

BUTTE FALLS RANGER DISTRICT NEWS

The summer recreation season is fast approaching and here is our summer schedule as it stands right now. The Butte Falls Ranger Station and the Prospect Ranger Station will be closed on the week-ends except for the major holiday week-ends, which are Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day. The office will be open to the public during these holidays for information, emergencies or buying maps.

CAMPGROUND OPENING SCHEDULE

Whiskey Springs, Imnaha, and Lower South Fork are open on the Butte Falls District.

Mill Creek, River Bridge, and Natural Bridge are open on the Prospect District.

Snowshoe, and Parker Meadows will remain closed for the '97 season on the Butte Falls District, while Mammoth Pines Interpretive Area and Woodruff Picnic Area are closed on the Prospect District. All other campgrounds are scheduled to be open by Memorial Day Week-end.

In addition to camping, the mushroom hunting season is here and we have personal free use, and commercial permits available.

We have one public firewood cutting area open at this time. For more information please call the Ranger Station at 865-2700.

A reminder that opening day of fishing season is Saturday, April 26, 1997 and traffic will be heavy on that day and remain heavy through Labor Day. This combined with the heavy log truck traffic we're experiencing, plus the range cattle, creates some potentially dangerous driving situations. Please drive carefully and obey all safety laws.

The BLM permittees released their range cattle on April 15, 1997 and the release date for cattle from the Butte Falls and Prospect Districts is June 1, 1997.

Let's all have a real fun in the sun and safe summer!!!!

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MORE THAN MAY FLOWERS

April's showers not only brought in May flowers to our community but also the new water tower by the caboose museum. Thanks to the efforts of several community members, the water tower rejoins the library building.

I had the opportunity to observe and photograph the operation in progress. Several of our local "handymen" including Bill Tucker, Gary Shipley, Ray Macy, Leon Todd, Terry Schultz, Danny Gower, Jake Green and Tom Hayes put their minds together and soon had the water tower erected with no mishaps. It was quite the sight to see this tower being swung by Leon's self-loader into the air off the flat bed truck past power lines and pole onto its base. The operation went without a hitch and it was certainly the quickest building of a water tower this person had ever witnessed. Great Job Guys!

Mary Wright



HEY ... Watch out for those wires !!!!
A water tower was recently added to the Caboose Museum, to keep things cool.

FROM THE DESK OF THE POLICE COMMISSIONER

By Mary Wright

It is spring time and with it comes the release of cows on open range. So please be careful as you drive down Butte Falls Hiway because it seems that cows are not as highway smart as their deer cousins. Bovines seem to think they own the road and will "mosey" along in the Hiway as they please. They are not as forgiving on cars and leave monster dents when struck at high speeds. Please keep an eye out as you drive for your own safety.

Spring also gives many the opportunity to get out their bikes and cruise around town. Children still need to wear their helmets and drivers need to be alert to munchkins cruising the streets. Munchkins on bikes can be hard to see and they have a dangerous habit of popping out of side streets and parked cars into the middle of the road.

Many people wonder how to reach our Marshal in an emergency and non-emergency. The number is easy to remember; *for an emergency just dial 911*. Then what do you do? Do not go to his home; that is not his office and he definitely needs a non-work related place to retreat and relax when off duty. It is also very unfair to his family. You can call the dispatch line at the communications center. The number is 776-7206. They will take your report and assign him the case. You may also *go to city hall* during open hours, fill out a report form, and leave it with Lori Paxton, our city recorder. This will ensure that your case and call have been logged and recorded, then it will not get lost in the shuffle and will definitely be assigned to Marshal Johnson. Sometimes we are so angry about something that has happened to us, we want immediate action. However, if it is not a life or death situation, it is not an emergency and it will not hurt to wait a bit. So remember, in a non-emergency:

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OR GO TO CITY HALL!**