

Be Advised

Breaking News from the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department

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Be Advised is an article to increase awareness in the community as to the intentions towards the future of the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department (BFVFD). Each month I will write about a different topic.

As some of you may know, the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department is in the middle of a feasibility study to determine if we should form a rural fire district. There are many things that must be done before a decision such as that is made, but as we discuss the future of the fire department and its service area, one item keeps coming to the surface over and over again as an important piece of the pie:

If the BFVFD decides to remain a department, or decides to form a rural fire district, it is imperative that we have more up-to-date fire coverage for rural areas.

The rural areas within our community are at the moment referred to as subscriber areas, because the people that live there pay a fee to the BFVFD each year to subscribe for fire protection. In some instances we may be the only fire protection they have. These areas are often not within five miles of a fire department so are not considered by insurance companies to be officially covered by any fire department or district. Because of that, folks in rural areas sometimes pay very high insurance premiums, or cannot get insurance at all.

The BFVFD wants to place sub-stations that house engines and tenders strategically to facilitate our response time in areas like Cobleigh Road, Crowfoot Road, and Obenchain Road. These sub-stations would be heated buildings only big enough to house what vehicles are needed. No frills. These vehicles would roll out on every call and put over 4000 gallons of water in route to a fire.

Up-to-date fire coverage not only means the latest fire equipment and increased fire protection services headed to your house when there is a fire, it also means this:

- Your house would now be within five miles of a fire station because these sub-stations would be part of the BFVFD
- You could get insurance, or your existing insurance would be cheaper

Quality of life is important to everyone. Homeowners want to feel safe and protected at home, and want to be able to obtain reasonable insurance. The BFVFD is looking towards the future to increase quality of life for everyone we serve.

*Even if you're on the right track, you'll
Get run over if you just sit there! Will Rogers*



I want to thank the people that helped support my racing this past season. They include Rick and Sandy Carle of the Butte Falls Cafe. The Butte Falls Fire Department, Ron Hailicka and the Goodman family (another great kitchen). And not from Butte Falls is Larson Creek Dental in Medford and Rayburn Racing and Race Cars in Eagle Point. Thank you very much. Calvin Morton.

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