How Is That Snowfall Measured?

**Hello Deadwood!** Given that we just had a good snowfall, we thought it was a good time to talk about how we measure snow for CoCoRaHS. There are several pieces of data to collect in order to report snow: new snowfall depth, total snow depth, new snowfall water content, and total snow water content. We use the wide outer tube of the rain gauge for these measurements, in addition to a ruler for depth. The rain gauge funnel and inner tube were removed and taken inside, as they would block frozen precipitation from being collected. An important caveat: CoCoRaHS recommends that snow measurements be done using a snow-board, i.e. a square piece of plywood painted white and placed as far from the house as the rain gauge. Given how rarely snow falls here, we didn't get prepared in time and thus all our measurements were taken from our back porch. If the storm had been particularly windy this would have wildly skewed our data, but between the low wind speeds and the uniform snowfall across our porches and fields, we think that the data is good enough for sharing. Snow depth is measured with a ruler, and averaged across a few spots. Water content is measured with the large outer tube of the rain gauge by essentially using it as a cookie cutter on a flat area of snow, then melting and pouring it into the small inner tube of the gauge. For both measurements, we cleared a section of our porch railing each day so that we could measure new and total amounts in the same area. We also melted and measured what fell into the rain gauge, which was different from the snowfall because, as you probably have noticed, we never get just snow during these weather events: rain, hail, sleet, snain, snow.... It all falls into the gauge together.

Why measure the water content of the snow? Not all snow is created equal, and equal depths of snowfalls can have drastically different volumes when melted down! Here in western Oregon we generally get very wet snow (huge flakes with a high water content), but places like the midwest get extremely dry snow (tiny shards of powder with low water content). The water content of the snow affects how heavy it is on roofs and tree limbs, as well as how much water will flow into nearby streams as the snow melts.

For more information about how snowfall gets measured and why, visit CoCoRaHS Training Slide-Shows on the CoCoRaHS website.

*Submitted by Aradia Farmer*



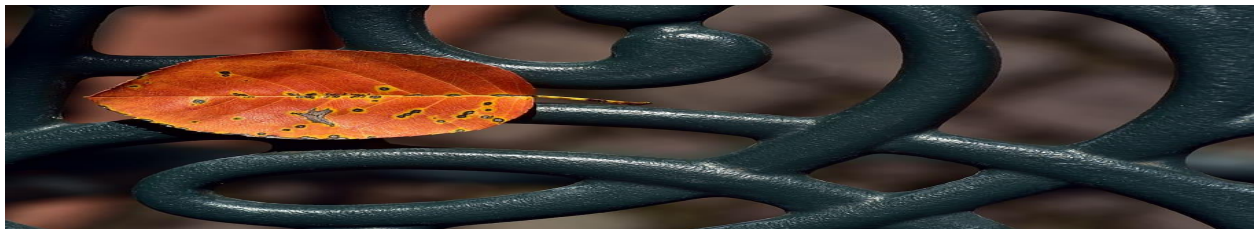
New Year's Day:  
clouds dispersed, and sparrows  
chattering away.  
Ransetsu (1661-1707)

*Submitted by Kaki Burruss*

## the new curmudgeon

There is a rose named the Eleanor rose after Eleanor Roosevelt which is said to be no good in a bed but fine up against a wall??? It's just the first line ok.

When I let things pass undone they gather in a heap and rise up, but a guilty mind is a harsh filter so I embrace "The uncertain beauty of an April day" *W. Shakespeare*. Uncertainty is the price of beauty and personal integrity the only instrument of navigation. A parochial system of management guarantees only a marginal accomplishment, so why be punctilious. You don't have to be crazy to live out here but it sure helps. There are people whose notable accomplishment is turning gold into lead. These odious individuals, only famous in the mirror, are often litigious malefactors creating little more than a drain on the collective energy. We live in an age of instant and ill-considered options. Freedom must always be controlled by facts and reason, epistemological sophistries aside, we creatively rationalize our wrongdoings and rationalize the good and evil we each embody. The malefactors' concatenation of poor choices and duplicitous propaganda have created a fear which, once taken root, will block the sun. Discernment not judgment must win the day. We become our beliefs. "Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering. There's a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." *Leonard Cohen*. In our special latibule here, creating and living in our own world, is a madness of sanity, but danger is better braved in the company of comrades. No desultory attempt of unifying effort will succeed. We've got to lift the blinders of our cultural moment. We divide the world's complexities into convenient binaries. Perceiving contradiction where there is complementarity. And thus we navigate. Two things, even opposing ones, can both be "true" at once. In the quantum world, contradiction and truth are near neighbors. No one perspective exhausts reality. The philosophical principle of complementarity is a lesson in humility that quantum theory forces to our attention. The ex-stasis of galaxies so far out from us there's no vocabulary but mathematics and optics...equations letting sight pierce through time. "Wherever life can grow, it will,/ it will sprout out./ and do the best it can." *Gwendolyn Brooks*. Without any prefatory it is the longing for mutuality, that great gesture of connection, that we call art. Being an artist only comes to the patient...."Who are there as though eternity lay before them." says *Rilke* in his third letter. "So few grains of happiness weighed against all the dark, ... and still the scales balance" *Jane Hirshfield*. Finitude is the human condition and all the words seem too small to fill the void. Everything that human beings need cannot be reduced to quantifiable, tangible goods and conditions. There will be fearful forfeits. You cannot count on grace to pick you out of a crowd....fear of death, fear of life, beyond good and evil. "The facts were told not to speak/ and were taken away. The facts, surprised to be taken, were silent." *J. Hirshfield* "The real wealth of a nation lies in the resources of the earth- soil, water, forests, minerals and wildlife. Their administration is not properly, and cannot be, a matter of politics." *Rachael Carson 1953*



## SUBJECT: BARUCH DE SPINOZA

I don't know who submitted the short quote about Spinoza in the last Ditto, but I do think it is worthwhile to add some interesting achievements here. I did welcome hearing of his commitment to helping the disenfranchised. Here is a selection of quotes from various other sources that give a slightly more dimensional picture.

".....Baruch de Spinoza was a Jewish Dutch philosopher of Portuguese Sephardi origin. One of the early thinkers of the Enlightenment and a modern biblical critic, including modern conceptions of the self and the universe, he came to be considered one of the great rationalists of 17th-century philosophy.

Spinoza's most famous and provocative idea is that God is not the creator of the world, but that the world is part of God. This is often identified as pantheism, the doctrine that God and the world are the same thing – which conflicts with both Jewish and Christian teachings. Spinoza insisted that we should approach the Bible as we would any other book assumed to be historically accurate. Spinoza was a moral anti-realist, in that he denied that anything is good or bad independently of human desires and beliefs.... However, Spinoza's versions of each of these views, and the way in which he reconciles them with one another, are influenced in fascinating ways by his very unorthodox metaphysical picture.

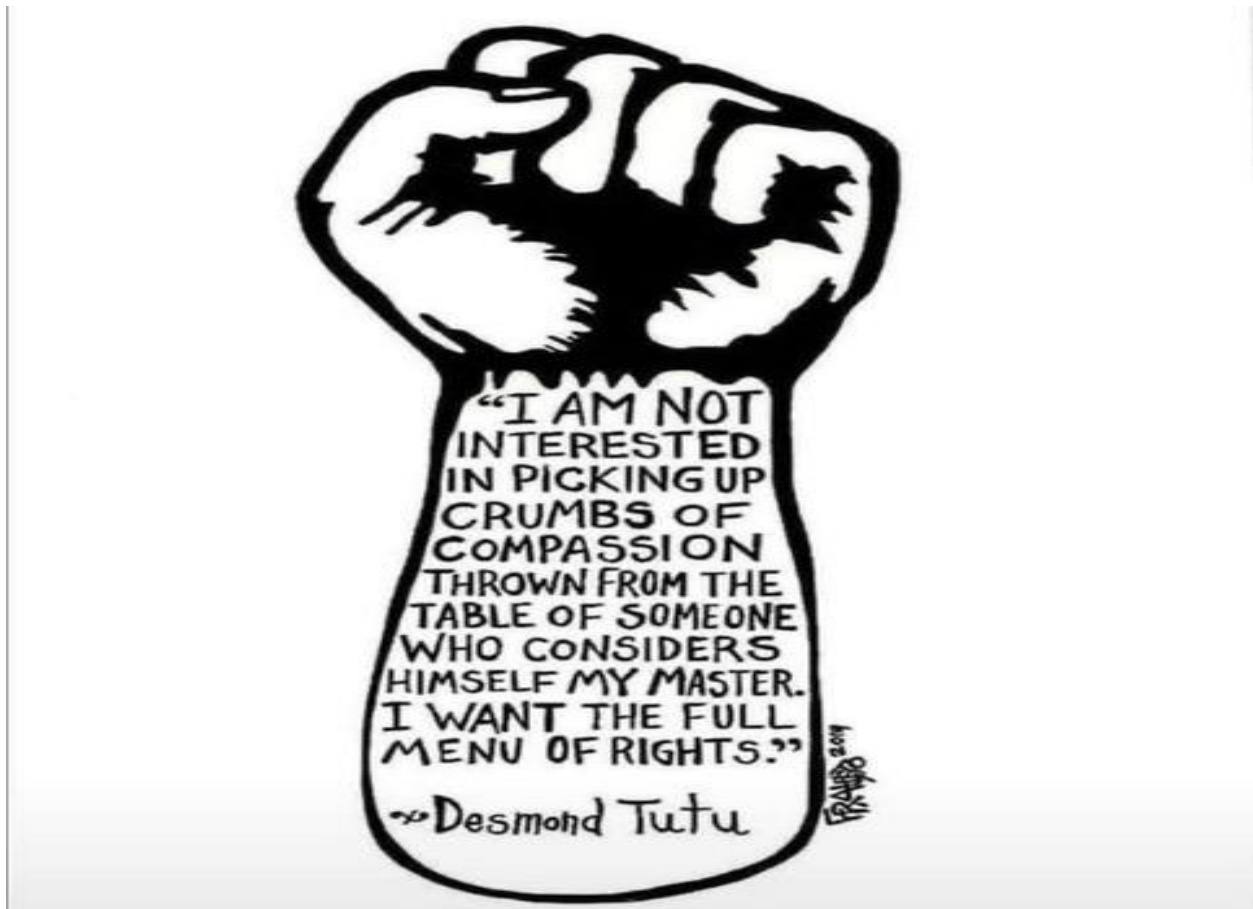
Among philosophers, Spinoza is best known for his Ethics, a monumental work that presents an ethical vision unfolding out of a monistic \* metaphysics. This Dutch philosopher was one of the last great metaphysical thinkers of the times. His Hebrew name was Baruch; he abandoned it later for its Latin form, Benedictus [which is not a biblical reference, but is noted in the Latin Editio Vulgata ]. Both the names Baruch and Benedictus mean "blessed".

(\* Monism attributes oneness or singleness to a concept e.g., existence. ... Substance monism asserts that a variety of existing things can be explained in terms of a single reality or substance.)

*submitted by Yvonne R. de Miranda 12.1.21*







*Submitted by Michelle Holman*

### **"Don't Lose That Number"**

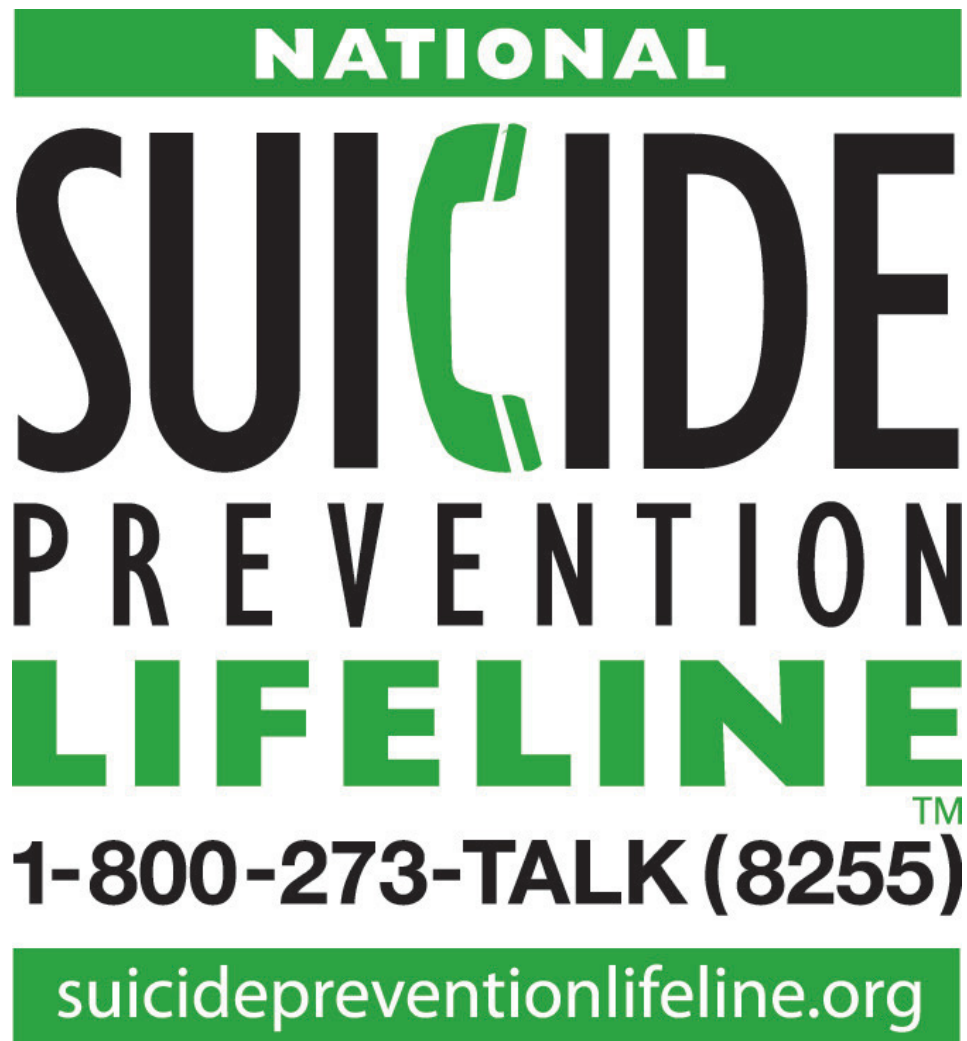
A few days before Christmas I was listening to Steely Dan's "Rikki Don't Lose That Number." I thought about how this time of "holiday cheer" can conversely sometimes be very difficult. It's a time when it's good to have a number to call if you need it.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. They also work with family and friends.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
tel:1-800-273-8255

For more information visit their website: <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

*Submitted by Kaki Burruss*



**Give a Little, Take a Little**

I have found an enjoyable pastime in outwitting the corvids that wreak havoc in my garden and orchard. I don't often "win" but today is an exception. I am gloating, despite how this might jeopardize my good grower's karma or blacken an already piebald aura that I wear like a lopsided crown.

In any case, from my window seat, I can see the crows massed at the edge of last summer's tomato plot, put to bed just yesterday with a dusting of oyster shell powder, whips of briny kelp, and thick flakes of wheat straw. A sheet or two of newsprint is sandwiched between these improvised layers in order to smother what few weeds I left behind.

It is worth noting that I have a penchant for neatness in the garden and the crows would normally make short work of these recent efforts in their eager search for worms. Straw

and shredded bits of paper get flung from hell to breakfast, leaving the soil naked and vulnerable to the whims of winter weather. The effects of exposure to our frequent rain are erosion and leaching of vital nutrients.

This year, however, I took an extra step. I spread bird netting over the whole of this reliable plot of good earth after I finished layering. The pièce de résistance was fastening the seams and edges with long, u-shaped stakes. The completed work bears a striking resemblance to a vintage French mattress with big, bunched welts and delicate, buttonless tufts.

As I write, I observe that the crows are pacing back and forth along the boundaries of this latest maneuver to deter them. Feathers folded resolutely behind their backs, they look like an assemblage of old men trying to solve an equation. They are surely the thinkers of their species. But I expect that momentarily they'll have to admit defeat and retire to the rotting apples and slicked-with-slime cabbage leaves festooning the edges of our compost heap.

Tsk, tsk. So sorry for you. *Submitted by Jodi Gurtov*

## **DCS Updates**

### **Calendars**

The 2022 Birthday Calendars, featuring photographs by Kate Harnedy, are ready for pick-up. DCS Board will be distributing them at the Community Center WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5th from 4:30-5:00. Please plan to come during this time. They are \$15, cash or check to Deadwood Creek Services. If you need to make other arrangements please contact Danell at X3046.

If you did not pre-order one they will still be available to you.

### **Annual Meeting**

We hope to be able to hold this meeting sometime in February. Look for information in Feb. ditto and on Deadwood Outreach Group Facebook page.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year!!!

### **DCS BOARD**

**Danell Sundstrom**

**Mikelle Loar**

**Kristi Guse**

**Ami Levy**



## **Notice of Regular Meeting**

### Swisshome Deadwood RFPD Board

The Swisshome Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting a 7:00p.m. at the Swisshome fire station (12) - 13283 OR-36, Swisshome, OR 97480 – on January 13, 2022.

The meeting agenda will include:

- Website
- Strategic plan
- Ordinance

The text of the ordinance to be debated follows:

#### *Ordinance*

#### *Excluding Employees from Serving on District Board*

*Whereas ORS 478.050 provides that a district may determine, by ordinance that takes effect at least one year prior to the date of a regular district election, that firefighters of the district, volunteer or otherwise, and other district employees shall not serve as directors.;*

*and Whereas the District desires to exclude firefighters of the district and other district employees from the Board of Directors;*

#### **BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED:**

- 1. No district firefighter or other district employee shall be eligible to serve on the Swisshome-Deadwood Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors.*
- 2. This ordinance shall take effect on the 30th day after it is adopted, and shall apply to all regular and special elections, and all appointments to fill vacancies, occurring after one year from the effective date of this ordinance*

This notice is provided in accordance with ORS 192.640(1)

Regular meetings of the fire board are held at 7p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Swisshome fire station unless otherwise posted. Requests for accommodations can be addressed to [sd.rfpd@gmail.com](mailto:sd.rfpd@gmail.com). Notices of future meetings will be posted at the following locations:

- Swisshome Post Office
- Deadwood Post Office

*Submitted by Mona Arbuckle*

## Who Lives In The Forests

Who lives in our forests? Research by the Forest Service has listed forest dwellers as all of the following: Transient retirees, Solitary or antisocial individuals, Homeless adult groups, Families, Forest workers, Seasonal recreational or amenity workers, Fugitives, Students, Teens, gangs, or runaways, and Communal groups. As well as the other multitude of creatures great and small that inhabit this amazing biome

This month I'm sharing Part 2 of "Making A Home." It is excerpted from USDA Forest Service publication "Science Findings" (Issue 242, September 2021.) My hope is we can expand our thinking about the issues related to National Forest users. Thank you.

*Submitted by Kaki Burruss*



## SEEING OVERLOOKED PEOPLE

As a research social scientist with the Pacific Northwest (PNW) Research Station, Lee Cerveny studies people and how they interact with a national forest. Ten years ago, she attended a recreation-focused workshop at the invitation of Cheryl Friesen, the science liaison between the National Forest System and the PNW Research Station.

Even a decade later, Cerveny still recalls one particular site on that field trip. It was a bridge where a number of campers had congregated. While some campers sought the site as a temporary respite in nature, for other campers, the site was their home. These were non-recreational campers and forest dwellers, people who were chronically or temporarily homeless.

"That's the first time I had really thought about this issue of people residing on national forest lands," Cerveny says. "I was curious about knowing why this was happening. What are the living conditions these people are experiencing there? How did this particular gathering of people choose this site? What does it mean for land managers caring for the site?"

The ranger leading the talk explained that the bridge served as a roof, the river as a water source, and there was a bus stop a quarter mile down the road. Cerveny described experiencing a lightbulb moment as the answer came to her: "They can live here but still travel to Eugene or Springfield for services."

With help of Joshua Baur (then of OSU), Cerveny designed a survey that was sent to all Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) and special agents nationwide. The ranger leading

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In terms of selecting a place to camp, non-recreational campers were most attracted to dispersed areas and no-host campsites where privacy is possible, with few gravitating toward developed campgrounds. Sites close to roads and water sources were commonly sought.

## ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE

In early 2019, Cerveny received a call from Dave Halemeier, the district ranger for the Detroit Ranger District on the Willamette National Forest, asking if she would join their strategy group to address the non-recreational camping, which he described as a "huge problem."

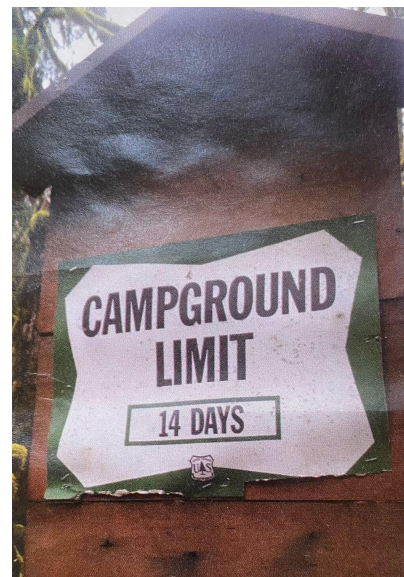
"We found the forest was spending quite a bit of money reacting to the effects of homelessness on public lands, such as towing of vehicles and removing of hazardous waste," explains Chiara Cipriano, then the public affairs specialist on the Willamette National Forest. "We wanted to do something proactive."

The Willamette National Forest spends an estimated \$250,000 a year reacting to non-recreational camping, and "we have implicit direction from the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Northwest Forest Plan on how we need to minimize adverse effects to public lands," Cipriano says.

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### Frequency of Encounters by Law Enforcement Officers from 1-2 times to weekly per month

Transient retirees	50%
Separatists/solo	38%
Families	35%
Homeless groups	37%
Forest workers	22%
Recreation workers	26%
Fugitives	18%
Students	17%
Teens/runaways	12%
Communal groups	8%



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### **Recent Deadwood History**



This photo was submitted by Linda Kanter, who found it while going through her records. Who wants to write a story this photo may trigger?

*Submitted by Jan Kinney*