

Eastern Washington collisions kill more bighorns

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ENTIAIAT - Two more rare bighorn sheep have died in vehicle collisions this week on U.S. Route 97A north of Wenatchee. That brings to seven the number of sheep that have died in vehicle accidents in the area

since July, including at least four since Oct. 16. State wildlife officials tell The Wenatchee World that it's the deadliest spate of vehicle strikes ever to befall the Swakane herd of bighorn sheep, a population that has struggled to maintain its numbers.

The latest estimates by the state put the herd's population at about 80. About 60 of the animals have been residing recently on a grassy patch just off the highway about halfway between Wenatchee and Entiat. "In past years they've settled

in there, but not for this long. . . . We're not sure why they're hanging out there so relentlessly," said Jon Gallie, assistant district wildlife biologist for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife. "We're starting to lose a lot of animals. It worries me about the long-term health of the herd."

In addition, "I'm just scared it's going to be a matter of time" before a person is hurt or killed, Gallie said. The state Transportation Department has put up signs warning motorists about the sheep, and plans to build a fence next summer to keep sheep and deer

away from the road. Hunting and disease nearly wiped out bighorn sheep across Eastern Washington in the early 1900s. Sheep from Canada were introduced to the Swakane Valley in 1969, and the estimated 80 animals currently in the herd is the highest number since then.

GORE: Event will pour money into rivals' TV slugfest

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clip set to ominous, booming music showed black and white photos of Rossi and the message, "Every vote counts."

Then lunch attendees were asked to take out their checkbooks and give a little more.

The Gregoire campaign likely netted upwards of \$300,000 from the event - much of which will be poured into a TV commercial slugfest with Rossi in the final days of the election season.

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Gregoire won the office over Rossi by just 133 votes in 2004. Recent polls peg the two as close - within 2 percentage points as of Thursday.

As a prelude to Gore's speech, Gregoire touted her record as an environmentalist, reminding supporters about Washington's participation in the Western Climate Initiative. And she said she wants to see carbon emissions reduced to 1992 levels by 2020.

Much was insinuated throughout about Rossi's support from the Building Industry Association of Washington, a powerful lobbying group that has been vocal about a more "balanced approach" to environmental protection.

And Gregoire named pointed out one instance when Rossi wouldn't comment on whether

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global warming is causing climate change. "He won't accept the science. I absolutely accept the science."

Gregoire called one pro-Rossi TV ad the low point of the campaign. "We know he'll take us backwards. We also know he allows his supporters to stoop to new lows in campaigning."

The ad, paid for by the Republican Governors Association, talks about Washington's 1,300 missing sex offenders.

"We know they're out there," the TV spot says. "But, thanks to Governor Gregoire, we have no idea where."

The ad doesn't mention that there were 1,637 missing sex offenders when she took office almost eight years ago. Still, the Seattle Police Officers' Guild said the "staggering" number of sex offenders currently unaccounted for has earned Rossi their endorsement.

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JAMIESON: Students cook for shelter

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coordinator, students signed more than 500 letters on behalf of the shelter. They plan to present the letters when they testify Monday.

This all might seem over the top. But when you've met vulnerable people face to face, not only does it change you - it compels you, the students tell me, to do what you can, where you can.

In the past, Blanchet students have gone to bat for money to help developmentally disabled young adults.

Their commitment to the homeless is long-standing.

Once a month since 2002 students have gone down to St. Martin shelter - named after a 16th-century Peruvian who served the poor - to provide a home-cooked meal of taco burritos with Spanish rice and

corn. This menu hasn't changed for years; the men love the dish. Meg Gardner, 18, a senior, has helped prepare the meals for more than a year. Out of the gate, she was hooked.

"It was an eye-opener. I never felt so gratified," said Gardner, who often ends up slicing the tomatoes for the dinner. "It puts in perspective people in need. They're real, and homelessness is a very real problem."

Classmate Logan Mathews, who is 17 and a senior, usually cooks the ground beef. Helping others touches his soul.

"Seeing the men, they remind me of my dad, uncle or grandpa," he said. "A freak turn can so easily put someone in that situation."

Hearing the teens talk was a refreshing turn from the warped public screed sometimes sounded about the homeless -

that they choose and deserve their fate, that they're all drunks or on drugs, that they are bums undeserving of a cent. "I've gone in with kids who expect that these men will be thugs," Mathews said, "and they find them to be warm, sometimes cheerful, guys."

The homeless men's notions are challenged as well. Some expect that the teens will be stuck up, only to be moved that someone could care enough to cook a meal, to sacrifice five hours on dinner days to be with them.

Several of the men are loners, with little interaction with society, explains Bob Goetschius, who directs the shelter. To see the students go out of their way - "that's powerful," he says.

One time, the students were cleaning up after a dinner, and one of the homeless men

started to clap, then another and another.

The room erupted into a robust ovation.

These Blanchet students see St. Martin as more than just a meal - it's their mission. If they're able to help the shelter secure the money, the homeless are sure to sing the Hallelujah Chorus.

Even if the kids fail, you have to admire their pluck.

"It says something about these young people," Goetschius said.

"They could so easily stay at home. But to go above and beyond speaks volumes. Maybe it means a better future, with people caring for other people."

In other words: A future we can all look forward to.

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BIAW: Judge to decide Monday whether to put case on a fast track

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sioner's order improper, she said she would accept briefs from both sides and decide Monday whether to put the case on an expedited schedule. Rossi had been scheduled to give his deposition Wednesday.

Two former state Supreme Court justices - Robert Utter and Faith Ireland, both supporters of Democratic Gov. Chris Gregoire - filed the lawsuit against the BIAW, arguing that it illegally coordinated its fundraising with Rossi. They cite phone calls that Rossi made in 2007 to officers of the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties, at a time when the BIAW was seeking political contribu-

tions from the affiliate group.

Because of that alleged coordination, the lawsuit says, the BIAW should follow state limits on direct campaign contributions - rather than continue to spend unlimited amounts as "independent expenditures." The BIAW has spent more than \$6.2 million on Rossi's behalf this election cycle; the maximum for direct contributions is \$2,800.

Rossi maintains he did nothing wrong. He told reporters the phone calls in question were intended to smooth out a political dispute among his past supporters, and while the topic involved political spending, Rossi has said he didn't make any specific mentions of where the affiliate group should spend its dollars.

The lawsuit is one of several legal sideshows to the governor's race between Rossi and Gregoire, a rematch of the close 2004 race.

A Thurston County Superior Court judge is considering a suit over the BIAW's use of a percentage of workers' compensation insurance rebates on politics.

State Attorney General Rob McKenna has sued the state Republican Party over its use of a certain account to pay for campaign mailers, and McKenna has sued the BIAW and the King and Snohomish Master Builders over alleged campaign finance reporting missteps.

The BIAW, meanwhile, has sued a major ally of Gregoire, the third-party group Evergreen Progress, alleging that it failed to re-

port \$1 million in donations on time. Evergreen Progress, bankrolled mostly by the national Democratic Governors Association and labor unions, was also

sued for defamation in King County Superior Court by a Rossi associate who said he was unfairly portrayed in an ad.

Also, Democrats were questioning the fact that for several years as a state senator, Rossi didn't tell state regulators about a \$50,000 loan from a real estate investor. Rossi acknowledged the error when it was brought to his attention by The Associated Press, which learned of the error from state Democrats.

But Rossi also characterized his failure to disclose the loan as a minor, unintentional oversight.

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