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HOMECOMING



Theresa Days at her new home on Canyon Street in Twisp: regaining a sense of belonging in the community.

Photos by Ann McCreary

The Methow Housing Trust makes affordable ownership real

BY ANN MCCREARY

As she stood in the front yard of her new home on Canyon Street in Twisp, Theresa Days said buying her house means much more than having an affordable place to live. The experience has helped her regain a sense of belonging to a caring community.

"When my dad died, when I was 10, the community came together and helped," said Days, 62, who grew up in the Methow Valley. "That's what this is feeling like again. People are helping each other. That's what this valley has always been about."

Days was able to buy her two-bedroom home through the Methow Housing Trust, a nonprofit organization that is building homes in Twisp and Mazama for local residents who could not otherwise afford to buy a house.

A few years after her father died, Days moved away from the Methow Valley when her mother found work in Wenatchee, but "the valley was always home to me," Days said. She moved back to 15 years ago and lived most recently with her partner in a small, federally subsidized apartment in Twisp.

A friend encouraged her last year to look into the new Canyon Street Neighborhood being developed by the Methow Housing Trust to provide affordable home ownership. Days said she tends to be mistrustful of people and their intentions — a result of past abusive relationships. So, she approached the staff of the Housing Trust cautiously.

"I told them at the time I was kind of leery. My trust level wasn't very

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Louisa Moratti and Matthew Pickard moved into a new home near Mazama.

Methow Trails eyes property purchase, annexation

18-acre Winthrop site would suit future needs

BY DON NELSON

Methow Trails is taking an ambitious step towards its future with the proposed purchase of an 18.22-acre parcel in the middle of Winthrop that would be used as the organization's headquarters.

Methow Trails Executive Director James DeSalvo discussed plans for purchase of the parcel on Horizon Flats Road at last week's Winthrop Town Council meeting, as part of an application by property owner Lavern Gray to have the site annexed to the town.

Currently, the land is in the county but is entirely surrounded by the town — a "donut hole" within town limits that, under existing county zoning, could be divided into 5-acre lots.

Although the proposed purchase and requested annexation are separate transactions, DeSalvo said Methow Trails supports the owner's request and hopes to have the parcel zoned B3 (which allows office buildings, shops, parking lots, parks, exercise facilities and single-family dwellings) if the sale and annexation go through. Methow Trails would seek connections to the town's

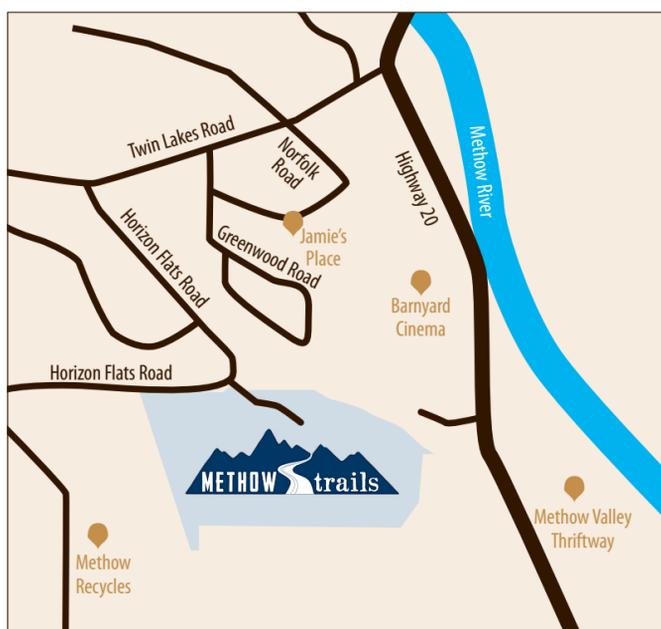


Illustration by Darla Hussey

Methow Trails has made a purchase offer for a parcel on Horizon Flats Road.

water and sewer systems, DeSalvo said.

Methow Trails' intent would be to move its headquarters to the site from the current leased location on Riverside Avenue, and to consolidate several

other maintenance and storage facilities, DeSalvo said.

The roughly rectangular property

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Photo courtesy Okanogan County Sheriff's Office

Okanogan County Sheriff's Sgt. Gene Davis and his K-9 partner Gunner posed with two suitcases containing 186 pounds of methamphetamine, found June 17 in the national forest near Mazama.

Meth seized near Mazama

County K-9 officer helps Homeland Security seize \$1M worth of the drug

BY RALPH SCHWARTZ

A patrol dog with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office sniffed out 186 pounds of methamphetamine, stuffed inside two suitcases in heavy brush, on June 17 in the national forest near Mazama.

Sheriff's Sgt. Gene Davis and his K-9 partner Gunner found the illegal drug while assisting federal Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) pursue a cross-border air-smuggling operation.

Sheriff Tony Hawley said his agency made no arrests in the case. Hawley emphasized that HSI was the lead agency in the investigation.

HSI declined to comment on the case due to the agency's ongoing investigation.

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County's ban cites potential for 'catastrophic' wildfires

Most outdoor burning prohibited; other agencies' rules vary

BY MARCY STAMPER

The Okanogan County commissioners have banned all outdoor burning — and that includes barbecuing over charcoal briquettes. The ban went into effect at midnight on Tuesday (June 25).

Finding that "the potential for large

and catastrophic fires exists that may be a threat to life and cause damage or destruction to homes, businesses, orchards/farmlands and natural resources," the commissioners signed their annual resolution on June 24.

Under the ban, agricultural burning and outdoor burning of yard waste are prohibited. The use of gas- or propane-fired barbecues is allowed, but charcoal barbecues are banned. Fireworks are prohibited throughout the county on

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Invading fleet?



Photo by Steve Mitchell

A group of lenticular clouds, said to resemble UFOs, recently piled up over the valley.

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Overnight power outage for most co-op customers this weekend

Most customers of the Okanogan County Electric Co-operative (OCEC) will need to prepare for an overnight power outage that will last eight hours and 15

minutes from June 30 to July 1. It will begin at 9:45 p.m. Sunday night and last until approximately 6 a.m. Monday morning. Utility technicians will be

making the final connection to supply power to Winthrop and Mazama via the Pateros-Twisp transmission line. In addition to the OCEC cus-

tomers, the outage will affect PUD customers near the Loup Loup Ski Hill, Pleasant Valley, Malott and the Chiliwist. About 10% to 15% of OCEC

customers — generally in the Twisp area and on Twisp River Road — are already served by the Pateros-Twisp line and will not be affected by the outage. Any-

one with questions about whether a particular residence or business will not have power on the night of June 30 should call OCEC at 996-2228.

HOUSING

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high, and it [the new home-buying approach] was a whole new thing," Days said. "They explained it to me well. They helped me look at the money and connected me with the finance people."

A retired state employee with a pension and social security, Days was initially turned down for financing. "The Housing Trust [staff] said, 'Don't worry.' They were so helpful and nice." Housing Trust staff found another lender that was able to qualify Days to buy her home.

In the living room of her house, where boxes still held pictures to be hung on freshly painted walls, Days smiled as she gazed around the home that she shares with her partner, Pat Jones, and his dog. "I plan on living here for the rest of my life. I keep telling myself, 'This is the last time you have to move, ever!'"

Gaining independence

Like Days, Louisa Moratti and Matthew Pickard are settling into their new home, but at the other end of the valley. Moratti and Pickard recently moved into the two-bedroom house they purchased in the McKinney Ridge Neighborhood, developed by the Methow Housing Trust near Mazama.

Moratti and Pickard are relative newcomers to the Methow Valley. They first learned of the Methow Valley from a climbing guide book while they were living in Arizona. In 2015 they sold most of their belongings and set out in a van to check out the valley.

"We fell in love with this place. We both started working at the Mazama Store, and were struggling to find a rental that was affordable. For a while, we were living in our van," said

Moratti. They spent some time living with friends, and later rented a home that was being built by Moratti's parents. When they heard about the new Housing Trust homes, they saw an opportunity "to hopefully get our own place and be independent," Pickard said.

Moratti, 33, works full time as a baker at the Mazama Store. Pickard, 38, was forced by unexpected health issues to quit working as a climbing coach a couple of years ago, and is developing a business that provides three-dimensional computer modeling for home designs.

"We've moved around a lot of places and dealt with the common issue of rents getting raised. We had become exhausted by that process," Moratti said.

"We knew we wanted to be in the valley and we knew that owning a house wasn't an option," Pickard said. "It's out of our budget to afford — anywhere. With our career paths, we don't make a lot of money, but we make enough to live comfortably enough."

They heard about the Housing Trust through friends, and went to the office in Twisp last fall to fill out paperwork and learn if they could qualify to buy a house in the McKinney Ridge Neighborhood development.

"The main driving factors were independence, and the ability to grow roots in a community that we wanted to be part of, and find stability in a world where that's difficult to find," Moratti said. "We kept crossing our fingers, hoping we'd fit what they were looking for," Pickard said.

They were a good fit, and moved into their home, along with their dog, in May. The house is sparsely furnished because they are building their own furniture, but they are thrilled with their home.

"It's beautiful. It's a dream come true. I could never have imagined it would be so lovely.

It's very well built and incredibly energy efficient," Pickard said.

"I view living here as a permanent thing," he said. "If we make more money in the future, they adjust the payments we make. If we do make more money, it's OK to still be here in the house. We can grow financially."

More homes

The five homes completed in Twisp and the four completed in Mazama are the beginnings of larger neighborhoods. Ground has been broken on four homes in the Canyon Street Neighborhood and four homes in McKinney Ridge. Those units are expected to be ready for occupancy by spring of 2020. An additional four homes will be built on Canyon Street in 2021, bringing the total to 13. The Housing Trust has also acquired 8 acres in Winthrop and is conducting a needs assessment to plan for future development.

As Days settled into her Canyon Street home, she has been getting acquainted with the other homeowners and enjoys feeling a sense of belonging. "One of the things I like about it is we get to be our own little community," she said.

The homes in Twisp and Mazama have landscaping and irrigation systems, as well as fenced back yards, covered parking and storage areas. Each neighborhood includes two-bedroom and three-bedroom homes that are single-story and have one bathroom. The homes are built in close proximity but are designed to provide privacy.

The houses are compact, ranging in size from about 900–1,100 square feet, with an open living room and kitchen floor plan that creates a spacious feeling, and large windows that bring in natural light. The homes are designed to be "ADA-ready," which means they don't have steps and can be modified with railings to accom-



Photo by Ann McCreary

More Methow Housing Trust homes are being added to the McKinney Ridge neighborhood near Mazama.

modate people with disabilities, or to allow people to age in their homes.

Erika Krumpelman, the Housing Trust's stewardship director, has helped more than 30 applicants with their application and lending process over the past year, and has matched seven homeowners (including individuals, couples, and parents with children) with homes. The Housing Trust maintains an open application process and is accepting applications for existing houses and for houses expected to be completed in the next two years.

"Through the process of the application we really get to know our homeowners. It's been a really great process and we're so excited to see them move into their forever home," Krumpelman said.

While their Methow Housing Trust home may be the final home for some buyers, "some aspire to look at it as a stepping stone," Krumpelman said. "They know if they live in the home for five to seven years, they will have a nice nest egg for a down payment for their next home."

In order to keep the homes permanently affordable, a for-

mula limits the increase in resale value to 1.5 percent annually — considerably lower than market increases in property values. But even with the limit on the growth in resale value, homeowners can expect to pay down their loan enough to "walk away with \$30,000–\$40,000 after seven years, and that's a down payment" on a new home, Krumpelman said.

For 'ordinary people'

The houses cost about \$140,000 for two-bedrooms and \$160,000 for three-bedrooms. "That's about half — a little less than half — what a comparable home on the open market would cost," Krumpelman said.

Buyers of a Methow Housing Trust home own the building and sign a long-term lease for the land it sits on. Basic eligibility requirements for buyers include living in the Methow Valley for at least 12 months or having a written commitment from a local employer; household income that does not exceed 100 percent of the median income for Okanogan County; personal assets that do not exceed 80 percent of the area median income; and the ability to qualify for an approved

mortgage.

The Methow Housing Trust was created to meet a pressing need for housing that is affordable for ordinary working people or for retired people, like Days. When Days purchased her own home, it allowed her and her partner to move out of the subsidized apartment where they'd been living. And that made an affordable rental unit, which are in short supply in the valley, available for another valley resident with a limited income.

That is a desired outcome, said by Rocklynn Culp, a Housing Trust board member and town planner for Winthrop. "I expect [these new homes] to have a ripple effect by opening up more rentals in a tight rental market," Culp said.

Affordable housing is essential to the Methow Valley's economic sustainability, Culp said. "I see these new homes first and foremost housing people who now have a more secure future in our community. Without Methow Housing Trust, there is really no game in town for affordable home ownership, nor any relief to the situation of workforce housing. We're on the cutting edge of building economic resiliency."

BAN

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both public and private land.

The ban applies in all three Fire Danger Rating Areas (FDRAs) in the county — Methow Highlands, Valley Floors, and Okanogan Highlands. "Dry summer

weather conditions provide for high fire conditions in Okanogan County," according to the resolution.

An exception to the burn ban is in orchards that have been afflicted by fire-blight bacteria. People may obtain a special permit to burn infected trees, which requires consultation with the county's pest-control agent, plus

strict provisions to control the fire.

Up-to-date information and a map of the areas will be available on the Okanogan County Emergency Management website at www.okanogandem.org.

The burn ban will continue until the commissioners rescind it.

Rules vary

Land in the county is managed by different agencies, and all set their own burn bans, often on different schedules.

Fire risk in the Methow FDRA is "high," meaning it is one of the areas with the highest risk of wildfire in the state, according to the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

DNR banned all burning of vegetation in the Methow FDRA earlier this month. Last week, DNR expanded the restriction, banning all campfires — even in DNR campgrounds — in

Okanogan County.

There are no campfire restrictions at Pearygin Lake and Alta Lake state parks. Those typically go into effect in mid-July, according to park staff.

Also last week, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) banned fires on all its lands in the county, which are scattered throughout the Methow and the Okanogan valleys.

BLM warned that a vehicle can start a fire when metal throws sparks, from dragging a tow chain or from worn brake pads. Underinflated tires can cause contact between the wheel rim and roadway. Driving a car with a hot engine and hot exhaust onto grass also poses a high risk of igniting a fire.

The Methow Valley Ranger District increased fire danger from "moderate" to "high" last week. Campfires are still allowed in the ranger district and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, except in wilderness areas, where campfire restrictions are always in effect.

Although campfires are not prohibited, U.S. Forest Service fire officials are always concerned about the risk of wildfire. Firefighters extinguish one or two abandoned campfires almost every weekend, according to the Forest Service.

Fireworks are illegal in the national forest year-round. There are penalties of up to \$5,000, or six months in jail, for fireworks possession in the forest.

CAMPFIRE SAFETY

People have the responsibility to ensure their campfire is completely out and cold to the touch before they leave. Campfires must be built in a rock fire ring. All vegetation must be cleared from the area, and the fire should not be built below low-hanging tree branches. Campers should have water and a shovel nearby. To effectively put out a campfire, drown it with water and stir the embers to make sure everything is wet. Feel the coals and embers with your hands — they should be cool to the touch. When you think you are done, take an extra minute and add more water.

VEHICLES CAN START FIRES

When it's this hot and dry, even your car or truck can start a wildfire. Follow these precautions to avoid a disaster:

- Don't drive or park on grass — hot parts under a vehicle can ignite a fire.
- Make sure tow chains and other metal parts don't drag on the pavement.
- Keep tires properly inflated — metal wheel rims will

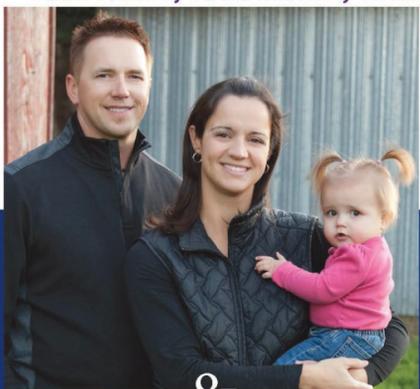
spark if they contact the pavement.

- Replace brake pads — rubbing metal from severely worn brake pads can throw sparks.
- Keep your catalytic converter and exhaust systems in good working order. They can ignite dry fuels on contact.
- Make sure you have a spark arrestor on your dirt bike or off-road vehicle.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Land Management

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METH

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The Sheriff's Office reported the street value of the seized drug to be \$1 million.

The Sheriff's Office has two K-9 teams. In addition to Davis and Gunner, Sgt. Tait Everett is partnered with K-9 Havoc. Both dogs are trained to detect illegal street drugs but not prescription drugs or marijuana.

Law enforcement agencies across the United States are reporting increased use of methamphetamine, a highly addictive stimulant with more rapid and lasting effects than amphetamine. The amount of the drug seized by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) nationwide nearly tripled from federal fiscal year 2014 to 2018.

CBP finds most of the meth it confiscates at the Mexican border. Since Oct. 1, 2017, CBP agents have seized 146,202 pounds of meth at the northern and southern borders of the US as of Sunday (June 23), according to data provided by CBP to the Methow Valley News. Of that amount, only 38 pounds were seized at the Canadian border. This statistic doesn't include the 186 pounds found near Mazama because it was discovered by HSI, which is not part of CBP.

Naked Eye

Good time for planet watching, by Jupiter!

You may have noticed that bright star coming up in the southeast just after dark. Look closely and you will see that it is not twinkling but rather shining with a steady even glow. That is a big clue that it is a planet, not a star. Jupiter, the largest planet in our solar system, is here to visit us this summer. In June, Jupiter is in what astronomers call opposition. Draw a straight line from the sun to the earth and continue farther and it hits Jupiter.

Opposition also means we are closest to the giant planet for the whole year, and it is a great time to look at it. The news media have been calling that to our attention and one article I read claimed that you could see all of its 79 moons with just a pair of binoculars. Now wait a minute. Most of those moons were discovered by billion-dollar, space-based telescopes like the Hubble orbiting telescope, or by rocket probes sent there by us. I do not think you are going to be able to see all of them yourself from your back yard with just some binoculars. Fake news even extends into outer space!

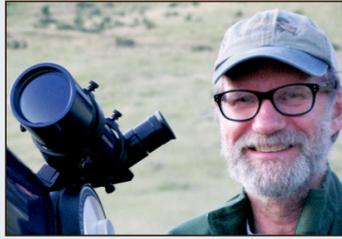
You might be able to pick out the four largest moons discovered by Galileo. You will need a very good, expensive pair and will have to hold them very steady. Try leaning up against something like a post on your porch. If you have

one, a small telescope will work a lot better.

Many moons

How did Jupiter get all those moons anyway? We only have one. It is the most-massive planet in the solar system, weighing more than all the other planets put together. More mass means more gravity and more gravity means that it can pull in more meteoroids, asteroids and comets, most of which crash into the planet but occasionally some are captured and become moons. The four moons you can see are fun to watch. Night after night they will change their positions. Galileo noticed their movements and decided they were revolving around Jupiter, a very novel concept for his time. Taking that idea a step further, he concluded that the earth was revolving around the sun. That idea was so radical that the Inquisition found him guilty of heresy and placed him under house arrest for the rest of his life.

Did you know that Jupiter almost became a star? It has just about the same



David Ward

ingredients as our sun — hydrogen, helium and just a dash of some of the other elements. All it needed was to have picked up more mass during the formation of the solar system. More

mass would mean more gravity and more pressure in its core to start nuclear fusion, the process that makes stars shine. It would even have had its own solar system, those 79 moons becoming 79 planets.

Other things out there

Look to the right of Jupiter for a reddish-orange star. That is Antares, one of the largest stars we can see with the naked eye, a red super giant star in the constellation of Scorpius. When we look up at the night sky, we only see it as two-dimensional. We do not get to see the true depth of the night. Antares is actually millions of times farther away from us than Jupiter.

Saturn is out there too, a little to the left and below Jupiter. It will look similar, yellowish, shining steady, not twin-

klung, but not nearly as bright as the giant planet. Of course, it is famous for its magnificent rings, which can easily be seen through that small telescope. While you are looking at it see if you can spot its largest moon, Titan, the only other world in our solar system with rivers and lakes. They are not made of water, however, but rather liquid methane. Sound cold? You bet it is, hundreds of degrees below zero! Titan will appear to be just a star very near the planet in a telescope.

High in the east, three bright stars form the Summer Triangle — Vega on top, Deneb on the lower left and Altair on the lower right. They will be in the sky all summer and most of the fall. Look for the Milky Way going from north to south through Deneb and Altair and then on to kind of near Saturn. Later in the summer or later at night is a great time to spot it when the Milky Way traverses the heavens high overhead.

The bright star Arcturus is high in the south, shining with a distinctive orange light. Both the dippers are visible in the north.

In a little over a month, the August meteors will be racing across the sky. I hope you enjoy these balmy summer nights and maybe you can stay up late enough to see some stars!

TRAILS

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extends east from Horizon Flats Road nearly to Highway 20 across from Parners Mini Market and abuts an irrigation ditch. The site, a former homestead also known as the White property, currently has a one-bedroom, 1,090-square foot house built in the 1960s and described in its MLS listing as a "fixer upper," several outbuildings and a log cabin. It was recently listed for sale at \$595,000 (reduced from \$750,000). Methow Trails did not reveal its offered price.

The Town Council was not required to take any action last week. Town ordinances provide that after being notified of a proposed annexation, the council must set a meeting date to discuss the application within 60 days. The proposal came to the Winthrop Town Council on Methow Trails letterhead with signatures by Gray, DeSalvo and listing real estate agent Lee Miller. DeSalvo said Methow Trails has a 120-day contingency offer agreement with the seller.

DeSalvo said the organiza-

tion, seller and real estate agent approached the council together to assure transparency. "Everyone knows exactly what we're doing from day one," he said. "We're beholden to the community for everything we do."

Possible links

DeSalvo told the council that the decision to pursue the property was initiated by the Methow Trails board of directors in anticipation of future growth and facility needs. He said Miller met with Methow Trails to discuss possible recreation trail connections, and the meeting evolved into a discussion about buying the property.

The property is well-situated for possible connections with the Susie Stephens Trail and Community Trail, DeSalvo said, and might also serve as "a potential puzzle piece" toward creating a long-envisioned trail connecting Twisp, Winthrop and the Methow Valley School District campus. It could also serve as trailhead parking or satellite parking for visitors, DeSalvo said.

DeSalvo said Methow Trails is outgrowing its current spaces

and has been contemplating another site for some time. "It's not efficient for us any more," he said.

DeSalvo noted that Winthrop's comprehensive plan suggests that the property be considered for annexation because of how it is situated within the town. Town Planner Rocklynn Culp affirmed that annexation would be "an opportunity to accomplish something we identified in the comprehensive plan as desirable."

Culp said that annexation discussions will include considering a development plan for the parcel. Despite a tight time frame, she said, "it's doable ... we've done annexations in fairly short order before."

The proposal is subject to Planning Commission review, which was schedule to take place this week during the commission's regular meeting. The council will next consider the proposal at its July 3 meeting.

In his presentation the council, DeSalvo offered a list of reasons that Methow Trails is considering the action, notably citing the scattered and under-sized facilities it now uses and the fact that its primary maintenance shop at the Winthrop Rink won't be available in the future. Consolidated sites will help increase staff efficiency, he said.

"It's a unique parcel that fits our needs better than any current alternative," DeSalvo said.

In an interview last week, DeSalvo said "I thought long and hard about what we need to function efficiently." A recent board and staff retreat helped solidify expansion planning and action, he said. "It's a vision," DeSalvo said of the Methow Trails proposal. "We know what our needs are and they connect with the community's needs."



Photos by Don Nelson

This pastoral setting in the middle of Winthrop could become the new headquarters site for all of Methow Trails' operations in the valley.

Funds available

Methow Trails has never made a property purchase before, DeSalvo said. The organization has reserve funds on hand, generated over years of careful budgeting and frugal operations, to cover the cost of the purchase, he said.

"We feel comfortable that we have that amount of funding," DeSalvo said. "We've had successful winters and built up our accounts so we could sustain ourselves."

He said Methow Trails may reach out to the community to support some aspects of future development, but not the property purchase itself.

"This would centralize everything," he said of the proposed acquisition. "We've been siloed." He added that Winthrop would be a "good hub" for Methow Trails' operations. "It geographi-

cally makes sense."

As for the buildings on the site, DeSalvo said they may have some short-term utility but "don't meet our current needs."

The dreamed-of recreation trail from Winthrop to Twisp emerged as the No. 1 priority for future trails projects in a recent community survey that Methow Trails conducted, DeSalvo said. He said that because of the complexity of such a project, Methow Trails will proceed slowly and talk with anyone who might be affected — although it's not yet clear who that might be. "We don't have a line drawn on a map," he said.

Methow Trails is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Its system includes over 120 miles of cross-country ski trails in the winter months, and is recognized as one of the finest trail systems in North

America for Nordic skiing, mountain biking, trail running and hiking. It was formed in 1977 as the Methow Valley Family Sports Club, and eventually was known as the Methow Valley Ski Touring Association and the Methow Valley Sport Trails Association before adopting its current name in 2014.

According to the Methow Trails website, the network of trails generates about \$4.5 million directly, another \$4.1 million indirectly, and another \$2.7 million annually through related industry earnings in the Methow Valley. Some 49 full-time jobs and 159 seasonal full-time and/or part-time jobs can be directly attributed to the network of trails and adjacent lands, according to the website.

"We've been around for 43 years," DeSalvo said. "It's time to put some roots down."



Photos by Don Nelson

A vintage log cabin is one of the existing buildings on the parcel that Methow Trails has identified as a potential headquarters site.

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There will be an 8-hour, 15-minute power outage in the described areas overnight June 30, 2019, into July 1, 2019. It will begin at 9:45 p.m. Sunday night and last until approximately 6 a.m. Monday morning.

The 8-hr., 15-min. power outage will affect Okanogan County Electric Co-Op customers, in addition to Okanogan County PUD customers in the following area(s):

- Loup Loup Ski Hill

Okanogan County PUD customers in the following areas will experience a brief 10-minute outage for switching only:

- Pleasant Valley
- Malott
- Chiliwitz

For all residents using medical equipment requiring electrical power, you will need to make provisions for an 8-hr., 15-min. power outage.

This outage is needed to switch Okanogan County Electric Co-Op to the new transmission line out of the Twisp Substation. The PUD and BPA appreciate your patience and regret any inconvenience this outage may cause.

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