



Whiskeytown Rising from the Ashes

Whiskeytown National Recreation Area supervisor Josh Hoines gave us an update as to the recovery of Whiskeytown from the ravages of the Carr fire. The presentation was very timely as this was the day when many in the meeting room were evacuated from their homes.

Supervisor Josh mentioned the fire burned 39,000 of the parks 42,000 acres. A park devastated by fire is what Josh found when taking the position as supervisor.



As park supervisor Josh has four goals for the future. They include, dealing with all problems in the park, ensure good communications at all times, respect for everyone in the park including visitors and rangers and safety at all times.

The effort to restore Whiskeytown is called BAER. This means Burned Area Emergency Response. Three major organizations are involved.: The Redding Office of BLM, Whiskeytown NRA NPS and the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

The plans objectives are:

- Determine the need for and to prescribe and implement emergency treatments.
- Minimize threats to human life, safety, and property.
- Promptly stabilize and prevent unacceptable degradation to resources.

From the report the following:

This Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Plan is for lands in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Redding Field Office, National Park Service (NPS) Whiskeytown National Recreation Area (NRA), and United States Forest Service (USFS) Shasta-Trinity National Forest affected by the Carr Fire. Following completion of this plan, the BLM will create an implementation plan and request funding through an Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) Plan. The US Forest Service will request funding through a 2500-8 form. The National Park Service will request funding through this BAER assessment. This plan complies with federal requirements and policies which include the Department of Interior Departmental Manual (620 DM 7), the USFS Forest Service Manual (FSM 2500), and agency specific handbooks and orders.

Whiskeytown Recreational Area Recovery Continued

Recently the bathrooms have been reopened. The Pelletier Campground will open within a week. Most important the areas must be clear of imminent safety risks before opening to the public. This means hazardous trees and snags.

Supervisor Hoines opened the meeting up to questions and answers. The first and a topic on many people's minds is tree mitigation. Josh mentioned that unfortunately the kind of trees in most of the park are trees people don't use for lumber. The effort is to use the burned trees for low cost fire wood.

With the loss of the natural flora, weeds have taken over many of these areas. Instead of pulling the weeds by hand, the use of herbicides is the way to go to cover large areas.

Josh discussed the future of Weed Camp. The old area is in a flood plain. There is a concerted effort to study whether to rebuild the facilities in the old area or find a new area for the camp.



The damage sustained to the park was significant and includes:

- All park facilities lost power, phones, and internet connectivity
- Five park residences suffered complete loss
- The Oak Bottom Marina suffered significant fire damage to concessions operated marinas and private boats.
- The Whiskey Creek and Brandy Creek water systems were heavily damaged
- The Old Whiskeytown Store and Post Office were burned to the ground
- Ten camper's cabins were destroyed at the Whiskeytown Environmental School
- Many wayside exhibits throughout the park were burned.
- Nine buildings were lost at the Crystal Creek Boys Camp
- The Search and Rescue Cache and SAR and EMS equipment were lost
- There was significant damage to the historic orchard and structures within the Tower House Historic District
- Trail bridges throughout the park suffered significant damage.

Thanks to Supervisor Josh for a very informative program.

Rick Fauss gave the invocation which was very appropriate when dealing with what was lost as a result of the Carr Fire. Rick said when people are grieving for a devastating loss, sometimes the best help comes from your presence.

President Jeff's Recognitions



Jeff showing the beginnings of a bad attack of frustration regarding his bell mentioned, "Those involved with the loss of the Rotary Bell will be paying \$25.00 to be put into a fund. The person responsible for finding or returning the bell will get all money towards their SHAN.



Ken Wood and Andrea are engaged. \$100 to the club



Kathy Wyatt's team wins Non Profit of the Year . \$100.00 to the club.



Mark Wood took a trip to Rochester, Minnesota. The turkeys are part of his trip. \$100.00 to PH and \$100 to the club.

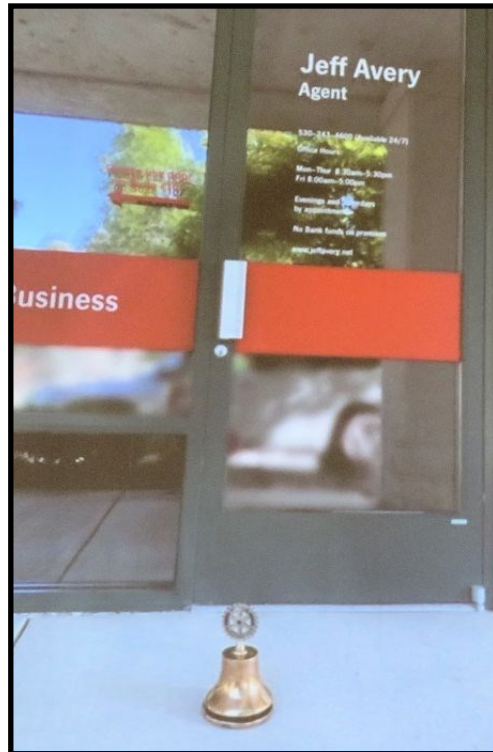


PP Greg Dunbar wedding picture. Greg gave \$100 to his PH.

President Jeff's Recognitions Continued



Brian Scarr mentioned something about his flip-flops. Coors Smokey is worth \$100.00



The bell seems to have a life of it's own. It seems to travel to interesting places all by itself. What's next.



Welcome new member Ehrin Landis. Sponsors Jill Letendre and Brian Scarr

Calendar

August 1st	Courtney Kreider – KRCR-
August 8th	Dark—Remember the Family Social at Waterworks Park
August 9th	Family Social at Waterworks Park 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.
August 22nd	Ricky Ray Day
August 29th	The McConnell Foundation Projects

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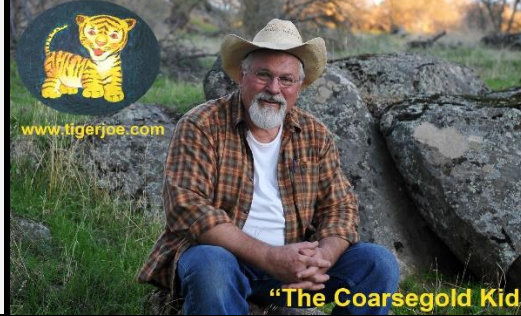
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