Malheur Musings - November 2016

Shocking Trial Verdict!
Gary Ivey, President

Like most of you, we are deeply shocked at the verdict from the trial of the Malheur Refuge occupiers. All 7 were found "not guilty" of all charges. This is an example of injustice to the extreme! The verdict raises concerns about Malheur Refuge and other public lands and the ability of federal employees to safely do their jobs and to provide habitat for fish and wildlife. Read more...

Members - We Have Your Back!
Gary Ivey, President

During the Malheur standoff trial Friends of Malheur was served a subpoena on October 7th from defendant Ryan Bundy, requiring us to release the names and contact information of our members and donors. We immediately sought legal representation to petition Judge Brown to quash the subpoena as we did not want to have that information to become public. We have a strong donor privacy policy, and it could damage our reputation and future support if we were to violate our member's privacy by releasing personal information. At the last minute, our lawyer was able to negotiate an agreement that Mr. Bundy would provide a list of people who he was concerned about and we would let them know if any of those specific people were our supporters. None were. Although Mr. Bundy's episode cost us almost $1,000 it was a necessary expenditure to protect our members. Read more here: Subpoena Article

Malheur's October Wildlife
Gary Ivey, President
All season of the year are interesting at Malheur, but fall brings migrant waterfowl, cranes and rutting mule deer to the refuge. Thousands of ducks and geese stage on Malheur Lake during fall migration and sandhill cranes gather in refuge grain fields, lingering until early November before heading to their wintering grounds in California. Large mule deer bucks can be observed with groups of does, vying for their favor. It is a slow and quiet time at the refuge; a good time for solitude and communing with nature.

Sandhill Cranes stop at Malheur Refuge to refuel as they migrate south to wintering grounds. Tim Blount photo.

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Malheur History Discovered at Garage Sale

Carey Goss, Malheur NWR Visitor Services Manager

Pam and Phillip purchased a box of Kodak carousel slide tray full of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge photos by Ray C. Erickson at a garage sale. "We would be pleased to send this to the Malheur if it is something that you have any use for at all," Pam wrote in the email. Read more...

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We Appreciate our Volunteers!

We wish to thank our huge volunteer crew in October who turned out to remove a ton of of barb wire that is no longer a threat to Refuge wildlife. Some remains and we hope, weather permitting, to have one more work weekend to finish the job in mid-November. We also hosted a crew who worked...
Thanks to volunteers Kerry, Colin and his dad, Robert for helping with fence construction at Refuge HQ. Tim Blount photo.

Contact us through our website if you are interested in volunteering.

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THANK YOU!

This is the season, when we remember those things and people that we are thankful for. It's your refuge, regardless of where you live, and the Friends of Malheur are fortunate to have such friends as you. Thank you for all your support and we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

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Looking west from Hwy 205 towards Iron Mountain. Tim Blount photo.

Malheur remains at the forefront of the public lands debate and we, Friends of Malheur, are letting our voices be heard. Your continued support will help us support Malheur Refuge and in our political struggle to support refuges and public lands.

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