

MOW WEEKLY UPDATE!

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Hello MOW folks! Grab your hardhat and strap on your safety vest because it is time for your weekly dose of MOW news. We had a busy week with much going on and much to do. So let's get started with the update.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Tuesday: We worked in the shops, Pat and Gene were able to get one of the MOW welders back into action. Bart, Richard, and Brenton began putting the digging teeth back on the scarifier. Mike Harris began working on several projects including but not limited to motor car repair, measurements for an cabinet to guard electrical equipment on the ballast shaker, and trouble shooting the brake system on the old green machine. Yes that is right folks the machine with the new brake job is already having brake problems.



(l-r) Frank, Mike, Ed, and Brenton working on a switch at Baths in the foggy cold weather.

Meanwhile, the dedicated weed crew under Mike Taylor was busy down on the Hood line, cutting back the encroaching berry vines. There report indicated that after much cutting and clearing of the right of way there is still much to do.

Thursday: Mike Harris removed the wheel from the old green machine to begin work on the brake system. Richard, John, and Brenton went down to Setzer to start chipping the brush cut by the weed crew a few weeks ago. After hauling down a few yards of brush the chipper decided that it did not want to work. So we packed it in and returned to the shop. Besides it was getting dark.



Mike and Ed trimming trees that were encroaching on the mainline.

Saturday: Was a busy day with two crews working. The first crew worked in the shop. Harry and Chris were able to get the chipper working again and do a much much much needed tune up and service that were way over due. They were also

able to continue work on the A4 motor car that is being repaired to replace the broken on at hood.

A second group consisting of Frank, Ed, Mike F., Brenton, and John went out on the line to make adjustments on switches. First we started on switches down at Baths before returning to Old Sacramento to look at a switch stand that was reported for being hit by a vehicle. One wonders what damage was done to the vehicle. Following the switch repairs we started a tree trimming campaign down at Sutterville Road. A large tree had grown into the right of way just south of Sutterville which was removed. We then got the man lift and began working on encroaching brush from the I-5 Bridge south. This had not been trimmed in a while and progress was slow but rewarding.



Ed having a good day using the motor car to move equipment at Clunie.

WEEK AHEAD:

Tuesday: We will be busy at the shops. Alan and Sandy are going to Railtown, so we will not have any management at the shops until 5:00 p.m. or so, unless I can sneak away from work early. We have machines that need repair and brush that needs chipping at Baths.



Brenton in the bucket trimming back the trees encroaching on the right of way just south of the I-5 Bridge. Frank looks on ready to move the brush away.

Thursday: We will not be meeting this day. Go home and enjoy the fine company of your family and friends, or if you don't like your family or friends then go to the local bar and get plastered, it is Thanksgiving!

Saturday: Since, we are all in a food coma following the gross over eating of the holiday we will not be working this weekend. We might suggest that you take this free time for some self discovery. Then be ready to jump right back into the work next week.

Have a Good Holiday!

See you out on the line,

John, Sandy, and Chris