

OUTDOOR DIGEST

Hult Reservoir in danger of soon being drained

Time is apparently running short for Hult Reservoir, a popular 80-acre swimming and fishing lake tucked in the Coast Range near the community of Horton.

Bohemia Inc. has set an Aug. 31 date "to drain the pond if some arrangements haven't been made by then," company spokesman Bud Stewart confirmed Monday.

"The decision has been made here that we cannot go into another winter bearing the liability for that dam," Stewart said.

The dam in question is an earth-fill structure built in the mid-1930s by Hult lumber company, which dammed Lake Creek to create a log pond for its mill. Bohemia has been responsible for the dam, which is leaking and in need of repair, since it acquired the surrounding forestland from American Can Co. in 1972.

The Bureau of Land Management owns

some of the land under the reservoir and has expressed an interest in acquiring the dam itself from Bohemia.

"We're working all we can with all the people we can," said Wayne Elliott, manager of the BLM's Coast Range District. "We're still definitely interested and have told Bohemia that, but the money has to come from Congress."

Elliott said the best hope for quick action is for a private group such as the Trust for Public Lands to step in, acquire the property and hold it in escrow until federal funding can be obtained.

Meanwhile, some residents in western Lane County have been lobbying state and local government officials to step in and help save the lake, according to Ken Davis, who lives in the High Pass Road area, about five miles away from the lake.

"The lake is used quite a bit for swimming and fishing, and it's really the only water supply if there's ever a fire in the area," he said.

Tillamook Salmon Survey Planned

Tillamook area salmon anglers may have a few more visitors than normal during their sojourns on the water this fall. Beginning in September, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employees will be conducting a creel survey of recreational anglers in Tillamook Bay and the Wilson and Trask rivers.

The purpose of the survey is to document the magnitude of effort and success of the sport chinook fishery.

Outdoor Calendar

Wednesday

HUNTING — Waterfowl regulations and seasons will be set by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission

following a public hearing at ODFW headquarters, 2501 S.W. First Ave., Portland. Call 229-5400 for details.

Saturday

HIKING, ETC — The Obsidians outdoor club is sponsoring two events: Becky Hansen will lead a two-day trail maintenance work party on the Pacific Crest Trail and Sharon Ritchie will lead a moderately difficult 10-mile hike to Green Lakes. Information and sign-up sheets are on the club's bulletin board at the Eugene Family YMCA, 2055 Patterson St., Eugene.

Sunday

HIKING — Mary Ellen West of the Obsidians will lead a difficult 14-mile hike to Chambers Lakes. Information and sign-up sheets are on the club's bulletin board at the Eugene Family YMCA, 2055 Patterson St., Eugene.

JETSKI RACING — Competition in the Jet Ski Classic II will begin at 11 a.m. at Fern Ridge Shores on Fern Ridge Reservoir west of Eugene. Admission is \$5 per car.

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