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# Big Bend Hot Springs Project

## Community Newsletter



Big Bend, Shasta County, California Summer - 2019

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With Summer in full steam, our garden has been producing over the top vegetables, flowers and herbs! Our experienced, seasoned gardener, Lindsay Corzine is one of a kind in her methods and love she shows caring for this plot of deliciousness! We welcome you to partake in Lindsay's "miracle office". Can you just imagine coming to work everyday to make sure the staff and



community eat well? Lindsay takes her job very seriously. She also practices "companion" planting, where she



plants a variety of plants together, interspersing flowers, veggies and herbs to prevent and minimize risk of disease and illness. This type of planting also encourages beneficial insects such as lady bugs and most importantly BEES!!!! Lindsay has created more than a garden. She has created a habitat. The insect and bird life is just as nourishing and fulfilling to Lindsay as growing food. "I love my Giant art project you get to eat"!!

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## THREE PROJECTS IN ONE - DONE, DONE AND DONE



In August of 2019, BBHSP finally completed a huge project that is an essential piece of the puzzle on the path to re-opening! After many years of planning, engineering, fund-raising, working with contractors and BBHSP staff, we completed the huge and state-of-the-art Fire Suppression System (required by Shasta County commercial fire codes), which could save lives and our precious forest and infrastructure.



The Fire Marshal was on site for two different inspections of the final phase of designing, building, and installing the new system, which has three major parts:

1. Three bolted steel water tanks located high up on the hillside with 120,000 gallons of storage!
2. A new pedestrian bridge spanning nearly 80 feet across Indian Springs Creek, which carries the six-inch water main and several other water and electrical pipes.
3. Plumbing: Hundreds of feet of buried water pipes, thrust blocks, connections, and the two fire hydrants.

The result is an incredible high-capacity, high-pressure, and high-flow gravity-fed system that will allow firefighters to have plenty of water, just in case. We are overjoyed and relieved to finally have this work done, and the new system in place. This is a huge milestone for the project, and these three items have been the most challenging parts of the improvements required for re-opening!

Now that the Fire Suppression system is completed, we are focusing on finishing the other key components needed to fulfill the project goals to protect and share this special place.

A Big thank you to our neighbors and the community for their continued support through this tedious and sometimes noisy project.



**Stay tuned for our next update on the COB structure welcome hut and much more!!**