

Bvhd. County Road Report

9/27-10/3

Dillon area:

Hand patched White Lane, Laknar Lane and Highway 324. Blade patched Highway 324, White, Laknar and Webster Lanes, and Blacktail Road. Moved equipment to Highway 324 (Grant) for pavement patching. Road check of Horse Prairie area roads and roads south of Dillon. Equipment service and repair.

Lima area:

Bladed North and South Valley Roads, Stibal Lane, and Blacktail Road. Equipment service and repair.

Wisdom/Jackson area:

Road check of Rock Creek, Twin Lakes, Little Lake Creek, and Lower North Fork Roads. Bladed Miner Lake, Skinner Meadows, Little Lake Creek and Twin Lakes Roads. Removed willows on Little Lake Creek Road. Equipment service and repair.

Fire Prevention Week reminds all to check smoke alarms

The Dillon Volunteer Fire Department is joining the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and other safety advocates this fall to remind children and adults about fire safety during Fire Prevention Week. October 3-9. This year's theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarms," highlights the im-

portance of all families installing and maintaining smoke alarms in the home. The Dillon Volunteer Fire Department urges everyone to check your smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms are the most effective early warning device available for the home. Since they were introduced to consumers in the 1970s, they have helped to

reduce the home fire death rate by one half. Even though they are now widely popular, roughly 70 percent of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Fires can spread through a home rapidly, and in some cases, individuals may have as little as two minutes to escape to safety once the alarm sounds. Dillon Volunteer Fire Department encourages residents to keep smoke alarms working and to leave immediately when a smoke alarm sounds.

Here are some key smoke alarm installation and maintenance tips:

- Install at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home and outside each separate sleeping area.
- Mount smoke alarms on ceilings or high walls.
- Test smoke alarms once a month, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Replace batteries once a year or as soon as the device "chirps," indicating that the battery is low.
- Replace all smoke alarms after 10 years, even those that are hard-wired or smoke alarms

with "long-life" (10-year) batteries. Smoke alarms with "long-life" (10-year) batteries also need to be replaced when the alarm "chirps" or fails to respond to periodic testing. The batteries in these units cannot be replaced.

Alarms that are hard-wired to the home's electrical system should be installed by a qualified electrician.

Testing smoke alarms may sound like basic advice, but this lesson can save lives. All too often the presence of a working smoke alarm can mean the difference between life and death. But despite the fact that smoke alarms are now widely popular, roughly 70 percent of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Because fire can spread through a home so quickly, it is essential that everyone in your family be able to recognize the sound of the alarm, and has a plan for getting out safely. We've even got special smoke alarm tips for kids, older adults and people with disabilities. Smoke alarms are the fire safety success story of the 20th century, but they can't save your life if they're not working. Test your

smoke alarm today. It could make all the difference.

To learn more about Fire Prevention Week, visit NFPA at www.firepreventionweek.org.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week since 1922. The campaign's purpose is to raise public awareness about the dangers of fire, how to prevent it and how to be protected from it. Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, in which more than 250 people died, 100,000 were left homeless and more than 17,400 structures were destroyed. Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record, according to the NFPA.

NFPA has been a worldwide leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating scientifically-based consensus codes and standards, research, training and education. Visit NFPA's Web site at: www.nfpa.org.

ChamberCorner

NEWS FROM THE BEAVERHEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
By Judy Siring, Executive Director

Good luck, UM-Western Dawgs!

It's homecoming weekend at the University of Montana-Western... Good luck Dawgs and Lady Dawgs!

There's a Fall Festival at the Lima Historical Society on Saturday, with fun and food.

The Beaverhead Development Corporation is hosting a construction tour on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. - noon at the new Camp Fortunate Interpretive Center. Stop in and check out our new office and see the beautiful building firsthand.

Make plans to participate in the Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce's Halloween Party. Each year, the chamber, with the help of United Way, puts on this fun and safe party for all area children, ages infant through eighth grade. As you know, hundreds of area kids enjoy this event free of charge each year. We need organizations and businesses to become involved by having a booth of either a game or an activity that is fun and free for the kids. Give us a call today to get involved. We want this year's party to be the best!

Sage Grouse working group to discuss hunting, predation

The next meeting of the Dillon area sage grouse local working group will take place Wednesday, October 13, at the Search and Rescue Building in Dillon.

This meeting will focus on harvest management (hunting) and predation. If you plan to attend, please read the relevant portions of Section VI (Conservation Actions) of the Montana sage grouse conservation plan: <http://www.fwp.state.mt.us/wildthings/sagegrouse/groups.a.p>. If you do not have Internet access, please contact Anne Cossitt at 633-2213. The state plan provides a toolbox of possible actions that local groups can take to achieve the goals of maintaining or increasing sage grouse populations and habitat.

Guest speaker will be San Stiver, Wildlife Coordinator for the Sage Grouse Conservation Planning Framework Team and 23-year veteran in sage grouse management.

The Planning Framework Team was established in 2000 by the

Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and BLM.

The Team recently released a 600-page assessment of factors affecting sage grouse across their 11-state distribution area. The assessment was sent to the Fish and Wildlife Service for consideration as the agency conducts its status review to determine eligibility of sage grouse under the Endangered Species Act. The full text of the assessment can be accessed at the Montana Sage Grouse Local Working Group website: <http://www.fwp.state.mt.us/wildthings/sagegrouse/default.html>.

The October 13 meeting in Dillon will run from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you have missed previous working group meetings, please come at 2:30 p.m. to ask questions and obtain handouts. Anyone who would like additional information is welcome to contact Anne Cossitt, Park City MT, 633-2213, or by e-mail at cossitt@usadig.com.

Cross country championships scheduled in Bozeman

The Montana Association of USA Track & Field has announced that the 2004 USATF-Montana Cross Country State Championships will be held on Saturday, November 6, at Bridger Creek Golf Course in Bozeman, Montana.

Hosted by the Bozeman Track Club the cross-country championships will offer three age categories with 3K, 4K, 5K, and 8K courses based on age group divisions within each category.

Age group divisions include Jr. Olympic (5 age divisions, 10-and-under to 18 yrs. old), Open (19+), and Master's (40+, 5 yr. increments).

Medals will be awarded to the top ten finishers, plus the top cross-country team, in each Junior Olympic age group division, who will also qualify for the national cross-country championships in Schaumburg, Illinois on

Saturday, December 11, 2004.

Medals to the top three finishers, plus championship trophies to the top finisher, will be awarded in the Open and Masters age groups.

Long-sleeve shirts, hats, water bottles, and prizes will also be available for all participants in all age groups.

Entry fees before Saturday, October 30th - \$8, thereafter \$5 late fee. 2004 USATF member-

ship card required.

Late registration until Wednesday, November 3, 2004. Entry forms available at local U.S.A.S. retail stores, Y.M.C.A. centers, or association's website.

For more information see the association's website at www.mtusatf.org.

Or, contact Dave Skelton, Meet Director, at (406) 587-7698 after 7 P.M. or e-mail at bztclub@mcn.net.

Have license when accessing State Lands

When planning a hunting trip, it is important for hunters to be mindful of the regulations associated with using State School Trust Land.

Just a few tips:
A \$2 state lands access fee is now included in the \$6.25 price of the FWP conservation license. This license replaces the \$10 state lands recreational use license for hunting, fishing and trapping activities on state lands.

Those 12 years of age or older

must have a State Lands Recreational Use License for activities other than fishing and hunting on State School Trust Lands (more commonly referred to as state land).

The license is \$5 for those ages 12-17 and age 60 and older, for all others the license is \$10. These licenses are available from any Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks regional office or license provider.

The proceeds from each State

Lands license sold help support Montana's public schools.

Know where state land boundaries lie: Maps showing designated state land tracts and road status are posted at DNRC, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Services offices statewide.

Don't trespass: State lands are legally accessible if they can be reached from adjacent public lands or public roads. However, if you have to cross private property to reach them, you need to get landowner permission. Also, not all tracts of State School Trust Land are open for recreational use.

Watch where you drive: The only roads open for vehicle use are public roads, such as county roads and state highways, and a few roads designated as open by DNRC. Off-road use is strictly prohibited.

Be fire conscious: Hunters are urged to check current fire conditions, and for any restrictions or closures that may be in place where they plan to hunt. Hunters should have, at minimum, a bucket, axe and shovel with them before venturing out in the woods.

For details on these and other regulations, ask for the "Guide to Recreational Use of State Land," available from license providers, at DNRC offices, FWP regional offices or by calling 441 1868.

For More Information Contact

Tom Jones

112 South Washington • Dillon, Montana 59725
(406) 683-2365

Montana Chamber Choices

Montana Chamber Choices:

- New choices for employers, brought to you by the Montana Chamber of Commerce and local participating chambers of commerce.
- Several medical plan options available, from premier coverage to economy plans.
- Optional dental and life coverage available

Plan Requirements:

- Current and continuing membership in the Montana Chamber or participating local chamber of commerce.
- Groups of 2-50 (75% of eligible) employees.
- Employer must pay 50% of employee premium.

Health Insurance Coverage Choices for the Small Montana Employer.

FLAMAN RENTALS

is looking for a Rental Dealer in Dillon.

We welcome Auction Marts, Farm Mechanical Shops, Bulk Fuel Agents, Fertilizer Agents, Feed & Supply Stores, & Equipment Dealers.

For information please call Larry Stettner or Rocky Amson at 1-888-883-8081. Join one of the fastest growing Farm Franchises in North America.

Y Dillon's Family YMCA

Let's make it happen!

During the month of October, Tyler & Hoerning Motors will donate \$25 to the Dillon Family YMCA for every new or used vehicle sold!*

Get yourself a great car or truck, and help make the dream happen for the YMCA!

* Minimum sale price applies.

TYLER & HOERNING
MOTORS, INC.

675 N. MONTANA • DILLON, MONTANA • 683-2371 • 1 (800) 423-5428



Whitehall, MT

Outdoor Sports, Antique & Art Show

OCTOBER 9-10, 2004

BUY ★ SELL ★ TRADE

Optics • Firearms • Western & Wildlife Art
Antiques of Western Life • Hunting Gear
Clothing • Books • And Lots More!

Jefferson Valley Presents
Building on N. Division St
off Legion Ave

Saturday 9-6:00 - Sunday 9-3:00

\$2 Admission for Weekend Pass - Children 13 & Under Free
SPONSORED BY JEFFERSON RIVER CARRY OPTIONS



LOOK FOR THE 2004 FAIR MEMORIES EDITION INSERTED IN THIS WEEK'S DILLON TRIBUNE.

Extra copies are available at the Dillon Tribune office. ENJOY!!!