

Storm Mountain Property Owners
Update #6 on 8/30/14

- 1) PID funded roadwork for 2014 completed
With the final step in the access road chip seal to be completed on 9/5/14 PID funded roadwork will be complete for 2014.
Thanks to the vote by **CEDAR SPRINGS** property owners to donate funds collected for road maintenance to the PID we were able to chip seal nearly the entire length of the road we had originally planned. All bills have not been processed yet by the County but approximately \$5,000.00 remains in the PID road maintenance funds for 2014. Unless funds collected by other sources for our road maintenance are made available there will be no further road work this year. Please note: approximately \$15,000.00 of the original \$20,000.00 set aside for snow plowing remains available for 2014.
- 2) Chip Seal
To the PID board the determination of success or failure of the chip seal will be based on two obvious factors:
 - Does it hold up better and provide a better drive up than what we have tried in the past
 - Does it last three years or more with less and inexpensive maintenanceMeeting those criteria will free up more money for road work in other areas. The general consensus of those who applied the chip seal is that it will do well and should hold up very well for 5 years or more. In our favor is that the chip seal does come with a 1 year warranty.
- 3) County/FEMA flood damage repair
The latest word (on 8/28/14) from Matt Johnson, County Engineer, is that bids for flood damage repair in our area are to be opened in the next "few" weeks and work will "probably" begin in October. The flood damage we refer to are 12 separate areas on our roads that were inspected by Matt Johnson and identified for varying levels of repair. Contrary to earlier pronouncements our access bridge is now not scheduled for repair this year.
- 4) Forest Service
The Forest Service portion of the access road (approximately 8 tenths of a mile) is scheduled by Central Federal Lands to be worked on some time in 2015/2016. We originally hoped this work to occur this year. The PID will continue to maintain the Forest Service portion of the access road to the best of our ability,
- 5) Snow Plowing
As of this writing we do not have anyone set up to do snow plowing. We have been turned down by the outside contractors that we have contacted so far but have more names to contact. One option we are investigating is having 2-3 individuals that live on the Mountain do the plowing and are actively pursuing that also.
- 6) Road Safety
Prior to the application of the chip seal we were surprised at the speed at which quite a few people drove the access road. Many of us worry that the application of chip seal will make the matter even worse. The board shares these concerns but feel the answer is in the 15 mile per hour speed limit to be encouraged and followed by all. None of us wants to be attending the funeral of someone killed on our access road due to a speed caused accident.
- 7) Future Plans
Now that the road work is over for the year we can begin to formulate short term and long range plans for our roads. We will start by getting thoughts and ideas from the County Engineering Department and from Bladeworks, the contractor we hope to have a contractual arrangement with for 2015. They both have many years of experience on roads such as ours and can get us started in the right direction. In January we will post the date, time and place of our next advisory board meeting
- 8) Contact Info
We wish to disseminate any information we put out to all possible residents and property owners. We will continue to put pertinent information on Cedar Park and Cedar Springs Web sites and post at the Post Office. We ask that any of you who know of a property owner that wishes to receive this information but is not on the Yahoo group email, provide us with an email address or (for emergency situations like road closures – which we hope not to have more of) they provide us with phone numbers. We wish to keep costs to a minimum but can hard copy mail info to any that need it if provided with a mailing address.

- 9) The address below will get you to the County's Public Improvement District Web page. It has the minutes from the annual property owners meeting. We have sent them minutes from our advisory board meetings but they have not been posted yet. You will notice some errors on the page. We will bring that to the County's attention.

<http://www.larimer.org/engineering/impdist/strtnms.htm#Storm>

Bladeworks is the name of the contractor that did our most recent road grading and we hope to get a contract with them for future work. We are very happy with their work. They did what they said they would, when they said they would. In addition they did little extra things that were not requested. The best example being that on the day they had completed all the work and were headed home, the driver of the grader (not the owner) noticed that a portion of the Forest Service road he had graded a week before needed a little touch up so he dropped his blade and took care of it.

A special thanks to all residents that have volunteered their time to pot hole filling and flag duty and our continued appreciation for all the support and patience of the residents.

Sincerely

Storm Mountain P.I.D. Advisory Board

Jim Eccleston, Jim Egan, Mary Hill, Gary Kubinak and David Maslowski

Reminders:

We have P.O. Box 314 Drake Colorado 80515 and a voice mail service which works as follows:

- **From a land line you call 1-970-429-5350 (from a cell just 970-429-5350).**