

Firehouse News and Views

2005 Fire Season- by Carrie Driskell

So far it has been a very dry spring with warm days and cold nights. You need to keep your chimney clean. We have brushes you may use or you can ask us for assistance, we'd be glad to help. Donations to the department gladly accepted.

Jackson County burn regulations are enforced in and around Butte Falls. If you are burning on a "non-burn day" you may be offending your neighbor's and others with the low lying smoke.

Our fire department has been called to put some of these fires out. If we are dispatched to your location, we will respond and we will have to ask you to extinguish the fire.

If you are a repeat offender and have been fairly warned, you will be facing local and county charges, depending on where you live.

The burn days are chosen when the air pressure, measurement index is over 400. This lets the smoke and particulates dissipate more rapidly.

This fire season could be disastrous if we don't see our April showers. So if you need your ladder fuels reduced to create a defensible space around your home, outbuildings, or over-grown driveways, now is a good time to be getting it done. If you need help, call 865-4383. If you have called, and you're on our list we'll be seeing you soon.

We are doing this fuel reduction through a grant. We can come out and make recommendations and do the work for you and we'll get paid through the grant. No money out of your pocket.

If you have areas that need fuel reduction that is not covered under the grant, we can still do the work for you, but the charge is \$500.00 per acre. This includes piling the brush and burning the piles.

If you are doing fuel reduction yourself, make sure to have 15 to 20 feet of clearance from other fuels and 25 to 30 feet from structures. Keep your piles small and well spaced. Have a shovel and water source ready at all times while burning. And please do not leave your controlled burn unattended. This can result in an out of control burn and can carry a fine for property damage and negligence.

Be fire safe, plan ahead. After you have purchased your burn permit, read the permit. The permit tells you what you can and cannot burn and reminds you to have extinguishing equipment nearby. Remember, each day that you plan to burn, you need to call 716-7007 to make sure it is a burn day.

Fire District News

Following the 2nd public safety meeting on April 27th at 6:45pm, the fire department will be meeting with the folks interested in forming a committee regarding our area becoming a fire district.

The people who volunteer their time to help get this committee going will set up an agenda based on starting a fire district and follow it through until a board of directors is formed. All volunteer time and efforts are appreciated.

The following is dedicated to the volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance personnel in Butte Falls:

I'll Show You A Volunteer

Show me a person who spends endless hours in training without pay. And, I'll show you a volunteer. Show me a person where a cry from help brings split-second dispatch. And, I'll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who is devastated when lives are lost or maimed. And, I'll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who is graciously welcomed as a next-door neighbor. And, I'll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who takes ridicule more than compliments. And, I'll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person whose car is garaged with the grille facing out. And, I'll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who sacrifices home life, TV...even tender moments. And, I'll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person visibly moved at the strains of our National Anthem. And, I'll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who may be asked to give more than just dedication. And, I'll show you a volunteer.

Show me a person who is asked to give more...and more...and more. And, I'll show you a volunteer.

I am very proud of what our volunteer firefighters and medics do in this town. The training hours and the number of calls we have (especially "the very a.m. calls") take a big chunk of time from our "normal routine." What is normal routine?

Show me a person with a normal routine. And, I know for sure, they're not a volunteer!



Bulletin Information....
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or leave at City Hall
Deadline is the 20th!



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Thank you so much to whoever is using the City Hall flower pots as a trash bin. Without people like you our life would be so dull!