

To: City Council
From City Manager, Nathan Cherpeski
Subject: Friday Update
Date: March 11, 2016



Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
March 14, 2016	7:00 P.M.	Planning Commission- CDO review	Jeff Ball Room @ Police Department
March 16, 2016	2:00 P.M.	Retail Coach Presentation - How small businesses can use the information they have developed for the City	City Hall Annex - Council Chambers
March 21, 2016	6:00 P.M.	Work Session Owners Representative for Wastewater Plant upgrades and project update.	City Hall Annex - Conference Room

City Manager

We received an update on the Urban Trails master plan last night. People interested in that plan can find more information at <http://klamathfallstrailplan.com/> . We also received an update from the group looking at a protected bike lane along Oregon Ave. The two projects, while related, are separate.

Aaron Farmer, Vice President of The Retail Coach, will be in town next Wednesday. At 2:00 P.M. he will give a presentation on how small retailers can use the information his firm has gathered on our community. The presentation is open to all and will be in the Council Chambers.

We continue to get interest from major retailers, but have also received communications where some of our community favorites let us know they are not considering us at this time. While it may crush some hopes, Costco finally stated they don't have an interest at this time. We will continue to reach out to retailers and despite some setbacks we still have promising leads.

Airport

The Airport staff are diligently working to return air service to the Crater Lake – Klamath Regional Airport. Supported by the Chamber of Commerce, OIT, Running Y, Sky Lakes Medical Center, Guard and many other participants, Congressman Greg Walden announced last Friday, that the TSA Fairness Act H.R.4549 should be moving out of Committee towards House approval on March 23, 2016. This past week staff has doubled their efforts to help move S.2549 (the same bill on the Senate side). Senator's

Jeff Merkley, and Ron Wyden are strong supporters of moving the Senate version out of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. The community support has been and continues to be encouraging and very much appreciated.

The Bend Bulletin put an editorial out today (attached) supporting the bill. Airport staff sent 50 or so emails out this week to airports that could be in a similar situation to garner more support.

Police

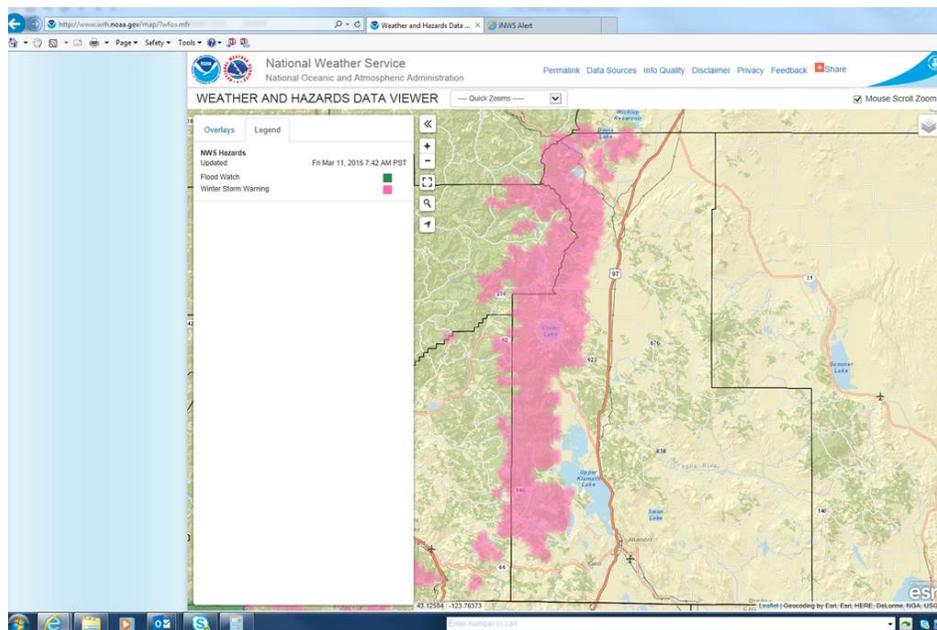
The police department will hold a promotional process for a vacant sergeant position on March 17th. Councilors and city employees are encouraged to attend the oral presentations by the candidates on March 17th starting at 8:00am at the police department.

Public Works

The NWS in Medford has issued a winter storm warning in the pink areas below, starting Saturday morning through Monday evening. Potential for heavy snow with the worst snow happening above 5000 feet. This coupled with strong winds will cause drifting and blowing snow and very poor visibility.

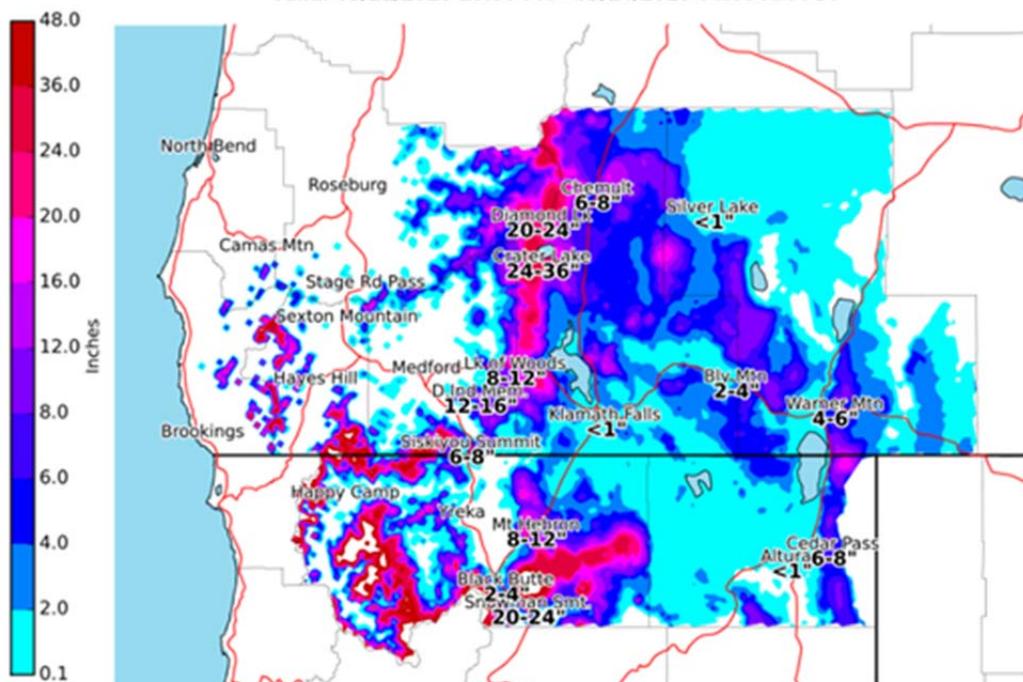
The NWS recommends avoiding travel in the winter storm warning areas this weekend, if possible, and if you must travel, stock your vehicle with lots of emergency supplies. See a list here: https://www.tripcheck.com/pdfs/27537_Winter_Driving_Guide-web.pdf

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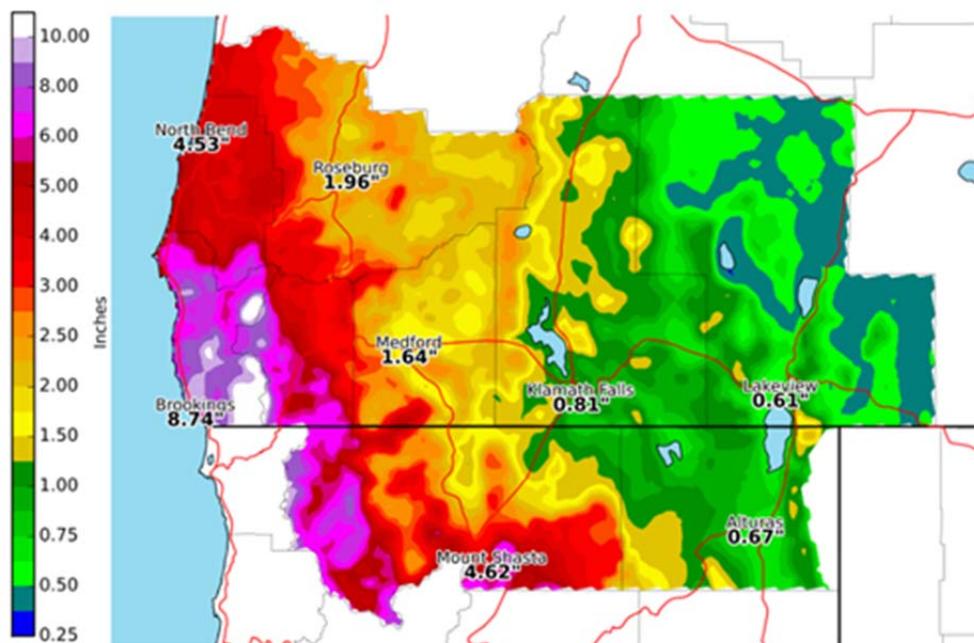


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Editorial: TSA should serve Klamath Falls

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Even the most bitterly divided Congress should be able to come together on this one: The Treating Small Airports with Fairness Act (TSA Fairness Act) would assure that lack of airport security did not stand in the way of attracting commercial air service to Klamath Falls and other small communities.

Klamath Falls lost commercial air service in June 2014. That means would-be air passengers must drive to Redmond (3 hours away) or Medford (1½ hours) if they hope to fly to Portland, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Seattle or Denver.

Now the Crater Lake-Klamath Regional Airport has an airline, PenAir of Alaska, that wants to stop in Klamath Falls. There's only one problem. The federal Transportation Security Administration does not want to spend the money to restore security service to the airport, and Pen won't fly there without it.

The TSA offers an alternative of sorts. Let passengers board in Klamath Falls, then screen them in Portland, it suggests.

That's ridiculous. It would mean that passenger safety just doesn't matter as much if you fly out of Klamath Falls.

The economy in Klamath Falls has suffered terribly in recent years, in part because of the ongoing battle over water in the region. Commercial air service can be a vital tool in attracting new businesses and tourists bound for Crater Lake. And Kingsley Field, one of only two Oregon Air National Guard bases, also needs access to commercial air service.

Shares

The TSA Fairness Acts — actually two identical measures, one in the U.S. House and one in the Senate — were introduced last month by U.S. Reps. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, Peter DeFazio, D-Springfield, and U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Portland. They're identical, and each has bipartisan support both within and outside Oregon. They would require TSA to return to Klamath Falls and other small communities in similar circumstances, providing passengers and airlines the same security they'd get anywhere else. They should be approved.

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