

GCPS Progress Report

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By Diane Sterne

- Our deepest apologies to rancher, Linda Allison for dragging her all the way out to the corral after being told her gate was locked. Apparently someone had closed the gate and put the chain across it looking like it was locked. When the person who came to us saw it, he assumed it was locked. This was a terrible misunderstanding and we sincerely regret inconveniencing Linda.

I want to take this opportunity to remind all our members that it is important they respect the cattle up the mountain. If you see the corral locked, please stay away. Normally Linda will be bringing in her cattle in the summer and removing them in the fall, however, if she has an injured or sick animal, etc. she may need to make a special trip in to deal with it. This is her livelihood, so the GCPS must respect the work she does and stay out of her way when she is working with her cattle.

- Thank you Ole Juul for updating the Progress Reports on our GCPS website. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.
- Thank you Todd Lester for taking 3 bags of recyclables that we had from our Motel. There is still one more bag but Todd didn't have enough room for it in his vehicle. He will pick it up the next time he is in town. This will be the last of the significant money from this endeavour as our Motel is now closed. Bob and I will save our own personal cans, etc. but it won't be near the volume that the Motel produced. We greatly appreciate your hard work with this income earner for the GCPS, Todd!
- Special thanks, once again, to Howard Peet for your very generous donation to the GCPS! We greatly appreciate your support for our Society!!!
- So I had an idea....sometimes a good thing, sometimes not. ☺ This time my idea was to save our ashes from our outdoor firepit and our burn barrel and take them to the cabin. My thought was that if we scatter the ashes (don't worry they are old and cold) under the porch of the cabin, near the front wall, mice and rats won't walk through it to get into the cellar. I googled the idea to see if anyone else had tried it and apparently it is used quite regularly. On August 4 Bob and I went to the cabin. I removed the porch boards (they are not fastened down, they are just sitting in place) and scattered the ashes all along the front of the cabin. It would be very exciting if this helps keep the critters at bay.

Just before leaving, I went into the cellar to look for signs of pack rats. There was one fresh nest and one rat staring at me. Bob had a small pumper airgun in the ATV so I used it to dispose of the rat. I left him where he was shot to hopefully deter any other rats. There were two mice in the bucket trap inside the cabin. They had obviously been there for some time as it smelled bad. Bob disposed of them and reset the bucket trap. I sprayed the cabin with Lysol to get rid of the smell.

Bob and I moved some of the garbage from the level ground beside the dump site at the cabin to the roadway where it will be easier to load into a truck. There is still some garbage in the pit and there is still garbage in the level

ground beside the pit but we moved as much as we were able. It was extremely hot the day we went in.

We straightened up the sign to the Cemetery as it was falling over. We piled a lot of rocks around it and put some dirt in the cracks between the rocks. Hopefully this will be stronger.

- On Aug. 11 Bob and I went to the Cabin and we could not see any prints or rat poop on the ashes we scattered on the previous visit. We did, however, discover 3 live rats in the cellar so I am not sure how they are getting in. We disposed of all 3.

There were no mice in the bucket mouse trap. Bob did some repairs on it as part of the ramp was coming apart. Bob also put some WD40 in the lock on the door as it had been sticking.

Two hundred more maps were dropped off at the Granite Creek Town Site. This brings the number for this year to 700! It is still a very popular tourist attraction!

- A reminder that our Dump Waiver is only valid for the month of August. If anyone with a truck and a strong back can step-up and remove the garbage at the cabin, they can pick up a waiver here at our house. Just email me to let me know you are coming so that I will be home.
- Financial Report From Bob Sterne: Bank Balance as of July 31 - \$1165.59. General Funds - \$1190.24. Paid Members - 23. Volunteer Hours - 122.5 which equates to \$2,450.00.
- I hope all of our GCPS family enjoys the rest of the summer (albeit at a safe distance from everyone else) and stays hydrated during this heat wave.