

September Thoughts

Last month I wrote about a patron that thought she was in the tropics with all of the moisture, less than 30 days there has been a complete turn-around and moisture is needed. Given the amount of fog it would appear a good bit of moisture will be falling in the form of snow. Many patrons have been mowing the roadsides and for that we are most appreciative, that is a tremendous help to everyone that uses the roadways especially in the winter months.

Harvest has already started and it seemed to only take a few trips with the trucks to make the roads turn into powder. As one producer said it is nice when it is just the potato trucks or just the beet trucks but there are already beet and potato trucks along with silage trucks sharing the same roads to bring in the harvest. We have been hauling water but it doesn't go near as far as what Mother Nature can do. Over the years we have built many public/private partnerships (3P's); Simplot is in the spotlight as they have been providing water to Box Butte County, at no charge, to assist in the road repairs.

Though harvest is not in full swing yet we encourage everyone to obey the rules of the road and drive with care; turn your headlights on, exercise caution when approaching intersections (both road and railroad) and reduce/eliminate the distractions in your vehicle.

As fall approaches we are also trying to get the asphalt strips patched. Our summer help has returned to school so we are not getting the repairs made as quickly as we were a month ago. It does appear that our 2018 summer help will return in 2019.

The Box Butte County Road Department is still looking for one full-time truck. If you are interested in this position, please stop by the office at 101 Howard Street for an application. As always; if you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 762-6797. Have a safe rest of the summer and harvest.