

Hamilton Creek Metropolitan District

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Water, Legal and Financial. The new water system has been operating as designed and has continued to produce water of excellent quality. The water volume in the Creek has remained stable and we have not had any freezing problems.

There has been no change on the legal affairs. The District is still waiting for a ruling on the January 2003 trial. The judge in the case is now pretty busy as the judge in the Kobe Bryant trial so it is anyone's guess when a ruling will be released.

With the completion of the water repairs, the District has developed a revised financial plan for the next few years. The plan allows the District to slowly recover from the cost of water repairs. This year will remain a little tight financially, but certainly much improved over the previous year. The financial future looks good as the District slowly will rebuild its capital reserves. The original bond principal from 1985 will be paid off December 1st this year from existing Treasury Strips. This payment eliminates any restriction on the capital projects of the District in the future.

Forest Management. Owners who attended the annual meeting last June met Rick Herwehe from A Cut Above Forestry. Rick provided a brief presentation regarding the health of the forested area in Hamilton Creek and the actions being taken to combat the various forest diseases intensified by the drought. The 30 page Forest Management Plan developed for the District is available on the District web site www.hamiltoncreek.org. The access is on the opening page.

During Rick's semi-annual survey of the District this fall another 55 trees were identified as infected with pine beetles. Due to the favorable weather conditions early this winter with limited snow cover, the trees were cut and some have been removed. The remaining trees cut will be removed this spring. Another survey will be made in the spring of the forested area. The District will continue the aggressive removal of any trees identified with pine beetles. As the financial reserves of the District grow, work will begin on the forest thinning and replanting outlined in the Forest Management Plan.

Mail Delivery. A few owners in Hamilton Creek have rural post office boxes for mail delivery at the intersection of Hamilton Creek Road and Highway 9. The existing boxes will need to be relocated when Hamilton Creek Road at the entrance is reconstructed as part of the new elementary school project. The Metro District is considering the installation of a new mail delivery area for Hamilton Creek residents. To determine interest and opinions regarding delivery of mail to Hamilton Creek, a survey is included with this mailing. Additional information regarding the plan is below. It would be a great help in determining the interest in the project if you could return the survey with your Metro District payment.

Many residents have post office boxes at the Silverthorne Post Office. The installation of a delivery facility for Hamilton Creek would not change your ability to retain a box at the Silverthorne Post Office if desired. The complex Post Office rules (don't ask, we don't make them or understand them) do not allow residents of Hamilton Creek to have free boxes at the Silverthorne Post Office as the Hamilton Creek subdivision is considered to have rural service available (the existing post office box area at the entrance of Hamilton Creek Road). Summit County regulations allow the installation of a post office delivery area if it meets certain standards and is approved by the Post Office.

The concept of the delivery area for Hamilton Creek residents would have individual boxes for each address that were 12" wide, 4-3/4" high and 15" deep. This is larger than most boxes in the Silverthorne Post Office. Each box would have an individual locked key access just as at the Post Office. There would be some larger common boxes for parcel delivery. The key to pick up the parcel would be placed in the addressee's box. Access to the delivery area would be paved with parking off of the road. Provision would be made for newspaper delivery. Several locations have been identified for the delivery area. The survey lists some of the potential locations. Should you be interested in looking at a similar type of mail service delivery area one is located at the entrance to the Willowbrook Subdivision.

Association Annual Meeting
Saturday June 26th
Clean Up Day
Saturday June 19th