

LINEMEN: Outages affected several thousand people

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6,983 out of a total of 34,900 meters. Most of the outages were due to trees or limbs falling over power lines, snow drifting into transformers or into circuits, causing them to open, and the build-up of snow and ice on power lines.

Cobb likened the diameter of a power line to that of a pinky finger that, with the ice and snow buildup, becomes the size of a forearm. All that extra weight causes lines to snap.

CEC’s repair crews utilized all 20 of their linemen round the clock. They were aided by a contract crew hired to help out.

“Our line crews were awesome,” Cobb reported.

In order to respond to all the calls coming in to report outages, CEC enlisted the services of CRC, a contract firm, to handle the calls during the evening hours and to dispatch crews.

Cobb said that CEC would like to thank the community for all their goodwill toward the repair crews and for their patience during this weather event.

HAYDEN: Nearly 200 homes planned in development

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concerns about the proposed Hayden development.

Residents of the original three phases of Village at Cold Springs (another Hayden development), which about the MMV property, are opposed to two of their streets, Williamson and Hill, connecting to streets in MMV. They cite safety concerns with increased traffic and cost of maintaining their private streets as the two biggest issues.

The City permitted Hayden to put in streets narrower than what is required by code, provided the homeowners assumed responsibility for maintenance and repair of those streets. The Village at Cold Springs homeowners’ association claims because they are private streets, the public shouldn’t be able to travel through their development as a short-cut or a way to avoid traffic on McKinney Butte Road. They don’t want the streets connected.

Looking at the same traffic studies, transportation engineers encourage connecting the streets to create a grid system of connectivity that

MCKENZIE MEADOWS VILLAGE TIMELINE	
2006	Citizens vote to approve annexation of MMV into the City
2009	Stipulations attached regarding senior living facility, affordable housing
2010	MMV Master Plan approved
2011	Pinnacle Alliance Group site plan for senior living facility approved by City
2014	Contract cancelled with PAG due to lack of funding for project
2015	City Council approves requested MMV modifications
2015	PAG files three separate appeals to State Land Use Board of Appeals to block MMV, two denied
2016	City Council denies PAG’s appeal regarding MMV Master Plan modification
2016	New builder of senior living facility withdraws following extensive legal battle
2017	Annexation Agreement amendment for MMV approved, removing earlier stipulations
2018	MMV enters into negotiations with Hayden Homes to purchase MMV property
2019	Hayden Homes submits new Master Plan for 199 housing units in MMV

reduces heavy traffic loads on one or two streets by providing a number of alternative routes.

City Manager Cory Misley, with only three months on the job, admits there are no easy answers to these concerns.

“Our job at the City is to administer the City code as it is written at the time. When reading and interpreting the code, some areas are black and white and some are gray. The gray areas require interpretation. The interpretation involves conversations with our land-use attorney and among the staff. As a team, we provide alternatives to the Planning Commission and the City Council, who eventually are responsible for making the final decisions,” Misley said.

“We can’t discriminate against or favor applicants who submit their plans to the City. There is no litmus test

we can administer to determine who deserves to receive permits and who doesn’t. If everything meets the requirements of the City codes, then they get approval,” Misley added. “The staff’s job is to review the codes and be certain they are up to date and relevant and that loopholes are closed. Recommended changes are brought to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval,” he added. The codes are

dynamic, changing over time.

Misley concluded by saying, “At the City, we don’t want to cut corners or avoid making tough decisions now by putting them off to a later date. We are a small city with a limited staff, at a time of unparalleled growth. It can be challenging to keep up with that growth, and the staff is working hard to do that.”

The packet of materials for the hearing is available at www.ci.sisters.or.us.

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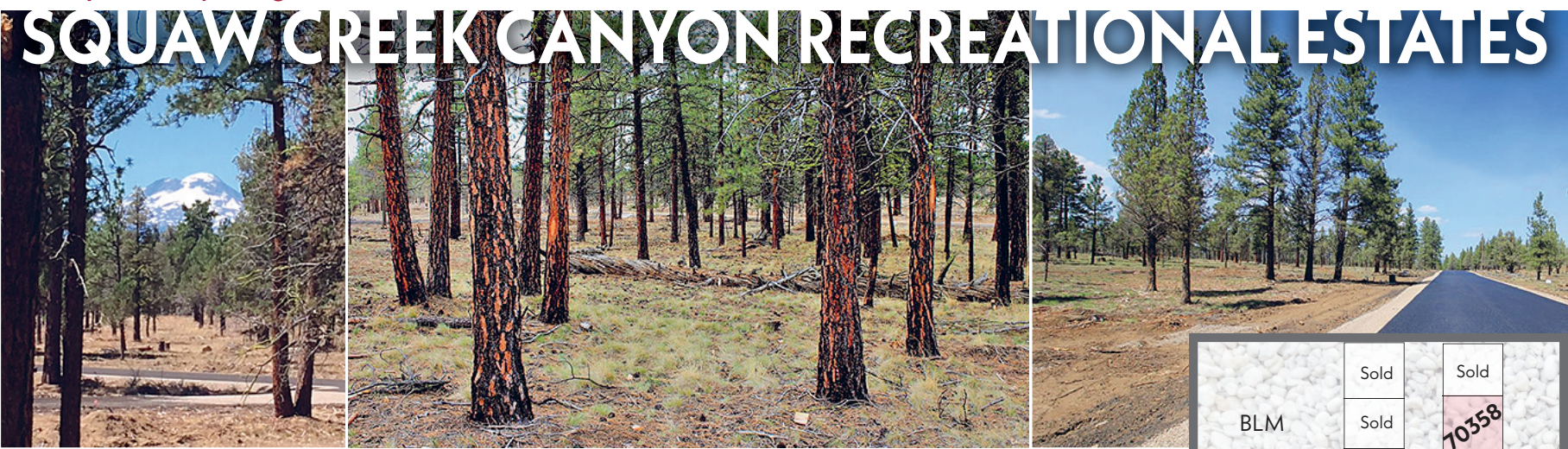


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