

APPROVED

**City of Stanley
Community Meeting
Total Solar Eclipse 8/21/17
August 7, 2017**

IN ATTENDANCE FOR THE CITY:

Mayor Herb Mumford, Council President Steve Botti, Councilmember Laurii Gadwa, Councilmember Mark Wilson and Councilmember Lem Sentz. City staff member: City Clerk Cari Tassano.

OTHER ATTENDEES:

There were approximately 45 attendees.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting is called to order by Herb Mumford at 5:06 p.m.

CITY OF STANLEY:

Over the course of several months a group of us have been meeting to plan for the 2017 Total Eclipse and we wanted to share all this information with the community. The Boise Astronomical Society will be in Stanley Friday thru Monday, they will be staging up to Pioneer Park and at the Community Building, they will have approximately 12 telescopes, the public viewing dates in Pioneer Park will be on Saturday and Sunday night, BAS will have staff on hand showing you how to use the telescopes and explaining exactly what you are looking at. In order for this to work, we will be blocking vehicle traffic to the park so the vehicle lights do not interfere with the telescopes.

The City ordinances will not change for the Eclipse. There will be camping at the museum. The City will be bringing 10 additional Port-a-Pots and 3 large dumpsters in for this event. We have been told that the State police are planning on having 5 officers in the area.

SALMON RIVER CLINIC:

SRC plans on expanding their hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the 4-day event starting on Saturday. There will be an Air ambulance in the Sawtooth Valley Saturday thru Monday. There will also be additional staff in the area and in the surrounding areas.

FOREST SERVICE:

Kirk Flannigan, Area Ranger for the Sawtooth NRA: There has been 20-25 stake holders that have been meeting monthly since last winter diligently planning for this event. The stake holders have included: Custer County, Custer County Sheriff dept., state police, Blaine County police, food trucks, business owners, emergency services, Forest Service, private property owners, and the City of Stanley, out of these meeting it is projected we could possibly see anywhere from 20,000 to 25,000 visitors, Flannigan points out, this could mean as little as 14,000 visitors or as many as 30,000 visitors, we're just not sure. A Management team has been set up and will be operating out of the Stanley Ranger Station. Acting Deputy Ranger Brian Anderson will be here for the Eclipse to help and spoke about some of the current issues: Camp fires will only be allowed in designated campgrounds. Stage 1 fire restriction will be in place. Increase staff members will be involved for fire prevention. The Forest Service will have an increased presence, approximately 30 additional employees will be out patrolling the viewing areas that the Forest Service has set up. There will also be increased law enforcement.

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There will be 100 Port-a-Pots brought into the area by the Forest Service and thirteen roll off dumpsters.

Areas that will be closed include: Buckhorn, Valley Creek area (adjacent to Valley Creek viewing area), and Decker Flats due to Salmon Spawning.

Here is a list of parking/viewing areas, starting in Ketchum:

- Baker Creek
- Silver Creek
- Pole Creek
- Cabin Creek
- Valley Creek Road
- Valley Creek
- Pettit Lake Meadow
- Elk Meadow

There will be signage designating these areas, fire prevention sites will also be posted. Helicopter and bladder bags will be in place for fire prevention. All the viewing areas are on the Sawtooth Nation forest web site: www.fs.usda.gov/sawtooth

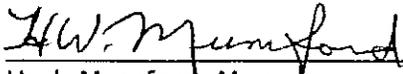
Ed Cannady wanted to point out that a lot of planning has gone into the backcountry also and there will be Forest Service personnel at each trail head.

Mountain Village Resort:

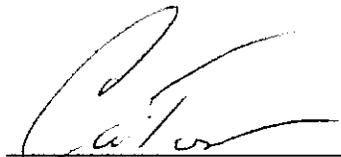
Has made arrangements for fuel deliveries at night to ensure we have enough fuel in the area.

ADJOURNMENT:

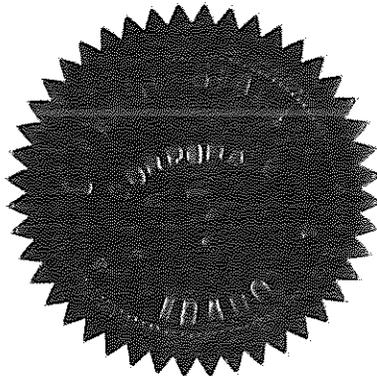
The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



Herb Mumford, Mayor

ATTEST: 

Cari Tassano, City Clerk



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