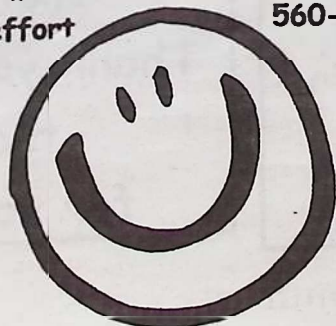


Greetings From the Cascade Zone  
Butte Falls and Prospect Ranger  
Districts

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There does not seem to be a reprieve from fire, so I will begin again this month with fire news. The Timbered Rock Fire is contained and seems to be holding well, although it is still burning out fuels and contributing to the smoke in the air. The Tiller Complex is our main focus at this time, as it is possible that some of those fires will burn from the Umpqua National Forest on to Rogue River National Forest land. The next week will tell the tale. We continue to provide people for the Anderson Fire in the Rogue Umpqua Divide, which is part of the Tiller Complex, to assist the Umpqua National Forest fire fighting effort. The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is administering the East Antelope Fire. We are sending a crew to assist them with that fire too. Both the Tiller Complex and East Antelope fires are putting up a lot of smoke.

The Town of Butte Falls had quite a scare close to home when the old McCabe place burned up. A big THANK YOU for the instant, and effective response from Forest Service, ODF, and the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department. Everyone did what they were supposed to, and saved the day for the folks living in that neck of the woods not to mention the Big Butte Springs Watershed. It was an impressive cooperative effort between the three fire departments.



The Huckleberries are ON, and the pickers are taking care of business. If you want some huckleberries, better get with it. I want to caution traveling to the Huckleberry Gap and Huckleberry Lake area in the Prospect Ranger District. You will find it very smoky and hot. We are discouraging folks from entering that area due to the Tiller Complex fires.

Personal use restrictions have increased since the report in last month's bulletin. There is absolutely no open burning allowed anywhere on the Rogue River National Forest. No campfires are allowed, even in the developed campgrounds. Pressurized gas stoves are the ONLY means of cooking allowed. The use of generators is not allowed even in developed campgrounds unless the generator is built in to the motor home. Using a generator in the back of a pick-up is not allowed anywhere.

We continue to keep the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) trails partially open. Any OHV system trail that is part of a forest development road is available for riding. Any part of the trail off of a forest development road is closed to all OHV access.

There is talk of going to an Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) 4, and we almost certainly will, but it has not happened at this writing. Call Butte Falls Ranger Station at 541-865-2700, or Prospect Ranger Station at 541-560-3400, for more information.

The Prospect Ranger Station will be open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday over Labor Day weekend from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. Please be safe while enjoying your national forest. Some of the things to watch out for are:

- Cows, there are a lot of them and they pop up at the darndest times
- Deer and other forest critters, same as above
- Dust, keep a safe distance behind any vehicle in front of you
- Smoke, may affect the health of very small children or the elderly
- Fire, if you see a fire, call 911

The Butte Falls and Prospect Ranger Districts wish you all a safe and fun Labor Day.

### Spooky Night in Town

THE BUTTE FALLS ACTIVE CLUB HAD THEIR FIRST MEETING REGARDING HAUNTED HOUSE NIGHT. BOY, DID WE HAVE A LOT OF FANTASTIC IDEAS. WE HOPE TO PUT SOME OF THEM TO GOOD USE ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 26TH. THAT IS THE SATURDAY BEFORE HALLOWEEN. THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WILL BE HAVING DINNER AGAIN THAT NIGHT FOR ANYONE THAT IS HUNGRY. WORD OF CAUTION...PLEASE DON'T EAT BEFORE YOU COME UPSTAIRS. THEN AGAIN, IT MIGHT FIT RIGHT IN. JUST KIDDING FOLKS. ANYONE WANTING TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS MONSTROUS NIGHT IS MORE THAN WELCOME. MORE DETAILS IN NEXT MONTHS ISSUE. CALL ME AT 865-3624 TO VOLUNTEER. ACTIVE CLUB PRESIDENT LORI PAXTON.