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**Recreational Immunity Update - SB 1576 Signed, Members Can Reopen Trails**

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Today Governor Kotek signed SB 1576, restoring recreational immunity for improved trails in Oregon. Because SB 1576 went into effect immediately, all trails that were previously closed due to the *Fields v. City of Newport* court decision can now be reopened without undue risk to local government budgets and programs. CIS' previous advice to close improved trails is rescinded.

CIS is very happy to encourage local governments throughout Oregon to let their constituents know that all trails and recreational opportunities are open for business once again, and will remain open throughout the summer season.

Many have asked if SB 1576 "fixes" recreational immunity for once and for all. A "once and for all" fix is already in the works for 2025, which will be necessary because this fix is temporary. The recreational immunity protections of SB 1576 expire on Jan. 1, 2026.

Please express your thanks to the 25 senators and 50 house members who voted overwhelmingly to preserve Oregon's tradition of keeping public land open and free for recreation. Thank Governor Kotek as well for signing this important bill into law. But also let your representatives know that a permanent fix is needed in the next Legislative session.

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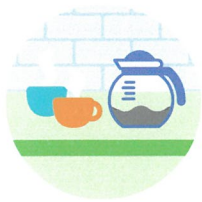
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In 2022, the “basic fuel mix”, the average mix of energy sources supplying Pacific Power customers, is 42.0% coal, 19.1% natural gas, 15.7% wind, 4.3% hydro, 6.0% solar, 0.4% geothermal, 0.4% biomass, 0.2% other and 11.9% unspecified. This information is based on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Form 1 data. The Pacific Power “basic fuel mix” is based on energy production and not resource capability, capacity or delivered energy.

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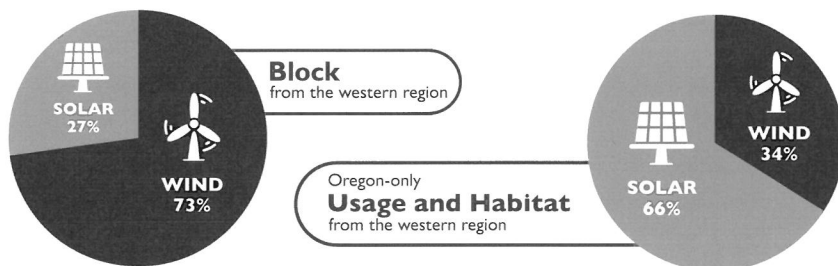


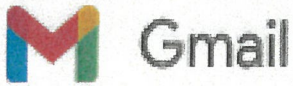
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<sup>1</sup>Based on using a standard 60-watt laptop charger for one hour (EnergyUseCalculator.com).

<sup>2</sup>The average drip coffee maker used 2 hours per day needs 1200 watts of energy to produce a pot of coffee (ElectricityPlans.com).

<sup>3</sup>Based on the 2023 PacifiCorp system-wide average residential customer’s electricity use of 838 kilowatt-hours per month (PacifiCorp, 2024).





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## 2nd street lots-wetlands

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Based on rumors, I visited the second street lots and I was immediately dumbfounded.

After spending over 20 years in land development dealing with various local and state environmental agencies seeking lot approvals, what I saw was an abject travesty.

First, it's clear the city or Chad has not called for a formal wetlands designation staking of the lots in question....in my experience this is mandatory in all cases.

Second, I have some limited understanding in such matters and these lots are located in a very sensitive habitat area covered and protected by the state. Such protections include declared mandatory setback requirements which presumably have been purposely ignored!

Third, my experience says the vast majority of the lots clearly present wetlands including potentially old growth spruce.

Fourth, it appears the city zoning maps have presumably ...not... been clearly updated for protecting state designated sensitive habitat with state required setbacks.

Finally, I understand Chad is now deploying some mumbo jumbo stating since the city has not passed an ordinance the state's 50 foot set back is not enforceable.

My understanding is the state has in fact established wetlands and setbacks that are the priority law/regulations and Gearhart is clearly obligated to enforce state regs.

I would appreciate you sharing any knowledge you may have and would you and other councilors support reversing Chad's arbitrary actions and loose interpretations. If he is allowed to continue under these circumstances it's no wonder your constituents doubt him.

Also, is it your opinion this travesty qualifies for a LUBA challenge? Were you and your colleagues advised of Chad's actions in this matter?

I truly can't remember a more perfect disregard for the city's habitat than this issue...that includes mowing of the dunes. Finally please treat and place this email as formal correspondence for the public record. Please advise.

Thank you,  
Jack Zimmerman



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March 6, 2024

City of Gearhart  
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Re: Check No. 32298

Dear City of Gearhart,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you so much for your Grant Donation of \$3,000.00 from the 2023-2024 State Revenue Sharing Program to the Clatsop CASA Program! Your generosity makes it possible for us to support our CASA volunteers in their work to make a difference in a child's life.

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We rely on generous community members like you to provide CASA advocacy to the children who need it. Thank you again for your support!

Sincerely,

Nakesha Womble, Executive Director

**Fwd: CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ENDING HOSTILITIES IN GAZA, DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID AND RELEASE OF HOSTAGES**

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Mark Rolofson <freewestrock@gmail.com>  
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Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 12:14 PM

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**From:** Mark Rolofson <freewestrock@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ENDING HOSTILITIES IN GAZA, DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID AND RELEASE OF HOSTAGES  
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**WHY GEARHART, OREGON SHOULD JOIN OTHER US CITIES BY PASSING A CEASEFIRE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ENDING HOSTILITIES IN GAZA.**

To Mayor Kerry Smith and members of the Gearhart City Council,

On February 7, 2024, I asked the Gearhart City Council to consider passing a resolution calling for a ceasefire to end the hostilities of the Israel Hamas War in Gaza that has killed over 30,000 Palestinians and over 1,200 Israelis. I mentioned that [numerous cities throughout the United States have passed ceasefire resolutions](#), including Chicago, Illinois; Detroit, Michigan; San Francisco, California and Seattle, Washington. Now the small town of [Ojai, California with a population of 7,500, joins about 70 U.S. cities](#) in passing a ceasefire resolution.

I incorrectly stated that no city in Oregon has passed a Ceasefire Resolution. Eugene, Oregon has passed [A Resolution Calling For Peace And In Opposition To War](#).

When I spoke via Zoom to the Gearhart City Council on February 7th, I focused on Israel's assault of Gaza, that the International Court of Justice has determined is plausibly genocide. Some of you may find my arguments to be one sided, so I will point out other reasons why a ceasefire is needed. It doesn't matter if are pro-Palestinian, pro-Israeli or neither, passing a ceasefire resolution shows support for a diplomatic solution to save lives on all sides of the conflict. This includes saving the lives of US soldiers who are involved in this conflict.

A regional war in the Middle East has begun that could easily escalate into World War III. The US military is now involved in a war with Yemen with no congressional approval. The Houthis of Yemen established a non lethal blockade in the Red Sea for cargo ships going to Israel. [Houthi spokesman Mohammed Al-Bukhaiti stated "our goal is to stop the genocide](#) that is happening in Gaza and to help get food, fuel and medicine into Gaza" in a interview on The Grayzone. The Biden Administration sent Navy battle ships to the Red Sea to launch attacks on Yemen, with the goal of ending the Houthis blockade. Yemen is one of the poorest countries in the world and has endured a 7 year US-UK backed Saudi led war. [US bombing of Yemen has not ended the Houthis' blockade as President Biden admitted](#) while vowing to continue airstrikes.

There is [fighting between the IDF and Hezbollah on the borders of Israel and Lebanon](#). Hezbollah has missiles capable of hitting Tel Aviv. Should this conflict escalate many civilians will die in both Israel and Lebanon. Warhawks in Washington DC like [Senator Lindsey Graham, are saber rattling for a war with Iran](#). Iran has the ability to destroy every US Navy ship in the region. War with Iran would lead to a world war with China and Russia joining Iran to fight the US and NATO.

How does this conflict effect the mental health and well being of US military service members who are ordered to participate? The tragic news on February 26 about Aaron Bushnell's suicide shocked many people. Aaron Bushnell, an active duty member of the US Air Force, [set himself on fire to protest his complicity in Israel's genocide](#). His actions should be a big wake-up call to action. Aaron Bushnell died a hero. His protest is one that the US mass media can't ignore, even as they try to spin his suicide as mental illness. He was responding to the insanity occurring in Gaza that he was ordered to take part in. It is the leadership of Israel and the United States, who suffer from mental illness with their genocidal agenda. It is a grave injustice to give US soldiers a mandatory order to serve in Israel's assault on Gaza. This conflict has nothing to do with US national security and defending America. Here are Aaron Bushnell's final words.

**"I am an active-duty member of the United States Air Force, and I will no longer be complicit in genocide. I am about to engage in an extreme act of protest, but compared to what people have been experiencing in Palestine at the hands of their colonizers, it's not extreme at all. This is what our ruling class has decided will be normal."** After lighting himself on fire, he says repeatedly **"Free Palestine."**



Aaron Bushnell's sacrifice is one more reason why Americans have a duty to act and not be silent. It can't be ignored that Palestinians are now dying from starvation. About half of those killed or injured are children. 1.9 million Gaza residents are displaced. According to UN reports, over [122 journalists, 337 healthcare workers and 145 UN staff have been killed](#). Israel has destroyed hospitals, universities and places of worship including some of the oldest Christian churches in the world. No place in Gaza is safe. **Those Silent in the face of genocide are not only cowards, they are complicit!**

On January 11th, the [International Court of Justice heard South Africa's case against Israel](#) for violating its obligations under the 1948 genocide convention. [Israel continues to ignore the order from the International Court of Justice](#) to take all measures to not harm civilians, and to punish soldiers who commit genocide along with Israeli officials who encourage it. [South Africa is preparing an ICJ case against the US and UK for complicity in Israel's genocide](#).

On February 20th, The [United States was once again the only country on the UN Security Council to veto a ceasefire resolution](#) with the UK abstaining for a vote of 13-1. Our leadership is deaf to the mass Free Palestine protests around America and the world.

The US Senate voted 70-29 to approve a \$95 billion military aid package for Israel, Ukraine and Taiwan. [Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley was one of three Democratic senators to vote against](#) the aid package citing Israel's assault on Gaza. "I cannot vote to send more bombs and shells to Israel when they are using them in an indiscriminate manner against Palestinian civilians," Ron Wyden, along with the majority of his Senate colleagues, are complicit in Israel's genocide of Palestinians.

In 1967, Martin Luther King said **"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on war than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death"** Most Americans can think of much better ways to spend \$95 billion than fueling wars and facilitating genocide. The Biden Administration could have prevented the Israel Hamas war in Gaza by refusing to supply weapons and instead offering to negotiate the release of hostages.

Here is the [Resolution In Support Of Uniting For Peace](#) passed by the Chicago, Illinois City Council. It may serve as a template to draft a resolution

Here is the [Seattle, Washington Ceasefire Resolution](#).

I hope you will seriously consider passing a Ceasefire Resolution.

Thank you for time.

Sincerely,

Mark Rolofson

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