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At the District Office: Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 Friday, November 12th at 8:30 Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30

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### ALPINE MEADOWS FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

The crews have completed all their cutting and thinning of the fuels reduction areas. Most of the cut material along Bear Creek that was behind homes was chipped. The chips will be used around the District's park over the next several years. The crews will be working to complete as soon as possible the small amount of chipping that still needs to be done. There is some burning that will take place along Bear Creek, Juniper Mountain and the open space located at the end of Forest Trail and Pine Trail. The material to be burned will be allowed to cure before it is burned. The number of burn days is limited; consideration is given to many factors, which makes it difficult know exactly when they will occur beforehand. The burn crews will do their absolute best to inform the public as to when the burns will occur. There may be some false alarms and some limited notice as to the burn windows. If the burns are not completed this fall, they will be scheduled at the earliest possible time in the spring. If you have any questions regarding the fuels reduction project, please contact David Jaramillo, Professional Registered Forester, at (530) 419-1042.

### 2010 PARK SEASON COMING TO A CLOSE

The 2010 park season is coming to a close. If you did not use your park facilities this season, you missed a great opportunity to experience the alpine environment first-hand. The park will close the end of September or at the first snowfall. If we have an "Indian summer" this fall, the park may stay open longer. Check with the office to be sure the park is still open before making plans to use the park. The park has had fairly consistent usage over the past several years. The number of season passes purchased has averaged approximately 114 each year. The park has also been the site of three weddings over the past four years. A summary of past years' park usage is presented below:

|                | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|----------------|------|------|------|
| Season Passes  | 115  | 119  | 104  |
| Single Day     | 17   | 6    | 10   |
| Family Week    | 9    | 5    | 7    |
| Family Day     | 20   | 25   | 33   |
| Card Deposits  | 34   | 57   | 55   |
| Group Use Data |      |      |      |
| 11 to 25       | 12   | 16   | 20   |
| 26 to 50       | 5    | 6    | 5    |
| 51 to 75       | 2    | 0    | 1    |
| 76-125         | 2    | 2    | 3    |
| 126-150        | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| 151-200 &      |      |      |      |
| Weddings       | 1    | 0    | 1    |
| BBQ Rent       | 27   | 33   | 37   |
|                |      |      |      |

### VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDING EXPANSION

The expansion of the vehicle storage building (VSB) is complete and in use by North Tahoe Fire Protection District (NTFPD). Under an agreement between the two Districts, an additional bay was added to the building. The additional bay, which is approximately 20 feet by 40 feet, will provide storage for NTFPD's vehicles. The District and NTFPD entered into a long-term, 40-year lease agreement. As part of the agreement, NTFPD will pay for the construction, but the expansion will be owned by the District. The District will lease the expansion to the Fire District for the first 15 years at no cost. Then, commencing 15 years after the effective date of the lease, the Fire District will pay the District a monthly fee of \$250.00 per month, adjusted annually by the increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index.

### ANNUAL BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE CERTIFICATION

Backflow prevention devices are installed by a homeowner to protect the District's water supply distribution system from possible contamination from a source within the home or property. This could be anything from a hydronic heating system, fire sprinkler system or your landscape irrigation system. Under Ordinance 2-88, Alpine Springs County Water District requires that these devices be tested by an approved backflow tester on an annual basis. The results are then sent to the District's office. The District will send you a letter if you do not submit your annual inspection and test results to the District. Help the District keep our expenses down -- mark your calendar and don't forget your annual backflow prevention device test. A list of qualified testers can be supplied to you by calling or emailing the District office at 583-2342 ext 15 or <a href="mailto:buz@alpinesprings.org">buz@alpinesprings.org</a>. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email.

#### LATCH THE DUMPSTERS

As winter approaches, the bears are on a day-long search for food, and the dumpsters at the District office are one of their favorite locations. Unfortunately, some people either leave their garbage sitting outside the dumpsters or do not latch the dumpsters after putting in their garbage. As a result, the bears make a mess of things. As we approach winter, you can help by following all the posted rules every time you use the dumpsters. Be sure to latch the dumpsters after every use. Two disposable plastic glove dispensers, located on a stand marked "Gloves", have been provided for your convenience.

