

Forest Service, ECOS to remove tire dumps

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The U.S. Forest Service and the Environmental Committee on Suitability (ECOS), will work together in cleaning up two tire dumps in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

John McCormick, the special agent stationed at the supervisor's office of

the Mt. Hood National Forest, said that the two illegal dump sites are located in the Lolo Pass area.

The Forest Service will provide all transportation and disposal costs, and ECOS will provide the labor.

Carla Jones of Sandy, an employee of the Zigzag District who is currently on leave, expects the handling of the tires to be a dirty affair. With the tires full of water, the workers will

most likely get wet and cold.

Gordon Cabral of Brightwood, an ECOS member, said that the organization is participating in the cleanup because of a sincere concern "for protecting and keeping our area beautiful."

"This is an important project," said Cabral, "because it'll take centuries for the tires to break down. But by us providing a little manpower,

and the Forest Service working with us, two illegal tire dumps will be removed."

One of the dump sites, located just off Lolo Pass Road, has a beautiful backdrop of Mt. Hood.

This dump contains an estimated 200 or more used truck tires. To dispose of them at a commercial landfill it would cost a minimum of \$2 a tire.

The second site contains an equal number of tires but is located down a gully. Some Forest Service workers who were tired of looking at the mountain of tires rolled them down the steep hillside.

McCormick said that these tires will have to be hauled up by cable or with a pulley system.

Forest Service personnel say that these illegal dumpers generally operate at night, and will discard tires from service stations, tire dealers and re-cappers.

Occasionally, they can trace the tires through identification markings, but the task is time consuming.

Forest Service representatives estimate that three extra staff members would be needed to adequately deal with the tire dumping problem.

As many as 1,000 tires per year are discarded in the Mt. Hood National Forest. The majority of the dump sites are never located due to the thick ground covering and timber, which conceal the burial sites.

The Forest Service will probably dispose of the tires collected by ECOS through the Pacific Energy Recovery Center in Portland. The firm will grind the tires to make "hogged fuel" to burn in the boilers of lumber mills.

The disposal cost for the tires will be about \$100, while it would cost about \$400 to take them to a landfill.

Cabral said that the Forest Service and ECOS have not yet set a date for the first cleanup. He said he expects that road access to the site, as well as snow conditions, will determine when the first cleanup effort will be made.



This tire dump, about 20 feet off Lolo Pass Road, will be cleaned up in the near future.

Photo by Michael P. Jones

Skier is injured when tree falls

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A cross country skier, injured when a tree fell on him, was in serious condition in the intensive care unit at Portland Adventist Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

Steven A. Martin of Portland was injured Sunday at Still Creek Campground. A special rescue team, comprised of seven firefighters, was dispatched to the scene at 12:30 p.m., according to Hoodland Fire Chief Don Armintrout.

Armintrout said the rescue team hiked half a mile to assist Martin. He was carried back to Highway 26 on a Stokes ski stretcher.

Lou Sayers and Phil Moyer, Alpine Ambulance personnel, transported the victim, in critical condition, to the fire station in Zigzag, where he was transferred to another ambulance.

Randy Hilton, an emergency medical technician II, and Dan Whittle, transported Martin to Portland Adventist Hospital.

The two people with Martin report that he was struck by a leaning tree overloaded with snow. They said they yelled for him to "watch out" when they saw the tree begin to fall.

Martin was struck on the left side of the face and head.

The two skiers dropped their poles, took off their skis and rushed to help their injured friend.

A moment later two more trees fell. One landed on top of the skis, and the other landed a few feet away.

Fearing further accidents, one of the skiers made his way to the road

and flagged down a motorist, who in turn notified the fire department.

Shortly after this, he waved down an Alpine Ambulance.

Armintrout said that the rescue operation was completed by 12:55 p.m.

Martin suffered two skull fractures in the mishap.

Hoodland Fire Department personnel was also kept busy as a result of a two-car, head-on collision in front of the Whistle-Stop Tavern in Wemme at 1:55 p.m.

Traffic along Highway 26 was halted for about an hour. Four persons suffered minor injuries.

Armintrout said that the injured were transported to Gresham Community Hospital by Alpine Ambulance. One was treated for facial lacerations, two with leg fractures, and another with a neck injury.

Bad road conditions were blamed for the accident, which helped back up traffic from Wemme east to the Highway 35 cutoff.

Earlier that same day, snowy and icy road conditions caused a single-car, non-injury accident in front of Salazar's at Faubin.

At 9:20 p.m. the department assisted with an auto-pedestrian accident at Government Camp.

Barbara E. Smaling, a resident of Government Camp, was transported to Gresham Community Hospital after being backed over by a car. Smaling, 50, was treated for abrasions and released that same night.

The fire department also administered first aid to four persons for minor injuries.

Gun shots arouse curiosity in Rhody

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The firing of shots in the town of Rhododendron on Dec. 22 has raised concerns about safety.

Maria Kraeger-Hone and S.L. Tipton, Rhododendron residents who live next to each other on the banks of the Zigzag River, heard shots fired at 8:30 p.m. and again at midnight.

They attempted to locate the source of the shots but had no success.

Carolyn Smith, who lives just off Road 20, said that she also heard the shot fired at midnight.

It was thought that the shots could have been fired from the summer home area, which is administered by the U.S. Forest Service through the Zigzag Ranger District.

Some residents expressed concern about the use of firearms in a residential area because of the presence of children, adults and pets.

Since July, shots fired around the town have been a common occurrence, according to locals.

Generally, there is only a single shot fired at a time.

The direction of the shots is difficult to determine due to the echo caused by the river's canyon.

Neither the Clackamas County sheriff's office or the Oregon State Police said that they have had any complaints concerning the shots.

Sergeant Dan Wolf of the OSP Government Camp outpost said that his office has had complaints about the use of firearms in the area, but none recently.

He said that it is not against the law to use firearms in the area as long as the person is not recklessly endangering others and is shooting in a safe area.

Wolf said that target practice is common in a rural area like Rhododendron, and as long as a person uses a backstop, so that they aren't shooting at people or a cabin or road, it's legal.

"This is not like the city," said Wolf, "where if you fire your gun in the backyard you'd be breaking the law."

Ron Marvin, who is in charge of administering the Summer Home Program for the Zigzag Ranger District, said that there is nothing in the permits that specifies that shooting is not allowed.

"It's just common sense that you don't discharge firearms in a summer home area," Marvin said. "The only jurisdiction we have is in our own campgrounds, where shooting is prohibited."

Marvin said that even if someone was shooting around the summer home area that they still would not have jurisdiction. Rather, it would be a matter for the OSP, whose job is to enforce the law.

The only time the Forest Service attempts to regulate the use of firearms is in areas it locates its administrative offices and housing, which is in areas quite a distance into the National Forests.

The "No Shooting—Residential Area" signs, he says, are put up only as a reminder that there are people around.

Gun shots aren't the only thing

Rhododendron residents are concerned about.

Several people report having heard an explosion early Wednesday morning.

Jack Baker, a retired colonel in the U.S. Army, said he didn't hear shots fired Wednesday, but did hear the explosion.

Baker said that a few years ago he heard a similar explosion, which occurred in the middle of the night. Like the one Wednesday, it did not shake the house.

He said the next morning he learned that someone had bombed a tree on Road 19.

Hoodland Happenings

Park development Chamber topic

Friday, Jan. 1
Happy New Year!
Monday, Jan. 4
Beginning today Welches ad-

ministrative offices will be open in the new building. Kindergarten through fourth grade students will be delivered and picked up at the new building.

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, will be served at 11:30 a.m. at the Welches School library. Transportation and further information is available by calling 622-3331.

The Wy'east Artisans Guild will hold its January board meeting in Sandy at the home of Liz Jordan at 7:30 p.m. All guild members are encouraged to attend. The new committee chairmen will meet with former guild officers to pass along information and assistance.

Tuesday, Jan. 5
The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly board meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Red Lion at Bowman's. On the agenda is a presentation by the park committee about developing land at the corner of Highway 26 and Salmon River Road into a park. For more information call John Thompson at 622-3927.

The Chamber of Commerce recently held elections for 1982. Elected to

office was Dawson Hubert, president, Shirley Dueber, vice-president, Mike Clark, secretary-treasurer, and John Rizzo and Will Frank, board members.

Wednesday, Jan. 6
Welches Community School Tiny-Tots group meets from 10 a.m. till noon. Call Louise Hoyt, 622-3752, for information and meeting location.

The Clackamas County Bookmobile will be at the Hoodland Plaza from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Welches Community School Advisory Council is now making plans for the winter term. Reva Cox, community school coordinator, said recently.

The Mountain Players will be performing "Barefoot in the Park," a play by Neil Simon, Jan. 16 at the Wemme Lions Club. Tickets are now on sale at various businesses on the mountain. The bar will open at 7 p.m., and the curtain will rise at 8 p.m. For further information call 622-3538.

To place an event in "Hoodland Happenings" contact Dawn Morrison at 622-3538.

Boring Kiwanis raise \$1,000 for disadvantaged

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With the help of the Boring Fire Department, school children and

concerned citizens, the Boring Kiwanis collected well over \$1,000 worth of food and toys for the disadvantaged.

The food and toy drive began about

a month ago. Students collected canned goods and took them to the Boring school. Area service groups donated assorted toys and foods also.

According to Kiwanis members,

this year's drive was the largest ever.

The Kiwanis Christmas Drive, in its third year, has benefited many people in the Damascus-Boring area. This year 51 families received food and toy baskets.

As well as receiving a box filled with toys, families also received a box of food containing a roasting chicken (two for families with more than four members), bread, apples, 10 pounds of potatoes and a variety of canned goods.

The Kiwanis purchased the chicken, potatoes and bread with money earned from a golf tournament held last summer.

While the drive focused on food donations, toys were collected also. It was the first year that the Kiwanis incorporated this into the drive. According to Willard Boring, Kiwanis member, they did this because "there had been so many requests for toys."

Many of the donations came from Rainbow Two of Clackamas County, the Boring Post Office, Ladies Nine Hole Golf Club, the Damascus Ladies Extension Club and the Boring Rebekahs.

Victor Leopold, Kiwanis member and Christmas Drive chairman, contacted the schools and newspapers to locate qualifying families for the food baskets.

According to Leopold, families wanting the baskets had to fill out applications in order to be considered. Leopold said the drive was a lot of work, but was well worth the time.

"I feel like it's really something to help," he said.

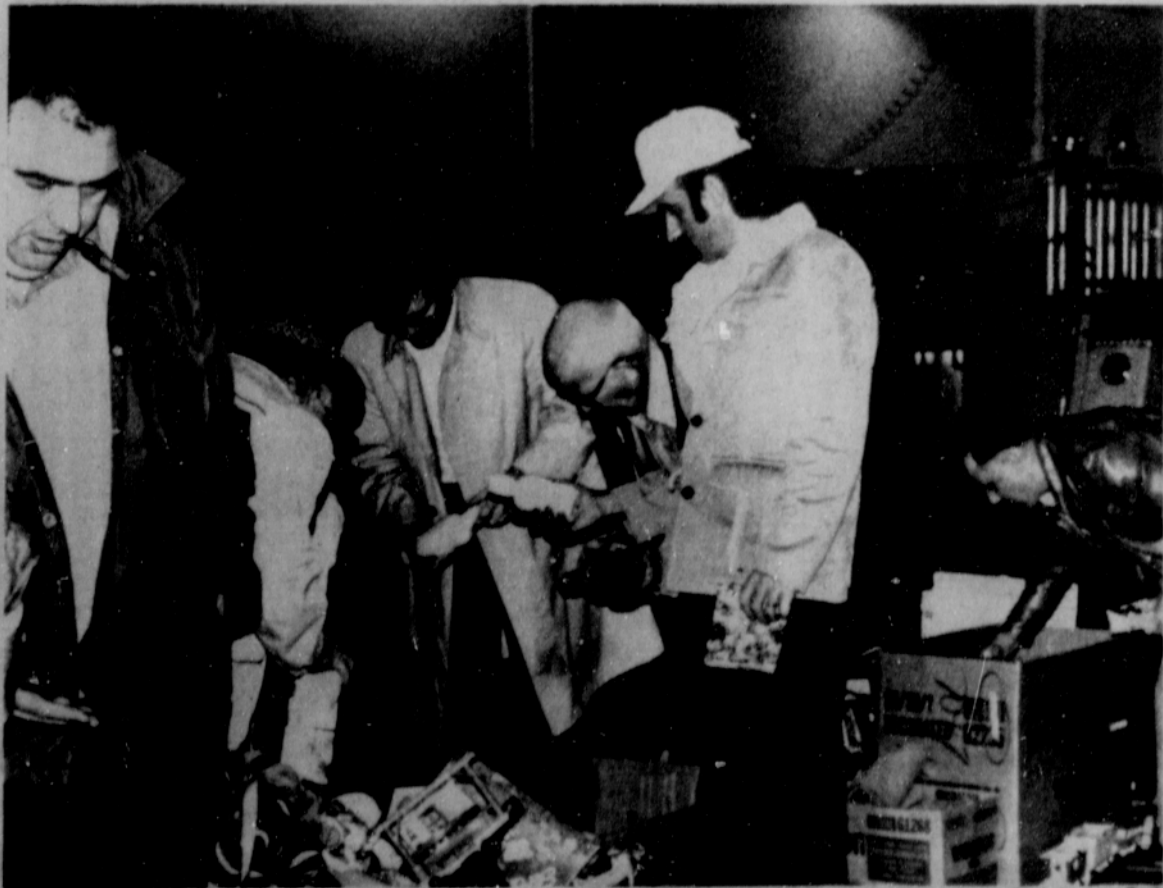


Photo by Gwen Bogh

Boring Kiwanis Club members sort toys at the Boring Fire Station before Christmas. Toys and food went to 51 disadvantaged families in the Damascus-Boring area.

Collector wants dog tag from 'Zigzag, Oregon'

David Scribner of Fairfield, Maine, wants a dog tag that says, "Zigzag, Oregon."

Scribner, an avid collector of dog licenses, wrote to city hall in Zigzag in an attempt to locate the address of the bureau of licensing.

The town is of particular interest to him, he wrote, because it's the only Zigzag in the nation.

But, unknown to the collector, Zigzag's municipality is literally nonexistent. Not even its historic post office remains. It served the area for a good many years in what was known

as the Gateway Store (now the Zigzag Mountain Store), from 1927 to 1974.

Scribner writes that he wants a dog tag from the Mt. Hood community and that it need not be a new one. A common, ordinary tag might suffice, laying odds that he has never heard of Clackamas County.

"If what I ask is not possible," wrote the collector, "you need not reply just to say so."

Anyone interested in contributing to Scribner's collection can contact him at 34 Western Avenue, Fairfield, Maine, 04937.