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Boats inspected, ready for Trophy Trout Fishing Derby

Fishermen compete to catch \$50,000 trout

By GERRY O'BRIEN
H&N Editor

A little more than 100 entrants will take to the waters of Upper Klamath and Agency Lake today to try their luck at catching a \$50,000

tagged trophy trout. It's all part of the sixth annual Trophy Trout Fishing Derby sponsored by the Herald and News and the Redband Rodeo in Moore Park sponsored by the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust.

But before you launch your boat, make sure it's been inspected. That's what numerous boaters did Friday at the

Herald and News loading dock. Klamath County Sheriff's deputies and the volunteer marine patrol division pored over boats from stem to stern in the newspaper's parking lot, asking safety questions of their captains. There were small, one-man inflatable crafts on up to 16-footers in the lot.

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The volunteer Klamath County Marine Patrol inspects Charlie Radford's boat Friday at a safety check prior to the annual H&N Trophy Trout Fish Derby to be Saturday at Upper Klamath Lake.

H&N photo by Steven Siltner

Irrigation unplugged:

Converting to dryland a proven method for Sprague River rancher



LEFT: Sprague River rancher Jim Goold has been working for the better part of a decade to change the way he manages his land. He has converted some irrigated pasture to dryland crops, which he can harvest for hay and feed some cattle on.

BELOW: Jim Goold fenced an area of his property along the Sprague River so he can release cattle there for temporary grazing. By limiting the time cattle spend on the riverbank, Goold allows the riparian zone to flourish.

H&N photo by Samantha Tipler

\$11 million available to help ranchers convert

By SAMANTHA TIPLER
H&N Staff Reporter

Jim Goold once irrigated nearly all his 600 acres along the Sprague River. He would feed 300 to 350 head of cattle and about 50 of his own.

Today he's still able to feed his cattle and the leased cattle, but he's doing it with 900 acre feet less water, and irrigating only about 165 acres of the 600. The rest is dryland crops and forage.

"It just sounded way too good," Goold said of when he first heard about dryland



forage almost a decade ago. "It proved itself. It's just fantastic. There's feed here all the time."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Klamath

County Soil and Water Conservation District hope more Upper Klamath Basin ranchers can implement similar practices for dryland farming and ranching thanks to an \$11 million boost from the USDA.

Seed money

On Friday the NRCS announced the \$11 million in funding over the next five years for riparian area management, conversion to dryland pasture and other water use reduction on irrigated lands for the Sprague, Williamson and Wood River watersheds.

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BOR selects new director for Basin

By LACEY JARRELL
H&N Staff Reporter

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has selected Sheryl Franklin as the new area manager for the Klamath Basin Area Office located in Klamath Falls.

According to a press release from the BOR Mid-Pacific Region office, Franklin is scheduled to begin the position in mid-May.

The position has been vacant since Jason Phillips, now the deputy regional director for the BOR Mid-Pacific Region, left in December.

"One of my responsibilities as the Deputy RD is oversight of the Klamath Basin Area Office, and after serving as the Klamath Basin area manager for almost three years, I not only have a responsibility for the area, I also have a personal interest in and concern for Klamath Basin issues. I look forward to Sheryl Franklin's arrival at the area office later this month and to working with and supporting her in her new position," Phillips said in an email.

As area manager, Franklin will oversee program activities for the Klamath Project, which provides irrigation water for about 240,000 acres, as well as water for the Klamath National Wildlife Refuges, the release said.

Franklin will join the Basin office with experience managing operations of major reservoirs that supply water for agriculture, industry and municipalities, as well as managing field offices along the Texas-Mexico border, where she implemented bi-national treaty requirements to better manage international rivers.



Franklin

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