

## GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR HOME PROTECTION

Central Point, OR: The Oregon Department of Forestry has received National Fire Plan grant funding from the Bureau of Land Management for the protection of homes in the wildfire areas of Jackson and Josephine Counties.

The program is designed to provide safety zones around existing homes and along driveways that will provide:

- \* Safe evacuation or escape routes for residents
- \* Access for firefighters and fire-fighting equipment
- \* Areas where firefighters will have a better chance of safely and effectively protecting homes from approaching wildfires.

Residents can apply for cost-share incentives up to \$330.00 to modify an acre of vegetation around their homes. They can complete the work themselves or hire it out. In some instances, up to 4 additional acres around a home and driveway may be approved. Modifications include removing dead vegetation, thinning-out flammable brush and small trees, and creating vertical spaces between flammable brush and the lower limbs of larger trees.

To request this service, residents can call the Oregon Department of Forestry at 474-3152 in Grants Pass, or 664-3328 in Central Point. Forest Officers are available to meet with residents to design hazard reduction plans. Once the work has been completed, they will return to verify the completed work and process paperwork for a costshare reimbursement.

By removing or reducing flammable vegetation, residents can affect the way an approaching wildfire would behave. If done properly, the project would dramatically lower the intensity of a wildfire, while maintaining a desirable, natural looking, and healthy forest setting.

**Do you need Thinning and Wildlife Management Assistance? Jake Hamann has been doing a lot of this the last couple of years working with BLM and private landowners. Give him a call at 865-7879 or 890-0936**

## Big Butte Historical Society News!

By- Cory Hamann

We had St. Nick come visit at the Smith House on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>! He was a bit disappointed... he came so far (really) and we had a very small turnout. Usually we have over 100 kids come by and this somewhere between 30 and 40! We had the elves husseling to get things ready and well anyway, maybe it will be a better turnout next year. I think that people get it confused with the "Town Christmas" that happens the weekend after. We told St. Nick that the presents not given out will keep until next year and we will try again. But, the cookies and other refreshments won't, so we shared them with others. Please stop by and visit your local museums and let the hostesses know that you are interested in the past history of our town. Thank you.

Then sing, young hearts that are full of cheer, with never a thought of sorrow; The old goes out, but the glad young comes merrily in tomorrow.  
-Emily Miller-

**Big Butte Historical Society Membership Information! Five Bucks for a one year membership! Thank you... Please mail check to BBHS PO BOX 379 Butte Falls, OR.  97522**

### Bulletin Information Numbers

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Deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month!!!!