



Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Stacey Corless to hold Offices hours - The newest member of the Board will be hosting open office hours at Sierra Center Mall. Come on by the CAO Conference Room at the Sierra Center all, 452 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 309 pm February 9th from 10:00am -12:00pm.

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Community Development

June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee – At Tuesday’s meeting, the Committee concluded review of the June Lake Area Plan update with help from **Courtney Weiche** and **Wendy Sugimura**. In addition, Mammoth Mountain and June Mountain Ski Area representatives provided an update on the current season’s outlook and possible future improvements at June Mountain.

Antelope Valley RPAC – At Thursday’s meeting, the RPAC elected new officers and recommended appointment of Bill Van Lente as a new member. The RPAC expressed support for truck restrictions on SR 108 presented by Caltrans, and voiced concerns on proposed communication infrastructure upgrades for Marine Corps facilities. Jeff Ulrich gave an update on USFS activities, including announcement of a proposed decision on sage grouse policies for the Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest Plan (see attachment). Trail planning concepts explored earlier in the day at a field meeting with **Gerry Le Francois** were discussed, and **Board Chair Tim Fesko** provided a BOS update. **CAO Jim Leddy’s** initial presentation of the Mono County Strategic Plan was well received, and RPAC members were asked to consider providing feedback at a future meeting.

Sage Grouse – Mono County is hosting the website for the upcoming Bi-State Pinyon-Juniper Expansion Forum on Feb. 25-26 at Minden, NV. Analysts **Wendy Sugimura** and **Brent Calloway** have been participating in Local Area Working Group discussions to develop and plan this event. Please see <http://monocounty.ca.gov/community-development/page/pinyon-juniper-expansion-forum> for more information.

CONTACT: CD Ritter, (760) 924-1804

County Administrator’s Office

Mono County’s first ever Strategic Planning Framework Heads to the RPACS – Thank you to everyone on staff (which is ALL of you) who helped bring forward the Strategic Planning Framework. This unprecedented effort now will start the process of being circulated out through many public committees the County has to garner public feedback. On Thursday, February 5th, the Antelope RPAC got the first review of the Strategic Planning Framework. We will be going back on March 5th. Next up will be the Mono Basin RPAC on the 11th!



Please feel free to come on by the following RPAC meetings:

Antelope Valley	February 5th and March 5th
Mono Basin	February 11th
Bridgeport	February 19th and March 19th
Long Valley	February 25th
Chalfant	March 2nd
June Lake	March 3rd
Benton	March 16th

Thank you all very much for being a part of history and building our future!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

CalPERS addresses Anthem Blue Cross Data Breach – RCRC has provided us CALPERS feedback from Anthem Blue Cross over the recently reported data breach at Anthem. Below is AntheMs response.

“Dear Valued Stakeholders,

As many of you have heard in the news, our health plan partner Anthem Blue Cross disclosed late last night that hackers breached its computer systems and the personal information of its members. Like you, we are very concerned and frustrated about this unacceptable breach. We have been in touch with Anthem this morning to ensure they are doing everything possible to protect our members and their families who are enrolled in the plan.

Anthem has said that the breach included access to customers' names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, member ID numbers, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and employment information. However, no personal health care information or credit cards numbers were compromised.

Anthem will individually notify current and former members whose information has been accessed and will provide credit monitoring and identity protection services free of charge so that those who have been affected can have peace of mind going forward.

Anthem has also established a website -- www.anthemfacts.com -- where members can access information about the situation as well as a dedicated toll-free number for questions about this incident: (877) 263-7995. We are also promoting this information through our social media channels and with stakeholders like you and encourage you to share it with your members and networks as well.

We will keep you updated with any new information we learn on this issue and appreciate your help and partnership in protecting our members and their personal data.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you,

Rita L. Gallardo, MPA | Division Chief | CalPERS Office of Stakeholder Relations | (916) 795-0944 o | (916) 717-8975 c”

Tuolumne County reports back on aftermath and recovery of 2013 Rim Fire - The Rim Fire was one of California's most devastating natural disasters. With drought apparently continuing into a fourth year, wildfire response and recovery continue to be significant issues for California.

Please take a couple of minutes to watch this video about the Rim Fire and Tuolumne County's recovery efforts.

<http://youtu.be/8aCF5QRRvPw>

And you can read a Blog entry from CSAC's Michael Sweet, about visiting the Rim Fire burn area.

<http://www.counties.org/county-voice/rim-fire-inferno-recovery>

CONTACT: Gregg Fishman, Communications Coordinator, California State Association of Counties, 916-327-7500 ext. 516

Travel Analysis Process underway - The Inyo National Forest announces that the Travel Analysis Process (TAP) is underway.

TAP is required by the 2005 Travel Management Rule and requires that forests provide a safe, financially, and environmentally sustainable road system that can realistically be maintained. Due to increased use, aging infrastructure, and decreasing budgets, the forest cannot maintain all roads to standards for safety and environmental protection. TAP fulfills the requirement in Subpart A of Travel Management that states each forest uses a science-based roads analysis to help identify the minimum road system.

The Inyo National Forest, as well as other national forests in the country, is required to complete TAP by September 30, 2015 to receive federally appropriated funds for its road system.

The purpose of the TAP is to inform future travel management decisions; it does not designate the minimum road system. TAP does not produce a decision, but rather a set of recommendations. Therefore National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is not required and the process is not subject to objection. It will not close roads, add roads to the system, or otherwise change the current road system.

However, TAP will be used to inform future planning regarding management of the forest's roads. Any proposals regarding the forest's system roads will be subject to more site-specific analysis and NEPA. TAP does not address unauthorized routes, and will not make any recommendations about adding new routes to the system.

Under TAP, the forest will determine the risks, benefits, and opportunities for every designated system road and identify possible changes or repairs to the road system. These may include safety, the cost of maintenance, recreational experience, or environmental impacts. The results will be shared in a Travel Analysis Report (TAR). To learn more, check out [this worksheet](#) that explains the process further.

There will be a public meeting in the upcoming weeks (more details will be available shortly) to share the results of the Draft TAR. We encourage anyone who uses roads, or benefits from a national forest, to share ideas for a sustainable road system.

TAP does not replace the decision made during Travel Management, Subpart B; which designated routes for the National Forest Transportation System (NFTS) for the Inyo National Forest. That process was subject to NEPA, and implementation of the 2009 Travel Management Decision is on-going. Rather, TAP will help to identify possible changes to the road system that was identified in Travel Management. The forest will also complete the over-snow component of the Travel Management Rule, Subpart C. This is anticipated in the upcoming year.

Travel Analysis and Forest Plan Revision are separate regulations and are not interdependent; however, the TAP should be consistent with the direction in the forest plan.

CONTACT: Deb Schweizer, Public Affairs Specialist, Inyo National Forest, (760) 873-2427

Probation

Probation Officer gets Thank you and appreciation from probationer – It is not often that a Probation Officer gets thanked for doing good work by those probationers.

John Himelhoch received a very nice thank you card which reflects his professionalism and commitment to serving those in need.

Great Work, Jon!

CONTACT: Karin Humiston, (760) 932-5570

Dear Jon, 1/29/15

I want to thank you more formally than our weekly meetings. You've been very professional as well as open and honest in regards to my supervision and guidance.

It meant a lot having your support and blessings for my business trip to San Diego and good things have already come from it. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Jon. Wilton

P.S. the art on this card is from my youngest son, Sean.

Public Health

Public Works has placed road staff on-call for the weekend storm. - The forecast is for very strong winds, rain and high elevation snow.

The Board approved Grader engine repower bid is being advertised and will close on February 25th. Started installation of sheet rock in the new Crowley Lake ball field concession building. The Memorial Hall ADA bathroom project should complete the plumbing and electrical next week.

Annex II generator project expected to be complete the end of next week.

CONTACT: Jeff Walters, (760) 932-5459



Jeff Walter and Brett McCurry, seen here battling the wind, remind folks to be careful of falling trees and branches in this storm event]

Sheriff

The wind is blowing and the storm is moving in! It looks like the weekend will show us some weather! The weather forecast models are showing for some rain and snow, in our high elevations. Here at the Mono County Sheriff's Office, we want to ensure that everyone remembers some winter travel tips to keep you prepared and safe!



~ Winter Travel Tips to keep you prepared and safe ~

The Mono County Sheriff's Office, Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol want to ensure that our residents and visitors remain safe during any of our Eastern Sierra Winter storms. How prepared are you? Do you know what the chain control designations mean? What happens if I get stuck? What are the best ways to always be prepared and safe?. Here are a few tips to consider as everyone gears down for this storm!

- Winterize your car – Check your brakes, windshield wipers, exhaust system and heater/defroster to make sure they are in good working condition. Check your radiator fluid level and add antifreeze/coolant as needed. Replace wiper blades if needed. Add a winter formula windshield wiper fluid. Make sure your tires are properly inflated and the tread is in good condition.
- Tires – To find out if your tire tread depth is at least 6/32", place a quarter into several tread grooves across a tire. With George Washington's head upright, if the bottom of his neck completely disappears, your tread depth is at least 6/32". If you can see any part of the bottom of George Washington's neck, your tread depth is at or below 6/32" and should be checked. Remember to check to make sure the tires have the imprint "M&S", "MS", "M+S", or "M/S" which indicate the tire is rated for mud/snow conditions. You may also see the mountain snowflake symbol on the tire.
- Check road conditions frequently –During Storms, call 1-800 ROAD (7623) or check the internet at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>
- Carry in your car - a flashlight with extra batteries, blanket, extra clothing, water and snacks, towel, gloves, ice scraper/deicer, shovel, small broom, spare key, sand/kitty litter.
- Allow enough time - Slow down.
- Don't panic - If you begin to slide while driving on snow or ice, slowly take your foot off the gas pedal and steer your vehicle in the direction you wish to travel. If you must use brakes and your vehicle is equipped with anti-lock brakes (ABS), apply firm steady pressure. If you do not have ABS brakes gently pump the brake pedal. Do not allow the brakes to lock up.
- Black Ice –Black ice is nearly invisible. The temperature doesn't have to be below freezing in order for ice to form on road surfaces. Ice can form, especially when it's windy, when the air temperature drops below 40 degrees. Low or shaded areas surrounded by landscaping or with a nearby source of water, such as bridges and underpasses, can have icy spots.

- Be observant - Do not pass snow removal equipment unless the operator directs you to.
- Stay with your vehicle - If you become stranded stay with your vehicle. Conserve fuel while maintaining warmth and be aware of possible exhaust or carbon monoxide problems.
- Chains – All vehicles, including those with four-wheel drive and snow tires are required to carry chains when traveling in areas that have chain control. Make sure they are the correct size for your tires and in proper working order. Chains must be installed on drive wheels. Know if your vehicle has front or rear wheel drive. Cable chains are acceptable, but may not provide as much traction as traditional chains. The speed limit when chains are required is 25, 30, or 35 MPH: it is posted and enforced. Chain installers may be available to help install your chains. They are not Caltrans employees. They are independent business people who are licensed to install chains. If you choose to use their services ask for a receipt that includes the installer’s badge number. Chain installers are not allowed to sell or rent chains. When removing chains or installing chains, drive beyond the signs reading “Chain Control/End Chain Control.” Pull over out of the lanes of traffic.
- Chain Control Information
 - o R-1 – Chains or snow tread tires with a tread depth of 6/32” and an “M&S”, “MS”, “M+S”, or “M/S” imprint on the tire’s sidewall.
 - o R-2 – Chains required on all vehicles except four-wheel or all-wheel drives with snow tread tires on all four wheels. Engage the four-wheel drive in the 4-high.
 - o R-3 – Chains required on all vehicles; no exceptions.

High winds and blowing snow often cause zero visibility conditions. To protect travelers, the CHP may close the road temporarily until conditions improve. During winter storms spinouts and accidents happen, resulting in closing of the highway. Heavily traveled routes are particularly vulnerable to such closures. Caltrans may meter traffic during the storm, letting fewer vehicles into the area reducing congestion and giving motorists the option of turning around and waiting out the delay in a warm place.

Remember your safety is the most important. When you are safe, the travelers around you will also be safe! Enjoy the snow! - Jennifer M. Hansen, Public Information Officer

CONTACT: Jennifer M. Hansen, (760) 932-7549, ext. 112

Social Services

Mono County Social Services continues to need Foster Parents and we are hosting an orientation meeting coming up on:

***Tuesday, February 24, 2015
5:30pm- 7:00pm at the Lee Vining Community Center.***

Many prospective foster parents are interested in becoming a parent, but can’t commit to providing long term care or adoption. That’s okay! Mono County needs foster parents of all types; those who can care for a child short-term, on an emergency only basis, as well as those who can provide long-term

care. Children come into foster care when their birth families are unable to care for them for a variety of reasons. We provide support & training for you to be a successful foster parent.

If you can, please forward the attached flyers to someone you think might be interested; or post the flyers so others may have a chance to see it.

Learn more by attending the upcoming Foster Parent Orientation Meeting:

February 24, 2015 5:30pm – 7:00pm at the Lee Vining Community Center.

CONTACT: Marlo Preis at 760-924-1793 or mpreis@mono.ca.gov to RSVP.

FEBRUARY 9-12 OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed due to training. For immediate VA assistance, contact 1-800-827-1000.

FEBRUARY 19 MONO OUTREACH

The Veteran Service MONO Outreach Program will be observed Thursday, FEBRUARY 19th. Please contact 873-7850 to schedule your appointment and outreach location by Wednesday, FEBRUARY 18th.

CONTACT: Yvette Mason, 760/873-7850

