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WELL SAID NEWSLETTER

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the OWRD Well Construction
& Compliance Section and is
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items of interest.

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MEET NIKKI HENDRICKS

The Well Construction & Compliance Section would like to introduce Nikki Hendricks, District 1 Watermaster in the Tillamook office. Nikki was born and raised in a small Oregon town and worked her way through college doing outdoor seasonal recreational guiding and field work with tour companies and the US Forest Service. After earning her Associates in Forestry from Chemeketa Community College, she moved to Bend to work at Mt. Bachelor and attend Oregon State University's new extension campus where she was part of the first graduating class, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management with a focus in Policy.



Nikki's first job out of college was in the Hillsboro Watermaster office as a hydrologic technician. When the recession hit and funding cuts sent her bouncing from job to job, she found herself working as a Water Quality Technician for the City of Salem, Oregon Water Resources Department in both the Hydrographics and Transfers Sections, and WEST Consultants as a hydrologist. Not much for city life, Nikki then took a hiatus to live a snowboarder's dream in the mountains of Colorado. However, a true Oregonian at heart, she returned home where she accepted a position at OWRD as the Southwest Region Hydrologic Technician out of the Medford office. While Oregon is in her heart, the southern Oregon heat is not, so she applied for a Watermaster position in Tillamook which also allows her to be close to family, friends and temperate weather.

Ms. Hendricks states that she's been happy in her Watermaster position for the last 6 years and enjoys living close to the beach with her two beautiful dogs. In Nikki's off-time you're most likely to find her with great friends experiencing all that Oregon has to offer, with her favorite activities being snowboarding, visiting hot springs, roller skating, mountain biking and rafting.

Questions for Ms. Hendricks regarding District 1 should be directed to (503) 815-1967 or Nikki.M.Hendricks@oregon.gov.

FREE DOMESTIC WELL TESTING FOR WILDFIRE – IMPACTED HOMES



The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is providing free well water testing vouchers to private or "domestic" well users impacted by the 2020 Oregon wildfires. Applications will be accepted through May 15, 2021 at <https://go.usa.gov/xAycC>.

Vouchers cover the cost of testing for bacteria, nitrates, arsenic, and lead. Depending on [well damage](#), some may also qualify to test for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene as well. Sample collection costs are not covered by OHA. Here are links to flyers: [Wildfire-Impacted Wells Project Flyer \(English\)](#) and [Wildfire-Impacted Wells Project Flyer \(Spanish\)](#).

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Take
Note!

OWRD phone numbers have changed!
Be sure to check out the special insert page!

Free Well Testing, cont'd



Voucher Eligibility —

All of the following criteria must be met:

- The property was impacted by the 2020 wildfires.
- The well water is used for things like drinking, bathing, cooking and washing dishes.
- The well has 3 or fewer connections and is not part of a regulated water system.

Priority —

If demand exceeds supply, OHA will prioritize for:

- Households that meet certain income thresholds.
- Communities that have been historically underserved, including people of color.
- Properties that had the greatest damage.
- Second homes or vacation rental homes will not be prioritized, but may qualify.

After a fire, testing the well for contaminants is an important step to assuring homes have access to safe water. If test results indicate high levels of contaminants, OHA will provide safety information and recommendations to the well user, however OHA does not regulate private wells.

Please pass this information on to community members and partners who may be eligible, particularly reach out to well-users who identify as a person of color, person with disability, person with low-income, or person with limited English language proficiency.

Contact Oregon Health Authority at (971) 673-0440 or domestic.wells@dhsosha.state.or.us for questions.

WELL CONSTRUCTOR LICENSE RENEWALS FOR 2021

Well constructor licenses last renewed in 2019 are up for renewal again on June 30, 2021. The fee for a two-year water supply or monitoring well license renewal is \$150.00.

As a reminder, a minimum of **14** continuing education credits (CECs) are required to renew your license. Of the 14 credits, a minimum of **two** credits must be in Oregon Rules and Regulations.

For those who were unable to acquire CECs in Oregon Rules prior to the pandemic, you may take the rules course online here: http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/gw/cec_rules_course/. Use the same login credentials that you use for electronic submittal of well logs and Start Cards. Unfortunately, online payment for the course is not available; please mail in the invoice and payment to OWRD's Salem office.

If you already have all 14 CECs, you may renew your license online here: https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/gw/well_license_renewal/secure/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/apps/gw/well_license_renewal/secure

Questions related to CECs or license renewals may be directed to Buffy Madrigal-Adams at (971) 287-8305 or Buffy.M.Madrigal-Adams@oregon.gov.

WILDFIRE-IMPACTED WELL OWNERS REACH OUT TO OWRD

Along with destroying homes and businesses, last year's wildfires also damaged wells. In fact, the department has received approximately 39 calls from landowners and contractors around the state looking for well reports and seeking advice on how to best assess the damage and get their wells repaired.

So which fires are people calling about?

- Holiday Farm: 15
- Beachie Creek/Lionshead: 13
- Alameda Drive: 5
- Echo Mountain: 2
- Dowty Rd: 1
- Riverside: 1
- Archie Creek: 1
- Unidentified: 1

The department expects these calls to continue as the weather warms up and people begin to restore damaged property and repair, replace, or abandon their wells damaged by wildfire. If drilling contractors come across a well owner with wildfire damage in need of help, they are encouraged to send them our way as we are happy to assist them in tracking down well reports and in answering any well construction questions they may have.

For help locating **well reports**, please contact Ladeena Ashley at Ladeena.K.Ashley@oregon.gov or (971) 287-8218. Questions about **well construction** should be directed to Travis Kelly at Travis.N.Kelly@oregon.gov or (503) 302-8618.

NORTH CENTRAL REGION WELL INSPECTOR COVERAGE

As noted in the previous edition of the *Well Said*, the North Central Region Well Inspector position remains vacant while the Department continues with recruitment activities. During the vacancy, Tommy Laird, NW Region Well Inspector, and Jon Sanfilippo, East Region Well Inspector, will be sharing inspection duties in the NC Region.

Tommy will be covering well inspections in Hood and Wasco Counties and may be reached at (971) 304-6798 or at Tommy.K.Laird@oregon.gov.

Jon will be covering well inspections in Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, and Umatilla Counties and may be reached at Jon.D.Sanfilippo@oregon.gov or (971) 599-9762.

The Department would like to thank Tommy & Jon for their teamwork and assistance during the recruitment process.

CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Oregon Water Resources Department is soliciting letters of interest from anyone in the drilling community who is interested in becoming a member of the Oregon Well Constructors Continuing Education Committee.

The CE Committee is a four-member body appointed by the Director, and comprised of three individuals from the well drilling industry and one person from the regulatory community. The Committee meets about four times a year to review and approve CE courses and assign CE credits.

Currently two positions are available on the CE Committee, with appointments beginning July 1, 2021. The term of office for each member is three years. The vacancies may be filled by individuals from the well drilling industry who hold a Well Constructor's License, reside in Oregon and are interested in the post.

For those who wish to serve on the committee, please submit a letter of interest to:

Thomas M Byler, Director
Oregon Water Resources Department
725 Summer St NE, Suite A
Salem OR 97301-1266

Letters of interest will be accepted until April 30, 2021.

For additional information, please contact Buffy Madrigal-Adams at (971) 287-8305 or Buffy.M.Madrigal-Adams@oregon.gov.

OSHA 18TH ANNUAL SAFETY BREAK FOR OREGON — MAY 12 2021

Coordinated by Oregon OSHA, this one-day event is designed to raise awareness and promote the value of workplace safety and health. The activities are determined by individual employers and are flexible to meet the employer's needs.

Join other worksites across Oregon to honor safety leaders, hold a training or start a conversation about safety and health. You can also share ideas, make safety fun, reward safety accomplishments, tell new employees you're serious about safety, support your safety committee, and more.

Find tools and resources to enhance your Safety Break Event at <https://osha.oregon.gov/safetybreak/Pages/index.aspx>.

For more information contact Aaron Corvin, public information officer, at aaron.corvin@oregon.gov or (971) 718-6973.

Note: Those who participate in Safety Break are expected to follow the appropriate guidance and rules related to COVID-19 in the workplace.



E-COMMERCE START CARD CONVENIENCE FEE

Well constructors that electronically file Start Cards for new wells, deepenings, and conversions may notice a \$1.00 convenience fee now being added to their transactions. This new fee is not directed to the Department, but instead is assessed by NICUSA, Inc., the third-party vendor that provides the Start Card payment processing platform. Because this is a new fee, the Department wanted to let the drilling community know about it as soon as possible. A reminder is also being placed on the e-filing login page for constructors filing documents online.

Questions about e-filing Start Cards should be directed to Buffy Madrigal-Adams at (971) 287-8305 or Buffy.M.Madrigal-Adams@oregon.gov.

Regional and Watermaster Districts



District Offices

- 1 Tillamook
- 2 Eugene
- 3 The Dalles
- 4 Canyon City
- 5 Pendleton
- 6 La Grande
- 7 Enterprise
- 8 Baker City
- 9 Vale
- 10 Burns
- 11 Bend
- 12 Lakeview
- 13 Medford
- 14 Grants Pass
- 15 Roseburg
- 16 Salem
- 17 Klamath Falls
- 18 Hillsboro
- 20 Clackamas
- 21 Condon
- 22 Salem

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| Travis Kelly <i>Well Construction Program Coordinator</i> 503-302-8618 Travis.N.Kelly@oregon.gov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Special Standards * Well Construction Standards & Rules * Well Decommissioning |
| Scott Kudlemyer <i>Exempt Use Program Coordinator</i> 971-287-8360 Scott.B.Kudlemyer@oregon.gov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * \$300 Exempt Use / Recording fee * Exempt Use Maps |
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| Ladeena Ashley <i>Well ID Program Coordinator</i> 971-287-8218 Ladeena.K.Ashley@oregon.gov | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Well ID Labels * Well Report Search * Start Card / Well Report Amendments |
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| Order Labels & Supplies Online WRD_DL_web_requests_wlc@oregon.gov | |
| Fax # for Start Cards | 503-986-0902 |

PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD



A well that was constructed to allow for seasonal high water level.



An old dug well that has collapsed.



A new water supply well at the coast.

Running a down-hole camera in the snow in Eastern Oregon.





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