

Republican committee persons from House District 2 meet to pick slate of candidates

GOP makes Leif its top choice

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Republican precinct committee persons voted Saturday to nominate Douglas County Commissioner Gary Leif to fill the House District 2 seat recently vacated by Dallas Heard.

Heard, R-Winston, is now the state senator for District 1, filling the seat formerly held by Jeff



Leif

in Coquille, a convention of precinct committee persons from Senate District 1 chose Heard to

Kruse.

Kruse resigned in March, initiating a domino effect that's led to Republicans holding two conventions this spring. In March

be the Republican nominee for Kruse's seat on the November ballot. A group of commissioners from five counties subsequently appointed him to fill the seat in the interim. That left Heard's former House seat open, so Republican committee persons from House District 2 met in Roseburg on Saturday to nominate his replacement. They first selected a slate of

four candidates for the interim position. Those names will be forwarded to county commissioners from the three counties in House District 2. The commissioners will meet Monday in Roseburg to select an interim representative from the list. Leif received the highest number of votes, followed

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Commissioners from the three counties in House District 2 will meet Monday in Roseburg to select an interim representative from the list voted on Saturday by committee persons.

ROAD TO CONTROVERSY

Conservation groups outraged by road proposal from timber company

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Conservationists have expressed outrage over a proposed access road to be constructed on public land in the forested Susan Creek area west of Roseburg.



Eatherington

But according to Roseburg-based Lone Rock Timber Management Company, the road is a legal way to allow the company to access 40 acres of its own timberland.



Luther

For Francis Eatherington, Umpqua regional advisor for conservation group Cascadia Wildlands, the prospect of cutting down old-growth trees on the proposed road makes her upset. "It's very rare to find old-growth forests like this, and it's going to be cut down for a senseless road," she said.

Lone Rock CEO Toby Luther said a few large trees will need to be cut in order to gain access to the company's property, and Lone Rock staff worked with the Bureau of Land Management to design a road that leaves the least amount of impact to resources. Eatherington said many bird species, including the endangered northern spotted owl, are nesting in the area this time of year. "If they go in and cut these trees down, those baby birds won't be able



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Lone Rock Logging Manager Brennan Garretts walks through a section of Bureau of Land Management land that lies between two sections of land owned by Lone Rock Timber Management Company in the Susan Creek area east of Idleyd Park on Friday. Members of conservation groups have expressed outrage over a proposed road to be constructed that would run through the BLM land to connect the two sections of Lone Rock Timber Management land.

to fly away. They'll be splattered on the ground," she said. According to Luther, more than just wildlife resources need to be taken into account for any road project. "The conservation groups are seasonalizing this issue by focusing

on the few large trees in the road project, whereas responsible forest management companies are concerned with the resources of the entire forest landscape like soils, hydrology, fisheries and botany," Luther said.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT

Land ownership in Western Oregon is divided into a checkerboard-like pattern, where one square on the board could be public and the one

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Sutherlin residents get smoke alarms installed

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More than 80 volunteers

initiated from the

American Red Cross is

designed to reduce the number of deaths and

explain how important

it is to have working

smoke alarms in their

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nique Dugaw.

The Red Cross, she said, worked with the