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Chairman's Message

DOGAMI issued their latest ENGAGe newsletter, including a checklist for stormwater concerns. Lisa Reinhart is DOGAMI's lead for stormwater compliance and permitting. She mentions that a stormwater training session is planned for February 1, 2024. We will look into that training and report back to members soon regarding details.

The newsletter can be accessed here:

https://www.oregon.gov/dogami/mlrr/news/ENGAGe_2023_Fall.pdf

There is also a brief summary and update on the Grassy Mountain project, an underground gold mine proposed near Vale in Malheur County and Oregon's first consolidated mining permit application. This was first proposed in 2012 and had some challenges getting into the permitting process. It could still be denied, but at least the permit review is underway.

Hope you all enjoyed the long Thanksgiving weekend.

Take care and be safe,

Erick Staley
Chairman

New officers for 2024 have been elected – Term begins January 1st, 2024

Erwin Hackett - President
William Leavens – Vice President
Melissa Bronson – Secretary/Treasurer

Congratulations to all the new officers and a special thank you to Erick Staley, Mary McNatt , Jerry Davidson and Kellie Ramar for their many years of service as officers.

Safety Corner...Drive Safely



Try to avoid driving if a winter storm is approaching. If you are forced to drive, make sure you are prepared for any possible problems. Keep a survival kit in your car. This would consist of a blanket, a small shovel, emergency road flares, spare clothing, bottled water, flashlight and batteries, battery cables, tire chains and quick energy foods such as granola or energy bars. You should also make sure that you always keep your gas tank full during the winter to prevent the gas line from freezing. If you are traveling long distances, make sure someone knows your travel plans. That person must know what to do if you do not arrive at your destination within a certain period of time.

If you ever find yourself trapped in your car, remain calm and stay put. Never leave your car to look for help as you will most likely find yourself in a worse situation. Only run your engine for short amounts of time, such as five to ten minute intervals to save on fuel. While your car is running, turn on the interior lights in hopes of flagging down help. You will need to make sure that your exhaust pipe is free from snow so that the car does not fill up carbon monoxide.

Attention OIAA member contacts

Please keep us updated on contact changes and email changes for your company.

Is there someone in your company that you would like to receive this newsletter? Please send information to memberreply@oregonaggregate.com

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Next Board Meeting Wednesday February 7th 2024

Our next Board meeting will be held at the offices of KPD Insurance 1111 Gateway Loop Springfield, Oregon on **February 7th at 10AM**. All members are welcome.

