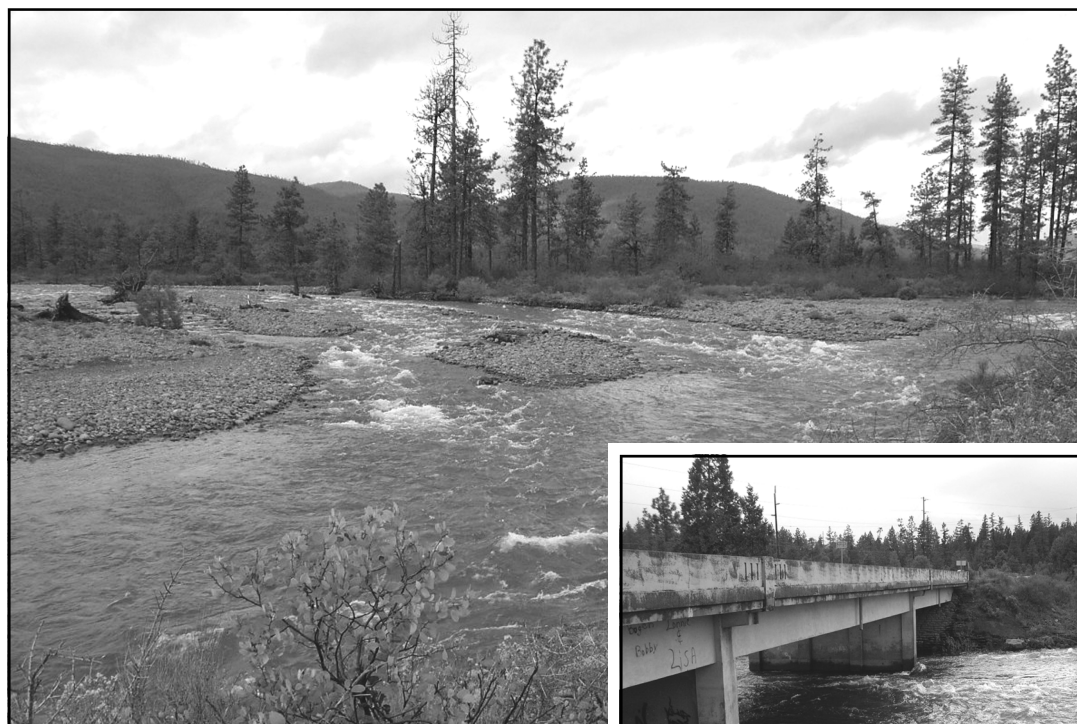
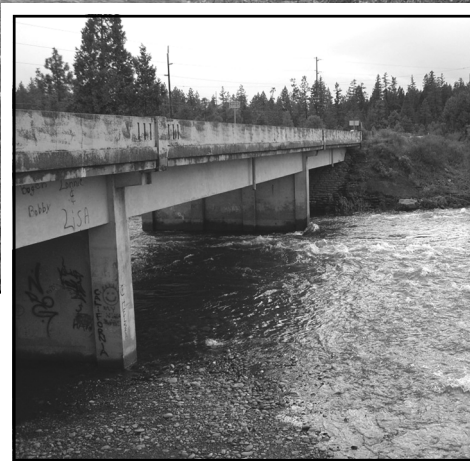


Rough & Ready Creek ripples once more



WINTER WATER - Recent winter rainfall has once again filled the beds of Rough & Ready Creek. The creek has always amazed valley residents with its quick recovery after the rainy season begins.



I.V. Volunteer Firefighters to the Rescue

- Monday, Dec. 1**
*3:17 p.m., smoke investigation, 400 block Addison Lane.
- Tuesday, Dec. 2**
*5:01 p.m., vehicle fire, 23700 block Redwood Hwy.
- Wednesday, Dec. 3**
*3:54 a.m., medical assist, 100 block N. Junction Ave.
*4:23 p.m., medical assist, 3200 block Lakeshore Drive.
*4:52 p.m., open burn, 30900 block Redwood Hwy.
*7:59 p.m., public assist, 37100 block Redwood Hwy.
- Thursday, Dec. 4**
*12:03 p.m., medical assist, 18200 block Redwood Hwy.
*2:07 p.m., medical assist, 500 block Schumacher.
- Friday, Dec. 5**
*2:09 p.m., medical standby, 681 Caves Hwy.
*9:02 a.m., medical assist, 800 block Lakeshore Drive.
*9:38 a.m., public assist, 29700 block Redwood Hwy.
*12:46 p.m., medical assist, 700 block Robinson Road.
- *2:15 p.m., fuel spill, 400 block Reager Lane.
- *2:25 p.m., BLM burn, 1000 block Laurel Road.
- Saturday, Dec. 6**
*2:04 a.m., motor vehicle accident, 24300 block Redwood Hwy.
*8:29 a.m., medical assist, 1000 block Naue Way.
*8:37 a.m., structure fire, 9500 block Takilma Road.
- Sunday, Dec. 7**
*4:18 a.m., medical assist, 500 block Brown-town Road.
*12:57 p.m., medical assist, 500 block Brown-town Road.

JoCo lacks funds for needed road maintenance

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And although Pitts said the road system is currently adequate for vehicles, funding just isn't available for more exceptional mixed-use improvements -- motorized vehicles and pedestrians -- which could threaten the quality of life for residents who enjoy bicycling and walking.

So without the money to make desired renovations, the department is focusing on Tier 1 improvements. Those are the "Planned Deterioration" projects. The estimated 20-year cost for Tier 1 or "routine maintenance and emergency reserves" will total \$134.4 million including more than \$32 million for routine maintenance and \$3.3 million for emergency cash reserves between 2004-2008.

But Tier 1 funding ignores more than 20 important projects that need to be undertaken in the county.

Those Tier 2 improvements would cost an additional \$183.2 million total during the next 20 years.

Among those listed for Illinois Valley Tier 2 repairs and the costs (assuming 3 percent inflation per year) are:

*Installing warning signs at Holland Loop Road at Hayes Cutoff Road because of a high number of accidents. Cost - \$3,000 now or \$3,375 later.

*Add a southbound left-turn lane for safety on Redwood Hwy. at Ken Rose Lane. Cost - \$585,000 now or \$659,000 later.

*Add a southbound left-turn lane on the Redwood Hwy. at Waldo Road for safety. Cost - \$585,000 now or \$659,000 later.

*Replace the structurally deficient Sucker Creek Bridge on Holland Loop Road. Cost - \$2,756,000 now or \$3,491,000 later.

*Widen and resurface the shoulders to at least 4-feet for vehicle recovery and bicycle and pedestrian circulation. Cost - \$635,000 now or \$805,000 later.

Tier 3 improvements, or so-called dream or "lottery winning level" funding would call for the following improvements in I.V. (No cost estimates were provided):

*Widen the shoulder and resurface Lakeshore Drive from Redwood Hwy. to McMullen Creek Road to at least four feet.

*Make drainage and shoulder improvements to Lakeshore Drive from the 4700 block to Dryden Road.

*Install guard rails at various locations where accidents could be reduced.

*Realign Holland Loop Road at Hayes Cutoff intersection for safety.

The open house was funded by a state grant for a consultant to design a comprehensive plan for current and future maintenance of the roadways.

The comprehensive plan is needed so future projects can be identified for future funding sources.

Possible funding sources could include: a system development charge for new developments, street utility fees for home own-

ers, or a road district.

The Rural Planning Commission will begin looking at the details of the transportation system plan and hold public meetings in February.

The Josephine County commissioners will have the opportunity to adopt the transportation system plan next year after doing more of their own studies.

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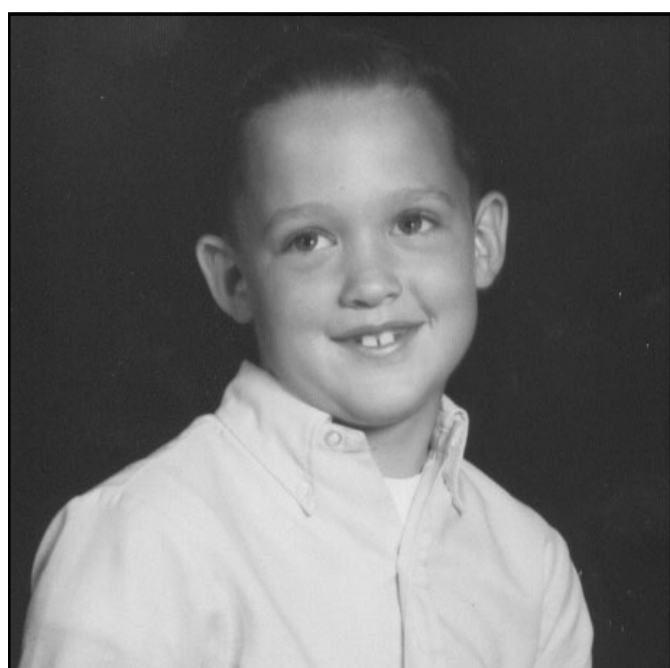
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