

January Thoughts – Box Butte Co. Road Dept.

With 2017 in the history book, the Road Department is looking to what 2018 has in store. While we are driven by the weather, we are putting together a plan for construction work in hopes that another controlling factor, finances, will allow for another good year. Our office has kept track of the wishes expressed throughout the year by patrons wanting a road reconstructed, reroaked and other issues outside of maintenance. Now is the time of the year that the Box Butte County Board of Commissioners are reviewing the requests, and trying to prioritize them. This task is not an easy one and one that a great amount of time and energy is spent on. Knowing the functional classifications of the roads, gathering the traffic data and understanding the traffic patterns are a good start to putting a plan in place. The hearing for the 1 and 6 Year Plan has been set for February 20, 2018 at 10:00 in the Commissioners Room. There has already been dialogue but there has been no plan presented to the Board yet. With two meetings between now and the hearing I would anticipate more discussion with a proposed plan in place for the hearing knowing that there is a great chance for change. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you may still contact our office or any of the Commissioners to express your concerns, your opinion is valued.