

Big Bend Hot Springs Project Community Newsletter

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The Improvements Leading to Re-opening Big Bend Hot Springs



New water tanks will be installed in the forest uphill to meet fire codes and drinking water needs.



Tanks are assembled on site with metal panels.

The new gravity-fed spring water system will provide plenty of volume and pressure for all needs, using no electricity.

What will it take to re-open Big Bend Hot Springs for public use? BBHSP is grateful that the Shasta County Planning Commission granted us a new Commercial-Recreational Zone Conditional Use Permit. This permit allows us to apply for building permits to create new facilities considered safe and legal by fourteen different regulatory agencies and utility companies.

In order to reopen BBHS **campgrounds** for public use, we need to complete the following list of important improvements:

1. Install new water storage tanks
2. Bury new water lines from new tanks
3. Bury electric utility lines with new water lines
4. Build new parking lot
5. Install new fire hydrants in campgrounds
6. Install new bear-proof trash and food containers
7. Install wheelchair-friendly paths and ramps
8. Create wheelchair-friendly campsite
9. Overhaul electric service lines
10. Finish new shower and restroom building

Welcome to the second Community Newsletter from Big Bend Hot Springs Project (BBHSP). We like to keep the Big Bend Community informed about our progress in work towards reopening this community resource (closed by County in 2007) and our efforts to protect this sacred land and water resources. We realize that many people in the community do not have access or time to read our online updates, so this paper newsletter is our latest effort to get the word out about what's happening at Big Bend Hot Springs.



In order to offer **soaking tubs** for public use, we need to complete the following list of geothermal improvements:

1. Build a new wheelchair-friendly soaking tub plaza with toilet and changing and showering area.
2. Construct a new hot water distribution system, pumping mineral water from the main hot spring.
3. Build a new mineral water holding tank to cool and redistribute geothermal water.
4. Install new plumbing to gravity-feed hot mineral water to new tub plaza (and all buildings for heating systems).

In addition to those 14 required improvements, we also plan to do the following large projects as soon as possible:

Additional Projects, continued:

- A. Build a new “Multi-Purpose Room” building, for meetings and classes.**
- B. Build a new “Garden Pagoda” structure for processing and sharing garden produce.**
- C. Reroute power lines currently crossing river over main hot spring.**
- D. Build a Maintenance and Equipment Shed**



As you can see from these three development lists, we have a huge amount of work to do. Before the actual construction, there has been years of planning, fund-raising, drafting, engineering, and now, on to the permitting... We continue to work hard on these tasks daily, and we have been learning so much, as the journey continues...

Big Bend Hot Springs Project Staff:

This summer, BBHSP has been blessed with a wonderful staff of dedicated people, who really care about the land and the intentions of the project. The local team members who worked on stewarding the land and making progress on all the improvements this summer have been:

Jesse Baugher, Sharon Clark, Rodney Lego, Korey Kakuk, Heather Scalzi, Bern Haggard, Nick Crylen, Seabrook Leaf, Chirstine Towne, Skip Towne, Lindsay Corzine, and Huxley Coulter. We give big thanks to Rodney and Sharon for their great service, as they are both progressing on to other jobs.

Big Bend Hot Springs Project Four Guiding Intentions:

- 1. Be a good neighbor.** This includes us as individuals in the community as well as “The Hot Springs” as an organization. Being a good neighbor means contributing to the well-being of the community in positive ways.
- 2. Steward the Land.** Being good Land Stewards is critical to our survival. Being a Land Steward means protecting, restoring and enhancing the Land and her living organisms in regenerative ways that yield abundance without depletion.
- 3. Share this Sacred Place.** We are called to share the beauty and healing energy of The Hot Springs with others. We are doing this by building a humble, legal campground with hot-bath soaking that is affordable and accessible to everyone.
- 4. Help heal and restore Native association with this Land.** Traditional Native inhabitants have suffered great loss in their association with this Land. We are called to help heal and restore their association.



****Look for the Big Bend Hot Springs Project
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