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Re: Tire Amnesty Day on Saturday October 9th

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Butte County will once again take on the persistent problem of illegally dumped waste tires by hosting "Tire Amnesty Day" on Saturday, October 9, 2010. The event will be held at the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility, 1023 Neal Road, 6 miles south of Chico just off Highway 99. This event will be open to Butte County residents from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The free disposal event is limited to households only. Businesses that generate waste tires are not eligible for this free disposal event.

Passenger car and light truck tires will be accepted. No oversize, off-road, semi-truck or equipment tires will be accepted. This year, the Butte County Public Works Department is partnering with the Butte County Mosquito and Vector Control District in an effort to reduce the potential mosquito breeding habitat that discarded tires provide.

"Old waste tires are great incubators for mosquitoes, a carrier of the West Nile Virus," said Steve Rodowick, Butte County Recycling Coordinator. "By helping the public remove these breeding sites from the County, everybody will benefit." Matt Ball, Manager for Butte County Mosquito and Vector said, "This is a great opportunity to reduce mosquito populations. The most effective form of mosquito control is the eradication of potential breeding-sites and standing water. Additionally, the mosquito that breeds in tires is the primary vector of West Nile virus."

Tires will be unloaded from vehicles and stacked into waiting trailers by members of the Chico State Rugby Team. The Rugby team has provided this service over several of the past events.

Tires collected from the event may end up as "RAC" or "TDA" in civil engineering projects throughout the state. Rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) is pavement material made with shredded scrap tires that is more durable, safer and quieter than traditional asphalt. TDA, or tire-derived aggregate, is the second largest reuse of tires in the U.S. and helps solve a number of engineering problems where, cost-effective lightweight and free-draining materials are needed.

Public Works reminds drivers to use caution when driving on Neal Road on Saturday, October 9th. Vehicle queuing may cause traffic to slow. Rodowick noted that the current state transportation regulations prohibit the hauling of more than nine waste tires without a waiver form from the Environmental Health Division of the County Public Health Department. Waiver forms will be published in the local papers as well as be available at the Public Works office, the Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility or by logging on to www.RecycleButte.net and downloading a waiver form.

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