

Hundreds of abandoned vehicles removed from rez

About 500 abandoned and junk cars were towed recently from various parts of the reservation to the area by the landfill. The cars are to be crushed and hauled away.

A joint project of Warm Springs Fire and Safety and the Housing Department, this is the third year of the junk-car removal project. The previous two years

saw an average of 350 cars hauled away and crushed. Even after this year's removal of 500 or so wrecked and useless vehicles, many more still are out there needing to be hauled away, said Fire Chief Dan Martinez.

Housing and Fire and Safety contracted with a private company to do the towing and the crushing. Some of the cars were stripped for parts that were deemed of some value.



The area beside the landfill has been filled with hundreds of abandoned vehicles towed in from around the reservation.

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Big potential seen in road repair idea

Warm Springs Ventures and Tectonics International have reached an agreement to file jointly for a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

If awarded, phase one of the grant - called a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant - would be in the amount of \$100,000. The second phase of the grant would be in the

amount of \$750,000.

The specific purpose of the grant is to develop a quick mobile repair system for the delivery and application of fast-setting Tectonite Cement.

Tectonics International developed this product primarily for use in the repair of concrete highways, bridges and other structures.

The SBIR grant focuses on the current needs of the national highway system, and the challenges involved in maintaining over 600,000 bridge structures, and over 160,000 miles of highway, much of which is now over 20 years old and in need of repair and preservation.

The grant would cover the cost to identify a solution as well

as the actual costs for a working prototype model.

Warm Springs Ventures is the venture capital investment and business arm of the Confederated Tribes. Tectonics International, a private company, works in agreement with the tribes and Warm Springs Composite Products.

Spring chinook salmon season opens on the Warm Springs River

The Warm Springs River from the Warm Springs fish hatchery boundary fence downstream to the mouth is open to fishing seven days per week until July 31.

All areas above the Warm Springs hatchery, including the mainstem rivers and all tributary streams, are closed to all fishing for the protection of salmon and steelhead.

Below the hatchery subsistence fishing only is allowed: No commercial sales.

The fishery will be for hatchery spring chinook salmon only. All wild salmon must be returned to the river unharmed. All wild

steelhead and bull trout (Dolly Varden) must be released.

Fishing from scaffold using set nets, dipnets, and hoop nets is allowed. Hook and line fishing is allowed, one pole per person, single hook only.

Snagging of fish is prohibited and any fish that is snagged must be returned to the river unharmed. The use of gill nets is prohibited.

For more information on other tribal fishing opportunities please call the Warm Springs Fishing Information Hotline at 553-2000. These regulations are by Tribal Council Resolution No. 10367.



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The service station on Highway 26 recently changed from a Texaco to a Shell Station. There is a much better credit-card system through Shell, explained Delford Johnson, station owner. In the photo, the new Shell sign is put in place above the station.

Composite Products presents second \$250,000 dividend to tribes

Warm Springs Composite Products recently paid a dividend to the Confederated Tribes of \$250,000.

This is the second dividend of \$250,000 that Composite Products has paid to the tribes over the past couple months, for a total of half a million dollars.

Composite Products, a tribal enterprise, produces Tectonite Cement. The enterprise uses the Tectonite as a component in other products, such fire-resistant doors.

The Composite Products plant is located near the mill, and employs 34 people.

The enterprise began about 11 years ago.

Composite Products and the tribes have a manufacturing agreement with the research and development company Tectonics International, which developed Tectonite.

Through the agreement, Composite Products has a right

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Weed control topic of meeting

Tribal members are being asked to provide comments on the management of noxious weeds and undesirable vegetation.

The Natural Resources Branch will host a scoping meeting to discuss vegetation management June 1, 5-8 p.m. at Warm Springs Wellness Center.

Employees from Natural Resources will provide information regarding vegetation management on range and forest lands during the meeting. The meeting is being held to gather input from tribal members.

The new vegetation management plan will replace a document approved in 1994, which

recently expired. An addendum was added to the original plan in 1998.

The updated document will cover management activities for the next 10 years.

Goals and objectives adopted under the original plan will remain the same. Standard operating procedures will be reviewed and some guidelines may be altered during the ongoing process.

The technical staff will explain current management practices and seek comments from the tribal public to guide future activities. Comments received during the scoping meeting will be used to develop an updated

version of the original plan.

Some of the major issues being considered under this plan include prescribed burning, manual weed control, herbicide spraying and biological control of weeds.

For those who are unable to attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the Range and Agriculture Department, which is located in the Natural Resources Building.

Refreshments will be served during the June 1 meeting.

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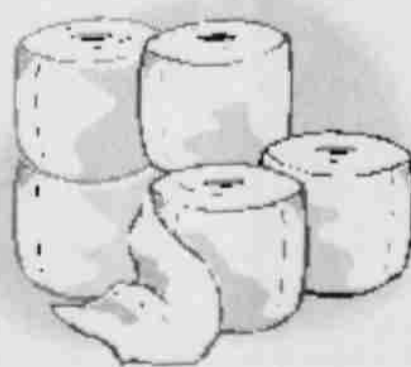
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