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Nine of 15 Canyonville and Glendale area businesses refused to sell alcohol to minors

Roseburg, Oregon – Nine of 15 businesses in Canyonville and Glendale passed an Oregon Liquor Control Commission minor sales compliance check on March 21 by refusing to sell alcohol to a minor.

The 60 percent passing rate is below the 2007 statewide average of 78 percent. The OLCC tests about 1,300 licensed liquor businesses each year. The commission performs the minor sales checks in an effort to reduce drinking by minors, which is a serious problem throughout the state.

"I would have liked this number to be much higher," said Pete O'Rourke, OLCC Eugene Regional Manager. "I hope our presence in the community sends a message to the folks selling and serving alcohol just how important it is to check ID's properly. Not only is it illegal to sell to someone under 21, but reducing underage drinking should be a priority for everyone."

The following licensees passed the compliance check: Seven Feathers Truck & Travel Center in Canyonville, Seven Feathers RV Resort in Canyonville, Seven Feathers Hotel & Gaming Resort in Canyonville, Canyon Market in Canyonville, Quines Creek Shell in Glendale, Fortune Branch Market in Glendale, Glendale Country Junction in Glendale and Glendale Hardware in Glendale.

The following licensees failed the compliance check: Umpqua Indian Foods in Canyonville, Oregon Sunshine Espresso in Canyonville, Canyon Shell in Canyonville, Canyonville BP in Canyonville, Azalea General Store & Deli in Azalea and Glenway Super Store in Glendale.

During the checks, a minor volunteer attempts to purchase alcohol from a licensed business to see if staff are checking ID's correctly and refusing to sell alcohol to anyone under 21. Commission inspectors or other law officers supervise the minor volunteers. The volunteers carry their own legal ID and do not disguise their age or encourage the sale of alcohol. The businesses involved in the checks are selected at random by computer or have been targeted due to prior alcohol sales to minors.

Servers, bartenders and licensees whose employees sell alcohol to the minor or do not verify the minor's age, are subject to OLCC administrative penalties including fines or suspensions. Store clerks who sell can be cited with criminal charges and at least a \$350 fine.

The OLCC offers a free training course on how to check ID's. Participants learn how to identify false identification and the laws regarding minors and alcohol. Additional training opportunities are available including classes for store clerks and service permit holders. Interested persons can call the local OLCC office to schedule a training session.