

Fall River Estates Special Road District PO BOX 4181 Bend, Oregon 97707

Fall River Special Road District Notification to Members, March 1, 2024

The SRD has received a grant from the Deschutes County Department of Forestry to help pay for a wildfire mitigation project on SRD road easements. The primary goal is to increase wildfire resiliency by reducing flammable fuels within the SRD easements thereby improving the function of the roads as firebreaks and allowing better access by emergency vehicles. The project has three specific aims:

- 1) Remove and chip small trees of less than 6 inch diameter (primarily Lodgepole pine).
- 2) Limb trees with a larger than 6" diameter to a height of 12-13 feet.
- 3) Mow the brush in the targeted easements

Cut trees and limbs will be chipped and removed from the easements.

These criteria were suggested by Mike Supkis, Fire Chief of La Pine Rural Fire District. The SRD has contracted with ProTree to perform the work.

The SRD easements are 60 feet wide on primary roads and 50 feet on the six auxiliary roads that stem off River Loop West. The attached map shows in red the target roads. Fall River Dr up to the River Loop East intersection is maintained by Deschutes County and will not be treated as described above.

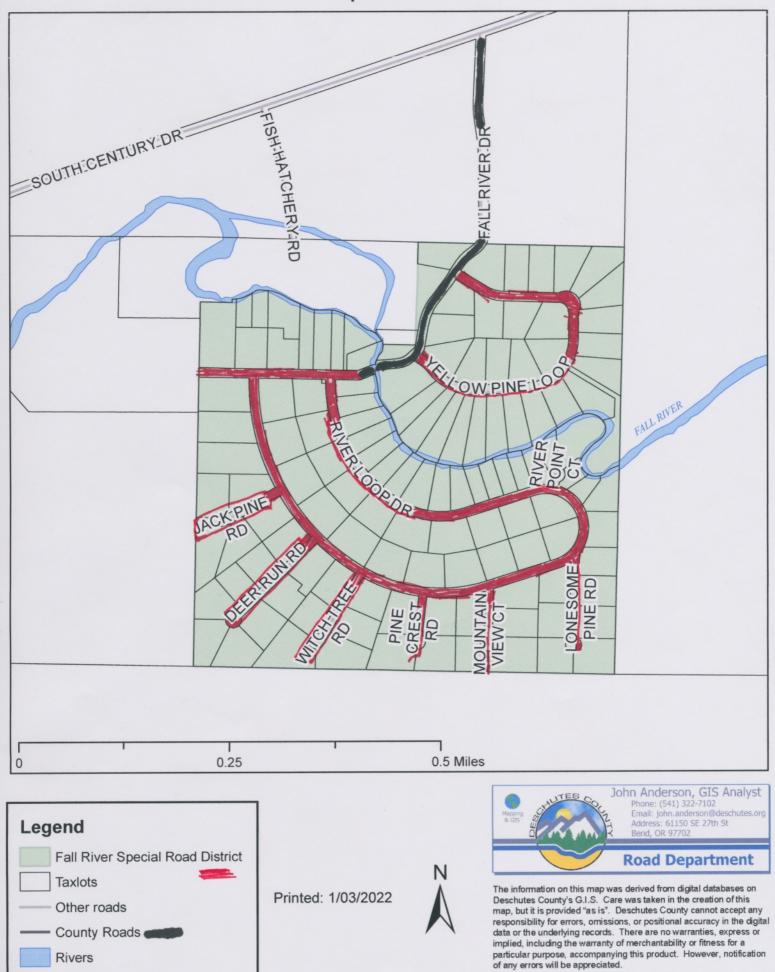
SRD board members will be marking the small trees for removal with red spray paint over the next couple of weeks.

If you have any questions please contact the Road District Board at: <u>frespecialroaddistrict@gmail.com</u>

Sincerely, The SRD Board

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