

Edelweiss Maintenance Commission  
Report from the General Manager  
October 2014

Recurring Items

- Water samples taken in October from the Campground and Cassal systems were free from contamination.
- As always, processed and categorized invoices, scanned and emailed to Jim McDonald for final approval. Took originals to Bradshaw for payment.
- Processed owners checks and delivered to Bradshaw for deposit
- Answered many varied emails, and phone calls.
- Monitored booster pumps and serviced pool on weekends

Other Items

- Two days in a row, acted the mountain goat in climbing the hill above Heather to repair three breaks in the fence line that we had missed. earlier.
- Edited minutes of October Board meeting - will be posted in early November.
- Wrote, emailed and snail-mailed the Fall newsletter.
- Collaborated with John Kirner on letter to the owner of dogs that had killed an owner's cat.
- While on vacation, expedited discounted payment to Michael Brady for his legal services, thus saving Edelweiss \$4,000!-
- Continued conversations with attorney Michael Brady on issues related to the possibility of borrowing money for the swimming pool from the drainfield fund.
- Received several emails about two cows that had escaped the National Forest in late October. On returning from vacation I found the tracks of cows that had walked out of the gate at the cattle guard on East Fawn Creek Road and had proceeded down into the upper meadow. The gate had obviously been left open.

Hours logged - 72  
Dick Volckmann

**Operations Manager Report**  
October, 2014

The new section of 4" waterline has been installed across Fawn Creek along with a 3" conduit for the OCEC. I had originally wanted to do 40' but conditions dictated otherwise and we limited it to 25'. We are still out of the creek which was the objective. While it was a wet, muddy mess, the end result looks good. The foot bridge has been reinstalled. Just before the snow falls I will put down grass seed. Next spring I may plant a couple of bushes. I don't want to get too carried away since we will eventually have to complete the line to Eagles Nest.

The standpipe on Highland Meadows is operational again with the replacement of the foot valve. This will allow the flushing of that line from either direction.

All 72 of the meters that were ordered in the spring are now installed. We are left with 9 meter vaults on hand of which 6 were destined for the OCEC project which has been rescheduled for next year. Currently B&B Excavating is working on Phase 1 of the project but it does not include our waterlines.

The culvert at the corner of Highland and Crabapple has been shortened by 7 feet. It is undersized and filled with dirt. I am not worried about cleaning the culvert out yet but I am hoping that it will allow easier cleaning of the ditch and divert some of the water that flows across the road into a driveway. I placed a large boulder at the corner to protect the culvert end and phone pedestal which was damaged this summer.

I have widened the end of Highland road. Apparently some fat tire bikers are parking and blocking driveways during the winter. Increased traffic year around, usually speeding, is becoming an issue.

Doug Hasse did an excellent job of repairing Trillium after the recent construction. Combined with the work I did in June, the drainage should improve considerably.

The new prv vault originally scheduled for Quaking Aspen has been postponed until spring.

On the evening of Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, a brush fire started in a burn pile below my house. For those still wondering what caused it, the only plausible explanation so far is spontaneous combustion. In June I had picked up large thick mats of pine duff and placed them in a pile for future burning. In September, I place a small tarp over a portion of the pile so that I would have something dry to ignite. The tarp trapped the sun's heat and with a little moisture in the thick duff, we had heat. On my way to the board meeting an hour earlier I had walked by this pile and noticed nothing unusual. Small hotspots continued to need attention through the night. A 40 foot circle was burned.

The tractor suffered a broken fuel line (repaired). This put a week long halt to grading.

The west campground water has been shut off and drained.

More cows entered Edelweiss.

Several EMC burn piles torched.

I will be heading over to the west side November 4<sup>th</sup> for a recertification class.

Hours: 149.75

Craig Hook