



## CHIPPING DAY AUGUST 14 & 15

# THE WOODS



## A NEWSLETTER FROM CASCADEL WOODS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION VOLUME 57 AUGUST 1, 2020



## THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART

### CMWC NEWS

#### OPERATIONAL & EMERGENCY CHANGES

In June of 2019, the Water Company hired a professional bookkeeping service, (Busy Bee, Oakhurst), to handle the banking, billing and bookkeeping. The ability to have licensed personnel performing these services with the added security of “back up” personnel to fill in for absences is a benefit we have not had in the past and has thus far proven to be an asset for our business. We have also added the ability for members to pay by debit/credit card if they so desire, which appears to be the case. After just a few months we have already added 30 members to the card payment list.

The Water Company is transitioning to an outside contractor, S&S Water Services, to maintain the water system. S&S has several technicians which enable them to cover any absentee or larger job issues we may encounter. S&S will be responsible for the weekly and monthly duties required of a water operator. They will be responsible for the state and federal requirements.

Ken Wood, our current Water Operator, is returning to school mid-summer which will limit his ability to handle his normal and emergency duties for the Water Company. Ken has been working with S&S Water Services for several weeks introducing them to the water system for a smoother transition. Ken will still be around and assist if needed. **The Emergency contacts are in this order to call:** S&S Water Services, Inc. Office: 559-439-8951  
Cell: 559-246-7513

Ken Wood (if available) 559-676-5387,  
Brain Curtis 559-877-4379 or Stan Eggink 559-877-6290

#### FIREWISE BRIGADE/COMMITTEE

We are really clearing up the ladder fuels and knocking down the brush. There was a lot of work completed in July and more of you turned in your hours for the year to date.

The total hours turned in by the community is a whopping 1,289. Multiply that by the volunteer hourly rate of \$25.43 per hour we have a total to date of \$32,779.27.

**OUTSTANDING WORK EVERYONE!!!!!!**

#### EASEMENT CLEARING ON ROAD 233

The Road 233 clearing has progressed nicely. It is our desire to keep the road open in the case of a wildfire in the area so we can get down and the First Responders can get up here.

While weed whacking Friday, 7-24, someone threw out quite a bit of trash onto the road, which included a face mask, medical equipment packaging, Pringles can, water bottle and oh yes, a smart phone. If you know who the phone belongs to, they can call me at 559-877-6290.

#### FUEL BREAKS ON THE CSA OPEN AREAS

Most of you are aware of the ongoing efforts, on the CSA open areas, to reduce the wildfire dangers by the Firewise Brigade and other volunteers. Teddy Michele of Madera County Public Works Department has emailed with information regarding the maintenance of fuel clearance on the CSA properties. Madera issued a permit to [Cascadel Ranch Fire Safe Council \(CRFSC\)](#) to maintain the open areas for wild fire clearance. If you, as a resident of Cascadel Woods, would like to see an area made more accessible for walking or recreation or just hardened against wild fires to protect your family and home, then you are to call [CRFSC at 559-760-4689](#). If you cannot reach the [CRFSC](#) for any reason you might want to call Public Works Engineer, Teddy Michele @ 559-675-7811 or our Supervisor for District 5, Tom Wheeler @ 559-662-6050.

#### COMMUNITY CHIPPING DAY

The Firewise Brigade is holding another chipping day for residents of Cascadel Woods on August 14 & 15. If you are



clearing and have created a pile of limbs for chipping, call Carol Eggink so you can be put on the chipping list.



Carol Eggink sends out her gratefulness to all of you who have contributed to the clearing of wildfire fuels in Cascadel Woods and the clearing of the easements on Road 233.

Some have adopted areas to maintain, others cleared more than their property, and some donated funds and/or equipment. All the hard work looks good and is a huge help in making us more **defendable** in the event of a wildfire.

### U.S. Forest Service - Sierra National Forest



### Forest Order No. 05-15-00-20-06 Sierra National Forest COVID-19 Fire Restriction

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a), and to protect natural resources and provide for public safety, the following acts are prohibited on the Sierra National Forest. This Order is effective from June 4, 2020, through November 30, 2020.

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except in open Developed Recreation Sites and Wilderness Areas. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR 261.52(d).
3. Operating an internal combustion engine off paved, gravel or dirt National Forest System roads and trails, except boats on a water surface. 36 CFR 261.52(h).

### FROM SIERRA NEWS ONLINE

#### Survey Response Needed for Pedestrian/Bicycle Path in North Fork

North Fork – Madera County is partnering with the North Fork Rancheria and Chawanakee School District to apply for a competitive Caltrans grant (Caltrans Active Transportation Grant Program). The project would build a Class-I pedestrian/bicycle path in North Fork, if awarded. The proposed pedestrian/bicycle path would extend from the intersections of Road 222 and Road 225 to the new roundabout at Road 225 and Road 228. The western end of

the path (Road 222 and Road 225) would connect to a formal pedestrian path leading to the North Fork Rancheria Community Center. The path would travel across Willow Creek via a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge and connect to a path leading to North Fork Elementary School and the Mono Museum.

#### NF Survey Map

The survey will support the grant application process as there is no guarantee the grant will be awarded; however, the more community engagement received from the survey, the more competitive the grant application will be. Click on the link to take the virtual survey now:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=\\_O9nVWX6a0usWE4jMAc1H11EWev004FEuNZABOKtfa9UMjZIUERKUF1ySldERTdVWU5XV6kxWT1dFUi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_O9nVWX6a0usWE4jMAc1H11EWev004FEuNZABOKtfa9UMjZIUERKUF1ySldERTdVWU5XV6kxWT1dFUi4u)

If you have any questions about the grant application or the project, please contact Madera County at 559-675-7703 or The North Fork Rancheria at 559-877-2461.

### EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Aug 14 – CMWC Board Meeting**  
4 PM – Location To be Determined
- **Aug 14 – CMWC Nominations Due**
- **Aug 21 – Mail Ballots for CMWC Election of Director**
- **Aug 24 – Mail out nominations for Directors CWPOA**

### NEXT MONTH

- **Sep 10 – CWPOA Nominations Due**
- **Sep 12 – CMWC Annual Members Meeting**  
10:00 AM – Location to be Determined
- **Sep 14 – CWPOA Ballots Mailed to Members**
- **Sep 25– CWPOA Annual Members Meeting**  
10:00AM – Location to be Determined
- **Sep 26 – CWPOA Annual Members Meeting**  
10:00AM Location to be Determined

### BEAR ALERT NOTICE

A bear has been spotted several times by residents on the horseshoe curve and near Peckinpah on Road 233.

### PONDEROSA FIBER OPTIC PROJECT

You may have noticed the white paint along the side of the roads. Ponderosa will be putting fiber optics inside the conduits they placed in the ground a few years ago. The start date has yet to be determined.

### FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for the August Newsletter by August 27, 2020 to Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).



# ONE LESS SPARK ONE LESS WILDFIRE



CAUSED BY: VEHICLES

## Maintain Vehicle Brakes

Never let your brake pads wear too thin. Metal on metal makes sparks.



## Careless Park Causes Spark

Vehicles parked too closely to vegetation start fires.



## Report All Fires CALL 9-1-1

Report location, what is burning, how fast is it moving, how tall are the flames, what is in danger, stay on the phone.



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CAUSED BY: VEHICLES

## Safe Towing

Dragging chains will throw sparks. Never substitute parts when towing. Only use appropriate safety pins & hitch ball.



## Nothing Dragging

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained, with nothing dragging on the ground.



## Be Wheel Safe

Check tire pressure. Driving on an exposed wheel rim throws sparks.



Only You Can Prevent Wildfires.

