

Michelle,

First, can you tell my how to sign up for TextMyGov?

I just read the August Newsletter. Specifically, it looks like road maintenance has concluded for the year. Considering that the road is free of snow and exposed dry dirt from June until October, this is disappointing. The magnesium chloride on Spruce Creek Rd. usually lasts for around 2 to 3 months without heavy rain. As I recall in years past the road used to get two treatments of magnesium chloride.

This is a serious issue as the dust plums that are created from all of the vehicular traffic going primarily to Mohawk Lakes Trail Head is out of control and unhealthy.

If we are lucky, we get rain which keeps the dust down.

The mag chloride on Spruce Creek Rd. needs to start in June not the current schedule, which is well into July. Plowing the road early to take out the wash boards and not immediately treating with mag chloride only exacerbates the dust problem by plowing up the mag chloride that is still remaining. Grading the road lasts for about 5 days before it is right back to the wash boards. I would suggest you not plow at all until you are ready to apply mag chloride.

I like the job the new grading contractor is doing. I am not sure what the new treatment is called that was applied this year but it was great, while it lasted. Unfortunately, with all of the rain it is now pretty much completely gone and we are starting to get the dust cloud as cars drive by our home.

The once a year mag chloride program works for the majority of the roads in Blue River. I know this because Gold Nugget and Crown Drive are dust free for the entire summer. It makes sense since they do not get the same amount of traffic as Spruce Creek Rd.

Spruce Creek Road is unique and requires more maintenance than the other roads, it is just a fact. It is very disappointing that the Town continues to act interested, spend money on engineering reports and surveys and ultimately does nothing to help with the actual problem. In fact, if I am correct, the Town has done the opposite by going from two applications of mag chloride per year to only once a year.

The Town needs to start taking this problem seriously. When is it going to happen? What is the problem? Road maintenance is not rocket science. Roads should be the number one priority. That is why the Town of Blue River Government was originally started. I don't believe it is about money because I see the Town spending money on other programs and projects that I consider much lesser priorities. So, I am left to assume that Road maintenance is not the number one priority for the Town.

Please share this letter with the Trustees and enter into the Public Comments for the August Agenda.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 1:25 PM
To: Barrie Stimson
Subject: RE: Spruce Creek Road Maintenance
Attachments: Blue River-combo- flyer (3).pdf

Barrie
Thank you for your email. I will include this with the Trustees packet along with this response. Please note the following per your comments.

1. TextMyGov is on the website with a phone number to text for information as well as a "Learn More" tab to be directed to an informational page. Attached is the flyer that is included in the newsletter to sign up.
2. Grading began mid-June with only a slight delay due to the rainy weather and continued through mid-July. The schedule is not any different than years past which has also included a spot grading at the end of April/ beginning of May.
3. While the June/July grading is the major grading for the season, there will be, as in years past, a minor regrade and winter prep in September. It is at this time that we will ensure the roads are ready for winter and all culverts are clear.
4. Mag-chloride as well as the earth bind product were applied to Spruce Creek Road in an effort to see if it reduces the amount of wear/tear on the road in the summer. It's been over a month since that was applied. I drove both Crown and Spruce Creek today and I will say Spruce Creek is in the best shape I've ever seen and is driving nicely. Again, in September, any issues needing to be addressed including additional applications of mag or earth bind, will be and this is the same schedule that has been in place for the last several years.
5. Our engineers are continuing to work on a more permanent solution for this road and the Town is committed to its continued improvement.

Thank you again for your comments and concerns. If you have additional issues on the road, our new road maintenance request form will be live within the next week. Please feel free to fill out the forms and we will address them as best we can in a timely manner.

Have a great day!

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