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**Update: Applegate Dam hydroelectric project**

Construction of the Applegate Dam hydroelectric project, originally scheduled to begin in January 2012, has been delayed while engineers redesign the outlet tunnel at the base of the dam. The US Army Corps of Engineers rejected Symbiotics Inc.'s final design for the project in late 2011 because of concerns that it would "reduce the flow volume through the single existing outlet at the dam," according to a representative of the Oregon Water Resources Department.

In response, Symbiotics, Inc. has undertaken a "massive redesign" of the outlet tunnel, explains Erik Steimle, Symbiotics director of environmental compliance. The new outlet tunnel is intended not to affect or compromise the existing Corps of Engineers outlet in any way.

All of the other features of the project will remain the same, including the buried transmission line and construction of the fish passage.

This engineering redesign effort is still under way and, as a result, construction on the hydroelectric project will not begin in 2012. Symbiotics expects to announce an estimated start date sometime this winter. Stay tuned!

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On August 5, a lightning storm with winds nearing 50 miles per hour (as reported by National Weather Service spotter Paul Tipton) resulted in multiple fires called the Fort Complex Fire in and around Red Buttes Wilderness Area. All but the Goff Fire are contained. As of August 24, a total of 6,683 acres have been scorched by the Fort Complex fires. Photo by Rauno Perttu.



Thanks to Dan Bryant of NRBA Riverboard Excursions for loaning the *Applegater* a canopy to keep us dry during the afternoon showers at Applegate Valley Days. Photo by Linda Fischer.

**DEADLINES**

ISSUE	DATE
Winter	November 1
Spring	February 1
Summer	May 1
Fall	August 1

**Fall masthead photo credit**

Applegate resident Teya Jacobi, retired attorney and newspaper photographer, took this photo of carved pumpkins at a Hope Mountain Barter Fair in Takilma.

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The nonprofit Applegate Valley Community Newspaper, Inc. (AVCN), provides the many rural and diverse communities of the Applegate Watershed with a communications vehicle, the *Applegater* newspaper, free of charge to all watershed residents. Our quarterly paper presents constructive, relevant, educational and entertaining reports on a wide variety of subjects such as:

- natural resources
- ecology and other science information
- historical and current events
- community news and opinions

AVCN encourages and publishes differing viewpoints and, through the *Applegater* newspaper, acts as a clearinghouse for this diverse community. We are dedicated to working together with community members to maintain and enhance the quality of life that is unique to the Applegate Watershed.

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