
PUBLIC WORKS CHIT-CHAT !!!

The Public Works Department has been kept plenty busy this past month trying to present the town respectfully. I would certainly like to know who has been turning over the trash cans in the park lately. This act demonstrates the disrespectfulness of a certain person or persons who obviously has a problem with self control. What kind of a person would go out of their way to stoop so low as to dump trash cans and spread the trash all over the park? If anybody has a clue, please pass the information on to city hall or the Marshal's office. This has happened more than once lately, and I for one would like to see this kind of action brought to justice.

The fire hydrant at the corner of Pine and Broad is scheduled to be fixed soon. There is also one private service valve scheduled to be replaced that is leaking. These two repairs should dry the final two leaks that I am aware of, and we should be leak free, at least on the surface.

Since the heat has announced its arrival, I have noticed the water usage has skyrocketed. On some days, 450,000 gallons of water have been used. There are only 177 service connections in town. This includes the 13 commercial accounts. That averages out to over 2,500 gallons of water per connection per day. That is a very big waste of water. A lawn only needs watering enough to wet the soil just below the roots. Over watering only wastes water. It is not being used by the grass. Let's all try and be careful how we use our water. The springs are keeping up at this time with no problems, however, if over watering continues, the springs could be overdrawn.

Until next month,

Gary Shipley, Public Works Superintendent

UPPER WILLOW CREEK LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS AND DESIGN PROJECT

Dear Community Member,

We are asking you to share your knowledge with us! The BUTTE CARE TEAM within the Rogue River National Forest, is embarking on an exciting new project know as Forest Landscape Analysis and Design (FLAD). Any expertise about the Upper Willow Creek Drainage, (see map) will benefit the project.

There are many unanswered questions about how landscapes operate as Ecological Systems. The FLAD process can provide a simple, easy to understand, yet comprehensive and sophisticated "picture" of the Upper Willow Creek Drainage. That design is then used along with existing direction and local issues as a long term Ecosystem Management planning tool.

We know that we influence landscape patterns whether we intend to or not, through our occupancy and activities on the land. Our housing patterns, road networks, timber harvests, agriculture, recreation development and fire management influence the design of the land. Previous land planning efforts have been individual projects and individual choices and have not focused on the design of landscape pattern and structure for a whole watershed.

We are asking you to help identify issues and concerns that will generate a broad set of landscape objectives in the future. This will be a collaborative effort. Your input is needed in this initial stage.

We will be accepting written comments until August 15th. We hope to hear from you about any concerns or issues. No decisions will be made at this time, and we are scheduling a meeting for the middle of August to prepare for the next step, creating management objectives. The time and place for that meeting will

be sent to you in a separate letter and published in the Mail Tribune paper. We sincerely hope you will take time to be a part of this important look toward the future of the Upper Willow Creek Watershed. If you have any questions please call Gerry Hellinga @ 541-858-6155 or Bill Irwin @ 541-865-2770.

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