

# THE WOODS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
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## Solar Eclipse



August 17, 2017



August 21, 2017

## Surrounding Road Conditions

The only ingress/egress for Cascadel Woods, emergency or otherwise, is now limited to Road 233.

Autumn Ridge Road (located just outside the arch) is closed to traffic due to a severe washout during last winter's storms and is currently impassable.



The road located at the opposite end of Cascadel, which is a continuation of Cascadel Road, (commonly referred to as the Mormon Jimmy Road and/or Forest Service Road 8S27) suffered a landslide and is also currently impassable with any type of "street" vehicle. In case of an emergency please do not attempt to use either of these roads unless specifically instructed to do so at the time by Cal-Fire, U.S. Forest Service or Sheriff Dept. Should Road 233 be blocked, the open fields across the street from the clubhouse are our Cal-Fire approved "Shelter-in-Place" locations.



(Note: Top Photo taken from USFS website).

## MASTICATION PROJECT

Francey Blaugrund, Forest Service Contracting Officer's Representative in the Culture Shop at the Bass Lake Ranger District

has been overseeing existing mechanical thinning/mastication/fuels reduction contracts occurring near the surrounding areas of Cascadel Woods to the north and east sides. She has updated the CWPOA that an additional 2017 Mechanical Thinning Contract has recently been awarded by the Forest Service.

## ROAD REPAIRS

Temporary repairs were made to a section of Cascadel Drive to repair the destruction caused by excessive water drainage and heavy logging trucks.



The expense included the repair cost as well as extra material to continue filling pot holes and related

damage around the subdivision. "Temporary only" repairs will continue until the logging is completed.

We all owe a huge Thank You to all who were able to contribute early and for your considerable donations!

## Tree and Log Removal

On June 20<sup>th</sup> PG&E issued 27 additional work orders to their contractor (BKW) for the

Extended Management Debris Program. (Log & Debris Removal). They have returned to our community with two teams to expedite the removal process.

Based on discussions with the contractor we estimate PG&E will be working through mid-August to complete their current target list. Additional work orders are pending. Property "Accessibility" is the key determining factor for any debris removal under the recently revised PG&E program. For questions, please feel free to contact PG&E: 1-800-743-5000, ext 4.

Tree felling and log removal under our Cal-Fire Tree Mortality grant is currently on hold due to PG&E being on site. As soon as they depart the area we will continue to fell trees and remove logs until our funding runs out. In total, during May and June, 97 trailer loads of logs were hauled out of Cascadel Woods and 163 trees were felled.

Additionally, our financial sponsor is working on a program to fund the removal of the large slash piles that remain after the properties have been cleared of logs. We'll keep you posted on any developments.

On June 23, the Mt Bullion Crews completed their 20-day commitment to the CWPOA. Cal-Fire is agreeable to additional days and as a result we are currently seeking the necessary funding. Naturally, these crews are available only when not fighting fires.

## Fire Prevention

Volunteers continue to mow and weedeat the roadsides and the CSA open areas, especially our Cal-Fire approved "Shelter-in-



Place", which are the two open areas across the street from the clubhouse.



Volunteers from Cascadel Woods and Cascadel Heights joined forces on the weekend of July 8<sup>th</sup> and did a great job with roadside brushing from the

Cascadel arch to the hairpin curve on Road 233. Thank You!

## CWPOA/Water Co Offices

We moved back into our office located at the CDC (old mill site) on July 26. Thanks to all who helped in the move.

## WATER COMPANY NEWS

### NOTICE:

Our water supply is now being supplemented by our spring. The use of chlorine will begin and continue as required by Madera County Environmental Health.

The use of the spring is absolutely necessary during this time of year to keep our water tanks full to provide for adequate household use and potential fire fighting.

## Emergency Contact's for Water Co.

(Broken water lines, etc.)

For a quick response to water problems;

First call Ken Wood: (559)676-5387 Cell

Second call Brian Curtis: 559-877-4379

Third call Stan Eggink: (559)877-6290

For more information, if you spot a leak or need assistance, please contact the CWPOA or Water Company at (559)877-2635 (messages are checked every couple of days) or send e-mail to [cascadelwoods@netptc.net](mailto:cascadelwoods@netptc.net).

## Firewise Committee/Brigade

The Firewise/Brigade held their monthly meeting on July 29. Carol Eggink was voted in as the Firewise Leader. Brian Curtis was voted in as the Training Leader. Simon Elman was voted in as the Fire Box Manager.

Training was held on the proper procedures of connecting the hoses to the hydrant and charging the lines. The next training day will be in October. If you are interested in joining the Firewise Committee/ Fire Brigade, please contact Carol Eggink (559)877-6290 or email [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).

## Events and Meetings

The Water Company Board Meeting originally scheduled for Friday, August 11 at 4:00 PM has been rescheduled. Rather than having a Friday evening Water Co meeting and a Saturday morning CWPOA meeting, the two have been combined and will meet on Saturday, Aug 12<sup>th</sup>. Agenda enclosed.

- **CWPOA Board of Director's**  
Aug 12, 10:00 AM Clubhouse
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Sat. Aug 12, 10:00 AM Clubhouse
- **Cascadel Firewise/Brigade**  
Sat. Aug 19, 10:00 AM Clubhouse

**Next Month**

- **Cascadel Firewise/Brigade**  
Sat. Sept 16, 10:00 AM Clubhouse
- **CWPOA Annual Member's Meeting**  
Sat. Sept 23, 10:00 AM Clubhouse

**CRCD Crews Chop Downed Logs into Shared Firewood**

The Coarsegold Resource Conservation District (CRCD) received a grant to assist people in splitting logs into firewood. The homeowner must have identifiable financial needs. The logs must be within 100 feet of the home. The homeowner must have two estimates for the work with before and after pictures to document the work. A portion of the split wood must be donated to those in need in our community. If you are interested in this program, you are asked to call Anne Melrose at (559) 676-7636 or email her at [ammelrose0@gmail.com](mailto:ammelrose0@gmail.com) .

**LOCAL EVENT**

**Hot August Nights in Downtown North Fork**

This much-anticipated event will include the hottest classic cars, plus a San Joaquin Antique Flywheelers exhibition, live music, prizes, special guests, a host of food and craft vendors, and a local artists' show. Hundreds of visitors and participants will line the streets of downtown North Fork on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 3 to 8 p.m., and you won't want to miss out.

**HELLO DARKNESS**



There will be an eclipse of the sun on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 10:15 am. It will be seen at its best from the Oregon Coast. In Oregon the eclipse will last for 1

minute, 59 seconds of totality. The length of the eclipse gets longer as the 68 mile wide umbra speeds across the heartland, with the

greatest duration occurring in Illinois, where it should last 2 minutes, 40 seconds. The next visible solar eclipse for us will be in 2024. If you get the chance to view it, do it.

“Umbra” – 1. A shaded area. 2. A conical shadow excluding all light from a given source.

Note: This article is from the AAA magazine, 2017 Jan/Feb issue by way of Malinda Lodge. Thank you Malinda.



We are saddened to report the loss of two of our local residents and neighbors.

**Jack Martin-** A Cascadel property owner since 1988 passed in July. Jack was a full time resident who served on the Water Board and volunteered his service to Cascadel. He is survived by his wife, Martha “Dot” Goodman Martin who still resides in Cascadel.

**Laura Morgan-** A past resident of Cascadel in the early 60’s. Laura passed on July 21, 2017. Laura is survived by her husband, Warren “Tanny” Morgan, two brothers, one sister, two daughters, thirteen grandchildren, and 31 great grandchildren.

They raised their daughters here and volunteered their services to our community. Laura worked for many years at the North Fork Post Office.

There will be a memorial service on Friday, Aug. 4, at 10 a.m. at the North Fork Cemetery, followed by a reception at the North Fork Town Hall.

Donations can be made in Laura’s name to the Ethos Youth Center, P.O. Box 2075, Mariposa, California 95338.

Our condolences to the families.

**Your Newsletter**

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Aimee Cox, CWPOA Secretary, by August 28, 2017 at [aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeleigh1209@gmail.com)