

Bobcat, Brattain ravage 160,000 acres



Photo of the Brattain Fire courtesy of John Fish.

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“There was a need to help. It is always difficult to see folks in that situation. Especially when there is a national need. I am usually involved in air operations, but there is a national shortage of safety officers, so they needed me in that capacity. Folks were going from one to the other. Resources were stretched incredibly thin,” Fish said. The weekend of Sept. 6, Fish touched down in California, where he would spend three days coordinating control efforts for the notorious Bobcat Fire in LA County. Fish was assigned to the Bobcat Fire in southern California’s Angeles National Forest on its first day of ignition. At 62% containment, what started as a brush fire has now burned for 26 days, consuming 114,200 acres.

“It has been deemed one of the largest fires in Los Angeles County history. At least 52 structures have been destroyed, according to L.A. County officials. That number is expected to rise as damage assessment continues. 1,613 firefighters are currently assigned to this fire,” Fish said.

After three days, Fish and his team were reassigned to southern Oregon, where the Brattain fire has burned 30,000 acres of the town of Paisley.

“On the Brattain fire, we had four days straight of red flag conditions, which is high humidity and 40-50 mile per hour winds. It is really hard to safely operate in that type of mountainous terrain, as well,” Fish said.

Fish and his team looked for a “tactical advantage” to overcome the fire.

“The burning conditions out west are extreme. A lot of times you can’t really fight the fire, you

have to look for a tactical advantage,” Fish explained. “I would say the three things we consider for a tactical advantage is fuel, weather and topography. The two fires that we were



Approximately 440 personnel battled the Brattain blaze, containing it to 91%. (Photo courtesy of John Fish.)

managing had fires that had burned near them. There was a reduction in fuels, so we were able to use that as an advantage.”

The Brattain Fire in southern Oregon has consumed more than 50,000 acres, but it is 91% contained, as 440 personnel battled the blaze. The town of Paisley, Ore., and the many ranches outside of town were protected and saved by the firefighting effort.

Fish assisted with the Brattain Fire for eight days, where he ensured safety procedures were being followed and helped manage the teams in the camp and in the field.

“The safety officer’s job is to ensure that all the common safety procedures are being followed. The big one that we had to deal with that was not typical was, of course, COVID-19, and all of the prevention and mitigation steps, as well as what to do if we have a COVID-positive person,”

Fish said. “We stay in fire camps, which are notorious for viruses – camp crud, as they call it. COVID-19 is a whole other thing. We have a lot of protocols in places

his two-week volunteer service, was “the great responsibility to ensure folks are safe in an incredibly hazardous environment.” “We were very fortunate that we only dealt with minor injuries. We only had one COVID-positive person that we were able to treat,” Fish said. Fish returned home on Sept. 21 after his 14-day stint out west, which he anticipates will be his only trip out west this fire season. “It is always great to come back home,” Fish said, before adding with a laugh, “My yard is a lake. I wish we could share some of the water with them.” “Snowfall will come soon enough for those folks. That is when the fires stop. But they probably have until mid-November with consistent fire problems. Fire seasons seem to be getting worse. A lot of people don’t believe

for that. Normally, that is not something we focus on, but this year we had to keep people safe, not only in dealing with the fires, but in the camps as well,” Fish continued.

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his two-week volunteer service, was “the great responsibility to ensure folks are safe in an incredibly hazardous environment.”

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in climate change, but that is certainly a contributing factor. We know that the fire seasons are getting longer, and the conditions are getting more extreme,” Fish continued.

Fish is grateful for the support he received while he was in California and Oregon.

“I cannot say enough about the outpouring of support from my church family and the community. It has been amazing,” he said.



The sun was dulled by thick smoke for several days. (Photo courtesy of John Fish.)



John Fish with the Florida Forest Service volunteered to fight the Bobcat and Brattain fires in California and Oregon. The Bobcat Fire (shown above) has consumed 114,200 acres and the Brattain Fire consumed more than 50,000 acres. (Photo courtesy of John Fish.)

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Plaintiffs’ attorney or immediately thereafter otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on October 2, 2020. Annie Mae Murphy CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By Marti Lee As Deputy Clerk

THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB is seeking auditing services through an RFP process. Proposals are due October 16, 2020. For more information go to www.bgcperry.com. **IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA** File No.: **20000294CPC** PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF LONNELL SMYRNIOS,

Deceased. **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The administration of the estate of LONNELL SMYRNIOS, deceased, whose date of death was March 11, 2020, is pending in the Circuit Court for TAYLOR County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, Florida 32347. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative’s attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or

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ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is Sept. 25, 2020. Attorney for Personal Representative: RODOLFO SUAREZ, JR., ESQ. Florida Bar Number: 013201 2950 SW 27 Avenue, Ste. 100 Miami, FL 33133 Telephone: (305) 448-4244 E-Mail: rudy@suarezlawyers.com Personal Representative:

THEDESSA L. DAVIS 389 SW 820 Street Steinhatchee, Florida 32359

PUBLIC NOTICE APPEAL FOR VARIANCE

The City of Perry Board of Adjustment will hold public hearing via Zoom: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please use this URL <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82307763284> Passcode 5847161 Or join by phone: (312) 626 6799 - Passcode: 823 0776 3284 on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, to hear a request by Coley White, to be granted a Variance from the minimum setback requirements to allow for the placement of a 28’ x 48’ mobile home on the properties described below: Legal Description: Parcel Number 26-04-07-05086-000

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION – BEGIN 30 FEET S AND 699 WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 7 EAST FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN SOUTH 68.28 FEET; WEST 70 FEET; NORTH 68.28 FEET, EAST 70 FT TO POINT OF BEGINNING Also known as Tax Parcel Numbers 26-04-07-05086-000

Location of Property: 301 Oscar Benjamin Way, Perry, Florida 32348 Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Florida Statutes 286.0105, that any person deciding to appeal any decision of the Board of Adjustment with respect to any matter considered at the meeting will need a record of the meeting and may need to ensure that verbatim record of the proceedings is made; which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. ATTEST: Taylor Brown, City Manager

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