

RANGER DISTRICT NEWS

Greetings from the Butte Falls Ranger Station. We hope that your holidays were happy.

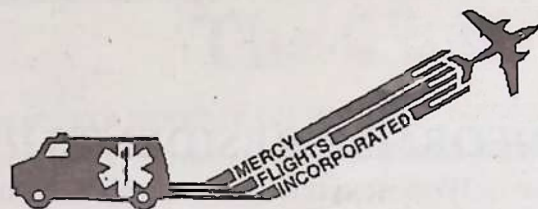
The '98 season introduces a two year demonstration program designed to increase the available maintenance dollars for our trail system. A Trail Park Pass is required to park at specified trail heads in Washington and Oregon on the following National Forests: Deschutes, Gifford Pinchot, Mt. Baker-Snoqualamie, Mt. Hood, Olympic, Rogue River, Siskiyou, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, Wenatchee, and Willamette; and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Passes are available at the above Forest Service Offices. Day Passes are \$3.00 each and Annual Passes are \$25.00 each. Local area merchants in Butte Falls, Prospect, Eagle Point and Shady Cove will soon be additional vendors. The money collected from this project goes directly back to the Forest from which it was collected, and directly into trail maintenance. Any questions??? or comments please call the Butte Falls Ranger Station at 865-2700.

Snow levels are high due to warm temperatures and heavy rains. There is bare pavement up to about 4500 feet and then it gets slushy where it rained on the snow. Drive carefully and watch out for the other guy.

We are doing an outreach for the Student Temporary Employment Program. To qualify you must be an individual who is enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree, diploma, or certificate seeking student...AND...is taking at least a half-time academic, vocational, or technical course load in an accredited high school, technical or vocational school, 2 year or 4 year college or university, graduate or professional school. Half-time is the definition provided by the school in which the student is enrolled. To obtain the proper forms to apply, come in to the Butte Falls Ranger Station and we will give them to you, or call us at the number above and we will mail them to you.

**A HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO
EVERYONE !!!**



MERCY FLIGHTS NEWS STATION 12 BUTTE FALLS

By Carrie Driskell

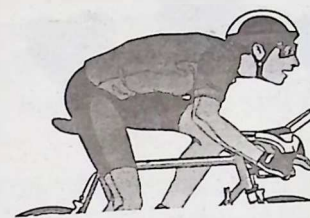
On January 8th, a frosty morning, four Butte Falls School students on their way to school hit some ice and lost control of their vehicle. All four were thrown from the vehicle.

The crew of Mercy 12, the Butte Falls station, would like to thank all the bystanders that were on scene to lend a hand to help...to help strangers, to help their friends. The potential for further injury to some of these kids was enormous! The crew of Station 12 was praised for their wonderful work by the emergency staff and from their peers and supervisors at Mercy Flights. We need to pass this praise on to the folks on scene that did everything right! Thanks to: Brian McGrath, Lila and Mac McClanahan, Joyce Hailicka, Brent and Tammy Ferguson, Buck Rowden, Dwayne Dyer, and a few unknown truck drivers that were waiting for the road to clear...it was a hectic time. We couldn't have done such a great job without you. We wish all four youngsters a speedy recovery!!!!

From the January 8th Crew
Carrie Driskell, John Adams, Cindy
Wright and Melissa Owens

And also thank you Mercy 5, Shady Cove;
George Duarte and David Arthur..

you are awesome.



CYCLE OREGON RETURNS

SEPTEMBER 14-15, 1998

By Joyce Hailicka

For the third time since 1994, Cycle Oregon returns to Butte Falls. Over the next 7 months, community coordinators and volunteers will meet to plan this wonderful event. And what will we call it? "It's a Wonderful Life, Welcome Back". Taking our theme from the all-time classic movie starring Jimmy Stewart, the event promises to be a "classic" event. The setting for the movie was a little town of Bedford Falls.

The basic values of the "It's a Wonderful Life" theme are: Love of hard work. Love of community. Love of country. Cycle Oregon will bring over 2,000 riders from all over the country plus a support team who will bring all the food and prepare meals in their kitchen on wheels.

Keeping with the theme of the 40's, Butte Falls will have the look and feel of the era. Classic vintage cars, window displays, fashions of the 40's, big band era music, and a cast of local talent will set the stage for an enjoyable event for the community and our visitors.

Community coordinators and volunteers will work hard to plan the event. On Tuesday, February 24, 1998, there will be a town meeting at the Community Hall. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m and will last only one hour. It will be a fun, fast meeting...prizes and surprises for the kick-off of Cycle Oregon Eleven. Your leadership and ideas will help to make it a fun event for all. We need volunteers for the following committees: Hospitality, Entertainment, Site Coordination, and Food Serving. If you have any questions, feel free to call Joyce Hailicka at 865-3205. See you on the 24th!